

# **Visiting with Ralph Bulla**

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**1971****Large Kinney Family Holds Reunion**

Jan. 6, 1971 – One of Randolph County's largest families, held their annual Christmas get-together Saturday afternoon, Dec. 26, in the Franklinville Community Building.

It was the Lacy Kinney family, Rt. 1, Franklinville, and Mr. and Mrs. Kinney and all of their 15 children were present, along with in-laws, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, a few other relatives and friends.

Every place in the community building was filled with buffet meal and the building reverberated with conversation, laughter and family fellowship, which has marked the lives and upbringing of this large family.

It was during the Christmas season, six years ago, that Mr. and Mrs. Kinney celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> year of their marriage. All of their children were present at that time also. The couple was married on Christmas eve, 1914.

From their large immediate family, only two members are deceased, a daughter-in-law and a grandson.

Included among the Kinney children are one set of twins. There were 14 children in the family of Lacy Kinney and it was Mrs. Lacy Kinney's ambition to have one more child than her mother-in-law, even though it took twins to do it.

The Kinney children are, in order of their birth, Mrs. Howard Saunders, Norman Wesley Kinney, Mrs. Wirton Wright, William Odell Kinney, Charles Edward Kinney, Miss Margaret Louise Kinney, Herbert Morrison Kinney, Mrs. Wade Stout, Jr., Mrs. Herbert Johnson, Miss Clara Dee Kinney, Fred Dewird Kinney, Mrs. Lester Harvell, Harvey Ray Kinney, Mrs. Homer Jenkins, and Joseph Allred Kinney.

**March of Dimes Drive is Underway**

Jan. 12, 1971 – Randolph County's 1971 March of Dimes drive was kicked off at a dinner meeting last week at Central Methodist Church.

Rev. Hank Thompson, who led the organization to record-breaking contributions of \$18,602.91 last year, was in charge of the meeting. He will serve in a similar capacity this year.

Also appearing on the program were Jack McGee, of Raleigh, Central State Representative, and Joe W. Church, drive treasurer. The campaign film was shown.

Announcement of community chairmen for the drive includes Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Pugh for the city of Asheboro. Pugh is a local oil dealer. In the North Asheboro area the chairman will be Mrs. Marvin York.

Other community chairmen are Mrs. J. N. Wagner and Robert L. Stephenson, Archdale; Jack Sugg, Brower-Erect; Mrs. Audrey Nance, Cedar Falls; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh, Cedar Grove; Mr. R. B. York, Jr., Central Falls; and Ralph Reeder, Coleridge.

Mrs. V. B. Luther, Farmer-New Hope; E. W. Elliot, Farmer Grange; Mrs. Ruby Robbins, Franklinville; Odell Routh, Grays-Chapel and Red Cross; Mrs. Lester Byrd, Grantville; George Stanton and Civitan Club, Level Cross; Rev. Paul Bruton and Bob Loman, Liberty; and Mrs. Edwin Kearns, Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek, Piney Ridge; Miss Amanda Greene, Pisgah-Union; Mrs. Danel Allred, Larry Spencer and Jaycee Club, Ramseur; Mrs. Ray Hudson, Randleman; Mrs. Darrell Yow, Seagrove; and Charles Lee Edwards, Staley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow, Tabernacle; Mrs. John Skeen, Trinity; H. Clendon Richardson, Ulah-Flag Springs; Rev. F. A. Lunsford, Union Grove; and Mrs. Monty McGinn, Worthville. In the Sophia, Millsville, Glenola and Cedar Square areas, the New Market Civitan Club will conduct the drive.

E. Wayne Hughes, promotional director, and Frank White, film technician, will be available for the presentation of the campaign film throughout various areas of the county.

Duration of the drive will be for the entire month of Jan.

**Ramseur Jaycees Prepare For Drive**

Jan. 15, 1971 – A strong Ramseur Jaycee Club geared up for their second annual sponsorship of the March of Dimes drive at the bi-monthly meeting of the club last week.

A program pertaining to the drive was presented under the direction of Larry Spencer, Jaycee chairman for the project, and Mrs. Danel Allred, chairman of Marching mothers.

E. Wayne Hughes and Frank White, of the county drive organization, presented a film and Hughes spoke of various aspects of the drive. Ramseur mothers and other area women, who will conduct the Mothers' March, were guests at the meeting.

These include Mrs. Mary Kinton, Mrs. Linda Gales, Miss Sandra Cox, Mrs. William Brown, Mrs. Pattie Harris, Mrs. Bobby Coe, Mrs. Mike York, Jr., Mrs. Marion Burke, Mrs. Hoyt Clark, Mrs. Billy Baxter, Mrs. Gary Kinney, Mrs. J. E. Raines, and Mrs. Bobby Thomas.

Also, Mrs. Inez Hussey, Mrs. Ruth McCrickard, Mrs. Linda Leonard, Mrs. Gene Cross, Mrs. Bill Wright, Mrs. Otis Edwards, Miss Rosa Overman, Mrs. Jane Embree, Mrs. Harold Homes, Miss Henrietta Wright, Miss Sandra Roberts, Mrs. Randall Dixon, and Mrs. Joe Parnell.

Other activities, in addition to the Mothers' March, are planned by the two Ramseur chairmen.

Another community involvement project was completed by the Jaycees on the night of the March of Dimes planning, with the presentation of a check, amounting to \$228.50 to Charles Dorsett, president of the Ramseur Library Association.

Presentation of the check was made by David Cox, chairman of the library project.

Three new prospects for membership were present at the meeting, with two of them, Joey Caviness and Bill Smith, affiliating themselves with the club.

The club, of which Mike York, Jr. is president, has already distinguished itself in community service and ranks second on the district level in the Jaycee "parade of cities."

**March Jamboree Saturday Night**

Jan. 15, 1971 – Clendon Richardson's 7<sup>th</sup> annual jamboree for the March of Dimes is scheduled for Saturday at the Guy B. Teachey School in Asheboro.

This annual event, which includes a hamburger steak supper, auction sale, and drawing for prizes, brought in \$2,834.25 last year and greater receipts are anticipated this year.

The supper will begin at 5 p.m., with the auction sale to follow at 7 p.m. Plates sell one dollar for children and \$1.50 for adults and take homes will be available.

Due to the need for more space on the inside and for parking, the site was changed to the school from Grantville Community Building where it had been held for five years.

Thirty-one year-old Clendon Richardson is Randolph County's most severely afflicted polio patient. He was afflicted in 1953 at the age of 14. He has headed up the March of Dimes drive in the Ulah-Flag Springs community since 1964.

During the seven years of his chairmanship, he has raised a total of \$11, 952. 76, of which \$5,954.26 has been raised in the past two years.

Dewitt King will serve as auctioneer for the 7<sup>th</sup> straight year. The hamburger steaks, which are being donated by Everett Dula, will be cooked by Red Mills, of the Seafood Lodge.

**Congregation Church Has Installation Of New Pastor**

Jan. 25, 1971 – Rev. William Robert (Andy) Anderson officially became pastor of the Seagrove-Ether Congregational Christian United Church of Christ Churches on Jan. 17 in a service of installation at the Seagrove church.

Gene Bumgarner, vice chairman of deacons and past president of the parish council, presented him to the two congregations as "a man who is sincere, dedicated, compassionate and concerned about winning lost souls to Christ."

Rev. Edwin M. Alcorn, Minister of the Western North Carolina Area of the United Church of Christ, served as moderator for the impressive service. Sermon for the occasion was preached by Rev. Donald Leonard, pastor of First Evangelical & Reformed Christian Church, United Church of Christ, Asheboro.

Other ministers participating in the service were Rev. Bill Traylor, Pleasant Ridge Congregational Christian Church (United Church of Christ), Rev. Carl Dunker, Asheboro United Church of Christ, and Rev. Hayes Ritter, Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

A reception followed the service, at which the Women's Fellowship of the Seagrove and Ether churches were the hostesses.

Rev. Anderson, a native of Sylvania, Ga., is a veteran of World War II, serving with the U. S. Navy in the South Pacific.

Licensed as a preacher in 1957 and ordained on Feb. 2, 1958, he attended Mercer University in Savannah, Ga. where he served as a pastor for 7 ½ years.

His next pastoral work was in Andeduria, Ala. Where he served a church for two years and another one for five years. From that place came the call to the Seagrove-Ether

Parish and his first message in this area was preached on Nov. 29, 1970.

**Ramseur Honors Ministers**

Feb. 4, 1971 – Rev. and Mrs. Glenn Whitley were honored by the Ramseur Ministerial Association and the people of the community Sunday evening, Jan. 31, prior to their departure from Ramseur Baptist Church for a new pastorate.

A reception was held at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, hosted by their ministerial colleagues and the wives of the ministers. Extra seats were brought out to accommodate the people of all denominations who came to pay tribute and say goodbye to the departing minister and his wife.

The Whitleys will leave following the services of Feb. 7 at the Ramseur Baptist Church, to which they came two and one half years ago. Their next tenure of service will be at the Cedar Fork Baptist Church near Durham, on the edge of the Research Triangle.

Rev. T. R. York, president of the ministerial group and pastor of Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, presided over a brief program of appreciation and presented Rev. and Mrs. Whitley with a gift from his group. He described Rev. Whitley as "a true servant of God and a fine Christian gentleman."

Other ministers joining in the tribute were Rev. Dale G. Groh, pastor of the host church, Rev. Leon Thompson, Ramseur Wesleyan, Rev. Bill Traylor, Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, and Rev. Jimmy Norred, First United Church of Christ.

Mike York, Jr., Jaycee president, spoke of the admiration of his club for the honored minister and presented him with a certificate of appreciation from the Jaycees. David Webb expressed the appreciation of the Ramseur VFW post, of which he is commander.

Rev. Whitley was overwhelmed at the expression from his colleagues and the townspeople and "humbly grateful." He said "we will never find another community in which we will find a better people; we leave with joy in our hearts."

A native of Stanly County, the minister held previous pastorates in Mars Hill, Hickory, Mt. Gilead, and Fayetteville before coming to Ramseur.

**Neighbors Grove Has New Assistant Pastor**

Feb. 10, 1971 – A young Wesleyan Minister and his wife recently traveled 1,317 miles over snow covered roads to assume duties with the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church in North Asheboro.

Their departure from Miltonvale, Kansas was delayed because of blizzard-like conditions but Mike Engle and his wife, Patti, finally made it on Jan. 14, five days after their scheduled arrival.

Mike, age 22, has become youth and music director and assistant pastor at the Neighbors Grove church. This is a new phase in the 91-year ministry of the church.

The young minister, a native of Abilene, Kansas, has recently completed his studies at Miltonvale Wesleyan College. He will receive a B. A. degree in pastoral theology in June.

He grew up on a farm near Abilene and it is noteworthy that his late maternal grandmother was a first cousin of the former President Dwight Eisenhower.

When he enrolled at the Miltonvale College he planned to major in music. But a year later he was called into ministry and switched over to theology.

But music continued to play a predominant part in his life and during his college days he traveled a distance of 14,000 miles with the varsity quartet.

He and his wife were also members of a mixed quartet and toured several states as a part of a gospel team. Patti, age 20, is a former resident of Miles City, Montana. The couple met at a youth camp at Red Lodge, Mont. and were married June 14, 1970. Mrs. Engle also attended the Miltonvale College.

Previous pastoral duties for Mike Engle have included temporary duties at a United Methodist Church for six months and the assistant pastorate of a Wesleyan Church in Terry, Mont. for the summer months.

Mike also served as president of Wesleyan Youth at the church at Miltonvale. He feels that he has been called to work with young people and with music. The couple are residing at 2102 North Fayetteville St.

### **Retiring Plant Manager Paid Tribute**

Feb. 11, 1971 – A fellowship dinner was held recently at the Triad Youth Center, formerly the Worthville Community Center, and a departing plant manager was honored for his leadership in the community over the past three years.

James R. (Jim) Wright, who has served as plant manager for the Worthville Spinning Division of Fieldcrest Mills, was presented with a trophy citing him "for outstanding leadership to your community."

He will assume a similar position with the Davnville Industries in Bon Air, Ala., taking with him his wife and two of their children, Danny and Kathy. Another son, Larry, is a student at college in Gastonia.

Two community residents, J. E. (Doc) Groce and John W. Callicutt, praised Wright's leadership and initiative in bringing improvements to the cotton mill village, describing conditions before he came as opposed to present circumstances.

Groce spoke for the trustees of the Worthville Community Center, of which he is chairman. Trustees have operated the building, which was formerly the Worthville School, since the community purchased it from the county for \$2,700 approximately 12 years ago.

When plant manager Jim Wright came to Worthville three years ago he assumed leadership in the operation of the community building and in affecting improvements in the village as well.

Window panes in the building were replaced, the houses and the post office were painted, street lights were installed, driveways were improved, a new parking lot was built, and Christmas lights were provided. These improvements were effected with the cooperation and financial assistance of Fieldcrest Mills.

Some three or four months ago a group of citizens in the area manifested their interest in the operation of the community center, brought forth a new organization and changed the name to Triad Youth Center.

A steering committee, headed by Robert J. (Bob) Evans, chairman, and Glenn Caudle, co-chairman, is now responsible for the operation of the center. However, it is

hoped that Fieldcrest Mills, through the Worthville Spinning Division, will continue its interest in the community project.

Members of the steering committee come from the Worthville, Midway and Bethany communities, which sections have availed themselves with the use of the building since its purchase from the county school board.

The new organization will be concerned with Christian fellowship and recreation for the youth of the three communities involved. The building will be open on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6 until 9 and on Saturday from 12 noon until 9 p.m.

About 250 people from the Worthville, Midway and Bethany communities filled the building for the fellowship dinner and to "tell Jim Wright that we appreciate what he did for us."

Special guests were Rev. Philip Vaughn, pastor of Worthville United Methodist Church, Rev. Mitchell Murrow, pastor of Bethany United Methodist Church, and Harold Davis, principal of Randleman High School. Special music was provided by the youth choir of Pleasant Cross Christian Church under the leadership of Adrian Pugh.

### **Randolph Democrats Listen To Muskie, Accept Awards**

Feb. 17, 1971 – Randolph County Democrats, 30 strong, were in Wilson Saturday for the appearance of Democratic front runner Sen. Edmund Muskie at the installation banquet of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina.

The Maine senator and his wife flew down from Washington Saturday morning with Governor and Mrs. Robert W. Scott and Charles Winberry, state YDS president-elect, and were met at the Rocky Mount-Wilson airport by an enthusiastic gathering, which included several members of the Randolph County delegation.

In the afternoon the probable presidential candidate and his party visited a couple of farms in the area and later met with farm leaders. Several labor groups were among those who met him at the airport and conferred with him later. The senator received a big welcome throughout the day, despite the sudden wind and rain storms which swept the area.

Those from Randolph County in attendance at the banquet, which fed in excess of 1,700, included county Democratic chairman Richard Earl Johnson and Mrs. Johnson; YDS president Mrs. Martha Priest, and her husband, Lynn Priest; YDS vice president, Mike York Jr.; Mrs. Clyde Lucas; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Walker; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sanford; Dr. and Mrs. John Couch; Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hughes; Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Underwood; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Fitzgerald; Miss Carol Fleming; State Rep. John Ingram; House Reading Clerk Sam Burrow; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ward; Mrs. Vaden Harris; Jack Lowe; Raeford Gaddis; W. L. Stell; Ben Coleman and Ralph Bulla.

Randolph County fared well in the presentation of awards, with Mrs. Jean Johnson, wife of the county chairman, being named among the top 10 Young Democrats in the State and Butch Books being named outstanding Young College Democrat of the year.

Mark Legget, former Asheboro resident, was also named one of the top Young Democrats of the year and received for his Wilsonian Young Democratic Club in Winston-Salem the ward for the outstanding club of the year.

The State YDS organization also accepted an invitation from the local YDC to hold the State-wide spring rally in Asheboro in May, the time and place to be determined

later. Local YDS officials appeared before the State executive committee for the extending of this invitation.

## **Open House Honors Couple on Their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Feb. 24, 1971 – An open house at their home on Cox Road, Rt. 4, Asheboro, commemorated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Elroy C. Cox on Feb. 21.

Their children, Mrs. Clara C. Thies of Hickory, E. C. Cox Jr. of Charlotte, and George W. (Bill) Cox of Asheboro were hosts to the approximately 200 friends and relatives who called to pay their respects.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, natives and lifelong residents of Randolph County, were married Feb. 18, 1921 by Rev. A. C. Gibbs at the Methodist parsonage in Asheboro, located where the Randolph Hospital now stands.

Cox was born a mile or so down the road on which he and Mrs. Cox now live, the son of Abel Clarkson Cox and Ellie Lewallen Cox. His maternal grandfather, Rev. Henry Lewallen, was a Methodist Circuit Rider. He attended the school near the Brower's Chapel church, to which he walked three miles across the woods.

The former Nancy Elizabeth Hoover, Mrs. Cox is the daughter of the late George Washington Hoover and Lanie Ann Johnson Hoover. She was reared in Back Creek Township and attended the Belvidere School.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Asheboro Friends Meeting. Prior to joining this church organization they were active in various other churches. For many years Cox served as Sunday School Superintendent and choir director and Mrs. Cox as a Sunday School teacher, organist and pianist.

Before his retirement in 1963, Cox served for 18 years as manager of the Asheboro office of Graham Production Co. He previously operated a dairy and before the advent of rural electrification he worked with Southern Delco Light Co. as a salesman for farm lighting plants.

For six years following retirement Mr. and Mrs. Cox spent the summer months at a beach house they purchased in Windy Hill, S. C. Since disposing of this property, they have been looking over lake properties and campsites, deliberating the purchase or erection of another vacation cottage.

Their daughter is owner of Management Service Associates and MSA Personnel in Hickory and an industrial relations consultant to more than 20 manufacturing firms in Western North Carolina. Their Charlotte son is personnel manager for Ronson Hydraulics, Inc. while Bill Cox in Asheboro is general manager of Ponderosa Oil Co. and owner with his wife, Betty of Betty's Antique on Dixie Drive.

## **At Age 106, She Still Remembers Former Pastor**

Feb. 24, 1971 – A Rt. 1, Liberty minister and his wife visited a former parishioner last week, a few days before her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Martha Terry Roach, Rt. 1, Snow Camp, who observed her birthday on Sunday, Feb. 21, recognized Rev. T. R. York immediately upon his arrival, saying, "How have you been making it since you were here, you have been away so long."

But it was later in the visit that she recognized Mrs. York. When she did she exclaimed "Kathleen, I just got to know who you are."

It was 45 years ago when the Yorks accepted the nearby Bethlehem Wesleyan Church, of which Mrs. Roach is a charter member. It was their first pastorate following their marriage. But they have kept in touch with Mrs. Roach and her family through the intervening years.

Mrs. Roach lives with a daughter, Mrs. Joe Pike, at the home to which she came following her marriage in to Monroe M. Roach on Dec. 23, 1881. Roach died 13 years ago, shortly before the couple observed their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

In addition to Mrs. Pike, there are three other daughters and two sons living. Two children are deceased. It is told that a son of Mrs. Roach, who is in his late eighties, went recently to get his driver's license. He was asked why a man of his age wanted a license to drive. The license examiner was surprised when he answered "so that I can go to see my mother."

Mrs. Roach's hearing comes and goes and it was not good at the time of the visit of her former pastor and his wife. However, she was still courteous and hospitable, smiling and inquiring as to their health.

She was sitting in a rocking chair in the pleasant-like atmosphere of the home in which she has long lived. She is not able to walk but still reads course print without the aid of glasses.

Her impending birthday was mentioned and she said, "well, that's all right, I'll be here, I reckon." Asked what she wanted for her birthday, she said "whatever anybody wants to give me." She added, "I'm not making any arrangements."

But her family did make some arrangements and they came, children and grandchildren, back to the old home for a quiet celebration.

## **Jaycees Present Young Educator Award**

Mar. 1, 1971 – Ramseur Jaycees were busily occupied last week with the presentation of an "outstanding young educator award," a March of Dimes report and Jaycee speak-up competition.

Charles Lee Edwards, 28, received the educational award from Paul Bower, Jaycee chairman of that particular project.

Edwards is president of the Randolph County Chapter of the North Carolina Association of Educators, a teacher of English and chorus at Easter Randolph Senior High School and director of the choral club at the school.

A graduate of Ramseur High School, Chowan Junior College and Campbell College, he taught for three years at the Ramseur school before the establishment of the Eastern Randolph school.

The choral group which he directs recently appeared in a program of music at the Lincoln Day dinner in Asheboro 2<sup>nd</sup> at a banquet meeting of the Liberty Chamber of Commerce, at which Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor was the speaker.

The young educator is youth director at Shady Grove Baptist Church and also plays the organ and piano at the church.

Categories which figured in the presentation of the award included professional background, teaching skills, and contributions to profession, community, state and nation.

Presentation of a \$1,300 check to the March of Dimes was made by Larry Spencer and Mrs. Danel Allred, co-chairman of the second annually Jaycee sponsored drive in the Ramseur area.

Receiving the check was Rev. Hank Thompson, county director, who expressed his appreciation to the two co-chairmen and their fellow workers for the success of the drive. This was the largest amount raised in Ramsey for the March of Dimes drive in the recent history of the drive.

Mike York, Jr., Ramsey Jaycee president, conducted the Jaycee speak-up competition which included Gary York, Bobby Kinton and David Grimes in the amateur competition and Jack Embree, Connie Kinton and Larry Spencer in the professional competition.

David Grimes and Larry Spencer were adjudged the winners in their respective categories.

## **Church Hears 1<sup>st</sup> Sermon Pays Honor To Pianist**

Mar. 2, 1971 – Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, was filled to overflowing for the morning worship service on Sunday, Feb. 21, because of two special events.

Ronnie Kiser, who grew up in the church and community, was scheduled to preach his first sermon at Antioch since being called into the ministry and Rosie Cox, pianist at the church for 53 years, was being honored on her 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Kiser, age 23, spoke earnestly and with sincerity on "The Birth and Growth of a Child of God." His message was well received and six young people responded when the invitation was extended.

This was Ronnie's 6<sup>th</sup> message since answering the call to the ministry the first of last Dec. He had previously filled the pulpits at First Baptist Church in Seagrove, Asbury Baptist Church, Friendly Baptist Church in High Point, and Fall Creek Baptist Church.

Son of Roby Kiser, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and the late Lizzie Hayes Kiser, he is married to the former Darnell Bullins and they are the parents of a son, Lee, 2.

He joined the Antioch church at the age of 12 and immediately became involved in its activities. He served as junior usher, assistant teacher, assistant choir leader, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School and as superintendent. He had worked closely with the youth fellowship, which he helped to organize several years ago.

After yielding to the call to the ministry, he left the church of his childhood and affiliated with the First Baptist Church in Seagrove, hoping through that source to avail himself of the expanded and more immediate opportunities of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He was licensed by the Seagrove church on Sunday, Feb. 28, and it is his desire to enroll at an academic college for further preparation in the future. A 1965 graduate of Seagrove High School, he is presently employed at Union Carbide in Asheboro.

Recently Ronnie and other members of his family organized themselves into a singing group, the Kiser Family Singers, and are becoming well known in gospel singing circles. The group sang at the Antioch meeting.

At the conclusion of the service at which Ronnie Kiser preached to the people in his home church, the congregation remained for the fourth consecutive year for the honoring of Mrs. Rosie Cox, veteran pianist, former teacher in the cradle roll and beginner departments and loyal member for more than half of a century.

It was a dual opportunity for the people of Antioch on Sunday, Feb. 21, to hear the young minister who had grown to maturity, both physically and spiritually, in their

midst and to honor a woman who had devoted a greater part of her life to the service of the church.

## **Their Travels Began With Honeymoon**

Mar. 16, 1971 – Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Grant, Rt. 7, Asheboro, have been a much traveled couple since their marriage nearly two years ago.

They have just returned from a 10-day tour of the Holy Land, a trip which also included visits to Germany and Greece, and are in the process of planning a return trip to that area of the world in the summer.

The traveling of Rev. and Mrs. Grant began with their honeymoon trip to the west coast, following their marriage on June 22, 1969.

They drove across country in an automobile on a 34-day trip which took them all the way to California. By the time they got back to Asheboro and Randolph County they had traveled 8,506 miles. The next year they took another cross country trip, this time going to Washington State for a total distance of 6,314 miles.

This trip was made the latter part of Sept. and the couple followed it up in Nov. by a visit to Atlanta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala., Meridian, Miss, and New Orleans, La.

In 1968, before his marriage to the present Mrs. Grant, Rev. Mr. Grant enjoyed a tour of the Middle East, Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland and England.

This trip followed his retirement from an active ministry which began 1936 and continued for 37 years until his retirement. He served Methodist pastorates in the Western North Carolina Conference, from Randolph County on the eastern side of the conference to Macon County on the western side.

His present wife, the former Thelma Wright Trollinger, was the widow of Rev. James H. Trollinger, also a well known Methodist minister, prior to her marriage to Rev. Mr. Grant.

The tour just concluded was Mrs. Grant's first trip abroad. She purchased several items of jewelry while in the Holy Land, including a birthstone necklace of white gold, backed up by 1,000 carat silver.

Most of the recent tours was spent among the Biblical scenes of the Holy Land, such as the old streets of Jerusalem, Bethlehem, the Dead Sea, the Sea of Galilee, the River Jordan, and the Valley of Armageddon, and the Acropolis, Mars Hill and Old Corinth in Greece.

The trip was made by jet planes, the same mode of transportation which will be used for the proposed tour of Rome, Greece and the Holy Land departing on July 12 of this year.

Rev. and Mrs. Grant will be the hosts for the tour and are presently discussing various aspects of the trip with prospective passengers.

## **Two Teachers Are Honored For Long Years Of Service**

Mar. 17, 1971 – Two teachers at the New Market School were honored by the parent-teachers association Thursday evening, Mar. 11 – Mrs. Brona C. Vestal for 40 years of service and Troy E. Jones for 12 years of service.

Both teachers will retire from active teaching at the conclusion of this school year. Mrs. Vestal has taught at the New Market School for a total of 16 years, Jones has been there for 7 years.

Carter I. Pike, New Market School Principal, and R. S. (Sonny) Davis, Chairman of the Randolph County Board of Education, joined in the tributes to the retiring teachers.

Davis, a resident of the New Market School district was especially eloquent in his praise of Mrs. Vestal, who taught him in the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at the school. She later taught his children at the school also.

He said "this lady has been something special to me and as a former student and friend; I can't begin to express my appreciation for what she has meant to me and my children."

Mrs. Vestal, a graduate of Catawba College, began teaching in Goldston in 1925. She taught in Chatham County for 4 years.

Her first school in Randolph County was at the one-teacher school in Antioch in Brower Township, long since discontinued.

Other teaching positions during her 36-year tenure in Randolph County have been at Coleridge, Cedar Falls and Franklinville. She taught at Cedar Falls for 16 years, serving as principal there for three years.

She taught at New Market at two different times and during the second year of her first period there she was married to Cliff Vestal, an Asheboro business man. She was the former Mrs. Brona C. Phillips.

Troy E. Jones is a graduate of Wake Forest University, did graduate work at four other schools and holds a Master of Theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. He has been a fulltime pastor since 1934 and is presently the pastor of Caraway Baptist Church.

Besides New Market, he has taught at Watauga Academy at Butler, Tenn., and Benson High School and Selma High School in Johnston County.

The Randolph County Board of Education, through letters which were read by their chairman at the meeting of appreciation, paid tribute to each of the two honored teachers. John Lawrence, county superintendent of schools, was among those present for the occasion.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Vestal and Jones and a reception in their honor followed in the school library. Standing with Mrs. Vestal were her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Phillips. His wife is also a teacher at Phillips, and with Jones was Randleman High School.

Don Osborne, president of the parent - teachers association, presided over the combined business session and recognition for the two retiring teachers.

### **Whynot Wesleyan Church Has Dedication**

Mar. 23, 1971 - Whynot Wesleyan Church, moderately small in size but beautiful in design, was dedicated to the conference.

The membership is also small but Rev. R. S. Shelton speaker for the dedication said "you can take this number of members, plus God, and do anything."

Rev. Mr. Shelton, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, was assisted in the service by the pastor of the church, Rev. M. M. Holmes, a minister in Randolph County for the past 17 years.

Presenting the building officially were the three trustees, Gary Miller, chairman, Lawrence Yow and Johnnie Allen. The new building is located on Highway 705, Rt. 1, Seagrave, and is situated on land donated by Wayne

Wright. The land was procured through the cooperation of Ivey Luck, former owner.

Wright, a local contractor, was the builder for the church structure which is estimated to have cost \$30,000. However, many donations of money and labor from members and people in the community kept the cost to a minimum.

Persons interested in forming the church organization, now known as the Whynot Wesleyan Church, first met in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Holmes, Rt. 1, Sophia.

After two more meetings in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen, the group moved to the old Fairgrove Methodist Church building at Whynot, where they remained until they entered the building on Sept. 20, 1970. Organization of the church was effected on Oct. 11, 1970.

Pulpit furnishings were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen in memory of Mrs. Wayne Wright who were identified with members of the group before her death.

Members of the church include Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Holmes, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Allen, Ann Allen, Tim Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yow and daughter, Jeannie, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Thompson and son, Michael, Mr. and Mrs. David Perdue and daughter, Robin, Mrs. Juanita Yow and daughter, Nita, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Luther, Mrs. Josephine Willard and daughter, Jackie, Mrs. Iris Willett, Mrs. Fannie Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wright, Mrs. Mamie Presnell, H. B. Yow, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Voncannon and daughter, Sue.

### **Fourth Annual Banquet**

Mar. 24, 1971 - The 4<sup>th</sup> annual banquet of the Grantville Community 4-H Club, a festive occasion in the life and activities of its members, was held on Mar. 20.

Guests included families of the club members and 95 people were in attendance, the largest number yet to attend the annual event.

Jeanie Rhodes, the diminutive 11-year-old president who stands on an extra platform in order to see over the presiding podium, conducted the program part of the meeting, assisted by other officers of the club.

Special guests were Wayne Byrd, first president of the club, and his wife, the former Yvonne Jones, of Chatham, Va.

The club was organized Dec. 7, 1960 and many things have transpired in the life of Wayne Byrd since he steered the club through its first year of existence.

In addition to his marriage, he has served with the Army in Vietnam and completed his studies at North Carolina State University, attending there at two different intervals, where he will receive his degree in May.

A leading 4-H member in county, district and state during the years of his membership, Wayne is now employed as a poultry breeding supervisor with A. W. Perdue and Son, Inc. in Statesville.

Other special banquet guests included Richard Freeman, 4-H advisor, and his family.

Program for the meeting was presented by Mrs. Joe Frazier, mother of one of the club members, who showed colored slides and discussed various aspects of her tour of Rome, Greece, Egypt and her extended travels in the Holy Land.

Menu for the banquet consisted of hors d'oeuvres, baked ham, green beans, potato salad, candied yams, rolls, pie coffee, and tea. Waiters and waitresses were Mr. and Mrs.



Earl King, Mr. and Mrs. David King, Mrs. Paul Tedder, Mrs. C. L. Tedder, and Miss Janice Williams.

Mrs. Earl King, the former Brenda Tedder, and Mrs. David King, the former Martha Tedder, were charter members of the Grantville 4-H Community club, along with their first president, Wayne Byrd.

Present members of the club are Debbie Auman, Sarah Boroughs, Beverly Brown, Chris Carpenter, Donna Cox, Teresa Cox, Jettie Crook, Chris Frazier, Dean Hayes, Nancy Hayes, Mark Hayes, Mike Hinshaw, Beth Hussey, Patricia Ingold, Terry Ingold, Jack Ingram and Mike Johnson.

Also Carolyn Jones, Junior Jones, Annette King, Helen King, John King, Marlene King, Mary Ella King, Melissa Nelson, Danny Richardson, Jeanie Rhodes, Jeff Rhodes, Rhonda Scott, Bill Smith, Elizabeth Taul, Randy Tedder, and Darrell Wright.

Leaders of the club are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd, Mrs. Amos Hayes, and Miss Lucy Tedder.

### **Church Seeking Building Funds**

Mar. 25, 1971 – Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, a small Negro congregation on Rt. 1, Ramseur, has accelerated its efforts to raise money for a new building in which to worship.

The present building is old unattractive and not conducive to present day worship. Many of the young people in the community have quit attending the services at the church.

But the people who remain are persistent and have recently secured \$1,000 from the Randolph Area Mission Society towards the proposed new structure. This was added to \$3,000 already in the building fund.

Since then a small building fund rally amounted to \$500.14. A more recent and larger effort has brought in \$1,307. Other projects are planned for the near future.

Mrs. Macie Harris was in charge of the most recent rally, at which Rev. G.L. Warren, pastor of the church, and E. Wayne Hughes, president of the Randolph Area Mission Society, were the speakers.

Assisting Mrs. Harris as co-worker was Mrs. Nezzie Spinks. Other captains and co-workers included Mrs. Mary Brady, Mrs. Martha Staley, J.D. Waddell, J. E. Waddell, Mrs. Lucille Ledwell, Mrs. Beatrice Spinks, Mrs. Ethel Goldston, and Fred Waddell. Helpers from their sister congregation at Piney Ridge included Wilson Greene and Carlee Staley.

The fund solicitors appreciate the response which they received from the people of the community and from those in Ramseur, Asheboro, and other places.

### **Dimes March Raises More Than \$15,000**

Apr. 2, 1971 – Receipts for the 1971 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County amounted to \$15,480.52.

This report has been submitted by Rev. Henry C. (Hank) Thompson, who is concluding his second year as director for the drive.

Twenty-nine communities participated in the drive and leading in the drive for funds was the Ulah-Flag Springs area with a total amount of \$3,540.10.

Heading the drive in that community was H. Clendon Richardson, polio-afflicted, who last year raised \$2,834.26.

Communities, their chairmen and the amounts they raised are as follows: Ulah-Flag Spring, H. Clendon Richardson, \$3,540.10; Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Pugh,

2,888.69; Liberty, Rev. Paul Bruton, 1,362.67; Ramseur, Jaycee chairmen Larry Spencer and Mrs. Daniel Allred, 1,300; Randleman, Mrs. Ray Hudson, 861.97; Trinity Mrs. John Skeen, 729.54; North Asheboro, Mrs. Marvin York, 616.95; Pisgah- Union, Miss Amanda Green, 425.39; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady, and Mrs. Mamie Cheek, 424.69; Franklinville Mrs. Ruby Robbins, 415; Brower- Erect, Jack Sugg, 406.63; Archdale, Mrs. J.N. Wagner and Robert L. Stephenson, 391.47; Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd, 242.31; Cedar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh, 186.14; and Worthville, Mrs. Monty McGinn, 186.03.

Also, Coleridge, Ralph Reeder, 174.31; Grays-Chapel and Red Cross, Odell Routh, 160; Cedar Falls, Mrs. Audrey Nance, 156.56; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Edwin Kearns, 145.25; New Market Civitan Club, 132.72; Staley, Charles Edwards, 101.71; Level Cross, Civitan Chairman George Stanton, 88.10; Union Grove, Rev. F.A. Lunsford, 75; Farmer- New Hope, Mrs. V.B. Luther, 70.02; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow, 64; Farmer Grange, 57, and Central Falls, Mrs. R. B. York Jr., 41.05

### **Wedding of 50 Years Ago Recalled At Anniversary**

Apr. 6, 1971 – Mr. and Mrs. William Kesler McMasters, Rt. 1, Staley, were honored Sunday afternoon, Apr. 4, at an event which commemorated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Friends, relatives, neighbors and the people of their church were invited to call at their home from 2 to 4 p.m.

Hosts for the occasion were their six children, Mrs. Roger Foushee, Sanford; Winfred McMasters and Ray McMasters, Liberty; Mrs. Linville Allred, Rt. 1, Ramseur; Mrs. J. C. Key, Rt. 1, Staley; and Mrs. Davis Key, Greenville S. C.

The home at which Mr. and Mrs. McMasters have resided for the past 38 years is the old family homestead of his grandfather, David McMasters, and where his father, James Festus McMasters, was reared.

Kesler McMasters was reared across the road on another portion of the McMasters land. His mother was Mary Elizabeth Allred McMasters.

Mrs. McMasters, the former Maude Lovina Kivett, is the daughter of the late Pester C. Kivett and Valeria Moser Kivett. She was reared in the same general vicinity, south of Bethany Methodist Church.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McMasters attended the Cedar Grove School, in two different one-room buildings, the second one which still stands in a dilapidated condition.

During the period they were growing up, they also attended the Bethany Methodist Church where both their parents are buried. They are still loyal members of this church where their son, Ray McMasters, has served as Sunday School Superintendent for several years.

Although they attended school and church together in the years of their early childhood, their courting did not begin until she was 16 and he was four years older.

They were married Apr. 7, 1921 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Dougan Frazier, who lived south of the Shady Grove Baptist Church. They were attended by Numa Brower and Zelma Poe, who were later united in marriage to each other. Both couples drove to the wedding site in one-seated buggies.

Their immediate family includes 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. McMasters now is 74, is "just about

retired" from the farming in which he has engaged throughout his lifetime.

### **Fishing Bonanza Planned Near Purgatory Mountain**

Apr. 9, 1971 – A fishing bonanza on the Purgatory Zoo Site Easter Saturday and Easter Monday will assist a 34-year-old, Rt. 4, Asheboro man who was badly burned some weeks ago.

Glenn Beane was burned severely on the hands and legs on Feb. 17 while clearing land for his tobacco beds near the zoo site.

He has been a patient at the Randolph Hospital since that time. For a time he was in the intensive care unit and family members and friends have remained at his bedside.

The fishing bonanza is being sponsored by the Grantville Civitan Club and Everett Dula, owner of the fish pond where the bonanza will be held. Members of the committee planning the benefit are Rev. Jimmy J. Norred, Leonard J. Cox and Levis D. Pritchard.

Fishing at the 3-year-old pond, stocked with bass, brim and catfish, will begin at 7 a.m. and will continue until sundown on each of the two scheduled days. This will be the first time the pond has been opened.

Sponsors of the event are selling tickets for the two days of fishing. There is no specific price but tickets will be presented upon the receiving of a donation for the benefit of Glenn Beane and family, which includes his wife and three children.

Tickets can be obtained from members of the Grantville Civitan Club, Everett Dula, Mrs. Ann Cagle at the Purgatory Zoo Office, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Randolph Savings and Loan Building, Mannis Drug Stores, No. 1 & 2, One Hour Martinizing, North and South all Foodline Supermarkets, and Rose's Store.

A fishing rod and reel, donated by Garner-Morgan Hardware, will be given to the person catching the fish weighing the most at the Dula Lake.

All proceeds from the fishing bonanza will be applied towards the hospital and medical bills of the burned man. At this stage in his condition the slow process of skin grafting is in process.

Persons needing directions to the fish pond are asked to go down to the Cox Rd. from Asheboro toward the zoo site where signs will direct to the lake.

### **Dean of Ministers Given New Car By Congregation**

Apr. 9, 1971 – Rev. R. L. Hughes, dean of ministers in Asheboro, was presented with a new automobile by members of his congregation at Oakhurst Baptist Church Sunday morning, Apr. 4.

The presentation occurred at the conclusion of the worship service at which he was honored for 25 years of service at the church.

The entire proceedings and presentation was a surprise to Hughes. His associate pastor, Larry Wayne Freeman, had asked some time earlier to have the service for that particular Sunday.

As the church auditorium filled to standing room only and old friends, his sons Robert and Neil and their wives and former members made their appearances, the Oakhurst pastor, with a puzzled look on his face, related the request

of his assistant and said "if he can do this well, he can have it (the service) every Sunday."

O. J. Haagler, retired state Baptist official and longtime friend of the honored pastor, was speaker at the service of appreciation.

Hagler, member of the committee who examined Hughes for the ministry and preacher of his ordination sermon, described the Asheboro minister as "humble, courageous, obedient, and a faithful servant of God."

J. C. Allred, an Oakhurst deacon, made the presentation of the fully equipped Pontiac Catalina. He said the car was presented "for loyal and dedicated service to God and this church and because we love you."

When Rev. R. L. Hughes came to the pastorate of the now strong Oakhurst church on Apr. 15, 1946 there were only ten members. The Sunday School was very small and the church did not own the land on which the one-room building was located.

Two years later, a new addition was added, in 1955 another one and two years later a pastorium and a church hut.

A native of Old Fort, Hughes was operating a successful grocery business at Swannanoa when he surrendered to the call to preach.

After answering the call to the ministry, he attended Mars Hill College, received an A. B. degree and a Th. B. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Although the associate pastor and his friends had charge of the service at which he was honored and given a new automobile, this veteran minister had been running things too long to be left completely out of the proceedings.

He extended condolences upon the death of a relative of one of his members, he announced the birth of a child to a couple of other members, and he held up the presentation of the new automobile so that he could receive a new member into the fellowship of the church.

But these matters were not out of the ordinary for this devoted pastor, he had been doing them for the same congregation for a quarter of a century. Perhaps that is why the people smiled with satisfaction as they prepared to honor him and present the new automobile as a token of their love and appreciation.

When all of the words had been said and the new car displayed and admired, everybody went out to the church hut for a meal and period of fellowship.

### **Fellowship Dinner Closes Church's Attendance Drive**

Apr. 12, 1971 – A fellowship dinner in the town hall climaxed a three-month attendance effort by the Sunday School of Ramseur Wesleyan Church, an undertaking which was called the "weatherbird program."

The dinner, in which the entire school was invited to participate, was held on Apr. 4 following the conclusion of the program on Mar. 28.

Divided into two groups, the red birds headed by co-chairmen Robert Williams and Roger Cox and the blue birds headed by Co-chairmen Paul Stanley and Fred Burgess, the former groups prevailed and were the first in line when the food was served at the dinner in the town hall.

Average attendance for the 3-months period was 211, as opposed to last year's average of 188. There were present on the last Sunday of the program.

The pastor, who is in his second year of pastorate at the church, initiated the "weatherbird program" last year and reported that it too was a successful venture. He said "several couples stayed with us," bringing the enrollment up from 260 to 285.

Other efforts at the church include a day visitation on Tuesday nights, with particular emphasis on absentees, new people, those who have been recorded as visitors, and the sick and hut-ins.

Another phase of activity at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church, now in the planning stage, would see the erection of a fellowship building. Another item also being discussed would be the erection of a church steeple which would tower over the entire Ramseur area.

## **23 Years Later, He Earns His High School Diploma**

Apr. 13, 1971 – Paul Perry Boggs left the Franklinville High School in 1945 as a student in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Three years later, while serving in the Army in California, he made an effort to get his high school diploma by taking a General Educational Development test.

Although his overall rating on the test was higher than required, he failed one course by two points. Because of this, state educational authorities could not permit the school in Franklinville to issue him a diploma.

But recently, about 23 years later, he has been awarded the diploma which he sought so many years ago. He received it from the State Board of Education and the Department of Community Colleges.

Assisting him in qualifying was William T. (Bill) Baldwin, Jr., coordinator of the Learning Laboratory at Randolph Technical Institute and a representative of the testing service of the American Council of Education.

The idea of getting the diploma stayed with Boggs and about the first of Mar. this year, nearing the age of 41, he asked his district Congressman Nick Galifianakis to help him with the necessary procedure.

Congressman Galifianakis was prompt and in less than a month all of the requirements had been compiled with and the the diploma had arrived. The test papers of 1948 had been forwarded from the U.S. Army Forces Institute and the one low grade of more than 20 years ago was built up to a passing average.

It was just in time also, in the opinion of the proud recipient. Because in June the oldest of Boggs' three children, Beverly Dawn Boggs, will receive her diploma from Asheboro High School. The other two children are sons Mike and Bobby.

Following his first discharge from the Army, Boggs was called back into active service due to the Korean conflict. He is now an employee of Kellwood Hoisery Mill in Siler City.

## **From Small Country Store To Jamboree For 'Partners'**

Apr. 14, 1971 – A country music group, which has been performing on Friday nights in a small rural store building in southwest Randolph County is headed for higher circle, in the musical realm.

The Green Mountain Parents have been playing for some time now in Little Floyd Brown's store building on Rt. 1, Bennett. They have been playing free of charge for the

residents of the area and those from elsewhere who have heard of their performance.

But on Apr. 17 and May 15 they have been scheduled to play at the Big O Jamboree near Graham.

This is a new musical jamboree location, recently established in a building which has a seating capacity of around 1,000 people. An admission price of \$3 is charged and it is said that several of the big country music stars throughout the country are being scheduled for the Big O Jamboree.

The group which has been playing in Little Floyd's store is composed of Thurman Frazier, guitar, his wife, Gracie, also guitar, and their 13-year-old daughter, June, soloist, all of Rt. 1, Goldston; Stan Brown, banjo, and his father, Odell Brown, bass fiddle, Rt. 1, Bennett; and Eugene Craven, violin, Siler City.

Stan Brown, a student at Chatham Central High School, and his father live in the vicinity where the playing takes place on Friday nights. Eugene Craven, violin, Siler satile musician and plays other instruments besides the violin. He is an instructor also of various musical instruments and is noted as a trick artist, playing an instrument over his head, between his legs and while using other movements. He formerly played with the Blue Grass Gentlemen of Asheboro.

The Green Mountain Partners recently participated in the fiddler convention at Star and Northmoore High School.

But the spacious building near Graham, before hundreds of people, will be a far cry from the band's performance in the crowded little store building in the isolated area of Southwest Randolph, near the Chatham County line.

## **Area Mission Society Elects New Officers**

Apr. 22, 1971 – E. Wayne Hughes was elected to an unprecedented third term as president of the Randolph Area Mission Society of the Methodist Church Friday evening at a dinner meeting at Brower's Chapel United Methodist Church.

At the time of his election two years ago he became the first layman to hold this position in the 20-year existence of the organization.

Re-elected also at the meeting at Brower's Chapel was 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, Earl Taylor; secretary, Hilliard Nance; and treasurer, Ernest Routh. Rev. Billy Hunter, pastor of West Bend United Methodist Church, was elected 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president to succeed Rev. Billy Stamey, who has served for four years as pastor of the host church.

Requests for financial aid were received and approved for four county United Methodist Churches. These included \$250 to Central Falls for a new heating and cooling unit; \$4,000 to Grace church for a new sanctuary; \$1,000 to Stout's Chapel for a new church structure, second request for similar amount; and \$500 to Rehoboth church for new fellowship building, also second request for similar amount.

A musical program featured the Chordy'all's, a barbershop quarter from The Mid-State Men of Music, and several renditions from Miss Zoe Faircloth, a former Queen of Randolph. The barbershop quarter was composed of Don Loftin, Ed Thomas, C. D. Jacson, and Elmer Ward. Accompanying Miss Faircloth was Miss Connie Vernon from the host church.

Present at the meeting was Dr. James G. Huggin, Superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church.

A nominating committee, composed of Rev. Joe Daniels, Rev. Everett Wright and Tome Hill, presented the slate of officers.

### **Grantville Raises \$1,800 For Area Victim Of Burns**

Apr. 22, 1971 – Grantville Civitan Club members met last Thursday evening in regular session and reviewed the successful conclusion of the fishing bonanza which they sponsored on Easter Saturday and Easter Monday.

Before the meeting was over a total amount of \$1,800 was reported as having been raised for the benefit of Glenn Beane, a resident of the area who was badly burned on Feb. 17.

When the men gathered the evening of the meeting there was \$1,730 on hand. The money kept coming in during the meeting and finally the Civitan members chipped in and made it an even \$1,800.

On hand for the report session was E.P. (Everett) Dula, who provided his fish pond on Purgatory Mountain land for the fishing bonanza, helped with the solicitation of the funds and worked diligently with the Civitans for the overall success of the project.

Also present for the meeting was George Jones, Eastern Randolph High School senior, who caught the largest fish, 2 pounds and 4 ounces, during the bonanza.

He was presented with a rod and reel, donated by Garner-Morgan Hardware, by Leonard J. Cox, member of the bonanza committee. Jones in turned presented the rod and reel back to the Civitans to be auctioned off, with the funds to go into the Beane fund. Cox bought the equipment back for \$26.

Members of the bonanza committee besides Cox were Rev. Jimmy J. Norred and Lewis Pritchard. Other members of the club, headed by Joe Frazier, however worked hard on the project, including Zim Hinshaw who set up a concession stand at the fishing site.

Committee members and other Civitans express their whole-hearted appreciation for the help and cooperation which they received on the project. Lewis Pritchard expressed their feelings when he said, upon making the report, "everything we have done has turned out well."

Members of the Grantville club, small in number, only had slightly more than a week after the organization of the project to bring it through to its successful completion.

Glenn Beane, the victim of the severe burns, remains a patient at the Randolph Hospital. Many more weeks of skin grafting, treatment and recuperation are ahead for him.

### **New Church Is Dedicated**

Apr. 22, 1971 – Trinity Wesleyan Church, which had its beginning in a tent meeting 21 years ago, dedicated a new church structure Sunday afternoon, Apr. 18.

Located on Rt. 1, Seagrove, the new brick building is well constructed, has a beautiful interior with a carpeted floor and upholstered pews, and is in contrast to the old building in which the people worshipped these many years.

The new structure was built a short distance down the road from the old building which was erected by volunteer effort in the spring of 1951. The tent meeting had been held one year previous to that time.

A.F. Davis, a member of the congregation, was the contractor for the new church edifice and the pastor, Rev.

Wilson Goins, praised his efforts and said "he put much more in the building than the plans called for."

When Rev. Watson Black, speaker for the service of dedication, was told the building cost about \$27,000, he said "I do not believe that the days of miracles are over." Black is superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church.

Joining the pastor and the district superintendent in the dedication were 7 denominational members and two area pastors. Among those present were two former pastors, Rev. Paul Teague and Rev. Henry Williams, and the widows of two former pastors, Mrs. S. T. Brown and Mrs. C. F. McDowell.

Also present was Mrs. Wilton Beck, whose husband held the tent meeting from which the church originated and who became the first pastor of the group. Beck, now a general evangelist, was away in a meeting in Ohio and unable to be present for the dedication.

The tent meeting was held in the yard of Benjamin F. Beck, father of Wilton Beck, but the first church was built across the road on land which was donated by W.L. (Bill) Beck, to whom the land will now revert since the site had been moved.

Three of the church's 11 charter members, Clifford Chriscoe, Sylvia and Mildred Beck, are still members of the church congregation. Chriscoe is a trustee of the church but it was his son, Roy Chriscoe, also a trustee, who presented the church building for dedication at the service on Sunday afternoon.

The new building consists of sanctuary, four classrooms and two restrooms to the rear of the auditorium and two classrooms with folding doors on either side of the vestibule. The old church structure was a single-room building with no partitions.

### **Cub Scouts Hold Annual Derby Races**

Apr. 23, 1971 – Ramseur Cub Scout Pack 508 held their Pinewood Derby Friday evening at the regular meeting site at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church.

Twenty-three enthusiastic scouts participated and also present was a large number of parents, equally as enthusiastic as the boys who ran their small cars on the improvised track.

As the various entrants were eliminated they cheered long and loud for their favorites who were still in the running, providing a great deal of vigor and interest to the derby contest.

Winners were Mark Hollady, 1<sup>st</sup> place; Mike Lawson, 2<sup>nd</sup> place; and Ken Richardson, 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each was presented with a trophy and Ken also received a trophy for having the most beautiful car.

Other scouts displaying cars were Dean Newell, Tim Sillmon, Bobby Sillmon, Eddie Parnell, Jack Lawrence, Robin Maples, David Overman, Jeffrey Curtis, Ricky Stout, Darrell Jones, Sidney Blake, Chris Craven, Barry Cockman, Ken Cox, Elton Smith, Tommy Hardin, John McAlister, David Spivey, Mike Griffin and Steve Thompson.

Only two members of the pack, Todd York and Tony Hoover, were not present to participate.

Each racer was made by the cub scout and his parent from an official Pinewood Derby Kit, using only the materials furnished them. The width could not exceed 2 and 3/4 inches, the length 7 and 3/8 inches, and the weight no more than 5 ounces.

Alton Craven, Jr. was chairman of the derby. Other officials were Ray Albright and Allen Leonard, judges of beauty; Allen Leonard, weigher-in; James Raines, checkered flag winner; and John Lawrence, scorer.

Winners will compete in the district and council Pinewood Derby at the Scout-O-Rama at the coliseum in Greensboro on Apr. 24.

### **Ramseur Jaycees Review Achievements At Banquet**

Apr. 27, 1971 – A year of solid achievement was received by Ramseur Jaycees at their installation banquet for new officers at a Siler City restaurant Saturday evening.

Many projects, community-wise and Jaycee originated were successfully completed by the Blue Chip chapter during the year.

Mike York Jr., retiring president, said: "I don't think a Jaycee president anywhere could have had a harder working, more dedicated group of guys supporting him," as he expressed his appreciation for the help which he had in guiding the club for last year.

But Harold Holmes, immediate past president and only charter member of the Ramseur club still active, gave much of the credit to York, and said "I don't know of a year when we have had a more dynamic president than we have had this year."

A considerable amount of the banquet's time was taken up with the presentation of awards and some of the projects for which battle of the Bands, March of Dimes, library fund, basketball tournament, Little League, dribble and shoot, and a variety of activities which are a part of the Jaycee organization.

The water pollution project was one of the club's biggest endeavors and the chairman of this project, Roger Stout received the coveted Distinguished Service Award for the year.

The March of Dimes project, headed by Larry Spencer, raised \$1,300 and the battle of the bands project, directed by Chris Deaton, took in over \$800.

Officers for 1971-72 installed by Poe Cox, national director, included Roger Hicks, president; Jack Embree, internal vice president; Harold Waisner, external vice president; Phil Brady, treasurer; Roger Stout, secretary; Billy York, assistant secretary; Mike York, Jr., state director; Harold Holmes, director; and Danel Allred, director.

Following his installation, the new president officiated at the installation of officers for the Ramseur Jaycettes, a first year auxiliary club which was also one of the accomplishments of the Jaycee organization for this past year.

Jaycette officers include Betty Ricks, president; Gwen York, vice president; Janice Brady, secretary; Brenda Pugh, treasurer; Judy Allred, Chaplin; Joe Anne Holmes, year book editor; and Frieda Waisner, scrap book chairman.

### **Church Celebrates Birthday**

Apr. 30, 1971 – Huldah Baptist Church, located three miles north of Seagrove, observed the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding on Apr. 25 in a service which was reminiscent somewhat of the days when the church was first organized.

In commemoration of the occasion several members of the congregation dressed in attire which was characteristic

of the clothes which their ancestors wore back in Apr. 1896 when preaching was first held in the community.

The choir director, Ralph Graves, wore a "scizzor-tailed coat" and an old fashioned bow tie while his wife, Anne also dressed in old fashioned attire, played an old organ which dated back to the earlier days.

Mrs. Mary Jordan wore a long black dress which belonged to her mother, the former Lena Bean, who died 46 years ago, and also an old fashioned bonnet. Many of the women and girls wore dressed fashioned after the styles which prevailed when the church was organized. The men wore Black hats, some had the old type "galluses" to hold up their pants and others had on overalls and plaid shirts.

Rev. Stephen L. (Steve) Welborn, the young 21-year-old pastor, preached with an evangelistic fervor which resembled the revival meeting style of many years ago and in a manner which would indicate greater experience than the two years since his calling to the ministry.

A connecting link between the past and the present came about following the morning service when the young pastor got together with two granddaughters of Rev. Martin J. Leach, organizer and first pastor of the church.

One of the granddaughters, Mrs. Hester Cranford Lyndon Kelly, remembered her grandfather, who drove to his ministerial appointments with mule and buggy, but the other granddaughter, Mrs. Ruth Luther Hurley, was born after his death.

Rev. Mr. Leach, who lived in the Lassiter's Mill section of western Randolph County, came to the community north of Seagrove to hold services at the request of the patrons of the Rock Springs school district.

Services were first held in the school, then in a brush arbor before the building of the first frame structure, located about 300 yards from the school site.

Organization of the church occurred on the second Sunday in Nov., 1896 and was named for Huldah J. Staley, and old lady in the community who lived near the church.

Assisting with the organization were Rev. Mr. Leach, Rev. Jeff Lanning, who became the second pastor, and Rev. John A. Summey.

Joining the church as charter members were Elias Moore, Mary A. Moore, Vester Moore, Ada Moore, Mishia Moore, Delilah Moore, A. L. Bean, G. H. Bean, Emily Bean, J. R. Richardson and Adelaide Richardson.

Some of the people active in the church are descendants of the 11 charter members who joined at the time of organization. Ralph Graves, present chairman of deacons, is a great-grandson of Elias Moore, who was named to the first deacon board.

D. R. Graves, age 92, is the oldest living member, His deceased wife, Delialah Moore, was one of the charter members, Their son, Ottis Graves, an inactive deacon of the church, has been a member for 55 years. Mrs. Jordan, the choir member, is a granddaughter of charter members G. H. and Emily Bean.

### **Kip Johnson Serves As Page In Senate**

May 5, 1971 – A young Asheboro student, James Kipland (Kip) Johnson, spent last week in Raleigh serving as a page in the North Carolina Senate.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johnson Jr., 117 N. Elm St., the youth served by appointment of Senator Hargrove Bowles Jr., one of three Senators representing the 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District of Randolph and Guilford Counties.

One of the extra curricular activities enjoyed by the senate pages last week was a tour of the Governor's Mansion.

On Thursday afternoon, after the adjournment of the session, the pages held a mock session at which time they passed several bills, including a pay raise for themselves. For this mock session three duly elected members of the senate, Senator Mills, Bailey and Joyner, reversed the usual situation and served as pages.

Asked who impressed him the most during his work in Raleigh, Kip somewhat surprisingly passed over the Senators and Lieutenant Governor and picked out Gene Simmons, the glib and vocal Reading Clerk of the Senate, who also works as a tobacco auctioneer when the senate is not in session.

On Friday Kip's parents, his two younger brothers, Mitchell and Benjamin, and his baby sister, Mary Jane, went down to bring him home after he had completed his duties. While there Mitchell and Benjamin were made honorary pages of the senate.

His appointment as a senate page was another recognition among other honors which have come recently the 16-year-old Asheboro youth. He serves as president of the sophomore class at Asheboro High School and recently received the Eagle Award in scouting.

### **All Her Children Came To Visit On Mother's Day**

May 13, 1971 - From coast to coast they came to spend Mother's Day with Mrs. Coy Gore at her home at 547 Meadowbrook Drive in Asheboro.

This was the first time in seven years that all of Mrs. Gore's four children had been together with her at the same time.

One of them she had not seen since that last reunion. This child also had not been to the home in Asheboro in 17 years.

Mrs. Gore was real excited when she heard that all of them would come home on Mother's Day. She was the last to hear of the arrangements which were being made among her children to spend Mother's Day with her.

It took them a week or so to complete the arrangements among themselves before they called to tell her the good news.

Her son, Jack Beard, of Gulfport, Miss, initiated the idea and called his sister, Frances Godek, at her home in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

Then the other two sisters, Joe Ludwig in Temple City, Calif. and Ella Mae Hurley in Boynton Beach, Fla., were brought in on the plans to hold the Mother's Day reunion with Mrs. Gore and her husband, Coy W. Gore, in Asheboro.

Frances came first, flying in on Monday for an early visit with her mother. Joe flew to New Orleans, La., accompanied by a niece, Mrs. Joyce Caganough, of San Diego, Calif., where they were picked up by Jack Beard who brought them to Asheboro by motor, arriving on Friday.

Ella Mae flew in on Friday as did Frances' husband, Louis Godek. Also coming in for the family reunion was Jack's daughter, Mrs. Robert Reeves, of Fayetteville, and her son, Dean.

Completing the family circle and also coming up with Jack were his wife, Sylvia, and his granddaughter, Kim Beard.

The last time all of the family got together was at Christmas of 1964 at Frances' home, who was living in

Pompano Beach, Fla. At that time. Mrs. Gore had not seen Mrs. Ludwig since that time and neither had Mrs. Ludwig been to Asheboro in 17 years.

The family originally lived in Meridian, Miss. Mrs. Gore has been a resident of Asheboro since 1953.

Mother's Day observances were held throughout Asheboro and Randolph County on Sunday, May 9, but none exceeded the excitement. The anticipation and the delight of the one at the Gore residence at 547 Meadowbrook Drive in Asheboro.

### **FHA's Mothers, Daughters Get Together At Banquet**

May 14, 1971 - The annual Mother-Daughter Banquet of the FHA club at Seagrove School was held as usual on May 7, except it was conducted this year by members of the freshman class rather than the senior FHA group.

This change was due to the opening of Southwest High School and the moving of the upper classmen to that Institution. However, the club advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris, veteran home economic teacher, was still on hand for the annual banquet, since she has classes at both schools.

The Mother-Daughter Banquet at Seagrove has been a tradition for many years and is an occasion which is greatly anticipated by both club members and their mothers and greatly enjoyed by all.

Beverly Bumgarner, FHA president, presided over the program, the address of welcome was given by Lynne Yow and the invocation by Sharon Brower. Response to the address of welcome was given by Mrs. Gene Bumgarner.

Guests included G. C. Castelloe, Southwest Principal, and Kenneth Nance, Director of Occupational Education in Asheboro and Randolph County Schools, and their wives. Gerald E. Braswell, Seagrove School principal, and Mrs. Braswell were also in attendance.

FHA members presented a program of entertainment entitled: "Bridge Over Troubled Water," relating to conditions which often exist in family relations. The program included a quartet of "singing moms," including Mrs. Fletcher Auman, Mrs. James Cagle, and Mrs. Everette Garner. They were accompanied by Mrs. Arnold Hancock at the piano.

The home economics award was presented to Miss Diane Cagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cagle. Gifts were presented to both the club president and advisor. The junior degree ceremony was conducted by Beverly Bumgarner, Denise Auman and Celia Richardson.

Officers for 1970-71 included president, Beverly Bumgarner; vice president, Denise Garner; secretary, Denise Auman; treasurer, Anita Needham; reporter, Diane Cagle; historian, Celia Richardson; parliamentarian, Diane Williamson; song leader, Wanda Hussey; pianist, Gwen Pritchard; chaplain, Sharon Brower; recreation leader, Linda Luther; and advisor, Mrs. Wade Harris.

Chapter mothers included Mrs. Gene Bumgarner, Mrs. Wilmer Kennedy, Mrs. Floyd Caviness, Mrs. Albert Luther, and Mrs. George K. McDuffie.

### **Arts And Crafts Show Honors Elderly**

May 19, 1971 - The honoring of senior citizens of the Grays Chapel community took on a new aspect Sunday, May 10 when an arts and crafts show was held in connection with the annual event.

Senior citizens, especially the ladies, brought the results of their handiwork, such items as quilts, bedspreads, pillows, pot holders, afghans and a manger for Nativity scene.

These items, along with a miniature airplane made by D. H. Hall, the only male senior citizen contributing, were arranged on an arts and crafts table and proved to be a principal source of interest.

Sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service of Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, arrangements for the affair were handled by a planning committee composed of Mrs. Don Correll, Mrs. Lake Lineberry and Miss Mary Jones.

Mrs. Howard Kern, WSCS president, welcomed the honored group and Rev. Mitchell Murrow presented the scripture and mediation. Mrs. Bruce Pugh delighted the group with three readings.

The junior choir of the church, under the direction of Mrs. Kern and Mrs. Martha McQuees, rendered a program of music.

Other musical selections were presented by Miss Rebecca Moore and Miss Paula Cox, members of the Asheboro High School Chorus, and a musical youth group from the church called Mr. Sam and Company.

This group, who have appeared in lay witnessing and other church-related activities, included John Hall and Terri Routh, guitarists, and singers Teresa Kern, Leann Lambert, Ken McQueen, and Denise Hall.

Members of the women's society served refreshments to the following senior citizens. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Routh, Mrs. Corna Routh, Mrs. Mary Kirkman, Mrs. Lola Pugh, Lester Redding, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Jones, Mrs. Brower York, Mrs. Maude Coble, Mrs. O. J. King, Mrs. Addie Foust, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Coble, and Miss Verla Lineberry.

After the senior citizen group dispersed, the youth choir took over and held a cook-out on the church lawn.

### **Entire Family Comes Home For The J.C. Pearce Reunion**

May 19, 1971 - All children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Pearce, long time residents of North Asheboro, were present at a family reunion at the Pearce home Sunday, May 16.

This was the most complete reunion the family has held in recent years at the home-place, located at the intersection of Highway 49A and Highway 220, the first house on Old Liberty Road.

Reason for the family not having been together was due to the youngest daughter of the Pearces serving as a missionary with her husband and children in Argentina and a grandson having served for the past three years with the army in Germany.

Mrs. Bonnie Pearce Davenport, her husband, Steve, and their children, except for their eldest daughter, Kathy, will soon be leaving to return to their missionary station, the grandson, Sp-8 John Heath, will leave soon to complete his military duties, therefore the family came together for their reunion on last Sunday.

Other daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Pearce, in addition to Mrs. Davenport, are Mrs. R. E. Heath, Mrs. Clifford Moody, Mrs. James Burkhart, and Mrs. Jimmy Parrish.

Grandchildren present included John and Mike Heath, Mrs. Robert Walker, Jr., Lynn and Pearce Burkhart, Miss

Sarah Anne Parrish, a stewardess with Piedmont Airlines, Steve (Bud), Philip and Tony Heath, Kathy, Sheila, Shirley, John and Patricia Davenport.

Great-grandchildren include Sherry and April Heath, daughters of the Mike Heaths who live in King George, Va., Heather and Ian Heath, children of the John Heaths, Lisa and Jody Walker, daughters of the Robert Walkers.

Other family members present were R. E. Heath, Mrs. Mike Heath, Mrs. John Heath, Robert Walker, Jr., James Burkhart, Jimmy Parrish, Steve Davenport, Mrs. Charles Harrelson, Mrs. Stanton Poole, Mrs. Nora Tippet and Ralph Bulla. Friends in attendance included Mrs. Charles Fagg, Miss Debbie Ingold and Miss Renee Parrish.

### **Country Home Is Setting Of Sixtieth Anniversary**

May 25, 1971 - The lovely country home of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Clark Cranford, Rt. 2, Denton, was the site for their sixtieth wedding anniversary celebration on May 23.

Approximately 350 people called from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. to extend their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Cranford and to visit with the popular and well known couple.

The house in which the couple lives is surrounded by four big maple trees which they set out after they moved there a few months following their marriage on May 28, 1911 and the big oak tree which was already there.

Located on the right side of Highway 49 between Framer and the Randolph-Davidson line, the spacious lawn was cleanly mown for the anniversary celebration and the flowers glistened in the sunshine.

The couple first lived in a two-room house off of the highway but in the winter after their marriage they moved their household property in a two horse wagon through the woods to the larger house on the road.

They were married on a Sunday afternoon while seated in a buggy in the yard at Bombay Academy, which both of them had attended. Two other couples, Mary Cranford and Reid Kearns, Blanche Elliott and Devon Cranford, also riding in buggies, attended them. A magistrate, Tony Ingram, who lived nearby, performed the ceremony.

Cranford was born in Davidson County, near the Randolph line while Mrs. Cranford, the former Ila Floe Cranford, was born about five miles away on Tom's Creek.

But the families of both of them moved across the road from each other, near where the couple now live, and their acquaintance and later courtship began.

The couple are members of Salem Methodist Church where Mrs. Cranford joined about 67 years ago and has attended throughout her lifetime. They attended regularly and were present on the morning of their anniversary celebration.

Cranford, age 85, retired from farming some five or six years ago, but continues to plant a garden and truck patches and said he was looking around for a tractor to replace the one which he sold. He also still enjoys rabbit hunting or running his dogs, as he doesn't carry a gun. This has been a favorite pastime.

Mrs. Cranford, nearly 78 years of age is lively, energetic endowed with a sparkling personality. She retired at the age of 71 from 20 years of employment at the school cafeteria in Farmer. She was reluctant to give up this position because of the mutual love which existed between her and the students who attended there.

She has belonged to the Farmer Homemaker's Club since its organization and has attained 31 years of perfect attendance with the club. The organization did not have an attendance award which went beyond 30, so a special attendance pin is being made for her.

Their son, Charles Lester Cranford, who lives with them, and their daughter, Mrs. Melba Reynolds, of Star, were hosts at the anniversary celebration in their honor, assisted by their four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and other relatives.

### **Ministry's Calls Answered, He's Ordained At Age 43**

May 26, 1971 – Clyde Stutts, who surrendered to the call to the ministry at the age of 43, was ordained into the full service of the church on Sunday, May 23, at the Union Grove Baptist Church.

His ordination occurred three weeks following his acceptance of a mission pastorate in Martinsville, Va.

A lifelong resident of Rt. 1, Seagrove, he and his wife, the former Denzil Kearns, and their daughter, Lisa, will move to Martinsville in a few weeks.

However, the beginning of his pastorate at the Sylvan Baptist Church, a mission of First Baptist Church in Martinsville began a week after his acceptance of the mission's call to him.

Rev. F. A. Lunsford, pastor of the Union Grove church, presided at the service of ordination and delivered the charge to the church and to the candidate.

Most of the members of the mission congregation came down from Martinsville, Va. for the service of ordination and remained over for a fellowship luncheon with their new minister and his family. They also visited the Stutts family at their farm home located north of the Union Grove church, later in the afternoon.

Clyde Stutts, now 45 years of age, finally surrendered to the call to the ministry something over two years ago, even though he acknowledges to having felt a call by the time he reached 18 years of age.

At the time of his decision he had been a member of the Union Grove church for over 30 years and had been active in various phases of the program of the church. But the final decision to enter the ministry came on a Monday morning at his place of employment at Walker Shoe Company in Asheboro.

For over two years he has been a student at Fruitland Bible Institute, preparing himself for the responsibilities of the ministry. He will complete those studies in three months after classes resume this fall.

He quit school early in life and the resumption of school in his middle years was difficult. But his determination and the conviction of his calling have enabled him to pass his subjects and become an excellent student.

His spirit is humble, his calling is certain and he says "anything we do for the Lord, He will honor it."

He has high praise for his pastor at Union Grove, the Rev. Mr. Lunsford, who he says is "one of the greatest men that God ever called into the ministry" and said that the pastor "has done everything in his power to help me."

He also gives much credit to his wife who has entered into the spirit of his calling and has cooperated wholeheartedly with the new plans for his life.

In addition to their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stutts are also the parents of two grown sons, Roger, of Tampa, Fla., and Bobby, of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

### **Nearly \$4,000 Is Raised To Aid Family In Illness**

June 2, 1971 – A Rt. 4, Asheboro family is grateful for the kindness and financial support which has been extended to them during the past three months at a time of critical illness.

Nearly \$4,000 in financial aid was received, in addition to encouragement, prayers and various other features which were bestowed upon the Glenn Beane family after Beane was severely burned on Feb. 17.

He remained at the Randolph Hospital for nine weeks, lacking two days. He underwent surgery seven times, during which time he received four skin grafts.

According to the attending physician, his burns were the deepest he had ever seen, considering that the afflicted man is now on the road to recovery. Beane is now on his feet again and is able to walk some.

Spearheading the fund raising efforts for the Beane family in their time of need was the Grantville Civitan Club who sponsored a fishing bonanza on Purgatory Mountain in their behalf. Approximately half of the amount was received from this source.

Churches making contributions were the Union Grove Christian Church, Hilltop Baptist Church, Panther Creek Baptist Church, Richland Baptist Church, Trinity Wesleyan Church, and Giles Chapel United Methodist Church.

A contribution was also received from Stuart Manufacturing Co. where Mrs. Beane is employed. Only this week was she able to return to work, having stayed with her husband since the time he was burned.

It is not expected that Beane himself will be able to work for a year. But neighbors and friends have assisted with his tobacco planting and all of the plants are now in the ground. It was while burning off for his tobacco hebs near Panther Creek Church that he received the burns which hospitalized him for so long.

Many people helped and contributed to the Beane family when they needed it so badly. But two people have been singled out, one of whom is Rev. Jimmy Norred, the Union Grove pastor.

Rev. Norred not only served on the Grantville Civitan Club committee which sponsored the fishing bonanza but he also stood by the family in their vigil at the hospital, at a time when the outcome was in doubt and the family needed moral and spiritual support as well as financial aid.

The other person is Everett Dula, who not only provided his lake for the fishing bonanza but went out and solicited a large number of the contributions which helped to make up the overall amount which was received. As Mrs. Beane expressed it, "he is a wonderful person."

But for everyone who helped in any way, the family is grateful and wishes to take this opportunity of telling the people how they feel.

### **Churches Have prospered Under His Guiding Hand**

June 3, 1971 – For six years the congregations of Pleasant Ridge and Spoon's Chapel United Churches of Christ have



prospered and moved forward under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Bill J. Traylor.

He came to the pastorate of the two churches on June 1, 1963. On July 13 he will terminate his ministry locally and go in a new field of service in the eastern part of the state, the \*\*\*\* United Church of Christ in Gates County.

A native of Wedowee, Randolph County, Ala., he entered the ministry of the Congregational Christian Church in 1953 at the age of \*\*\*\* Prior to that time he had served four years in the Navy and had been employed for several years in a textile mill in La Grange, Ga.

He prepared himself for the ministry at Southern Union College in Wadley, Ala., and at Elon College. His previous pastorates were in Caswell County and Tala\*\*\*\*, Ala.

His family includes his wife, the former Jean Longshore of La Grange, Ga., a son, Steve, 18, who graduated this year at Eastern Randolph High School, and a daughter, Regina, 16 in July.

Both the Pleasant Ridge and Spoon's Chapel churches have shown marked progress since his coming six years ago. Improvements have been noted in physical properties as well as gains in other areas.

At Pleasant Ridge the sanctuary has been completely renovated and extended, including a new front of Southern manorial style and a steeple. This was done at an estimated cost of \$70,000. only a small portion of this amount remains to be paid.

Other projects have included the erection of a new Sunday School addition, renovation of the older addition, the landscaping and paving of a new parking lot, and the renovation of the fellowship hall.

Improvements of a similar nature at Spoon's Chapel have taken place during the pastorate of Rev. Traylor.

A major project was the building, according to state specifications, of a road to the church, replacing the narrow, unimproved road which formerly led to the church structure. Following this action by the congregation, the highway department paved the road.

Landscaping of the grounds were effected, and acre and a half was sown in grass and concrete walks were laid in the areas in front of the church. Recreational equipment was installed.

New stained glass windows were installed, carpeting and floor coverings were laid, the chancel was reworked, new furniture and pews were purchased and woodwork painted. An air conditioning fund is in progress at the present time.

Both churches have increased their budgets, locally and in their Christian World Missions apportionments.

But more important than physical and financial improvements the ministry of Bill Traylor has been characterized by moral and spiritual leadership in the churches and the communities which he has served.

He claims no credit, however, for the sound condition of the two churches he has pastored, instead, he says "these are good communities, the Lord has been good to us, the people have cooperated and responded in a gracious way.

On Sunday evening, May 23, the Ramseur Ministerial Association, of which he is a member, honored Rev. Traylor and his family at a reception at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church. This was an expression of appreciation from the churches of the community and the people of the town.

The expression from his congregation has been manifested in various ways during his stay and will continue

until the time of departure on July 13. Bill Traylor and his congregation have had a mutual understanding which enabled them to accomplish what they did during his tenure of service.

When he reviews his stay at the two churches, he says "this has been the most fruitful of our ministry."

## **Mortgage On Parsonage Burned At Church Ceremony**

June 9, 1971 - Crestview Wesleyan Church, Rt. 7, Asheboro, burned the mortgage on the church parsonage Sunday afternoon, June 6, and the rejoicing was led by the pastor, Rev. Arthur S. Moorefield, and 70 year old Virgil Hill, who was a member of the trustee board when the building was erected.

A strong pillar in the church organization throughout the years of its existence, Hill \*\*\*\*\* he had \*\*\*\* to live to see the indebtedness removed from the church.

While the mortgage papers burned to their final embers, the elderly church member also gave his personal testimony and said "the Lord has been good to \*\*\*\* all the way."

But none of the church congregation need to have worried too much over paying off the indebtedness, since it was cleared in about half the scheduled time.

The parsonage, located next to the church structure, was built in 1964. A building committee, charged with the responsibility of its construction, was composed of Allen Luther, chairman, Vernon Hall, Edwin Chriscoe, C.N. McNeill, and Virgil Hill.

The amount of the indebtedness was \$13,900, including the completion of payments on an activity building which was constructed prior to the erection of the parsonage.

The last payment on the mortgage was made on May 2, according to the records of the church treasurer, Mrs. Barbara Luther. Since the paying off of the debt, some of the people are talking in terms of additional Sunday School rooms.

Participating in the note burning were the pastor, Rev. Mr. Moorefield, Virgil Hill, and two of the present trustees, C. N. McNeill and Anderson Cox. The third member of the present board, Tom Shaw, was unable to be present.

Homecoming for the church was on the same Sunday the mortgage was burned. Speaker for the morning service was the Rev. Roy H. Parker, of Forest City, a former pastor of the church.

Special music for both morning and afternoon services was furnished by the Spokesmen Quartet of Durham.

The Crestview Church was organized something over 20 years ago. It began as a Sunday School in the home of John Nance, across the road from the present building. Then services were held in a small structure which was built next to the Nance home. The present building was occupied June 2, 1950.

## **Lester Trotters Honored On Their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 11, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Lester M. Trotter, Rt. 6, Asheboro, reached the 40<sup>th</sup> year of their marriage on Tuesday, June 6.

In commemoration of this anniversary they were honored at a reception Sunday afternoon, June 6, at the Grantville

Community Building. Friends and relatives called from 3 o'clock until five.

Hosts were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry A. Trotter, Rt. 2, Asheboro, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby D. Wright, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

Mrs. Trotter was attired for the occasion in a Navy dress with red and white trim. Her corsage was red carnations the same as her daughter and daughter-in-law, who wore white dresses for the reception.

A red carnation served as a boutonniere for the bridegroom of 40 years ago while his son, son-in-law and two grandsons, Brent Trotter, 5, and Marty Trotter, 2, wore red roses.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Boyd Luther, sister of Mrs. Trotter, Miss Lucy Tedder, her niece, Mrs. Ruby Maness and Mrs. Hazel Foster, sisters of Mr. Trotter, and Mrs. Cleo Hayes and Mrs. Joe Cannon, his nieces.

Lester Merritt Trotter was born in the area west of Asheboro, the son of Allen Trotter and Ella Swaney Trotter. He attended the Belvedere School.

Mrs. Trotter, the former Leocia Daisy Allen, was reared near Kemp's Mill, the daughter of Rufus Allen and Lucy Craven Allen. She was the middle child in a family of 11. Three sisters and two brothers were older and three sisters and two brothers were younger.

Mrs. Trotter and her brothers and sisters were scheduled to attend the Union Grove School but due to the overflow of the creek between their home and the school, which was impassable during wet weather, they attended the school at Shiloh.

The couple became acquainted at Asheboro Hosiery Mill, where both were employed, and were married in Danville, Va. on June 8, 1931.

They lived for 15 years in Dogwood Acres before coming to their present residence on old Highway 64, just east of the Asheboro City limits.

Mr. Trotter retired from employment at Acme-McCrary Corp. In 1967, his semi-retirement is spent on his farm on Highway 42, adjoining the land on which his wife was reared. Mrs. Trotter keeps her grandsons, Brent and Marty, while their mother works.

Mr. and Mrs. Trotter express appreciation for the lovely and useful gifts which were presented to them at the time of their anniversary celebration.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebrated With Reception**

June 14, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Dennis A. Moser were honored at a reception at First Baptist Church in Randleman Sunday afternoon, June 6, on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hostesses were their three daughters, Mrs. Carmen Routh and Mrs. Mary Lou Gregson, Randleman, and Mrs. Peggy Ruth Bass, Charlotte.

Also on hand were their five grandchildren, Judy Sink, Patsy Todd, Susan Routh, Andrew Moser Gregson and David Scott Gregson, and their two great-grandchildren, Brad Sink and Cheryl Todd.

The huge, five-tiered anniversary cake, a gift to the honored couple, was designed and baked by their cousin, Mrs. Kathleen Short, assisted by Mrs. Gaither Wright.

Mrs. Moser wore a gold brocade dress with matching shoes and a corsage of yellow roses.

The former Mazle Meline Pugh, a native of Randleman, she wore a shite "homemade" dress, with white shoes and hat, for her marriage to Dennis Alfred Moser on June 4, 1921 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Madison (Mad) Brown, in the Brown's Cross Roads community.

Moser, native of Surry County, town of Banner Town, came to the White Hall vicinity of Randolph County with his parents, Cicero Moser and Cora Short Moser, when he was 18 years of age, two years before his marriage.

Mrs. Moser, daughter of Ed Pugh and Cindy Varner Pugh, was born and reared in the Naomi section and was working in the mill there at the time of her marriage at the age of 17. She had attended the school uptown.

Her husband had attended the Banner Town school, which was a one-room log building with a fireplace the first year he went. He worked on his father's tobacco farm and also at the quarry in Mount Airy where his father was a stone cutter.

His father had rode for two years looking for a bigger farm and one which was not so hilly, before he found the one at White Hall.

Mrs. Moser, well blessed with names, got the first name, which is the same as her husband's first name, from Dr. Dennis Fox, who officiated at her birth. She was given her second name by her mother and the third name was bestowed upon her by the "granny" woman who assisted her birth.

Later, Dr. Fox put cloth for a calico dress on Christmas tree in Randleman in exchange for the honor of giving her his name.

Attending the couple at their wedding were his uncle, Gareli Moser, his sister Hazel Moser, Leona Slack, and Gray Lamb, whom are all dead except the latter.

They recall that the magistrate became so nervous during the reading of the ceremony that he had to sit down. Afterwards, they attended the picture show at the town theater.

Moser, engaged in construction, textile employment and the operation of taxicab service, retired from the latter some years ago. Mrs. Moser, however still works part-time at the Wee-Sox division of Commonwealth Mills, where she has been employed since 1951.

The couple have been collecting antiques for 20 years and their spacious home at 151 Poplar St. is filled with valuable items of various descriptions.

Mrs. Moser's anniversary gift from her husband was a gold necklace to hold the five dollar gold piece which she received from him as a birthday gift 25 years ago. She still wears the Sapphire engagement ring and gold wedding band which a Randleman merchant ordered for him prior to their wedding 50 years ago.

## **Long Ago Students Recall School Days At Reunion**

June 15, 1971 - Students of Providence School, who attended 50 years ago or before that time, held a reunion at Providence Friends meeting House Sunday afternoon.

This upper Randolph County school was also known as Providence Academy and was located east of the present Meeting House.

It was a frame building with two rooms and four fireplaces. People from the community provided the wood for the fireplaces and water was received from a well in the yard.

The school was built in 1884 and was torn down when the county erected a brick building in 1928 to take care of the students who comprised the newly consolidated school at Providence.

One of the students at the reunion, Beatrice Coltrane Rockett, attended the Providence School when it was still an academy, supported by donations, pupil tuitions and by Baltimore Friends.

Many of the former students talked about the "little room" and the "big room" and it was said that students in the "big room" more or less chose their subjects some of which were of an advanced nature.

Four schools existed at Providence before the discontinuance of the last school in 1950 and it was generally agreed that the earlier schools were among the best at the time of their existence, perhaps because of their support from the Friends.

The idea of a school reunion originated among the daughters of Mary Cranford Fields, who first attended the school in 1901.

These daughters, Margaret Coltrane, Atha Fields, and Audrey Horney, with the assistance of others, made the plans and provided the refreshments. A cake was made by Mrs. Coltrane in the replica of the old school building.

Miss Estelle Neece, who first attended the school before the turn of the century, was mistress of ceremonies for this first reunion of students who attended 50 years ago or earlier. She later taught at the school.

Also present at the reunion were live sisters of Miss Neece, Grace Neece Suits, who came all the way from California, Vanner Neece, Marietta Neece Lindley, and their brother, Talmadge Neece.

All of the nieces attended the school and all of the sisters, except for Mrs. Suits, became teachers. Vanner Neece ended up a long teaching career by teaching at Grays Chapel School, where Providence students were absorbed after the discontinuance of the school in that community.

Another former student and also a teacher at the Providence School, Mrs. Lillie Pugh Curtis, was present at the reunion.

Many of the former students, as they arose to speak of their days at the school and in the community, spoke of a former teacher, Alta White, and a former Sunday School teacher Nannie Rockett Cranford.

Alta White was a sister of Aleen White Jones, who was also in attendance at the reunion, while Nannie Rockett Cranford was the mother of Mary Cranford Fields and grandmother of the reunion planners.

Other former students at the reunion, in addition to those already mentioned, included Annie Pugh Kanoy, Jeffery Barker, Hattie Beeson, Cecil Fields, Marvin Rockett, Bessie Rockett Causey, Allie Frazier Fields, Alma Barker Reynolds, Louise Adams, Clare Barker Pugh, Jesse Reynolds, Cluster Hicks Ward, Ruth Hicks Coble, Ruth Teague McClintock, and Dollie Rockett Roach.

Also, Edna Siler McAden, Vera King, Esther Dobson Thomas, Albert Cox, Annie Lee Siler Routh, Edith Macon Bowman, Aleen Pugh Richardson, Sadie Reynolds Smith, Worth Varker, Dwight Teague, Joe Kirkman, Eula Skeen Pugh, Mary Skeen Bodenheimer, Graham Hicks, Hazel Teague Bowman, and Aleen White Jones.

## **Farmer School Teacher Retires After 47 Years**

June 16, 1971 – Allen Prevost, a Randolph County school teacher, has retired after 47 years of continuous service.

He started teaching in 1924 at Pierce School in the community where he now resides on Rt. 1, Trinity.

His last school day, as far as the students were concerned, was June 2 of this year at Farmer, where he had spent the past 20 years.

He is not sure yet how his retirement will work out. He says "It'll be hard, especially on snowy days," when he can't do anything else.

His beginning salary as a teacher was \$65 a month. When he quit it was over 13 times that much. During the depression he was cut \$1.30 a day.

In the first years of his teaching career sometimes the schools would run out of money. One year he remembers teaching a week for free.

Starting fires and getting in wood was a vital part of teaching back when he started. At his first school he recalls going out at recess, during the noon hour or to cut green poles to keep the fires going.

That first school was a one-room frame building, with a fireplace in one end and a pot-bellied stove in the middle of the room.

Now 69 years of age, he was born in the Poplar Ridge community in western Randolph County.

He graduated from high school at Trinity in 1924, a member of the last class to graduate from the old Trinity College building, which was condemned prior to his graduation.

He was living 10 miles south of Trinity when he attended the school there and walked the distance each Monday morning, returning home on Friday afternoons. He remained in the school community during the week and cooked his own meals.

Allen Prevost had teaching in mind long before he accepted his first position at the Pierce School. He believes "a teacher is called, the same as a preacher."

In 1940, he received a degree from High Point College, as a result of summer school sessions and extension courses.

Besides the Pierce School and Farmer, he has taught at Ulah, Flint Hill, Bethel, Mt. Pleasant, Union Grove School, Mountain School, Union School, and New Hope, serving as principal at all of the schools except Farmer.

All of the schools at which he has taught have been discontinued for many years except the one at Farmer.

He has taught all of the grades through the 8<sup>th</sup> and at some of the schools he taught all of the first seven grades at the same time.

Discounting the fact that a teacher is not able to teach satisfactorily more than one grade, he believes they "learn more when there is a combination."

He mentioned that he taught all seven grades at the Mountain School, one year he had a total of 63 students, and one of them scored the second highest grade in a county-wide test.

Asked about present day methods, he said "I don't believe some of them are any better than they used to be."

A variety of schools and a number of grades jumped together have naturally brought on disciplinary problems. At one school he succeeded a teacher who had been run off by the students. But this veteran school man has never hesitated to cope with the matters which came before him.

When he quit on June 2 he had a pile of paddles left over, he recalls the big piles of "hickories" which formerly stood in

the corner of the school room and at other times he has used a leather strap.

Hundreds of students have come under the guidance of this practical man who believes he was called to the teaching profession.

Besides the elementary subjects, he taught them honesty and truthfulness, feeling that these characteristics are also necessary and will "carry them as far as anything."

His retirement is well deserved and for the remainder of his life he can reflect back on nearly a half of century of devoted service to the youth of Randolph County.

## **Farmer Lions Present Checks For 2 Projects**

June 18, 1971 – Farmer Lions Club, organized only two years ago, has gone beyond Lions causes and rendered financial aid to worthwhile projects in the community in which the club functions.

At Ladies Night meeting on Monday evening, June 14, checks were presented to the Farmer Volunteer Fire Department and Farmer P. T. A.

An acknowledgement and thanks was also read from the Southwest Touchdown Club for a donation of \$100 which the club had previously made towards the building of the Ivey B. Luck Stadium at the Southwestern Randolph Senior High School.

Wayne Beacher, club president, made the presentations of \$100 to Wilfred Hammond, president of the fire department, and \$500 to Rev. Jasper Boyd, PTA president.

Rev. Herbert Baker, pastor of First Baptist Church, Denton, spoke to the Lions members, their wives and other guests. He was introduced by G. C. Castelleo, Jr., Southwestern principal, member of the Lions club and also member Baker's church.

New officers of the club, who will be installed at the meeting on June 28, were announced as follows; president, Albert Harrelson; 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, Micky Caudle; 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, Albert Harrelson; 3<sup>rd</sup> vice president, Alvin McDowell; secretary, Steve Grubb; and treasurer, Eddie Surratt.

## **Congregation Pays Tribute To Pastor, Rev. Leonard**

June 22, 1971 – Rev. Donald Mark Leonard's congregation at First Evangelical and Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) expressed their love and appreciation for him in a special service at the church Sunday morning, June 13.

Their expression for their minister, known throughout Asheboro for his warmth, his compassion and his humbleness, occurred on the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination into the ministry.

The evangelism committee of the church's ruling body, The Consistory, planned the observance with the approval of the full group and the congregation as a whole.

It was a surprise occasion and known only to the honored minister after the singing of the anthem and as he prepared to read the scripture.

At this point Roland Linnens, vice president of The Consistory, and Forest Penninger, a representative from Second Evangelical and Reformed Church in Lexington, where the ordination occurred June 10, 1985, walked down the aisle, approached the minister at the front of the church and said "Don, we want to interrupt your service."

Following closely behind them were Rev. Edwin Alcorn, associate minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Church of Christ, Dr. A. Odell Leonard, father of Don Leonard, and his mother, Mrs. A. Odell Leonard, escorted by usher Lawrence Calloway.

The vice president of the consistory presented the pastor with a bronze plaque marking the date of ordination and "in appreciation for the Christian Leadership given our church as pastor since Nov. 1960."

Presentation was also made of a volume of Interpreter's Bible and a new robe.

The representative from Don's home church in Lexington presented in behalf of that congregation a bronze statute commemorating the ordination service of 15 years ago.

Don served associate minister of the Lexington church after graduating from seminary and before coming to Asheboro.

The honored minister was further surprised when his consistory vice president announced that the remainder of the service would be in charge of the denominational representative, Rev. Alcorn and that the minister's father, Dr. Leonard, would deliver the message.

Dr. Leonard, pastor of the Second Church in Lexington for 45 years before his retirement in 1967, was organizer of the Asheboro Evangelical and Reformed Church in 1938 and served as its first pastor for four years, coming back at two different times as interim pastor.

Mrs. Donald Leonard, who collaborated with the consistory and the congregation in the surprise honor extended to her husband was herself surprised during the service when she was called to the front of the church and presented with 15 long stemmed red roses.

Overcome, she told the standing room only congregation, "I planned for him, not me."

Don Leonard's ministry in Asheboro has been noted for his personal impact on the lives of his congregation and the others with whom he has come in contact.

His smile, his laughter, his friendliness and his unaffectedness has enabled him to reach many people as he has moved about in the past 11 years.

It is characteristic that he has traveled throughout the community, for the most part, in a second hand pickup truck, avoiding any pretense of position among his associates.

Rev. and Mrs. Leonard are the parents of four children, Jane, Kelly, Julia and Peeler Lee.

At the conclusion of the service honoring their pastor, the congregational members and visitors enjoyed a fellowship luncheon in the church picnic area.

## **Reception Honors Departing Pastor**

Thursday, June 24, 1971 – The Ramseur community said goodbye to its third minister in the past four months at a reception Sunday evening at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church.

A similar reception at the same site had previously honored two other ministers and their families but this time it was for the Jordan Memorial minister, the Rev. Doyle Grob, and his family.

The reception itself was also a surprise to the departing minister, his wife and their two children, Renee, 8, and Brian, 6.

It was sponsored by the Ramseur Ministerial Association. The president, the Rev. T. R. York, was in charge. Prayer

was offered by Dr. Carlton Prickett, interim minister of Ramseur Baptist Church.

Tributes to Grob were spoken by York and the other two remaining ministers in the association, the Rev. Jimmy Norrod of the United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Leon Thompson, Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

A layman, Bill Hogan, spoke for the Baptist church. Speaking for the Jordan Memorial church was its Sunday School Superintendent, J. O. King.

Previous receptions have honored the Rev. Glenn Whiley, a Baptist minister, and the Rev. Bill Traylor, pastor of Pleasant Ridge and Hines Chapel United Church of Christ.

Grob, beginning his 12<sup>th</sup> year in the ministry, was born in Missouri, reared in Kansas and came to Ramseur from pastorate of Ann Street Church in Concord.

### **Pastor Leaves Randolph Charge for Trinity Pulpit At Thomasville**

June 24, 1971 – The Rev. Henry C. (Hank) Thompson is leaving Randolph County this week and the South Randolph United Methodist Charge, after three years of service.

Besides a busy schedule at the three churches he has served, his leadership as director of two successive March of Dimes drives resulted in the raising of \$34,083.40 for the years 1970-71.

Still only 28 years of age, he is leaving his first full-fledged pastorate in United Methodist Church. His churches here were Flag Springs, Pisgah and New Hope.

A native of Alamance County, he had previously served as minister of youth at a High Point church and as minister of adult education at Hillsborough church. He is a graduate of High Point College and Duke Divinity School.

His new assignment is the Trinity United Methodist Church in Thomasville. He and his wife, Marizell, moved there recently.

He will continue in his capacity as director of programming for the Mt. Sheppard Camp. Also while in Asheboro he has been identified with the local radio ministry and at times served on the faculty at Randolph Technical Institute.

But his principal interests have been with the three churches he served and a major project of his ministry with them has been the building of a charge parsonage at a cost of nearly \$30,000.

On his last Sunday in Randolph, he spoke at all three of the churches and performed a marriage ceremony at one of them.

At the conclusion of the final service at Flag Springs, he and his wife were honored at a reception in the fellowship hall. At this time members of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship presented them with a silver platter.

### **Historic Burial Ground Site Of Memorial Service**

June 25, 1971 – A historic burial ground, the Spencer Cemetery on Rt. 1, Seagrove was the site of a memorial service Sunday morning, June 20.

Five Confederate headstones, honoring the memories of four brothers, Lemuel Spencer, Edward Spencer, Washington Spencer, and Nathan Spencer, and J. J. Vanderford, are located in this cemetery.

Lemuel Spencer was wounded in the Civil War, came out of it with a crooked arm, but was able to return home, rear a family and live out his life.

Edward Spencer suffered an illness while at home on furlough, died before he returned to duty and was buried in the cemetery.

Washington Spencer was killed while fighting for the Confederacy in Virginia and was buried on the battlefield.

Nathan Spencer likewise was killed on the battlefield, rolled up in a blanket and buried.

J. J. Vanderford, a resident of the vicinity in which the cemetery is located, was murdered while at home on leave and buried in the cemetery. It is said he was killed by persons a\*\*\* to the Confederate cause while he was going to Asheboro to seek an extension of his leave.

Another Spencer brother, Jesse Spencer, was also killed on the battlefield and buried in Virginia. Efforts have been made to secure a Confederate monument for erection in his memory at the Spencer Cemetery.

Two other Spencer brothers, Aran Spencer and Willis Spencer, who did not serve in the Confederate Army, are also buried in the cemetery.

The Confederate soldiers and their two brothers who did not go to the war were sons of George Spencer and his wife, Rebecca Bray Spencer, who were also buried in the cemetery.

George's grave is marked with a brownstone marker and inscribed with the dates 1811-1903. Rebecca's marker is white flint and her grave is inscribed with the dates 18-12-1891.

No dates are on the Confederate markers except for Nathan Spencer, whose death is recorded as Oct. 14, 1863.

Buried beside Lemuel Spencer is his wife, Mary Owen Spencer, and the dates on her simple headstone are 1844-1906.

In addition to their seven sons, one daughter, Pyrenna Spencer Wilson, was born to George and Rebecca Spencer and she too is buried in the cemetery, dates 1839-1879, along with an infant child.

### **Families Gather To Honor Couple**

June 25, 1971 - A 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary occasion brought two western Randolph County families together at a large family gathering June 20.

The families – the Kindleys and the Rushes – came together to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Armal Thomas Kindley, Rt. 1, Trinity.

Mrs. Kindley is the former Wilma Mattle Rush. The couple was married June 20, 1936, in Hillsville, Va.

Site for the large family gathering was the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kindley, an old two-story dwelling located high on the Summey Town road overlooking the 190-acre farm.

The house, built shortly after the turn of this century, was first the home of the late Johnny Hughes, a former sheriff of Randolph County.

Mr. and Mrs. Kindley have lived there since 1944. All of their children, except the first two, were born there. Seven daughters were born to the couple before the eighth child, a son, arrived.

Their children, who sponsored the occasion honoring their parents, are Mrs. Beatrice Russell and Mrs. Reba Grubb, Rt. 1, Trinity; Mrs. Dariane Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Nolla Ann Everhart, Rt. 4, Thomasville; Mrs. Vencil Beacher

and Mrs. Jane Yates, Rt. 2, Denton; Mrs. Wanda Surratt, Rt. 2, Lexington; Thomas Kay Kindley, of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Kindley are natives of the western part of the county. Mrs. Kindley's parents, Jeff and Nannie Miller Rush, are still living but Kindley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cleoro Kindley, are deceased.

The acquaintance of the couple dates back to early childhood but their courtship began as Kindley, selling cabbage and other produce throughout the countryside, stopped at her home one day.

Among those present for the wedding anniversary and family reunion were Mrs. Nannie Rush, Rt. 1, Trinity; sisters, Mrs. Charles Wall, Trinity, Mrs. Lewis Wood, Rt. 1 Trinity, and Mrs. Allene Burgess, High Point; and brothers, the Rev. Dallas Rush, Winston Salem, Clarence Rush, Rt. 1 Trinity, Odell Rush, Greensboro, and Lester Rush, Troy.

Kindley's relatives included his sisters, Mrs. Hosea Snider, Rt. 2, Denton, and Mrs. Charlie Maness, High Point; and brothers, Wade Kindley, Rt. 1, Trinity, and Gurney Kindley, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

Also on hand were their seven grandchildren and various other family members.

Highlight of the family gathering came when the large family group congregated for dinner around the long table of food which was placed under a row of maple trees on the front lawn, next to the road.

### **Awards Highlight Civitan Banquet**

June 28, 1971 – Ladies Night, the presentation of awards and the installation of now officers kept Level Cross Civitans busy on June 22 as they hold a steak supper in the elaborate new community building not yet completed.

At this meeting the Civitans presented a check for \$5,000 to George Stanton, treasurer of the community development association, to go with another check for a similar amount which was presented last fall to help pay for the new building.

More than 40 club members, their wives and other guests enjoyed the food and fellowship of the meeting which was presided over by outgoing president Brantley (Brant) Davis.

Davis sincerely thanked "each Civitan and my board of directors for standing behind me and supporting me" and he also passed off a compliment to the ladies, saying "a wife is the backbone of a good Civitan."

Various awards were presented, including plaques to the outgoing officers, but the two most significant presentations went to Brantley Davis, "Civitan of the Year," and Harvey Adams, "Citizen of the Year."

Bob Rankin, former Governor of N. C. District West of Civitan International, installed the following officers: president, Joe Cline; president-elect, L. J. Small; vice president, Roger Highfill; secretary, Mike Davis; treasurer, Ron Davis; sgt. at arms, Jimmy Lineberry; chaplain, Bob Medford; and board of directors, George Stanton, Lloyd Cox, Kenneth Palmer and Brantley Davis.

Rankin praised Level Cross Civitan for their various activities and said their participation in the erection of the new community building was "one of the most outstanding projects in my years in Civitans."

Entertainment was provided by Miss Zoe Faircloth, former Miss Randolph County, who was accompanied by Miss Connie Vernon at the piano.

### **Over 200 Join the Battens 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Celebration**

June 30, 1971 – Friends and relatives, over 200 strong, helped Charlie and Annie Batten celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, June 27, at their home on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Their close relatives came early for a picnic luncheon on the back lawn; the others came later for a reception which was scheduled from 2:30 until 4 p.m.

Hosts for the occasion were Mrs. Lawrence (Evelyn) Neste, Springbrook, Wisconsin, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Batten, and members of her family.

Joining her in making arrangements for the observance were her husband, their daughter, Mrs. Bernard (Juanita Anne) Kadlec, of Minneapolis, Minn., and their son, Lawrence Wesley, Jr. Coming with Mrs. Kadlec was her 11 months-old daughter, Christine Carole, the little great-granddaughter whom the Battens had not seen before this time.

Mrs. Neste left Franklinville at the time of her marriage 24 years ago but has returned each year to visit her parents.

Also joining in the anniversary celebration were Mrs. Barney Gillis of Troy, and Mrs. W. A. Martin, of Rt. 1, Franklinville, sisters of Charlie Batten, and Jesse Batten, of Troy, a brother.

Five sisters of Mrs. Batten were also present: Mrs. Nannie Batten and Mrs. Male Hanner, Troy, Mrs. Fannie Bello Green, Franklinville, Mrs. Janie Bonkemeyer, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Miss Gerlia Lamonds, Rt. 1, Candor.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Batten are natives of Montgomery County; Batten was born near Cape Elsie while Mrs. Batten, the former Annie Lou Lamonds, was born half-way between Troy and Candor. Their courtship began while both were employed at the cotton mill in Cape Elsie.

Their marriage occurred on Nov. 6, 1921 at the Methodist parsonage in Troy. They rode to their marriage site in a Model T Ford, accompanied by another couple.

The celebration of their fiftieth anniversary was moved up to this summer because of the visit of their daughter and the members of her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Batten moved to Franklinville about 44 years ago and began working in the cotton mill there. The mill in Cape Elsie had closed down and also a sister of Batten had preceded them to Franklinville.

Batten came first to Franklinville, leaving his wife and daughter in Montgomery County. He told his boss, after going to work in the new place, "I won't be here three weeks." But he stayed and was later joined by his family.

Although both of them are now officially retired from the mill in Franklinville, Batten works part time and Mrs. Batten "when they need me."

The couple are members of the Franklinville Baptist Church.

Out of town guests for their anniversary celebration came from Troy, Badin, Doylestown, Pa., Biscoe, Candor, Asheboro, Ramseur, Monroe, Seagrove, Garner, Raleigh, Concord and Seven Springs, N. C.

### **Flag Ceremony Impressive**

July 1, 1971 – An impressive flag raising ceremony took place at Grantville Community Building Sunday afternoon, June 27, in which members of Cub Scout Pack No. 562 and community leaders participated.

The flag pole on which the flag was raised, a gift of the cub scouts to the community of Grantville, was dedicated prior to the flag raising ceremony.

For a year of more Walter Jones, cubmaster, and members of his pack had dreamed and planned for the erection of a flag pole at the community building and the flying of the colors there.

They sold light bulbs and accepted donations to bring their project to a successful completion. The flag which was raised was donated to the girl scouts of the community two years before.

Randolph Scout Executive Sam Haycraft was the speaker at the dedication and flag raising ceremony, after Cubmaster Jones had welcomed the audience and said "to us this is a very memorable day, let us dedicate ourselves to our community and our fellow man, and let this occasion be remindful of our heritage."

Members of the cub pack are Allen Cagle, Allen Moffitt, Jimmy Moffitt, Chris McCracken, Kevin Cain, Jeff Cain, David Frazier, Ronald Jones, Charles Russell, Keith Byrd, and Mike Johnson.

Den mothers are Mrs. Tiajuana Jones and Mrs. Gloria Moffitt, Mrs. Wilma McCracken is webloe leader and den chiefs are Ronni Moffitt, Sonny Cagle and Walter Jones, Jr., the latter named having assisted Haycraft in the conduct of the ceremony proceedings.

## **85-Year-Old Church Razed, New One To Take Its Place**

July 2, 1971 - On Sunday morning, June 27, Marlboro Friends Meeting held the final worship service in the Meeting House which was built 85 years ago.

On the next day work began on the removal of furnishings from the building, preparatory to the wreckage of the structure and its removal from the premises.

Groundbreaking for a new Meeting House to be erected on the site of the old Building will be held Sunday morning, July 11.

The building to be torn down had changed greatly in appearance from the place of worship which was built 85 years ago, due to extensive remodeling in 1950.

Before that time the appearance of the Meeting House had resembled the traditional architecture of the places of worship which were erected during that period.

Many members of the Meeting, recalling the days of their childhood, have spoken of the Meeting House which faced the cemetery, with its tow front doors, shuttered windows, and divided assembly room.

The partition was not used in the years preceding the remodeling but some of the members remember when the decision existed, with the men occupying one portion of the room and the women the other one.

It is said that a small opening in the partition, usually kept closed, was used when the men's meeting and the women's meeting desired other.

The gallery on the north side of the assembly room, two or three steps upward and encircled by a railing, is particularly remembered by some of the older members, some of whom recall sitting on the steps during meetings.

But the seats in the gallery were reserved for the Ministers and Elders, both men and women, the latter sitting before the worshippers clothed in their long dresses and black bonnets. In front of the gallery, on the floor level, was a facing bench.

The history of Marlboro Friends Meeting, however, goes back much farther than the existence of the old portion of the building which is being torn down to make way for the new structure.

The first Meeting House at Marlboro was built sometimes prior to 1797, before the granting of a request from Marlboro Friends to hold their own Monthly Meeting in 1816.

During the construction of the proposed new Meeting House, worship services and Sunday School will be held in the educational building which was completed in 1961.

A building committee charged with supervision of the new construction, is composed of Halcie Beeson, chairman, Ogburn Loflin, Robert Bulla, Max Davis, Louise Loflin and Lewis Loflin. Contractors will be S. E. Trogdon and Sons, of Asheboro. Don Osborne is Minister of the Meeting.

Preliminary work towards construction has been done by a fund raising committee, headed by Arthur Brown, and a planning committee, headed by Cecil Plumlee.

Cost of the new building has been placed at \$170,000, exclusive of furnishings.

Shades of the past pervaded the scene as the final service in Marlboro's 85-year-old building was held. But the past mingled with the future since the service predominantly featured the youth of the Meeting House.

The heritage which has been passed down from the latter part of the 17<sup>th</sup> century was reflected among the members of the kindergarten, beginner, primary and junior classes, the two youth choirs and the associate members who participated in the service.

These children and young people also predicted the security of Marlboro's future and verified the need for the adequate new structure which will soon rise to completion on the historic site.

## **Wrights Honored On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 6, 1971 - A reception in the fellowship hall at Asheboro Friends Meeting Sunday afternoon, July 4, honored Mr. and Mrs. Henry T. Wright, 226 Uwharrie St., on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their sons and daughters-in-law and their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Wright, Jacksonville, Mr. and Mrs. Ausby Moran, Kernersville, and Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hunt, Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married July 6, 1921 at the home of the bride's parents near Ramseur. The late Rev. J. E. Shaw performed the ceremony in the presence of immediate family members.

Mrs. Wright, the former Annie Belle York was born in the Ramseur vicinity, the daughter of George and Jane Stout York.

She attended the Hickory Grove school and the school at Pleasant Ridge and was employed at Asheboro Hosiers Mill at the time of her marriage.

Her husband was also employed at the same mill at the time of their marriage. However, their acquaintance began prior to this time at quarterly meeting at Holly Springs Friends Meeting.

Wright is a native of Grant Township, the son of William and Louisa Wright, he was born in a log house, which was replaced by a large two-story dwelling before he left home, and he attended the one-room school at Bethel.

About a year following their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Wright built the home at which they presently reside on Uwharrie St. They recall it was the second house to be built on the now thickly settled street, the thoroughfare was red mud when it rained, there was no electricity in the area and they carried their water from a neighbor's well.

Following his employment at Asheboro Hosiery Mill, Wright worked at Acme-McCrary Corp. until his retirement a few years ago.

Two of his sisters, Mrs. Ethel Spencer, Ramseur, and Miss Fleta Wright, Baltimore, Md., and his brother, Millard Wright, were present at the anniversary reception, along with Mrs. Earl Wright, sister of Mrs. Henry Wright. Mrs. Earl Wright, the former Mary York, was also present at the wedding of her sister and Henry Wright 50 years ago.

Five of the couple's six grandchildren, Thom Wright, Jane Wright, Beth Wright, Mark Moran and Alan Moran, were also present at the anniversary celebration honoring their grandparents. The other grandchild, Mrs. Robert Frye, the former Karen Wright, is living with her husband who is stationed at the Hahn AFB in Germany.

### **Richland Church Pastor Observes 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 7, 1971 – Rev. Ben W. McPherson, who is nearing his 74<sup>th</sup> birthday, observed his 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary as pastor of Richland Baptist Church Sunday, July 4.

Located near the old Humble's Mill, the church itself was organized at the same time the Rev. Mr. McPherson was called at pastor. The date was July 1, 1951.

Two years before organization, McPherson held a tent meeting near the church site, which resulted in the eventual organization of the existing church group.

Present on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church's founding and the calling of Ben McPherson, to the pastorate were four of the 15 charter members, Eunice McPherson, the pastor's wife, Tillmon Kiser, James Lovins and Louise Wright.

Other charter members were James Harvell, Pearl Harvell, Henry Wright, Pearl Ferree, Audie Staley, Lelah Staley, Ada Kiser, Lois Moore, Everest Canipe, Maxine Canipe and John Moore.

Of these charter members, Henry Wright and Ada Kiser, are deceased.

The original building at Richland, which was erected prior to the church organization, has been added to several times. Only last year the entire building was bricked up, the west wing extended, and a steeple erected.

Indebtedness on the latest improvement was paid off the latter part of June.

At the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary service T. L. Tillmon Kiser, who served as choir leader for 11 years, participated in the special music. Now 79 years of age, he was one of those persons instrumental in organizing the church.

Also present at the service was J. E. Brown, a teacher in the Sunday School, who was a very young man suggested the name by which the church is called, the name being derived from Richland Creek, located in the vicinity of the church.

Ben McPherson was strong of voice and body as he preached the anniversary sermon in the church which he helped to organize and began his pastorate 20 years ago, even though he has passed the usual retirement age and gone beyond the allotted three score years and ten.

He is a native of the community, having been born in a home about three quarters of a mile across the woods from where the church is located.

### **Robbins Banker Releases 2<sup>nd</sup> Religious Songs Album**

July 13, 1971 – Jimmie Garner, a Robbins banker, has released his second album of religious songs, an unusual presentation for a person in this professional status.

But it is not unique in the life an activities of the Rt. 2, Robbins native, whose adult life has been spent in the service of his church and community.

People who have known Jimmie Garner, as he has lived his life in the Westmore community in upper Moore County, have always thought of him in connection with the Smyrna United Methodist Church, the Westmoore and North Moore schools, and other aspects of community life in that area.

He has particularly been identified as the choir director at the Smyrna church for over 20 years and as a soloist at weddings and funerals, in his own church and at other places.

Nearly three years ago he recorded his first album of songs, entitled "My Most Requested Hymns." This publication proved to be very popular, so much that he decided to make the second one.

His daughter Sandra (Sandy) has been his accompanist for several years and joined with him in his first album.

Now a nursing student at Sandhills Community College, she has assisted him in the recording of the second album, at the piano and in a duet performance with her father on some of the songs.

Jimmie's other daughter, Joan, an upcoming freshman at North Moore High School, has also participated in the new album, along with his brother, Bill, an active member of the Smyrna church and employee of Asheboro Concrete Products Co. for several years.

The new rendition, "Jimmie's Album," is done in stereo and includes background music by the Britt Brothers, Rudy, Randy, Gary and Don, recording technicians.

Copies of the album have been released to the radio stations in Asheboro and Troy and they are on sale at The Record Shop in Asheboro and at other places in the surrounding counties.

Besides his community and church related activities, he serves as a director of the Randolph Electric Membership Corp. and as a member of the board at Moore County Memorial Hospital in Pinehurst.

This new album of religious songs, recorded by Jimmie Garner, is a continuation of the things which he has identified himself with many for years among the people with whom he has mingled. It is reflective of his life and character and attributive to the esteem in which he is held.

Nearly 42 years of age, he is married to the former Dorothy Moore, a native of the community in which he was reared and where they still reside with their two daughters.

### **Children Love Their "Dwarf" Dog**

July 14, 1971 – A midget German Shepherd dog names Peaches is an object of curiosity at the Garland Hall residence on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

About a year old, the dwarfed dog is due to have grown to her full size by now. But the furry little creature, a rare



occurrence in the canine world, is the same size as when the Halls picked her out at the age of four weeks.

She is the daughter of Rusty, the full size German Shepherd watch dog which the Halls have owned for several years.

Little Peaches only weighs five and a half pounds, whereas Rusty, her father, weighs 80 pounds.

So instead of another watch dog, the Halls are going to have to settle for a pet and Peaches certainly excels in this respect.

She runs and plays, tumbling on her short feet and round furry little body, much to the delight of the Hall's four young children, Bobby, Bruce, Vickie, and Sherri.

Recently she was taken to Dr. Cecil Brown, local Veterinarian, for a distemper shot as a safeguard for the children who continuously play and frolic with her.

The veterinarian said the dwarfed dog was the "first on I have ever seen" like it. However, he pointed out that it happens often in farm animals, such as cattle.

He said the little dog was normal except in size and explained that abnormally only by saying "the genes were crossed up." He could give no reason for this happening but speculated that one parent's gene was perhaps recessive.

The veterinarian agreed that "he is a cute little fellow"... which is true... except that Peaches is a little girl.

## Music Highlights Meeting

July 15, 1971 – The Mid-State Men of Music, a barbershop production, delighted the Asheboro Lions and their blind guests at a dinner meeting at Guy B. Teachey evening.

Some were partially blind, some totally, but they did not need vision to appreciate the melody and the harmony which erupted from the 20-odd members of the local barbershop group, headed by C. D. Jackson and led by Don Loftin.

This was the first blind party the Asheboro Lions had sponsored as an individual club. Formerly, they had joined with other clubs for a countywide event.

Only the afflicted in the Asheboro area were invited, since the other clubs in the county will be honoring those in their areas.

Blind guests included Bill Andrews, Mirian Biddle, Shelta Lee Betts, Catherine Bevins, Ida Dalton, Ida Hawkins, I. O. Hamilton, Elizabeth Hill, Stacy Hill, Mary Jarrell, Aerdie Lambert, Clara Bell Lynn, Ed McRae, James Moore, Margaret Murray, John Overman, Marshal Patterson, Gabriel Poteet, Haywood Purvis, Annie Rich, Melvina Snider, Mary Spencer, Joe Trogdon, William Williamson, and Ethel Woodell.

Lion J. C. Delk, with easygoing humor, was master of ceremonies. Q. G. McKeel, chairman of the sight conservation committee, made arrangements for the meeting. Andy Brown, local radio personality, is president of the club.

After the men of music had departed, further entertainment was provided by some of the blind guests.

## Three Families In 11<sup>th</sup> Reunion

July 23, 1971 – There were preaching, singing and string music, all at the annual Brown, Welch and Lowdermilk reunion July 18, on Rt. 1, Bennett.

It was held at a cabin site in a bend of Brush Creek, with the weather hot and humid, and the children pulled off their shoes and went wading in the creek.

The people escaped the heat by sitting on benches underneath the shade trees which bordered the creek and by drinking the cold lemonade drawn from wooden barrels.

Mrs. Lucille Brown, a Brown descendant who was a Brown before her marriage; her husband, Harris; her son, Eddie; and Charles Miller sang for the group, accompanied by the Brown Family's youthful pianist, Randy Shelton.

For their benefit a piano had been hauled in on a pickup truck.

John Brown and the Foggy Mountain Partners provided the string music, which followed the preaching by the Rev. Curtis Brown, pastor of White Cross Baptist Church at Staley. He is a native of the community in which the reunion was held.

The Rev. Hayes Ritter, pastor of nearby Pleasant Grove Christian Church, came over for the picnic dinner after preaching to a large crowd at his church and to a Sunday school attendance of 200.

Cleo Brown, reunion president, presided over the reunion activities, assisted by Mrs. Naomi (Henry) Brown, secretary for the organization.

R. J. (Bob) Flippin, 82, was awarded a prize for being the oldest person present. He was followed closely by John Madison Brown, Arthur Smith and Millard Brady, all of whom are 80.

Kimberly Jones, 3-and-one-half-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Jones, was awarded a prize for being the youngest family member present and Mrs. Nannie Brown was given a prize for having the most children and grandchildren present.

## Family Ties Are Renewed At Fifth Annual Reunion

July 28, 1971 – Ninety-three members of the family of the late John Gabriel and Ida Boyles Key, most of them from outside Randolph County, converged on the New Market Community Building July 25 for the Fifth annual reunion of the clan.

This was the best percentage of attendance since the reunions started with only 23 members absent from the Fifth reunion. Five new babies had been added since the last reunion.

All ten children of J. G. and Ida Key and their spouses were present at the reunion. These included Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Betty) Linthicum and Mr. and Mrs. Martin (Sadie) Harris, Rt. 1, Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Laymon (Eva) Armstrong, Rt. 1, Ararat, Mr. and Mrs. Junior (Verla) Peele, Rt. 1, Mount Airy, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. (Ruth) Stack, Albany, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Colie (Myrtle) Peele, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Key, and Mr. and Mrs. John Key, Rt. 2, Pilot Mountain, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Key, Rt. 1, Pinnacle, and Rev. and Mrs. Frank Key, Rt. 3, High Point.

Each year one of the ten children is singled out for special honors and this year it was Sadie Harris' turn, especially since her birthday occurred on July 23.

This was the first time the reunion has been held in Randolph County. All others have been held on Rt. 2, Pilot Mountain. It was in the Surry County community that J. G. and Ida Key reared their ten children. The family farmed tobacco.

Mrs. Key died in 1934 in Surry County and her husband continued to reside there until three or four years before his death in 1960, when he came to reside on Rt. 1, Sophia where his daughters Sadie and Betty lived. Both Mr. and Mrs. Key are interred in the cemetery at the Cedar Primitive Baptist Church in Surry County.

This was Mrs. Stack's second time to attend the family gathering, due to the distance of her residence in Georgia.

Two sisters in the family, Verla and Myrtle, married brothers, Junior and Colie Peele, while Eva's husband, Laymon, is a brother of Sam Key's wife.

Rev. Paul Key is a Missionary Baptist minister in the area in which the family was reared and Rev. Frank Key is a member of the Popular Ridge Friends Meeting and is studying for the ministry at John Wesley College.

Food, fellowship and the renewing of family ties was the order of the day when the Keys came to New Market. Following the meal, the family sang together as is their usual custom.

### **Their Faith Overcomes Odds As \$5,000 Raised For Church**

July 30, 1971 – A small band of people comprising the congregation of Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, took another step toward their goal of building a new house of worship at a building fund rally Sunday, July 25.

Working against odds for a long time, the Stout's Chapel folks moved out on faith this spring and began the construction of their new building, after receiving promise of aid from the Randolph Area Mission Society last fall.

The pledge of a \$1,000 from the mission society spurred Stout's Chapel members into renewed efforts on their own and since Nov. 29 they have raised nearly \$5,000 through various rallies and individual efforts. A previous amount in the building fund was \$3,000.

Their first rally, a small one, brought in \$502.37, their second on \$1,307 and their third \$1,244.23. These were held under the supervision of the finance committee, composed of Mrs. Macie Harris, chairman, Mrs. Beatrice Spinks, and Ernest Waddell, the latter being treasurer of the building committee.

A "weight rally," receiving to cents a pound from each person participating, brought in \$235 under the leadership of Mrs. Lucille Ledwell and was followed by a "window rally," one dollar for each window in the old church, which resulted in raising \$209.75 under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Brady.

The most recent rally, held July 25, was conducted by the finance committee and resulted in a total amount of \$2,335.45, including another donation of \$1,000 from the Randolph Area Mission Society. Total amount raised is nearing the \$10,000 which the members hope to have on hand when they occupy the building.

The latest rally pitted the men against the women and captains in this rally included Lester Waddell, J. E. (Ernest) Waddell, Jerome Clapp, Robert Spinks, Clarence Harris, J. D. Waddell, Boyd Waddell, Mrs. Mary Brady, Mrs. Martha Staley, Mrs. Lucille Ledwell, Mrs. Ethel Goldston, Mrs. Beatrice Spinks, and Mrs. Macie Harris.

The above named people more or less comprise the active membership of the little Negro church but these faithful members have assisted in a wonderful way by their friends in the white community, many who have responded frequently and in a most generous manner.

Besides the gifts of money, a piano and other equipment has been received from First United Methodist Church in Asheboro. Members are now looking for some pews to place in the new building, which they hope to occupy in Aug. or Sept.

The old church building looking like a relic from out of the past, was shown in the Randolph County based movie, "Killer's Three" which was filmed a few years ago.

### **Eleven Birthdays Were Wrapped In One**

Aug. 3, 1971 – Eleven names were inscribed on a birthday cake which was consumed at a pleasant get-together in Seagrove last week.

Honored were community residents whose birthdays are occurring within a month of each other, beginning with Mrs. Bill Thomas' birthday on July 5 and ending with Mrs. Clinton Comer's on Aug. 4.

Other birthdays occurring within that period are those of Ben Chriscoe, Clinton Comer, Ernest Spencer, Eli King and wife, Ella, Ivey Luck, Clement (Mack) McCaskill and daughter, Janet McCaskill Denton, and Clay Presnell.

Celebration of the birthdays began two years ago, the first event being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spencer and the next tow at the Seagrove Christian Church. The honored group increased by two this year.

A hamburger supper was enjoyed, topped off by the cake with the 11 names. The cake was a surprise and was brought into the dining area by Miss Elizabeth Comer, daughter and granddaughter of three of those having birthdays. Thanks for the food and fellowship was said by Rev. William A. (Andy) Anderson, pastor of the church.

Others present, besides the honored group, included Mrs. William A. Anderson and daughter, Karen, Mrs. Ivey Luck, Joan Comer, Mrs. Ernest Spencer, Miss Nancy Spencer, J. C. Reeder, Mrs. Nora Smith, sister of Ernest Spencer, Mrs. Clement McCaskill, Miss Norma McCaskill, Mrs. O. W. Parks, Bill Thomas, and Miss Jane Thomas.

### **Smyrna Grove Celebrates Its Tenth Anniversary**

Aug. 5, 1971 – Smyrna Grove Community Church, where the 10<sup>th</sup> homecoming service was held Sunday, Aug. 1, is a credit to the minister who started the church and has served as its pastor for the years of its existence.

Rev. Henry H. Thompson was reared in the vicinity in which the church is located, four miles west of Asheboro. His brief schooling was received at the Mt. View School.

He moved to Asheboro in 1925 and a few years later became employed at the Home Building, Inc., later Hedgecock Builders Supply Co. He worked at this place for 40 years, retiring in 1979. He was the plant's shipping clerk for 16 years.

In 1935 he was converted at West Chapel Methodist Church, under the ministry of Rev. Odell Brown, and went out from this church in 1948 as the associate minister of Mt. View and Mt. Zion Methodist Churches.

Both of these churches were about "to be thrown out of the conference" but Henry Thompson labored diligently with them and enabled them to regain their standing. The Mt. View people he had known since childhood and the school he had attended stood near the church.

After four years at both churches he left the Mt. Zion church and devoted his efforts to the Mt. View church, where his ministry proved successful for nearly 12 years.

Due to the conference regulations, he left the Methodist Conference in 1960. He left with cordial relations but his lack of schooling in early life and his job and family obligations later simply did not permit him to qualify for ordination to the full pastorate.

But he had been preaching for several years, his ministry had been fruitful and he felt that the Lord would have him continue in His service. So following the adjournment of the Methodist Conference in 1960, he began all over again and started holding cottage prayer meetings.

These services resulted in the organization of the Smyrna Grove Community Church and it was on the first Sunday in Aug., 1961 that the first service was held in the new building which had been erected.

A church by the same name had been started on the site 100 years before but the building had never been completed, standing in an unfinished state for years before it crumbled and fell to the ground. However, a small cemetery from that period still remained and has been added to since the existence of the second church.

The second church has been a successful project, the Lord has blessed Henry Thompson as He did during his ministry at Mt. Zion and Mt. View. The membership is around 70, the Sunday School enrollment is 153 and on two successive Sundays this summer baptizings have been held in the pond at Kemp's Mill.

A recent revival at Smyrna Grove was conducted by Rev. Odell Brown and the two men enjoyed the friendship and Christian fellowship which began 34 years ago when the Smyrna Grove minister dedicated his life and later responded to the definite call of God.

The Smyrna Grove church stands a short distance from the small house where Henry Thompson lived with his mother before they moved to Asheboro in 1926. This humble and faithful minister long ago gained the respect of the people among whom he has lived.

### **Otis Allens Are Honored On Their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 10, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen, lifelong residents of the Ramseur area, were honored Sunday afternoon, Aug. 8, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Allen, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen, Rt. 1, Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Page Craven, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles McPherson, Nashville, Tenn., entertained at a reception at the fellowship hall at pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ in honor of their parents.

Six of their seven grandsons, Larry and Garry Allen, twins, Parks Allen, Rodney Craven, and Mike and Allen McPherson, joined with their parents in honoring the couple. Only their oldest grandson, Sp-5 Neil Allen, assigned to Army Base Ft. Carson at Colorado Springs, Colo., and his wife, the former Jolynne Stout, were unable to be present.

Friends and relatives called to greet the couple from 3 o'clock until 5. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are active members of the Ramseur Wesleyan Church and have lived at their present residence on Rt. 1, Ramseur for 36 years. Allen has been a member of the church, formerly the Ramseur

Pilgrim Holiness Church, for 49 years. Only one other person has been a member of the church longer than he.

It was across the street from the church, at the home of his uncle, Luther Allen, that the couple were married Aug. 9, 1921. Rev. George F. Hinshaw, pastor of the church at the time, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Allen recalls that her wedding dress of white organdy was made by Mrs. Cassie Macon, a local dressmaker of that period. She also wore white accessories, hat, shoes and gloves, for her marriage vows of fifty years ago.

For her anniversary celebration, she wore a polyester dress of Mint Green and had a yellow orchid for her corsage.

Mrs. Allen, the former Snodie Craven, was born in the Parks Cross Roads section, the daughter of Benjamin and Rodema Rains Craven, and attended the Parks Cross Roads School.

Her husband, son of Carson Allen and Sophia Jane Smith Allen, was born in the area where they now live, on land which formerly belonged to his maternal grandfather, Thomas Smith. His parents moved later and he first attended the old Fairgrove School, then the old, then the old school in Ramseur.

Both of them were working in the cotton mill in Ramseur at the time of their marriage. But their acquaintance had developed earlier when he attended a school breaking and ball game at Parks Cross Roads. He recalled making that trip with other employees at the mill in a truck.

A retired employee of the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills, Allen worked there for nine years before he quit four years ago. However, until this year he returned to the plant for part-time employment. Before he went to work at Klopman, he was employed with McCrary Hosiery Mills for over 22 years.

A golden anniversary gift to Mr. and Mrs. Allen from their children was a color television set.

### **The Coy Hodges Celebrate Their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 11, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Coy Hodge, natives of Watauga and Caldwell Counties but now living at 531 Old Liberty Rd., Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 8.

They were honored at a dinner and family gathering at the home of their granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy H. Humble, Rt. 6, Asheboro, with their children and grandchildren in attendance.

Their children are Joe Junior Hodge, Willard Pat Hodge, Lloyd Hodge, Mrs. Hassie Loman, and Mrs. Faye Lillie Whittington, Lexington, Mrs. Betty Marcine Regan and Bynum Hodge, Randleman, and Mrs. Shirley Johnson, who lives with her parents while her husband is serving overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge have been employed in a cotton mill throughout the years of their married life and before, and thus have lived in many towns in North Carolina and at one time in Virginia.

Mrs. Hodge has just retired from employment at Randolph Mills in Franklinville while her husband is engaged in semi-retirement employment at the same place, having retired from full-time employment a few years ago. Mrs. Hodge is 66 years old and her husband is 69.

Hodge is a native of Watauga County, near Boone, but was working in the mill at Rhodhiss in Caldwell at the time

of his marriage to Mrs. Hodge. His wife, the former Clostie Mae McLean, was born at Upton in Caldwell County but was also working at the mill in Rhodhiss when she became acquainted with her future husband.

Since Mrs. Hodge was only 16, the couple eloped and were married in Granite Falls on Aug. 6, 1921. They received their marriage license in Lenoir, the county seat. They rode in a Model T Ford on their wedding day, borrowed from a man who boarded at the same place as the bridegroom.

They worked and lived in many places after their marriage but perhaps stayed in Lexington longer than the other places, where five of their children took up residences.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodge are grateful for their years together and were thankful that their family could come together on their golden anniversary day. Hodge said, "I'm thankful I've lived this long" and Mrs. Hodge said, "we are lucky to be alive."

### **Homecoming, Four-Family Reunion Held At Mt. Zion**

Aug. 11, 1971 - Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, located in an isolated area of western Randolph County, observed homecoming Sunday, Aug. 8, and was the site for the annual four-family reunion, the Gaddis, Jones, Hughes and Thayer families.

Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reese was the principal speaker for the occasion, appearing on the program which was in charge of H. P. (Howard) Hoover, also of Asheboro. Jerry Small, president of the reunion organization, presided over both morning and afternoon sessions.

Also speaking at the morning session was Rev. William C. Belcher, new pastor for the Mt. Zion, Tabernacle, Pleasant Grove, and Piney Grove United Methodist Churches.

Following a picnic lunch at 12:30, the afternoon session was devoted mainly to gospel singing. Extra chairs had to be brought out to accommodate the crowd.

Singers participating included Friends Trio from Greensboro, Hunt Family from Mt. Gilead, Victory Quartet from Asheboro, Harmonettes from Smyrna Grove, Mount Zion Young Adult Choir.

Wayne Hughes conducted a memorial service for deceased family members, namely, Wade Smith, Ethel Gaddis, Coty Gallimore, Jim Hughes, Ruby Briles, Moleta Wall, Fred Hughes, Ray Smith and Eugene Osborne.

Officers for next year's reunion were named as follows: president, Jerry Small; secretary and treasurer, Valeria Thayer; historian, Lee Thayer; assistant historian, Banks Thayer; and program chairman, H. P. Hoover.

Naming of the officers resulted from the recommendation of a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Lawrence Thayer, Mrs. Francis Jones Pierce, Raeford Gaddis, Wayne Hughes, and Gene Black.

Mt. Zion is located on a sunny knoll at the end of a wood's road, out of sight of the main thoroughfare. At times the church has almost ceased to exist but a faithful few have maintained its existence through many years. Many of the names in the cemetery are familiar to Randolph County history and some of the inscriptions on the old tombstones go way back into the preceding century.

There were 12 cars on the ground and 37 people on the inside for the Sunday School hour, before the four families began to arrive.

The benediction at the concluding session was pronounced by Rev. Henry Thompson, a former pastor. The four-family reunion was initiated several years ago by the late R. A. Gaddis, a well known Asheboro magistrate.

### **At 80, She Believes That Hard Work Won't Kill You**

Aug. 12, 1971 - "Hard work won't kill anybody," declared 80-year-old Mrs. Ada Lackey, Rt. 1, Staley resident, and she is living proof of that statement.

She suffered a light stroke last Sept. while gathering in her beans and she continued working, not noticing anything being wrong except that she was sleepy.

Her children came, noticed immediately that something was wrong with their mother, and secured medical attention.

But this illness didn't slow her down much because she bought a second tiller this past June to cultivate the two gardens which she tends.

A deeply religious woman throughout her lifetime, she said "the Lord brought me out of it."

This week she took her first airplane ride to Mansfield, Ohio, to visit with a granddaughter. She went last year to the same place by automobile.

She lives alone in a small brick house which she and her late husband, Dolph Lackey, built in 1961, on land where her father, Jerry Langley, and her grandfather, Tise Langley, had lived.

One of 14 children, she has spent her entire life in the immediate community in which she now lives, formerly living in a nine-room house a quarter of a mile or so away. Her mother was Emma Kivett Langley and one of her sisters, the late Mrs. Lessie Langley Bulla, was also the mother of 14 children.

Mrs. Lackey and five sisters lied to maturity out of the family of 14 but only two of their brothers grew to manhood, so Mrs. Lackey said "our father had to make boys out of us girls." She said "I have never known anything but work."

She plowed and worked in the fields during her girlhood days and in the later years also. She only expressed displeasure at having to peel crossties, saying they were heavy when she had to roll them over.

A tractor she was operating at the age of 63 turned over with her and she broke her leg when she jumped off.

She owns three houses in the vicinity in which she lives and also three in the town of Staley. She does the painting in these houses and also some of the other maintenance. She built a chicken house at the place at which she resides.

She is a member of the Staley Wesleyan Church, formerly the Pilgrim Holiness Church. She felt led by the Lord to go to the church 26 years ago when it was about to go out of existence. She has only missed one Sunday during that time, except for the time when her leg was broken.

Four or five years ago she adopted as a financial project for the church the making of old fashioned bonnets. Since that time she has made and sold over 500 bonnets for the benefit of the church. She said she had worn bonnets "all of my life in the field."

She drives two vehicles, a Falcon automobile and a 1958 model pick-up truck. She drove down to Siler City for her medical check-up and the nurse was amazed that she had driven down there after having suffered her stroke last fall.

She has a pastime despite her heavy work schedule. She fishes about every day in a pond on her farm. One of her

grandsons has built her a special seat where she can sit comfortably while pursuing this pleasure. She hasn't caught a big one recently but did bring in a three and one half pounder about three years ago.

She is the mother of four daughters, Mrs. Era Purcell and Mrs. Gladys Beal, of Greensboro, Mrs. Pauline Murray, Rt. 1, Staley, and Mrs. Virginia Frazier, Rt. 1, Liberty. A son, Fred Arnold Lackey, scalded to death at the age of two.

Her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday came on July 16 and two days later, on a Sunday, about 150 of her relatives and friends gathered at the fire station in Staley for a big birthday celebration in her honor.

Ada Lackey is like the Rock of Gibraltar, she is invincible and nothing so far has stopped her, including her stroke or the breaking of her leg. She doesn't claim any credit for herself. She only says "the Lord's been good to me."

### **On Her 104<sup>th</sup> Birthday High Officials Sent Greetings**

July 27, 1971 – President Richard Nixon joined with U.S. Sens. Sam J. Ervin, Jr. and B. Everett Jordan, Gov. Robert W. Scott, and Congressman Nick Galifianakis in saluting Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes of Rt. 2, Asheboro, on her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday July 22.

A Social Security representative from High Point also delivered greetings from Commissioner of Social Security Robert M. Ball.

The President wrote: "Mrs. Nixon and I were pleased to learn from Congressman Galifianakis that you are celebrating your one hundred and fourth birthday. We join in the hope that your happiness on this occasion – and your contentment always – may reflect in full the joy you have brought to the lives of others throughout these years."

This missive from the President was not the usual printed form of greeting but a more personal type of letter from his summer home in San Clemente, Calif.

But "Debbie" Barnes, reared in the stern upbringing of a Quaker home, was not overly impressed with the dignitaries who greeted her on the occasion. Instead, she told this reporter, "I'm getting tired of birthday dinners."

Her thoughts dwelt mainly, as they have in the past few years, on the things which had happened earlier in her life. She did bring her mind to the present long enough to say "they sot a cake on my lap and took pictures" and that her grandson, Larry McPherson, "give me four brownies (pennies) and a dollar for my birthday."

Her eyesight is practically gone and she had not seen this reporter since her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday. But after a moment or so she said "it's my picture man" and later when she thought she was not getting the attention she deserved, she said somewhat irritably "why don't you listen to what I am saying."

Long years ago one of Deborah Barnes's sisters served as a missionary to Mexico. This was on her mind on her 104<sup>th</sup> birthday, and she quoted many Mexican phrases which she learned back then and tried unsuccessfully to get this reporter to say the Mexican words which she pronounced so well.

She also had on her mind the remembrance of four Quaker couples who had pledged their marriage vows to each other, without the benefit of the minister, and she repeated word for word the solemn pledge which she had heard so many years ago, substituting her name, Deborah

Lucinda Hoover, and the name of her husband, Wilson Barnes, who died over 30 years ago.

Deborah Barnes lives with her son, Wayman, and his family at the home to which she came with her husband 81 years ago. Visiting on her birthday were another son, Emory, and her two daughters, Nellie Smith and Eunice McPherson. Six of her children are dead.

This remarkable little woman cannot walk now, except when she is assisted by her daughter-in-law, Lucille, or some other member of the family. But there are not many other deficiencies, certainly not her hearing, and she stoutly claims "my time ain't limited yet."

The time for departure came, our hand grasped the frail hand of the aged woman and we told her goodbye. Her spirit had quieted, her conversation had become more subdued and she said "thank you for coming," then her voice wavered and she said "hallelujah."

It was the first time we had heard Deborah Barnes speak except in a firm and vigorous manner. We wondered if she would still be there when another year had rolled around.

### **He's Still Riding, Trading Horses Takes Part In Parade On His 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Aug. 9, 1971 – Virgil Hill, a horseman for most of his life, rode in the Farmer's Day parade in Robbins on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Aug. 7.

Somebody said not long ago that he had sold his horses and would not be riding with the wagon trains and in the parades anymore.

Contrary to this fact, he bought a steel gray pony at the auction sale last week to match the 3-year-old pony, Tony, which he already had. They are not the same size but Hill plans to bring the smaller one up to size.

He said he had "been on a wagon train or two during the past year" and participated in the famed Wilkesboro to Boone Wagon Train for four years straight with the exception of this year.

Although he rode horseback in the Robbins parade, he is more familiar in parades and wagon train events driving a two-horse, covered wagon.

Spectators and participants in one of the mountain wagon trains were amazed at his agility on an unbroken colt, considering he was then past 75 years of age.

"Virg" Hill, as most of his older friends know him, got interested in horses and mules back when he was a boy working in sawmill camps. He recalled "rubbing down" the buggy horses owned by some of the other hands.

Born in a log house on the west side of Ridge's Mountain, several miles west of Asheboro, his first wages at sawmill work was five cents a day. His job was carrying dry slabs to feed the boiler. Sometimes he had to work after the others had quit to get a head start for the next day.

It was while working at the sawmills that he began trading horses and mules, something which would stay with him for the rest of his life.

He was a trading partner with Jim Kearns on his farm west of Asheboro, he was a partner with Sam Pickett in Pickett and Hill near Farmer for many years, and he worked with J.T. (Jess) Pugh at the auction barn south of Asheboro in addition to his own individual trading for 60 years or more.

His eyes twinkle when he relates his various trading experiences. "I have had a lot of fun swapping horses," he says. "I never went back on but one man in my life in a

trade." One of his trading expressions was "I'll give all that's deserving."

Ironically, his last public employment was with machinery at Randolph Farm Equipment Co. where he worked prior to his retirement.

He moved his family to Asheboro many years ago, first living on Chestnut Street but moved three miles south of Asheboro, just off old Highway 220, when city regulations restricted the pasture and ownership of his horses.

Besides his own two horses, he keeps and feeds nine horses in his barns for other people. "Cattle Crossing" signs are posted on the street on both sides of his small farm.

He is a devoted church member, having served as Sunday School Superintendent, trustee and member of the building committee at Crestview Wesleyan Church near his home. He doesn't let his activities with horses interfere with his church life, saying "I promised the good Lord I wouldn't ride horses when I ought to be in church."

On Sunday before his birthday his family honored him at a dinner, as is their usual custom. The fellowship hall at Charlotte United Methodist Church was practically filled with members of his large family.

He has been married three times, first to the late Bertha Trotter, then to the late Corina Kearns, and now the former Vernie Hoover. He is the father of 10 children by his first wife and 5 by his second wife, five of whom are deceased.

Those living are Mrs. Alberta Poole, Mrs. Maxine Pugh, Mrs. Ava Routh, Mrs. Allene Jarvis, Mrs. Edith Sears, Mrs. Margaret Trotter, Mrs. Anna Mae Robbins, Oscar Hill, Mrs. Betty Greene, and Mrs. Faye Hall. All of them live in the Asheboro vicinity except Mrs. Sears, of Gibsonville, and Mrs. Hall, of Magnolia, Ark.

Speaking of his large family, Hill said "I'd hate to start now to raise that many."

### **New Principal Also Heads NCAE**

Aug. 16, 1971 - W. Mike York, Jr., an eastern Randolph County native, assumed the principalship of Tabernacle Elementary School on Aug. 11.

The 31-year-old educator moves into his new position in the western part of the county with nine years of teaching experience.

He taught World History and Geography at Eastern Randolph Senior High School for the past three years and taught the same subjects at Ramseur High School for one year before the consolidation of the schools in that area.

Before coming to Ramseur, he taught at Staley for two years, at Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro two years, and at Lantana Beach, Fla. for one year.

A resident of Rt. 1, Staley, he grew up and worked on his father's dairy farm east of Ramseur and graduated from Ramseur High School. He still works on the dairy farm during the summer months and does the milking, in the absence of his father, when his school duties permit.

He is a graduate of Elon College and continued his studies at Appalachian State University where he received his Master's Degree in Administration.

Just prior to being named principal of the Tabernacle School by the Randolph County Board of Education, Mike York took on another job, that of serving as president of the Randolph County Unit of the North Carolina Association of Educators for the current organizational term.

To prepare himself for service in this capacity, he recently attended a state-wide leadership workshop for local presidents in Fayetteville for three days.

Last Apr. he relinquished his position as president of the Ramseur Jaycee Club after a successful term of office. The previous year he had distinguished himself as the club's representative in the March of Dimes drive in Ramseur.

He is married to the former Gwen Jones of Smithfield, and they are the parents of two daughters, Martha, 7, and Kelly, 5. Mrs. York is a teacher at Ramseur Elementary School and the new principal's mother, Mrs. W. Mike York, Sr., is a veteran teacher in the Ramseur area, having served with her son on the faculty at the Eastern Randolph School.

The Yorks are members of the Ramseur Baptist Church and Mike, Jr. has recently been named assistant superintendent of the church school.

Mike York is aware of the challenge in the two school related positions he has assumed. He is particularly happy to continue as a part of the "tremendous educational system in Randolph County" and feels that his new position as principal at Tabernacle will offer a real opportunity for him.

As head of the countywide organization of teachers and administrators he plans to strive for a strong membership and advocate more communication and better public relations among parents, teachers and students.

### **Old Fashioned Birthday Dinner Honors Minister**

Aug. 17, 1971 - The Seagrove and Ether Congregational Christian United Churches of Christ surprised their pastor, Rev. William Robert (Andy) Anderson, on this 55<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday.

He preached at the Seagrove church at 9:30 a.m. and then came back to Ether for the 11 o'clock service. At the conclusion of this service the Ether people remained and the Seagrove folks came down to join them in an old fashioned "birthday dinner" for their pastor.

Mrs. Anderson had to tell her husband about the birthday party when she asked him to carry their own basket of food to the church grounds, underneath the shade trees, where the dinner was held.

The Andersons and their small daughter, Karen, live in the parsonage next to the Ether church.

The Andersons came to the Seagrove-Ether Parish last Nov. from Andeduria, Ala. where they had served for five years. Before that they had served in Savannah, Ga. The minister is a native of Sylvania, Ga. and a Navy veteran of World War II.

His ministry has been well received since coming to the two churches. He has held revival meetings at both churches, doing his own preaching at each one of them. At the Seagrove church 15 additions was received as a result of the revival meeting, ten of which was by profession of faith. Five new additions were received at the Ether church.

At the Seagrove church the sanctuary and educational building has been air conditioned and some remodeling, at a cost of \$3,000. The Ether church has recently voted to build a new church structure, with Leonard Kern and Jack Floyd serving as chairman and co-chairman, respectively. All of the men of the church will constitute the other members of the committee.

Interest and increased attendance at the Ether church has also been noted since the coming of Rev. Anderson.

This church had reached a low ebb before he arrived and the attendance had got down to about 10 or 12. Attendance since that time has gone as high as 40.

The birthday cake for the honoring of the pastor was baked by Miss Glenda Kennedy, a 16-year-old young woman of the Ether community.

### **Fifth Annual Picnic Honors Residents Of Rest Home**

Aug. 19, 1971 - Residents of Randolph Rest Home were honored by the home managers, David and Lou Wilson, at the 5<sup>th</sup> annual picnic outing at the home Sunday, Aug. 15.

Family members of the residents joined in the annual event. Over 200 people were present, including residents, family members and special guests.

The picnic tables and chairs were placed on the spacious front lawn, in front of the three main buildings. Entertainment was provided by the Pioneer's Quartet, Sophia Baptist Church trio, and the Morris Sisters from Franklinville.

Special guests included Marion Smith, Mrs. Anne Shields, Mrs. Addie Luther and Miss Linda Frazier from the Department of Social Services and several members of the Golden Age Club.

Also, Rev. Mike Engle, Rev. J.O. Smith, Harvey Horner and H.C. Ammonds. Rev. Engle conducts religious services at the home on Tuesday of each week while Horner and Ammonds, laymen at Oakhurst Baptist Church, hold Sunday School services at the home on each Sabbath morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A.V. Burrow and the residents at Burrow's Rest Home and Mrs. Sylvia Robbins and the patients at Sylvia's Home were also on hand for the picnic dinner. Mr. and Mrs. Burrow were managers of Randolph Rest Home for almost 11 years before starting their own smaller home on Highway 64 east.

Mrs. Lou Wilson, daughter of the Burrows, and her husband, David, have been in charge for the past five years. However, Mrs. Wilson first came to the home with her parents at the age of 14.

Mrs. Wilson pinned a white carnation corsage on each lady resident and a white carnation on each male resident as they awaited the coming of their families and the other guests. Mrs. Wilson made the corsages for the people who are entrusted to her care and saw that the ladies had their hair done at the beauty shop.

She is grateful for the help she received in preparing her event, from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burrow, Ed Mills from Seafood Lodge, who donated his equipment, and from many others.

It was an enjoyable occasion, one which the home patients look forward to with great anticipation.

Residents at the home include Mrs. Melvina Snider, Mrs. Agnes McGill, Mrs. Bertha Varner, Miss Beatrice Mercer, Mrs. Lucy White, Miss Nannie Parks, Mrs. Mae Jarvis, Mrs. Dovie Scott, Fred Giles, Kerman Baker, Miss Lucille Woodell, Miss Ethel Woodell, Miss Louie McDowell, Mrs. Dossie Hill, Mrs. Frances Kearns, Raymond Creed, Mrs. Nettie Yow, John Huff, Ed Hill, Miss Dora (Prissie) McDowell, Miss Piggie Jarrell, Mrs. Bessie Summey, John Tucker, Ernest Vancannon, Tom Carter, Howard Burkhart, Dewey Williams, Mrs. Annis McKinney, Herbert Williamson, Solon York, and Billy Swaney.

### **Church Observes 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 24, 1971 - Piney Grove United Methodist Church, located in western Randolph County near Jackson Creek, observed the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding at annual homecoming services on Sunday, Aug. 21.

It was organized as a Methodist Protestant Church on Aug. 13, 1871, by Spencer [redacted] a licensed [redacted] of Pleasant Grove Methodist Protestant Church.

Rev. A. J. Laughlin was the first pastor and his first sermons were preached in a pine grove a short distance northwest of the present church site.

It is believed that an old building, perhaps a log one, served the church at the original site for the first few years of its existence.

Old records indicate that the first sermon in the "old" church building was preached in Apr., 1875 by Rev. Henry Lewallen, who was the second pastor of the church.

These same records state that the first sermon in the "new" church, presumably at the present site, was preached on the second Sunday in Sept., 1889 by Rev. W.A. Bunch, the 8<sup>th</sup> pastor at the church.

This service was said to have been the funeral service for Mary Jane Morgan, who along with her husband, Noah F. Morgan, had joined the church at a class meeting soon after its organization, actually in the same month.

At the time of organization there were eight charter members, namely, Alex Cameron, J.R. Cameron, Charity Cameron, W.J. Delk, Abasheba Delk, Julia Delk, B.A. Surratt, and Elizabeth Surratt.

Among the elderly members of the church who were present for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and homecoming service were Joe C. Delk, Sr., who joined in 1906, Mrs. Joe C. Delk, Sr., who joined in 1927, Mrs. R.C. Hoover, the former Bertie Snider, who joined in 1914, and B.L. (Pud) Hunt who joined in 1962. Hunt is a grandson of charter members B.A. Surratt and Elizabeth Surratt.

The oldest living member of Piney Grove Church, both in age and length of membership, 98-year-old Mrs. J.A. Morgan, was unable to be present. She joined the church in 1904.

This reporter called on her following the homecoming service. She recalled the time when she became a member, said "it has come out a whole lot since then," and also said "I have always loved Piney Grove."

Other older members not present at the homecoming service are Mrs. Sam Varner and Mrs. Arthur Garner, both of whom joined in 1916.

Joe Delk joined the church 65 years ago at the age of 13. He recalled that his father, John Delk, hauled logs to a water sawmill to help build the church on the present site. The original portion of this building still serves the congregation. However, there has been considerable remodeling and additions since that time.

Delk, now 78 years of age, put faith in the people who belonged to the church in his boyhood days, saying "they lived what they said they were" and he added, "if there is any good in me, I got it here," meaning at the Piney Grove Church.

His wife, the former Adletta Trogdon, who joined in 1927, is a daughter of a former pastor, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon.

The late Rev. C.H. Hill, a well known Methodist minister, was reared in the community. He joined the church on profession of faith in 1903 and returned as its pastor in 1934.

Priscilla Delk was the first convert in the church and she joined in 1877 during a protracted meeting held by Rev. R.H. Willis, who was pastor of the church at that time. She was an aunt of Astor Delk, who has long been one of the principal members of the church. His father, Frank Delk, also hauled logs to help build the church and one of the charter members, Julia Delk, was his grandmother.

A total of 325 people have belonged to the Piney Grove church since its founding. At the present time 68 persons comprise the membership.

In 1872, the second year of its existence, the membership had grown to 11 and the conference assessment was one dollar per member.

Progress is noted as the church enters its second century of service. A well has recently been bored and plans are in the making for an additional Sunday School room, two rest rooms, and a full basement for educational use and fellowship.

Rev. William C. Belcher has recently assumed the pastorate of the church and he preached the homecoming sermon on Aug. 22. His subject was "the homing instinct." Address for the church is Rt. 2, Denton.

### **Homemakers Honor Their Golden Agers At Church**

Aug. 28, 1971 – Members of the Brown's Cross Roads Homemakers Club honored their golden age group Aug. 21 at an annual event which began at least ten years ago.

Usually held at the club house, the festivities were moved this year to the beautiful new facilities at the fellowship hall of Rehobeth United Methodist Church.

Highlight of the occasion was the serving of the buffet meal, prepared by the ladies of the club, long noted for their skills and achievements in home demonstration circles, including cooking of a good meal.

Rev. H.M. Jamieson, Rehobeth pastor, expressed thanks for the meal and presented a brief program afterwards.

Mrs. Emma York Brower, 85, received a prize for being the oldest woman present. Ray Smith, 79, received recognition for being the oldest man in attendance.

Mrs. Lou B. Langley, who has long been active in the sponsorship of the golden age party, moved into the honored circle this year and was served first along with other members of the honored group. But it was noted that prior to the serving of the meal, she was active along with her fellow club members.

Other members of the golden age group included Mrs. Allene C. Parks, Mrs. Lela M. Johnson, Jeffrey Barker, Willie Moody, Mrs. Willie Moody, Mrs. Maud Frazier, Mrs. Lucy Y. Smith, Mrs. Floy V. Smith, June Burgess, Mrs. June Burgess, Alton Craven, Wade Edwards, and Mrs. Ray Smith.

Records in the file of this correspondent indicate that the first public gathering for the senior citizens was held in 1963. However, it was stated then than an occasion honoring the senior citizens was held two years earlier and it is believed that this first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lou B. Langley.

Mrs. Emma Brower, Mrs. Lela M. Johnson, June Burgess, and Jeffrey Barker were among the 19 persons honored at the 1963 event and were the only four still on hand for the 1971 party, even though others who were present in 1963 are still living.

Officers of the Brown's Cross Roads Club are Mrs. Roby Coe, president; Mrs. Herbert Brower, vice president; Mrs. Alfred Brower, secretary; and Mrs. Henry Lawson, treasurer.

Other members are Mrs. Nannie Cox, Mrs. Ray Smith, Mrs. A.J. Lineberry, Mrs. Charlie Staley, Mrs. Wade Edwards, Mrs. Lou B. Langley, Mrs. Wrenn Smith, Mrs. Emma Brower, Mrs. D.N. Johnson, Mrs. Ray Moffitt, Mrs. Kermit Frazier, Mrs. L.M. Sizemore, Mrs. James Coward, and Mrs. Shelton Parks.

### **Rustic Homeplace Scene Of Reunion For Charles Samuel Cox Family**

Aug. 31, 1971 – The eight children of Charles Samuel Cox and his wife, Mary Alice Perry Cox, held a reunion Sunday, Aug. 29 at their old homeplace on Rt. 1, Seagrove, the first they had held there since the death of their parents.

The old place, unpainted but picturesque with the carved woodwork on its exterior and its interior construction of wide boards, has more or less been unoccupied since the death of Charlie Cox Aug. 4, 1956, at the age of 93.

The original portion of the one-story, six-room house, at which Mary Alice Perry Cox lived before her marriage, is believed to be considerable more than a hundred years old. One room in this portion is constructed of logs and a log kitchen, separate from the main portion of the house, formerly stood to the rear of the present dwelling.

But the old place was spruced up for the return of the eight children to the home in which all of them were born and reared. The premises were cleanly mown and path was cleared to the old spring from which the family received their water supply.

The two oldest children of Charlie and Mary Alice Cox were twins, Eben Cox, who resides on Rt. 1, Seagrove, and his sister, Miss Conie Cox, who has spent her mature years in Greensboro.

The other children are William H. (Willie) Cox, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Robert Cox, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Annie Beane, Asheboro, Mrs. Lillie Gatlin, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Joseie Rumley, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Herbert Cox, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

With the exception of Miss Conie Cox, all of the brothers and sisters lived in the same general vicinity until Mrs. Beane moved to Asheboro, even though they were served by two different mail routes.

The older brothers and sisters first attended the school at Antioch, then after consolidation the Cox children attended the school at Shiloh. Their parents are buried in the cemetery at Shiloh Christian Church. Mrs. Cox preceded her husband in death by seven years, dying on Feb. 13, 1949.

Mrs. Annie Brown Baldwin, of Greensboro, a cousin of the brothers and sisters, was a special guest at the family reunion.

Rev. Earlie Tucker, pastor of Antioch Christian Church, was also among the guests in attendance. In his prayer, he gave thanks "for this homeplace and what it symbolizes."

In contrast to the rustic surroundings, two guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Craven, arrived on the scene in a modern mode of transportation, a helicopter. Later, Craven took some of the reunion attendants in helicopter flights over the area.

It was a day of nostalgia for most of those who were present at the reunion event, as the children and grandchildren of Charlie and Mary Alice Cox walked once



again through the rooms of the old house and made their way to the spring.

The place is owned by the youngest in the family, Herbert Cox, who lives across the road from the old homeplace. All of the children except Herbert have passed the age of Social Security. Herbert's youngest son, Roy, a recent graduate of Appalachian State University, was scheduled to leave for four years of service in the Navy shortly following the holding of the reunion.

### **Randolph Church Resumes Its Annual Picnic**

Sept. 1, 1971 – Kildee Wesleyan Church, situated in the fertile farm land of eastern Randolph County, near the Chatham County line, held a Sunday School picnic Saturday evening, Aug. 28.

Formerly the Sunday School picnic was a traditional event at Kildee but the church had got away from the practice until recently. But it was speculated that the annual picnic will be resumed, considering the enjoyment of those attending the one last Saturday night.

The older people sat in chairs in front of the church building and talked, while Foy Gann, superintendent of the Sunday School, and his assistants kept two outdoor furnaces going.

Hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked and served with all of the trimmings. Cakes, pies, puddings and other desserts had been prepared and brought to the occasion by the ladies of the church and Sunday School.

Afterwards, the older people sat again and talked, the younger folks played games under the supervision of Evangeline Gann, the superintendent's wife, and the children around and played among themselves.

The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Apple, were there, coming across the road from the parsonage which is flanked by a row of Crepe Myrtle, in full bloom.

Formerly a Pilgrim Holiness Church before the merger of the Pilgrims and the Wesleyans, the Kildee church congregation is comparatively small but is a closely knit group which has a beneficial influence in the community in which it is located.

The congregation is enjoying a new addition which was completed over a year ago. It was an extension to the front of the building, including rest rooms and a nursery upstairs and a fellowship room in the basement. The nursery is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Fonna Kivett, a former well known Asheboro beautician who lived in the community at the time of her death.

Buried in the cemetery are such familiar community names as York, Burgess, Kivett, Bridges, Barker, and Edwards. First person buried in the cemetery was Edward L. Hudson who died in 1903. Another person buried in the cemetery, a young girl, Lora Staley, died in 1913. She was the daughter of George and Doska York Staley.

### **\$2,000 Goal Set For Musical Benefit Country, Blue Grass And Gospel**

Sept. 2, 1971 – A multitude of bands, country music, Blue Grass, and gospel, will make their appearance at a huge benefit program for a fellow musician at the Big "O" Jamboree building, 13 miles south of Graham, on Sept. 12.

Causey McPherson of Asheboro, who plays bass in the McPherson Brothers Band, will be the recipient of the funds

derived from the benefit. He has been ill from a cancerous disease for over two years.

The benefit program is being sponsored by Fletcher and Lillian Poe, Julian restaurant operators and long identified with the musical world. Thus far, 28 bands have volunteered their services for the program.

The program will begin at 1 p.m. and will continue through the afternoon and evening. There will be two stages, gospel and country music on the inside and Blue Grass on the outside. The building will seat 900. Admission will be \$2 per person, with children under 12 admitted free when accompanied by their parents.

The two stages will operate simultaneously. Food will be on sale during the benefit. The jamboree building is located on Highway 87. The owners of the building, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Overman, have donated the use of the building and grounds for the benefit.

Plans for the benefit are being made by a committee, composed of Mrs. Lillian Poe, chairman, and Al Foster, Jack Garner, John T. Brown, Frank Stanley, Leon Todd and Ben Thompson. All of the leading musical bands in the Piedmont area of North Carolina are expected to participate.

Causey McPherson, a carpenter by trade, became ill in Jan., 1969. After x-rays at a Salisbury hospital, his condition was diagnosed as Hodgkins Disease, a cancerous condition of the lymph glands.

An Army veteran of 37 months during World War II, he was admitted to the Veterans Hospital in Durham for treatment. He was in and out of this hospital until Apr. of this year. He was told his condition could not be cured but could be arrested. But his body became so weak he had to be assisted in the pursuit of his personal needs.

He heard about the Bio Medical Center in Tijuana, Mexico from other residents of this locality and, accompanied by his wife, flew to there the first of June. The couple spent the night in a motel on this side of the border and the next morning walked across the line, where they were taken to the medical center.

They stayed at the clinic for one day. While there, McPherson was x-rayed, submitted to blood tests, and received a six months supply of medicine. They came back across the border, spent the night and returned home the next day.

His condition has improved considerably. However, he is still unable to work and has not worked any since his original illness over two years ago. He will return to the Mexican clinic six months following his first visit.

The McPherson Brothers Band has been organized for nine years. Comprising the band are Causey and three brothers, Junior, Russell, and Vernie, along with Vernon Allred and Gene Mashburn.

Just before Causey flew to the Mexican clinic, a musical benefit was held for him at a jamboree site south of Trinity. Funds derived from this benefit were used to defray his expenses to the clinic in Mexico. Mrs. Poe and her committee members have established a \$2,000 goal for the benefit program at the Big "O" Jamboree site.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson reside at 506 Turner St. in the northern area of Asheboro. Mrs. McPherson is employed part-time at a school cafeteria.

### **5,500-Mile Trip Back To Her Birth Place**

Sept. 6, 1971 – Miss Darlene Rumbley, 16-year-old resident of 406 Old Liberty Rd., took an exciting 5,500-mile trip recently, back to San Diego, Calif. where she was born.

She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Ray Rumbley, her 5-year-old sister, LuAnn, her aunt, Mrs. Edward Bonkemeyer, and her cousin, Ricky Bonkemeyer. The trip was made by automobile.

Her father, who was serving in the Navy aboard the USS Hancock at the time of her birth, July 13, 1955, at the Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, was unable to accompany his family on the return trip due to the operation of his business here in Asheboro.

Darlene's parents had promised that someday they would take her back to the place where she was born. When she and the other members of her family arrived at the Balboa hospital on the recent trip, she was really excited and her mother said "You should have seen the look on her face."

Mrs. Rumbley brought her daughter home from California when she was 12 days old and they had not been back since that time. Mrs. Rumbley had lived there for a year prior to her daughter's birth, had lived there for a shorter period at a time before that and had visited Rumbley with his parents before their marriage, when she was Miss Lois Bonkemeyer.

"We liked it back then," said Mrs. Rumbley, but added, "It's changed now and I wouldn't want to live there now." She said the highways were so different now, "the people drive like maniacs." But the travelers were fortunate in that the highway on which they went into San Diego took them right by the hospital which they wanted to visit.

The visitors spent three nights in California and visited in Old Mexico while they were there. They went to California by the southern route and came back "Route 66" of the television series or the middle route. They toured Grand Canyon while on their trip. They were gone 12 days.

### **Magician Entertains At Annual Grantville Father-Son Banquet**

Sept. 7, 1971 – A father-son banquet highlighted the meeting of the Grantville Civitan Club Thursday evening, Sept. 2.

Garland Auman, local magician, entertained the young boys as well as their fathers following the bountiful meal which was prepared by members of the Woman's Fellowship of Union Grove Christian Church, which was served by Mrs. Howard Byrd, Mrs. Fred Tedder, Mrs. Billy Morrison, and Mrs. Burgess Hayes.

Young guests included Mike Hinshaw, son of the club president, Zim Hinshaw, Randy and Robie Wilson and Craig Pritchard, grandsons of Lewis Pritchard, along with his sons, L.D. and Roger Pritchard, Rayvon Cox, son of Leonard Cox, and Mike Johnson, son of Donald Johnson.

Also, Chris and David Frazier, sons of Joe Frazier, Carl Byrd, son of C.E. Byrd, Todd Stout, son of Page Stout, Jeffrey Rhodes, grandson of Fred Snow, Curtis and Todd Smith, nephews of Leslie Smith and sons of absentee member, Darrell Smith, Chris McCracken, guest of Leslie Smith, Joey Norred, son of Rev. Jimmy Norred, and Mark Cockerham, son of George Cockerham.

Lynn Hall, a newcomer to the community, was the guest of Grayson Byrd at the meeting.

Announcement was made of a father-daughter banquet which will be held by the club on the first Thursday evening in Oct.

Discussion was also held concerning a dove hunt which the club will sponsor Sept. 10 and 11 at the old Myrtle Smith place in the vicinity of Highway 13.

### **Faith Temple Mission Is A Church On Wheels**

Sept. 8, 1971 – A unique ministry in a mobile chapel has been initiated by Rev. Richard J. Trogdon in the vicinity of his home on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

He has organized the Faith Temple Baptist Mission and regular services are being held in the mobile unit, consisting of sanctuary, two Sunday School rooms and two rest rooms.

The sanctuary has a seating capacity of around 70 and is modern with its paneled walls and carpeted floor. Already a partition has been removed to accommodate those attending the services.

Revival services have been scheduled for Sept. 13-18, with Rev. Joe Parsons, 72-year-old evangelist from Anderson, S.C., doing the preaching.

The regular service at the mobile chapel on Sunday, Sept. 5, featured the singing of the Calvary Quartet from High Point and the Glenn Davis Singers from Asheboro and was followed by lunch on the outside. The sanctuary was completely filled for this service.

Don Whaley, a blind ministerial student at Piedmont Bible College and a member of the Calvary Quartet, will occupy the pulpit at the chapel on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Services at the mobile chapel began the latter part of June this year. Trogdon's ministry prior to this time had consisted of tent evangelism and preaching in various churches in the area in which he lives, in addition to churches in other places.

Sunday School is held at the chapel each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, followed by worship services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Prayer meeting is on Wednesday evenings at 7 o'clock.

Bobby Cooper presides over the Sunday School period while his wife, Janice, plays the new piano which the mission has purchased. Mackie Hammer teaches the adult class while Mrs. Sharon Johnson, experienced in flannelgraph, teaches the children. Secretary and treasurer is Mrs. Kay Thompson.

The mobile chapel unit is located on the premises of the minister's home, where he resides with his wife, the former Barbara Routh, and their five young children.

### **Pritchards Honored On 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Sept. 8, 1971 – Mr. and Mrs. David McKinley Pritchard, Sr., 111 Greenwood Rd. were honored at a surprise reception Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hostess was their daughter, Miss Sharon Dawn Pritchard, a second year student at Peace College, Raleigh.

Joining her in the honoring of their parents were her brothers, David McKinley Pritchard, Jr., a graduate student at the University of North Carolina, and Neil Brian, a student at North Asheboro Junior High School.

The hosts' gift to their parents was a grandfather clock equipped with Westminster chimes.

The Pritchards were married Sept. 6, 1946 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Hill, in North Asheboro. Rev. D.C. Stone performed the ceremony. Mrs.

Pritchard is the former Miss Velna Juanita Hill. Pritchard is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. A.H. Pritchard.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard were invited out by friends for Sunday dinner and during their absence their children prepared the home for the surprise reception and the honoring of their parents.

Helping the hostess and her brothers in the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Russell, who took Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard out to dinner, and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Fann, Mrs. Meleese Myers, Mrs. Jean Varner, Miss Sherry Russell, Mike Deutsch, and Colbert Hinshaw.

Mrs. Myers is a sister of Mrs. Pritchard while Mrs. Barnes and Mrs. Fann are her nieces. Mrs. Varner is a sister of McKinley Pritchard.

One hundred and eleven guests registered for the anniversary event, calling between the hours of two to five. Rev. and Mrs. Sam Parker and daughter, Pamela, of Central, S.C., were unable to come but sent a lovely arrangement of flowers to commemorate the anniversary event of their friends.

Mrs. Pritchard, who was wearing a double knit dress of pink and beige print, was presented with a white angel orchid upon her arrival home from lunch. Her husband was presented with a white carnation. Miss Pritchard, the hostess, wore a printed jersey dress of lavender, blue, green and beige, maxi-length.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard have been prominently identified with the activities of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church in the North Asheboro area, where they were born and reared. They sing in the choir. Mrs. Pritchard teaches a class and is a former president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Pritchard is associated with the ownership of Jordan's Sheet Metal and Plumbing Co. and Asheboro Motor Company.

## **Pastor To Be Honored For 50 Years Of Service**

Sept. 13, 1971 — Rev. T.R. York, pastor of Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, will be honored for 50 years in the ministry in a special service at his church on Sunday, Sept. 19.

Forty years has been spent in the pastorate of two churches, the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church near Thomasville, and the First Wesleyan Church in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The Mt. Zion church, a rural pastorate, was his first full-time pastorate and he stayed there for over 28 years. He was at the St. Petersburg church for 12 years.

After 46 years of active ministry and many building projects, he came to the small Mt. Olivet church in Aug., 1967, supposedly to slow down. However, his activity since coming would indicate otherwise.

Two old friends will come to Mt. Olivet to pay tribute to Rev. York and his ministry, which has been full and fruitful throughout the 50 years of its existence.

District Judge F.T. Henderson of Winston-Salem, an outstanding Baptist layman, will speak at 11 a.m. Dr. A. Odell Leonard, former pastor of the Second United Church of Christ, Lexington, will be the speaker in the afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Dr. Leonard served the Lexington church, the former Evangelical and Reformed Church, for 45 years and was

closely associated with Rev. Mr. York during his 28 years at the nearby Mt. Zion church.

Rev. R.S. Shelton of Kernersville, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, will bring greetings at the afternoon session. Rev. Mr. York's ministry has been affiliated with the former Pilgrim Holiness denomination, which merged a few years ago with the Wesleyan Methodist Church.

When Rev. Theodore Roosevelt York assumed the pastorate of the Mt. Olivet church, located between Ramseur and Liberty, he came back to the vicinity of his birth. He was born in Ramseur, the son of John F. and Mary Jane York.

He moved with his parents to Asheboro at any early age and was living there at the time of his conversion at the Pilgrim Holiness Church on Hoover Street.

He left Asheboro in 1921 to prepare for the ministry at the Beulah Bible School at Shackelford, Va. He supplied churches in the area of the school as a student minister.

In addition to the Mt. Zion and St. Petersburg churches, he has served the Bethlehem Circuit in Alamance County, consisting of Bethlehem, Pleasant Grove and Pleasant Union, and the First Wesleyan Church in Lexington.

While at the Mt. Zion church, he supplied the denominational churches at Denton, Staley, and the St. Paul Church in Rowan County. While at Bethlehem, he built the First Wesleyan Church at Siler City.

Other building programs during his ministry have occurred at Mt. Zion, Bethlehem, St. Paul, St. Petersburg and Mt. Olivet, even though he came to the latter place for a slowdown of his extended ministry.

His ministry over the past half century has been marked by many conference duties and assignments, both in North Carolina and Florida, in addition to his pastoral duties. He conducted a radio ministry for 18 years and has participated in a number of evangelistic campaigns in the West Indies. He plans to go to the West Indies again this fall.

His wife is the former Kathleen Earnhardt, a native of Rowan County, and they are the parents of a daughter, Mary Charlotte, who is married to Rev. F.A. Sumwalt, pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church in Winston-Salem.

His extra-curricular activities have not ceased since his "semi-retirement" at Mt. Olivet. He serves as president of the Ramseur Ministerial Association and participates in many community projects.

A basket lunch will be served on the church lawn at Mt. Olivet on Sunday, Sept. 19, between the morning and afternoon services. The annual Sunday School rally service will be held at 10 a.m.

## **4 Former Pastors Attend Annual Homecoming**

Sept. 16, 1971 — Despite the inclement weather, a successful homecoming service was held at Ramseur Wesleyan Church Sunday, Sept. 12.

Rev. M.M. Holmes, pastor of the church during 1955-57, was speaker at the annual service. The sanctuary, in which the congregation presently worships, was completed and dedicated during his pastorate.

A love offering for another former pastor, Rev. R.J. Hobbs, was taken during the service. Rev. Mr. Hobbs served the church for 9 years, leaving in 1969. His daughter, Esther, has undergone a serious illness and the expense has been

considerable. Money received during the day of homecoming amounted to several hundred dollars.

The venerable Rev. W.A. Way of Greensboro was present for the service, along with his new wife, the former Dorothy Chilcete Pemberwood of Mt. Gilead, Ohio, to whom he was married two years ago next month. The Rev. Mr. Way, who is now 85 years of age, has been preaching since 1904. He was pastor of the Ramseur church in 1911.

This was the first visit of the new Mrs. Way, who is also a minister, to the church which her husband pastored 60 years ago, although he has come back frequently since he left. Mrs. Way affiliates with another denomination. She is a Quaker and a member of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends. She is a veteran of 35 or more years in the ministry and has been identified with the activities of the World Gospel Mission.

Way's first wife was the late Mamie Cox Way who originally came from the Parks Cross Roads community near Ramseur. She was the daughter of Henry Cox. Rev. Mr. Way was asked at the Ramseur homecoming if he still preached and he replied "every time I get a chance."

Another former pastor, Rev. Wray J. Smith, and daughter, Mary, of Kernersville, arrived at the conclusion of the service and remained for the homecoming dinner. Rev. Mr. Smith left the church 22 years ago, following a pastorate of 8 years.

The Rev. Mr. Hobbs, now pastor of the Foster Street Wesleyan Church in Asheboro, was also on hand for the dinner which was held in the town hall, due to prevailing weather conditions.

The crowd was one of the largest to attend a homecoming service and the town hall was crowded, indicating to the congregation the need for a fellowship building, for which \$14,871.97 has already been raised, as noted on the Sunday School register board.

Rev. J.M. Newell, longtime member of the congregation, was recognized as having served as overseer for the church sanctuary when it was erected nearly 20 years ago. Rev. Mr. Newell serves as pastor of Brown's Chapel Christian Church in Moore County, on loan from the Wesleyan District Conference.

Rev. Leon Thompson, who has completed his second year in the church pastorate, presided over the homecoming service. A Baptist soloist Malcolm Strider, rendered special singing and directed the choir. The spirit was high and shouts of praise were heard as the soloist sang "The Glad Reunion Day."

## **Couple Celebrate Their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Sept. 16, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Clifford (Cliff) Tilley, Rt. 3, Randleman, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Sept. 12 with 150 of their friends coming by to honor them on the occasion.

The open house hours were scheduled from 2 until 5, but some came early and others kept coming until late in the night.

The Tilley home is located on a dead-end road in the Level Cross community, where other members of the Tilley family reside. It is a beautiful home, with a mixture of antique furnishings, and is in contrast to the two-room dwelling to which Mr. and Mrs. Tilley came 20 years ago.

Cliff Tilley is a native of Patrick County, Va., whose parents, Mrs. Lacy Edwards Tilley and the late William Ira

Tilley, came to the community where the family now lives. He was working in the shipyard at Wilmington at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Tilley, the former Rebecca Reynolds, was born in Greensboro but moved with her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Reynolds, to Carolina Beach at an early age.

The couple were married Sept. 7, 1946 at the Carolina Beach Baptist Church, the first couple to be married in that sanctuary.

Standing with Mr. and Mrs. Tilley to greet their friends at their anniversary observance were their daughter, Janet Lynne Marley, and their son-in-law, D. Reid Marley of Siler City; their son, Edward Lawrence Tilley; and Tilley's mother, Mrs. Lacy Edwards Tilley.

Many friends and members of their families assisted them in the receiving of their guests.

These included Mrs. Tilley's two sisters, Mrs. J.W. Hill, Virgilina, Va., Mrs. Lawrence Lawson, Wilmington, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Murray, Richmond, Va., her niece, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd G. Reynolds, Greensboro, her cousins, and Mr. and Mrs. D.B. Hilliard, her former employer and close friends from Randleman.

Also, Tilley's sisters, Mrs. David Simmons and husband of Charlotte, Mrs. Thelma Washburn, Greensboro, Mrs. Lester Crotts, Randleman, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Tilley, of Greensboro. Another brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tilley, Randleman, were also in attendance.

Others helping included Mr. and Mrs. O.C. Watkins, Roanoke, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Campbell, Greensboro, Mrs. Lewis Routh, Randleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Davis and Mrs. Charles McCaskill, Jr., of the local community.

Mrs. Tilley wore a white and silver brocade dress for the anniversary occasion and her corsage was white mums with silver bells. Her daughter, Mrs. Marley, was dressed in Navy Blue and white, with silver accessories and a corsage of white mums. The men wore white carnations for boutonnières.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilley are members of First Baptist Church, Randleman, where Mrs. Tilley teaches a class. They are a part of the original group who started the development of the Level Cross community and have been active in the affairs of that area. Tilley is a member of Rotary Club in Randleman and the Civitan Club in Level Cross.

He has been employed with Carolina Steel Co. in Greensboro for 20 years while Mrs. Tilley has served as secretary and bookkeeper at Hilliard Brothers Lumber Co. in Randleman for nearly 12 years.

## **Former Students Attend Reunion At Poplar Ridge Elementary**

Sept. 22, 1971 - Approximately 200 former students of the Poplar Ridge Elementary School attended a reunion at the old school site Saturday evening, Sept. 13.

The school was discontinued in 1951, but the old school house still stands as a part of the buildings of Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting on Rt. 1, Trinity in Tabernacle Township.

It is a small frame building which was divided by a partition after it became a two-teacher school. The school was founded in 1879. A log structure served the first students who came to the school. Part of the present building is constructed of wide boards, characteristic of early buildings.

The school reunion took the form of an old fashioned school exhibition, including dialogue, songs, string music, skit and poems. Dallas Rush, a former student and teacher at the school, was the presiding officer.

Other former teachers in attendance were Bertha Wall, Minnie Briles Kennedy, Ruth Spencer Ward, Verda Briles Hughes, and Mattie Royals Snyder.

Mrs. Snyder, 86, taught at the school 64 years ago. Two of her students were Etta Briles Welborn, 80, and Mrs. Myrtle Hoover Dorsett, 75, both of whom were present at the reunion and reminisced with Mrs. Snyder concerning their school days at Poplar Ridge.

Enos Skeen, 80, was not a student of Mattie Royals Snyder but she recalls that "he hung around here a lot, looking after Ettie's sister, Winnie," to whom he was later married.

Skeen first attended the school 79 years ago when the building was a log one. He was the oldest living former student at the reunion.

Platform for the re-enactment of the old school exhibition was attached to the south side of the old school building and was complete with curtain and steps.

The dialogue, entitled "The Courtship of Polly Do-Little," was written from memory by Mrs. Minnie Briles Kennedy and was the same dialogue which was presented at one of the school exhibitions many years ago. Characters in the dialogue were Ida Crotts Miller, Henry O. Rush, Robert Skeen and Cicero Spencer.

Members of the school quartet were Ailene Caughron Kearns, Blanche Lanier Johnson, Walter Lanier, and Robert Skeen. Members of the string band, the Rock Fence Ramblers, were Joseph Hill, Walter Lanier, Barney Pierce, and Carl Pierce.

Barney Pierce is Minister of Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting and a new Meeting House, located directly across the road from the old school building, is nearing completion.

Other ministers and also former students at the school in attendance at the reunion included Dallas Rush, Reece Wall, and Charles B. Walker.

Coming from a distance to attend the reunion were Mrs. Blanche Cramer, Gardner, Kansas, Mrs. Marsella Burns, Oletha, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spencer, Surf Side, S.C., and Tsg. Dennis E. Hepler, Nashville, Ga.

Everyone who came from a distance of 25 miles or further were given samples of the "cafeteria food" of many years ago, a baked sweet potato.

Before the beginning of the "exhibition," the large number of former students reminisced together, renewed old acquaintances, re-visited the old classrooms and enjoyed a huge meal, spread picnic-style on the old school grounds. Many extra tables had to be carried out to accommodate all of the food which was brought.

### **Ramseur VFW Membership Recognized**

Sept 23, 1971 - Ramseur V.F.W. Post No. 9335 was recognized Thursday evening for having become the first post in North Carolina to attain 100 percent in membership for the current post year.

This attainment became possible when the post brought their yearly membership up to the total of members which they had last year.

Bill Revelle, of Lexington, District Ten Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, was present at the bi-monthly meeting of the post and presented Bill Rinehardt, local

commander, with both state and national membership awards.

Revelle, commander of the largest district in the state, had high praise for the Ramseur post and regards it as one of the most effective in his district.

The Ramseur post holds two meetings a month, a business meeting on the first Thursday night and a family night gathering on the third Thursday.

On last Thursday night the meeting was held on the front lawn at the V.F.W. building.

The members, their wives and families enjoyed hot dogs and hamburgers, topped off by various flavors of homemade ice cream.

In the winter months they enjoy their meals on the inside of the building, gathering heat from the large pot-bellied stove which is located therein.

One principal contribution of Ramseur Post No. 9335 is their sponsorship of the "avenue of flags," placing flags on either side of Highway 64 on the designated days.

### **Seagrove, Route 2 News**

Sept. 24, 1971 - The Jeff McNeill family reunion will be held Sunday, October 3 at the Asbury Baptist Church hut in the Sleeds Community. Lunch at 1:00, all relatives and friends are invited to attend. Please come.

The Asbury Baptist Church gave a love offering to Frank Lamon King. The amount was \$500. King is a bed-ridden patient at Clapps Nursing Home in Nursing Home in Asheboro. He has Multiple Sclerosis. He is the son of Mrs. Vellie Cole King and the late Rev. Bascomb King. Anyone desiring to give a donation can send it to Mrs. Robert Auman, sister of King, to Box 226 Seagrove.

The annual Freeman reunion was held at the Star Elementary School Sunday, September 19, beginning at 11:30. C. C. Freeman of Thomasville presided. Music and songs were by the band "Trumpets for Christ." Prayer was offered by Ned Freeman.

The minutes and treasure report were given by Mrs. Frank Fox of Franklinville. Gifts were given to Mrs. Alice Freeman Scarborough of Mt. Gilead being the oldest person attending the reunion, Sabra Pettus 4 year-old of Charleston, S.C. being the youngest to attend the reunion, Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Freeman of Coosawhatchie, S. C. traveled the most miles to attend the reunion. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Freeman had the most children attending the reunion.

The speaker was Doug Loop, a layman of Thomasville, who brought a timely message. Kester Williams of Star returned thanks before the meal. The afternoon was devoted to visiting and renewing acquaintances.

Charles, S. C. spent the weekend with Mrs. T. R. Freeman. Mrs. Faye Patille and children of Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fox and Emerson visited during the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Shuford Hancock and family spend most of last week in Roanoke, Va. due to the death of her mother, Mrs. S. G. Akers on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gillis and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hall and family at Matthews Sunday. Hadley Auman went to a Durham hospital first of this week for check up.

Cindy and Richard Miller of Greensboro spent Friday and Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Williamson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott visited Jason Reeder at the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst Friday night. Mr. and

Mrs. Otis Smith of Asheboro visited Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Scott Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hogan and family and Mr. and Mrs. Neal Cooper and family spent Saturday and Sunday at the mountains. While there they went to The Land of Oz.

## **New Parsonage Dedicated to Sandy Creek Baptists**

Sept 24, 1971 - A new parsonage, modern in design and construction, has been dedicated by the Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Liberty.

The building is located directly across the road from the historic grounds on which the first church was established in 1755.

A dedicatory service and open house was held Sunday afternoon, September 19, following the annual homecoming service in the morning.

Special tribute was paid in the dedicatory service to the late Miss Ida Williams, who had bequeathed her entire estate to the church for the building of a home for the minister.

Her death occurred on January 7, 1967 at the age of 84. Several years earlier, on June 6, 1952, she had deeded to the church the three-acre tract on which the new parsonage was built.

Mrs. Willis Swift presented the memorial plaque which referred to Miss Williams as one "Who gave herself as well as her substance in loving devotion to Christ's service."

Additional words of tribute came from Mrs. Swift who said "She was one of the most dedicated Christians I have ever known."

Former pastor Rev. Buel Creason, who spoke at the dedicatory service said, "One of her dreams was to see a parsonage built."

Miss Williams' brother, 85-year-old Cleve Williams, sole surviving member of her immediate family, accepted the plaque in behalf of himself and numerous other relatives who were in attendance. The response was said by his granddaughter, Miss Gale Williams.

This was the first parsonage to be erected by the Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church, which was organized shortly after the turn of the century, or by the turn of the century, or by any of the churches which have been located on the hallowed site.

Talk began back in 1941 concerning the building of a parsonage and gained more impetus with the deeding of the site and the later bequest of \$6,159.12 from Miss Williams' estate.

Its erection followed improvements to the main church building, which included the addition of Sunday School rooms and the installation of central heating and air conditioning.

The new, brick-veneered residence contains 2,000 square feet of space on the upper level and 400 square feet in the basement. Sheet-rock, paneling and wall paper comprise the interior construction.

The four bedrooms and the living-dining room combination are carpeted. Other areas of the house are the kitchened combination, utility room, one full bath, three half-baths, and a two-car garage.

Special recognition was given to Curtis Dodson, a Sandy Creek member who worked as a carpenter on the building. He dug the foundation last June and put in many hours after the other workmen had left. At the dedicatory service,

he was assigned the responsibility of attaching the memorial plaque alongside the front entrance.

Cost of the building has been placed at \$28,000. But the overall valuation is estimated to be considerably more, due to the donation of the site and the additional volunteer labor of Curtis Dodson and other members of the church congregation. Russell Routh served as chairman of the parsonage committee.

Occupying the parsonage will be the church pastor, Rev. Carl K. Garner, his wife, Ann, and their four children, Andy, 19, Joy, 17, and twins, James and John, age 12. Rev. Mr. Garner came to the church three years ago this coming November.

Rev. Talmadge Williams, also a former pastor, was speaker at the homecoming service which preceded the dedicatory service. Flowers were placed in the sanctuary in memory of Miss Williams,

Dewey Kirkman, and Elder Shubal Stearns, founder of the original church, who died 200 years ago.

## **They Observe Their 63<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary**

Sept 28, 1971 - Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Beck, Rt. 1, Seagrove, affirmed their faith in God, their hope of a hope in heaven, and their love for each other as they reached the 63<sup>rd</sup> year of their marriage Saturday, September 18.

The two oldest members of Union Grove Baptist Church, Beck is 85 years of age, his wife is 83. They were married September 18, 1908 in Moore County where Mrs. Beck was born and reared.

Her husband is a native of Brower Township, where the couple now reside in an area known as "Beck Town."

It was a quiet anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Beck, with their children and some of their grandchildren coming in on Sunday for a quiet visit and family meal.

They stayed away from church, which is not their usual custom, in order to be with the members of their family. But Mrs. Beck said she was "mad at myself all morning" for not going. They are usually found in their places at the Union Grove church each Sunday morning and are very devoted to the church.

The bridegroom of 63 years ago reminded this reporter that he fell in love with Mrs. Beck the first time he saw her. His statement a few years ago was "I thought a heap of her the first time I saw her." He said a reason for divorce was "love was left out." He further stated "when they have the right love, I believe it will last."

The couple reiterated their belief in everlasting life, saying "we are not rich in worldly goods but all of our riches are in heaven. We are going to collect them soon. Our time is short."

Mr. and Mrs. Beck have reared six children, all of whom came to be with their parents on the day following their anniversary. They are, Walter Leonidas and Junior Beck, of the same community, Philip Beck and Maggie Trotter, of Asheboro, Alice Setzer, of High Point, and Virginia Jones, of Burlington.

## **Friends Honor Rev. York for 50 Years of Service**

Friends from far and near honored Rev. T. R. York for 50 years in the ministry at a special service which was held Sunday, September 19, at his church, the Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty.

Others sent greetings through a program testimonial which was prepared for the occasion.

The capacity crowd which filled the Mt. Olivet sanctuary for both morning and afternoon services was not confined to the denomination in which Rev. Mr. York has served these many years. Many people from other churches, both laity and ministers, were present.

A Baptist member of the judiciary, Judge B. T. Henderson, was the special speaker for the morning service. Dr. A. Odell Leonard, a retired Reformed minister, spoke in the afternoon service.

Judge Henderson said of Rev. Mr. York, "he has been consistent in his ministry, he did not put his hand to be the plow and turn back." Dr. Leonard spoke and York's contributions to the Mt. Zion church and the church community in Davidson County where he served for 28 years, in the same general area where Dr. Leonard served for a longer period of time. The subject of Dr. Leonard's remarks was "seeking a man."

The Baptist minister in Ramseur, Rev. Justice McKeel, brought greetings from the Ramseur Ministerial Association, of which the honored minister is president. The Methodist minister from Ramseur was also in attendance.

The denominational representatives were there also, the men and women with whom he had been associated throughout the long years of his ministry in the Pilgrim Holiness Church, now the Wesleyan Church.

Rev. R. S. Shelton, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, represented the denomination. He spoke of Rev. Mr. York's ministry as "fifty years without a strain on his character and fifty years without a reproach."

Dr. William H. Neff, former General Secretary of the Pilgrim Holiness Church of America, came to extend his greetings. Dr. Neff, now of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., also served as a district superintendent during Rev. Mr. York's tenure of service in Florida.

Floral arrangements came from the church in Siler City, where he served during the building of the church structure, and from the Bethlehem church in Alamance County, one of his early pastorates.

Bob Lowman, Minister of Music at the Siler City church, was present to participate in the afternoon service, and Rev. and Mrs. York's daughter, Charlotte, and her husband, Rev. F. A. Sumwalt, brought their choir from Christ Wesleyan Church in Winston-Salem to render special music for the occasion.

A bronze plaque was presented to the minister and his wife, a love offering was given to them and other gifts also.

It was a very special occasion in the 68-year-history of the Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church but more than anything else, it was a warm and deserved tribute to a minister who had rendered faithful service for a half of a century.

More amazing, however, is the realization that Rev. T. R. York's active ministry is not over. Following the special day in his honor, he and Mrs. York took a brief camping trip, then came back to their pastorate where he prepared to conduct a weekend revival in a church on the opposite side of the county.

## **New Officers Elected At Green Family Reunion**

Sept. 30, 1971-New officers were elected at the 6<sup>th</sup> reunion of the John Marion Green family which was held Sunday, September 26, at the old homeplace, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

They are Robert L. Green, Jamestown, president; Fred Barton, Richmond, Va., 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Richard Parks, Staley, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; Miss Carol Green, Jamestown, secretary; Robert Hatch Green, Winston-Salem, treasurer; and William E. Green, Asheville, re-elected historian.

Retiring officers, who had served since the beginning of the reunion in 1966, are James M. (Jim) Green, president, Mrs. Eugenia Green Wilson, secretary, Mrs. Madge Green Brinson, assistant to Mrs. Wilson, and Thomas J. Green, treasurer, all of whom reside on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

The retiring officers are children of Thomas Jackson (Tom) Green and his wife, Launa Blanche Cole Green. Thomas Jackson Green was the 11<sup>th</sup> and youngest child of John Marion Green and wife, Mary Alston Goldston Green, and spent his entire life at the old homeplace, site of last Sunday's reunion.

Other children of John Marion Green were Martha Bell Green, Sarah Ruth (Sallie) Foust, Robert Edward (Bob) Green, Mary Eugenie (Jennie) Parks, Joseph John Green, Laurie Lee Green, Margaret Ann (Maggie) Parks, Ida Marion (Duck) Shaw, Henry Leonidas (Lonnie) Green, and Frederick Augustus (Fred) Green.

John Marion Green brought his family finally to Randolph County some time after 1860 from their previous home in Chatham County, near Green's Mill on Rocky River, southwest of Pittsboro.

Most of the children in the family were born at the Chatham County home and three of them, Martha Bell, Joseph John and Laurie Lee, who died at an early age, were buried in the Green Cemetery which is located nearby.

On the day following the 6<sup>th</sup> session of the family reunion, Jim Green made a trip to the Clerk of Court's office in Pittsboro and deposited a sum of money to be used as a trust fund for the care and upkeep of the old cemetery, in behalf of the Green reunion organization.

While in the area Jim Green also re-visited the old family cemetery. He first visited the cemetery, where his ancestors are buried, in 1967, following his initiation of the Green reunion in the latter months of the previous year.

Attendance at the reunion this year was 135, more than has been present in any previous years. The group held their session and ate their picnic luncheon under the shade of the old elm trees at the John Marion Green homeplace.

## **Union Grove Church Plans Its Annual Fall Festival**

Oct. 4, 1971-The annual fall festival at the Union Grove United Church of Christ has been scheduled for Saturday, October 9, at the Grantville Community Center.

In connection with the festival this year, a public supper is being planned from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

Other activities will include a bazaar and other events inside of the building and youth sponsored activities on the ball court on the outside.

The bazaar and other activities will take place from 5:30 until 9 p.m.

Menu for the supper will consist of sausage, pancakes, grits, and a drink. Firms contributing to the supper will be Dainty Biscuit Co., Neese's Sausage Co., Staley Syrup Co., Holsum Bread Co., and Royal Crown Co.

Tickets for the meal are priced at \$1.50 for adults and one dollar for children under 12. All members of the Union Grove Sunday School and church are selling tickets.

All profits from the supper and other activities will go into a building fund for additional Sunday School rooms.

Conditions at Union Grove are crowded at the present time, one class is meeting in the church auditorium, other classes need to be divided and additional nursery space is urgent.

The church observed the 100<sup>th</sup> year of its founding five years ago. The first church structure, which was destroyed by fire, was believed to have had a second floor which was used by a Masonic Lodge.

A wooden arbor replaced the first building and old records indicate that authorization to sell the arbor was given in 1893. Sometime after that the present structure was built. The present building, however, is vastly different from the one which was built so many years ago. During the years it has been completely remodeled, brick-veneered and added to.

The Union Grove church has one of the best kept rural cemeteries in the county and the work on it is done voluntarily by the members of the congregation. Also, a complete plotting of the cemetery has been effected by the cemetery committee, composed of Edward Cagle, chairman, Van Brown and Jim Lawson.

Bobby Wright is serving as chairman of the fall festival. Assisting him are E. L. Oliver, supper chairman; Mrs. Gladys Johnson and Mrs. Sherrill Ambrose, bazaar and inside activities chairmen; Bobby Morrison, youth activities chairman; and Rev. Jimmy Norred, the church pastor, who is in charge of promotion.

### **Beauty Contestant Has Asheboro Ties**

Oct. 13, 1971-Miss Beth Shigley, whose mother is a North Asheboro native, was named Miss Marion Ind. back in the summer months and represented that city in the Miss Indiana competition in Michigan City, Ind.

This information has come back to the local area where the young beauty's mother, the former Miss Helen Browne, lived prior to her marriage.

Miss Shigley is the second eldest of seven children born to Dr. and Mrs. E. Harold Shigley, of which the first six were girls. Dr. Shigley, an ordained minister, is an official of Marion College.

Beth, who is active in the affairs of the College Wesleyan Church, sang a religious song, "I Believe," for her talent presentation, both in the city and state competition.

Now a junior at Marion College, she had been asked for the last two years to enter the Miss Marion Pageant. But she declined, saying, "I wanted to wait until I felt I was more mature."

Her background in music started back in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade when she started singing in ensembles. Later she was a member of the Marion High School Madrigal Singers for two years. She is in charge of the junior church program at her church and a member of gospel singing group which has traveled throughout the Midwest.

Her mother is remembered in the North Asheboro area as also having been an attractive and talented young woman. It is recalled that Helen Browne, now Mrs. Shigley, was active in the affairs of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, especially in the musical presentations, before she married and left the area.

Miss Shigley is the granddaughter of Mrs. S. T. Brown, of 111 Sheffield St., North Asheboro, and the late Rev. Mr. Brown.

### **Retired Station Agent Celebrates 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Oct. 14, 1971-Clarkson S. (Clark) Julian, a station agent for 45 years, observed his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday on October 8 at his home in Cedar Falls. Two days later, on Sunday, his family gathered to commemorate the event.

He retired in 1957, at the age of 72, and at that time the position in Cedar Falls was discontinued. He first worked as the relief agent at Cedar Falls, while his wife, the former Elsie Hayes, held the position of station agent.

Two and a half years or so before his wife's death he became the agent at Franklinville. This was during the World War I period. But upon her untimely death, at the age of 29, he succeeded her in the position at Cedar Falls and remained on the job until he retired.

His wife's father, John Thomas (Tom) Hayes, was the veteran station agent at Millboro, from which area Julian himself originated. Hayes later became the agent at Franklinville, at a time after his daughter's death, when the station at Millboro was discontinued.

Clark Julian was the only son of George Julian and Edith Delphina (Della) Fentriss Julian. He has two sisters, Mrs. V. M. (Florence) Aldridge, Sr., Asheboro, and Mrs. Walter (Atha) Bedding, Spencer.

He attended the old one-teacher school at Millboro and later furthered his education at King's Business College in Raleigh. Before he became a station agent, he taught school for two years and held a position as a bookkeeper and stenographer in Greensboro.

He first taught at the Julian's Grove school for \$25 a month, extending over a four-month period. His second school was at the new two-teacher school at Millboro, where he served as principal and received \$30 a month.

Some of the telegraphy which he used in his position with the Southern Railroad he learned from his late wife.

He is the father of four children, Miss Edna Julian, who resides with him in the home overlooking the river, Mrs. George (Velma) Walker, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Tommy (Vera) Haithcock, Asheboro, and George Julian, Chesapeake, Va., all of whom were young children when his wife died.

He has four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, all of whom were present for his birthday celebration, along with his four children. One of his sisters, Mrs. Aldridge, was also present.

One of the main concerns throughout the years has been the welfare of his children, the youngest of whom was less than two years old when his wife died. His children in turn are very devoted to the man who has been both father and mother to them.

### **Browns Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Oct. 19, 1971-Mr. and Mrs. T. E. (Buster) Brown, Rt. 3, Randleman, celebrated their 25 wedding anniversary on October 10 with 125 people calling at their home from 2 until 5.

Present were some of the attendants at their wedding on October 11, 1945 at the Randleman Pilgrim Holiness Church, now the First Wesleyan Church.



These attendants, who came back for the silver wedding anniversary, were Mrs. Harold Redding, Kernersville, Mrs. Everett Nixon, Gray Cashatt, Harold Cashatt, and Joe Shirley, Randleman, and Mrs. Rossie Gardner, High Point.

Mrs. W. L. Cockman, Rt. 2, Asheboro, wife of the officiating minister, was also among the anniversary guests, along with Rev. James L. Denny, present pastor, and Mrs. Denny, and Rev. C. C. McMasters, a former pastor, and Mrs. McMasters.

Buster Brown has been a Duke Power representative in Randleman for over 30 years and coming for the anniversary event were the past district manager of the power company, Hal A. Davis, and Mrs. Davis, of Asheboro, and the district superintendent, Johnny Barton, and Mrs. Barton, of Thomasville.

Mrs. Lewis Routh, a niece of Mrs. Brown, greeted the guests at the afternoon reception, after which they were registered by Jimmy Dorsett and Henry Lambeth.

Assisting in serving were Mrs. Jackie Penninger and daughter, Robin, Mrs. Henry Lambeth, Mrs. Gary Carmichael and Mrs. Jerry Browning, Miss Sabrina Penninger assisted with the gifts.

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smith, a function which was performed by Mr. and Mrs. Brown at the Smith's anniversary reception a few years ago.

Mrs. Brown wore a white and silver brocade dress for silver anniversary. Her flower was a white angel orchid while her husband wore a white carnation.

The former Nora Rebecca Robbins, Mrs. Brown is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Quincy Robbins, of the Rt. 1, Sophia area. Buster Brown is a native of Guilford County, in the Colfax area, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Brown.

## **Football Winner Started To School In A Wheel Chair**

Oct. 20, 1971-The punt, pass and kick competition held recently in Liberty was won by an 8-year-old Rt. 1, Staley boy, despite the fact he was born with club feet and started to school in a wheel chair.

Kenny Ray Dark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Dark, was put in a cast at the age of six months and was almost two years old when the cast was taken off.

He submitted to major surgery at the Chapel Hill hospital at the age of 4 and again at Duke Hospital at the age of 6. He remained in a wheel chair for the first two months of his attendance at Liberty Elementary School, where he is now a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student.

He took an interest in playing ball even during the days he spent in a cast. His kindergarten teacher, Rev. Ocie Brown, says "he was as active as any child I had." She said he played, wrestled and never let his handicap "stand in his way."

A member of a Little League baseball team in Liberty last summer, he pitched in every game the team played. His coach, Ralph Smith, said "he was one of the best players I had." He also plays football and basketball.

Winner of the first place award for 8-year-olds in the punt, pass and kick competition, he went on to compete in the higher competition at Siler City.

The young boy has a twin sister, Lenny Kaye, and an older brother, Harvey, Jr., also a ball player.

## **Retired Husband And Wife Teachers Honored**

Oct. 20 1971-Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Cox were honored by the Coleridge PTA recently at a testimonial meeting and reception which recognized their years of service at the Coleridge School.

For nearly two hours, faculty members, professional associates, former students and county school officials came before the large assemblage of people to pay warm tribute to the lives and achievements of this couple.

Mrs. Cox, who served at Coleridge at three different times for a total of 21 years, retired from teaching at the end of this past school year. Her entire teaching career covered 38 years.

Cox was the first high school principal at Coleridge, beginning with the school year of 1935. He retired in June 1969, following 40 years of service in Randolph County schools. He spent 14 years as principal of Coleridge School, then came back to spend the last 8 years of his teaching career as a member of the school faculty.

When invited to the PTA meeting, Mr. and Mrs. Cox thought perhaps there would be some small recognition, maybe the presentation of a corsage to Mrs. Cox to commemorate her retirement last spring.

They were not prepared for the parade of speakers who spoke both humorously and in serious vein of their association with the honored couple. Incidentally, Mrs. Cox got her corsage also.

Miss Emma Allen, chairman of the committee who planned the occasion, spoke of their "dedication and loyalty" and said "they have given a life-time of service to education."

James Dry, present principal at Coleridge, said "It is rare when we have a couple of the caliber of the couple we have with us tonight." He referred to Mrs. Cox "as almost my right arm." Mrs. Cox served as his assistant after he came to the principalship at Coleridge.

Worth Cox, of the school advisory council, recalled his days as a student at the school, about 1939, when there was no bus service in a certain area and Principal Cox hauled the students to the school in his car.

He also spoke of his three daughters having Mrs. Cox as their homeroom teacher and he said "they certainly appreciate what you made them do."

Mrs. Lena Bortner, a faculty member at Coleridge, first knew Mr. and Mrs. Cox when she went to Providence School to teach in 1932, where Cox was her first principal and Mrs. Cox also a member of the faculty. Mrs. Bortner said "their patience and understanding was my first realization of the teacher's dedication."

Mrs. Esther Hodgkin, in perhaps the most reminiscent expression of the evening, recalled the first year of the existence of Coleridge High School, when she and Cox were the only members of the high school faculty.

It was the last year in the old frame building, a new brick building was already planned, and Mrs. Hodgkin and her principal were hoping for an increase in attendance so that a third teacher could be hired.

Mrs. Hodgkin said that Cox taught, coached and drove buses. She said it was during the time when "the best attribute of a principal was to turn in the lowest fuel and light bill to the county superintendent."

She described his efforts as he labored, with a small faculty, to bring to the school the things which other schools

had. She told about him converting the old school building into a gym and she referred to him and his wife as "good, solid country people, dedicated to training young people for the future."

Mrs. Mabel Bray, still a member of the school faculty, said she came to the school in 1937, "when the new brick building was one year old." She recalled the viewing of ball games in the old school building and said the spectators looked down at the games through holes which had been bored in the upper floors of the old building.

W. K. Cramartie, assistant county superintendent, compared Cox's beginning at Coleridge with the present day situation of school principals and said, "I wish they could be here and see how this thing get started."

Speaking of Mrs. Cox, he said the reason Cox did so well was because he always had Mrs. Cox on his faculty, "she was the kind of teacher every principal wanted."

John Lawrence, county superintendent, was also present to speak in appreciation of the couple.

Otis C. Thomas, senior high school principal in Randolph County and principal at Grays Chapel for the past 31 years, told of his past association with Cecil Cox, during the latter's principalships at Providence, Coleridge, and Ramseur schools.

He recalled the early days when, in addition to serving as principal, Cox also coached, refereed, and at one time even went in as a player. He said, "he'd beat you if you gave him a half of a chance."

Other reflections came from Mrs. Mary K. Ellis, country school supervisor who served with Mr. and Mrs. Cox at the Ramseur school, and former Coleridge students, Gordon Brady, Jr., Bob Beane, and Ray Albright.

Harold Davis, a former principal at Coleridge, presented an album of letters from former students, grateful parents, and others.

He read excerpts from the letters and one, from a handicapped student at Coleridge this year, said "you're two fine teachers, two of the best that I know and I want you to know that too. It's people like you and Mr. Cox, that make my feelings feel better, when someone gives you love and companionship."

Sitting in a reserved section at the meeting with Mr. and Mrs. Cox were their two daughters and sons-in-law, their two grandchildren, three brothers of Mr. Cox, a sister of Mrs. Cox, and other relatives.

James Byrd, PTA president, gave the welcome and Dean Moffitt, a former president, was master of ceremonies. Mrs. Ruth Hodgkin rendered special music. The reception which followed the meeting in the auditorium was held in the school cafeteria.

## **Father-Daughter Banquet Honors Civitan Daughters**

Oct. 21, 1971-Grantville Civitan members honored their daughters at a father-daughter banquet Thursday evening, October 14, at the community building.

This was a counterpart of the father-son banquet which was held by the club last month, with magician Garland Auman entertaining the daughters the same as he did the sons last month.

(Zim) Hinshaw, the club guest of her father, H. A. (Zim) Hinshaw, the blue president, who welcomed the daughters of the club members.

Other young ladies and their fathers were Teresa Sue Byrd and C. E. Byrd, Belinda Byrd and Grayson Byrd, Lisa and Lorlei Cox and Leonard Cox, Lynn and Laura Johnson and Donald Johnson, Shelia Needham and Carl Needham, Mrs. Celia Oliver, Mrs. Cynthia Wilson and Miss Sue Pritchard and their father, Lewis Pritchard, Mrs. O'Dene Suggs and Mrs. Brenda Ambrose and their father, Fred Snow, Miss Jeanine Rhoads and her uncle, Sherrell Ambrose and Debbie Stout and Page Stout.

Other Civitan members present were Rev. Jimmy Norred, Darrell Smith, George Cockerham, Paul Tedder, Junior Staley, Joe Frazier and Harold James.

Two new members, Dean Smith and J. W. Cagle, were voted into the membership of the club.

Plans were made for the holding of family day, with club members and their families participating. Sherrell Ambrose, fruit cake chairman, distributed cakes to those who will be participating in the annual sale.

A baked turkey supper was prepared and served by Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mrs. Brenda Ambrose, Mrs. Judy Byrd, and Mrs. Gloria Moffitt, of the Woman's Fellowship at the Union Grove United Church of Christ.

In reporting the father-son banquet last month, the name of young Chris Ambrose was inadvertently left out of the account in the paper. He was there as the guest of his father, Sherrell Ambrose.

## **St. Luke's Church Holds Official Opening Services**

Oct. 22, 1971-The official opening and consecration service for the new church structure at St. Luke United Methodist Church, 167 Burns St., took place Sunday afternoon, October 17, at 3 o'clock.

Dr. James Huggin, district superintendent, led the service of consecration, with the pastor, Rev. Andrew W. Brown, congregational members and visiting friends joining in.

St. Luke's efforts to replace the building in which they had worshipped since 1921 began to take shape a year ago last October when the old structure was demolished and construction on the new, contemporary one was started.

Services extending over a period of four Sundays have commemorated the congregation's moving into their new house of worship.

They entered into the building on the first Sunday in October, their annual homecoming day. Former pastor Rev. Belvin Jessup, who served during the days of fund raising, came back to participate on the occasion.

A week of revival followed and on the second Sunday, laymen's day, the cornerstone was laid. Present to participate in the service was Rev. J. W. Jones, pastor at St. Luke from 1958 to 1967, during which time the building fund was initiated.

A message on Sunday morning, October 17, by Rev. E. J. Jones, whose wife, the former Elizabeth Scotten, grew up in the church, preceded the official opening and service of consecration.

Culminating the month long series of special events will come on Sunday, October 24, when Rev. George W. Staley, 80, long time local preacher, will preach in the morning worship service, with Rev. Joseph B. Bethea and the choir of St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Greensboro appearing in the afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Charlie Roper served as chairman of the building with Miss Mary Harrison as secretary, other members were Carl

Bell, Julia Hardy, Adelaide Hodges, Mae Waddell, Leo Payne, Avery Garner, Harrison McGee, John H. Smith, J. N. Gill, Odessa Owens, Garrett Lowdermilk, and Mabel Patterson.

Architects for the building were J. Hyatt Hammond Associates, Inc., with Alvis O. George, Jr. AIA as the designer George and his wife were among the guest at the official opening.

The church had its beginning as Bulla's Grove and was first located southwest of Asheboro on the old plank road. Land for the first building, which was used for both church and school purposes, was deeded on January 15, 1869 by B. B. Bulla and wife, Tibitha, to trustees David Worth, Jesse Lytle, Donald Steth, and J. H. Hoover for the sum of fifty cents.

A second and more modern building was erected on the old site in 1885 and was used until the removal to the present site in 1921.

The present pastor, Rev. Andrew W. Brown, came to the church three years ago this coming December and has served during the final planning and actual construction the new building. This is the second pastorate.

Oldest member of the congregation is Mrs. Emma Foust, age 87, who is a well known former Asheboro midwife.

### **Justice, Judge Visit Ex-State Agency Colleague And Wife Here**

Oct. 25, 1971-Distinguished state visitors, a Supreme Court Justice and a district judge and their wives, came to Asheboro Sunday afternoon, October 10, to visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bean at their home at 401 W. Kivett St.

They were Justice J. Frank Huskins of the State Supreme Court and Mrs. Huskins, and District Judge N. F. and Mrs. Ransdell of Fuquay-Varina.

Both men served with Bean on the North Carolina Industrial Commission. Both are also former state legislators, Huskins serving from his native county of Yancey and Ransdell from Wake County. The latter has also served as chairman of the State Board of Paroles.

Huskins served as chairman of the North Carolina Industrial Commission prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court.

Bean, a member of the Commission from 1949 until his retirement in November 1969, also served as chairman of the state agency from 1954 until the time he retired.

He and his wife moved to Asheboro in May of last year. He is a native of upper Montgomery County while his wife, the former Annie Stutts, was living in Seagrove at the time of their marriage.

Also visiting in the Bean home Sunday afternoon were their daughter, Frances, her husband, Foy E. Brugg, and their son, Ronnie, of Durham. Grubb is affiliated with the Central Carolina Bank in the city in which he resides.

### **Wrights Honored On 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Date**

Oct. 29, 1971-Many friends and relatives, more than 200 of them, joined Mr. and Mrs. H. Gaither Wright, Rt. 1, Randleman, in the observance of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, October 24, at their home.

Wright, a retired businessman, is a native of the Randleman area, the son of the late Tom and Martha Johnson Wright. He operated a grocery store and service station just north of Randleman for 35 years.

Mrs. Wright, the former Mrs. Mattie Kitchens Thorpe, is a native of Swainsboro, Ga. She moved to High Point in 1925 and has been living in North Carolina since that time. Before moving to Randleman, she lived in Central Falls.

The couple have seven children, all of whom were present for the anniversary celebration except one, Mrs. Elizabeth Thorpe Jennings, of Chillicothe, Mo.

The others, who were in attendance, included Pierce Thorpe, Williamsburg, Va., Mrs. Wesley (Jonnie) Routh, Rt. 1, Climax, William F. (Bill) Wright and Mrs. Frank (Viola) Davis, Rt. 1, Randleman, Joe Wright, Sanford, and Jimmy Wright, Eden.

Thirteen of their 15 grandchildren were also present. The couple also has one great-grandchild.

The seven-tiered, off-white anniversary cake was a predominant part of the anniversary reception. Baked and decorated by Mrs. Wright herself, with the assistance of Mrs. Kathleen Short, the base of the bottom tier consisted of five cakes to form a scalloped effect.

The cake was decorated with over a hundred pink sugar bells, silver leaves and silver filigree. An anniversary emblem encircled the third tier and another one was placed at the top of the cake, along with an arrangement of silver doves.

Mrs. Joe Wright and Mrs. Jimmy Wright cut the cake while Mrs. Pierce Thorpe and Mrs. Bill Wright poured punch. Also helping with the serving and other duties were Mrs. Lewis Thorpe, sister-in-law of Mrs. Wright, and other members of the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Wright.

Guests were greeted by Mr. and Mrs. James Wright, Randleman, brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Wright, Eden, said the good-byes. Still another brother, Milliard Wright, Randleman, was also in attendance.

Mrs. Wright wore for her anniversary observance a dress of white and silver brocade with a white carnation corsage. Her husband wore a white carnation for his boutonniere and other family members wore corsages and boutonnieres.

The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Wright occurred on October 20, 1946 in Randleman.

### **Coleridge VFD Elects New Officers**

Oct. 29, 1971-Officers have recently been elected by the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department and many other activities planned between now and Christmas.

New officials are Amos Needham, chief; Bill Welborn, assistant chief; Keith Marley, captain; Larry McAlister, assistant captain; and Larry Joyce, secretary and treasurer.

Board of directors include Robert Ritter, Thurman Teague, Alton Gray, Edsel Needham, Jesse Ritter, John Early Powers and Larry Joyce.

Other members are Charles Davis, Bobby Kidd, Ralph Reeder, Gayle Lawson, Bobby Macon, Orville Macon, Jimmy Wright, Jim Cheek, Gene Marley, Elvin Murray, Clyde Welch, Bill Welch, Roger Chriscoe, Henry Hayes, Bennie Needham, and Lendis Hayes.

A fund raising supper is held the last Saturday in the month, with the next one planned for Saturday, October 30, beginning at 5 p.m. Fish and country ham will be served. Plates with all you can eat will cost \$1.50 for adults and one dollar for children.

Another project, a shooting match, is being held every Friday night, beginning at 7 p.m., until December 18. On that night a Remington automatic shotgun and rifle will be

given away, along with a blender for the ladies. All firemen have tickets available for one dollar each which will qualify for these gifts.

Last January a new, custom-built GMC truck, valued at over \$10,000 was put into operation by the Coleridge department. Previously they were operating an International tanker which is still a part of their fire fighting equipment.

Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department was organized in September, 1966 and chartered in April, 1967. Something over a year later they moved into a new building of their own, with two bays for their trucks and a spacious dining room which is air conditioned and centrally heated.

There are no boundary lines for the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department. They will go any place they are called to. The departmental telephone number is 879-3202.

### **Tribute Paid On 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Oct. 29, 1971-Miss Jeannie Yow honored her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Yow, on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, October 24, at their home, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Between 75 and 100 guests called at the Yow residence from 3 until 5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Yow were married in Radford, Va. October 26, 1946, following Yow's return from army service in World War II.

Mrs. Yow, the former Betty Claudine Hanes, was living in Radford at the time of their marriage. She is a native of Lincolnton but was living in Randleman at the beginning of her acquaintance with her husband. She is a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Hanes, Randleman, and the late John Hanes.

Yow is a native of the Seagrove area, the son of Hugh Burley Yow and the late Cora McNeill Yow.

The couple lived in Virginia for seven years after their marriage before coming back to Yow's home area. Their daughter was born in Virginia.

Serving for the anniversary reception were Mrs. Walter Cohn, Charlotte, and Mrs. Ned Caudle, Rt. 1, Franklinville, sisters of Mrs. Yow. Assisting generally with the event was Troy Jones, of Asheboro and Raleigh.

Mrs. Yow's mother and Yow's father were in attendance. Other sisters of Mrs. Yow present were Mrs. Peggy Wilson, Burlington, and Miss Joy Dean Hanes, Randleman. Fred Allen Hanes, Rt. 3, Asheboro, brother of Mrs. Yow, and his family were also in attendance.

Rev. and Mrs. M. M. Holmes were among those who visited with the Yows during the afternoon. Rev. Mr. Holmes is pastor of the Whynot Wesleyan Church where Mr. and Mrs. Yow are charter members and where Yow serves as superintendent of the Sunday School.

A former pastor of the Yows, Rev. Charles Lane, was also in attendance.

Mrs. Yow wore a Navy dress with a white orchid for the occasion. Her only ornament was a string of white pearls, a birthday gift from her daughter. Her husband's boutonniere was a white carnation. Miss Yow, the hostess, wore a light blue dress and coat ensemble, with a white mum for her corsage.

### **Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Dedicates Educational Building**

Oct. 29, 1971 - Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, located just inside of Randolph county, dedicated a new educational and fellowship building Sunday, Oct. 17.

The dedication of this new facility came about ten years after a similar service for a new sanctuary and Sunday school plant.

The new building is attached to the main structure by a covered walkway and consists of a fellowship hall, kitchen facilities, two classrooms, two rest rooms, and a utility room.

Started a year ago last month, the brick and block structure was completed in June and the indebtedness on it was cleared on Aug. 31.

Actual cost was approximately \$23,000 but church officials estimate that they have a building with a considerable higher value.

Members of the building committee were Troy Jarrell, chairman, Sam Arnold, vice chairman, and Mrs. Helen Plummer, Mrs. Carol Jarrell, Edgar Floyd, Frank Arnold, and the Rev. Grayson Hobson, who left the pastorate of the church in June after tenure of service extending for five years.

The church owed about \$2,500 when the building was completed in June. By paying off this amount so quickly, the church followed the example they set after the completion of their main church building in Nov., 1960.

Already they are making use of the new fellowship hall. They had used it for three or four fellowship meals prior to the serving of lunch of the day of dedication.

Participating in the dedication service were the present pastor, Rev. William Belcher, the district superintendent, Rev. George W. Rudisell, and the former pastor, Rev. Grayson Hobson.

The Pleasant Grove church, organized about 1840, is situated in close proximity to the Davidson County line and serves people from both counties.

### **Friends Observe 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 4, 1971 - Bethel Friends Meeting, located five miles southeast of Asheboro, observed the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their beginning on Sunday, Oct. 31.

In the afternoon a group of Bethel members re-enacted the beginning of their Meeting in a solemn pageantry, dressed in the attire of the Friends of long ago and observing the periods of silence which marked the earlier meetings.

Final rites for Ervin C. Cox, 86, oldest member of the Meeting, were held directly following the anniversary observance.

However regretful this was for members of the Meeting and the community. It was a continuity of events which have transpired at Bethel since its beginning 150 years ago.

The Bethel Friends are half the age of North Carolina Friends, who will next year observe the 300<sup>th</sup> year of their beginning in this state.

This observation was made by Seth B. Hinshaw, former Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting, who spoke at the afternoon meeting of the Bethel anniversary occasion.

Permission to hold meetings for worship among themselves was granted from the Holly Springs Friends Meeting, their mother church, "on this 31<sup>st</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month, 1821." Exactly 150 years before the anniversary observance.

This request for meeting of their own had been made on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of the 5<sup>th</sup> month 1821 by these upper Friends of Richland Creek because of the distance involved in traveling from the area in which they lived to Holly Springs.

The same year Almer Barker deeded about one acre of land to Charles Stout and Simon Baker, trustees of the Bethel group of Friends, and the first meeting house, a log structure was built.

An additional tract of land was deeded in 1839 by William Cox to Jeremiah Kemp and Jeremiah Mendenhall, then trustees of the Meeting. One these two tracts of land the Meeting House now stand.

The first Meeting House burned about 1855 and still another log structure covered with boards, was built.

The second building was 30 feet long and 25 feet wide, it had one door and three windows, and the gallery extended across one end of the room. All of the benches were slabs with wooden peg-legs, except for two in front which were made of saved lumber.

The first First-Day school, now know as the Sunday school, began about the year 1857.

A third house of worship at Bethel was completed in 1888. This was a frame building 30 feet long and 20 feet wide. The building committee was Zimri Stout, Y. H. Cox and David Cox.

In 1901 the pastoral system was adopted and Thomas F. Andrew was called as the first Minister. In 1904 the Meetinghouse was doubled in size. First Elders of the Meeting were David and Annis Kemp, appointed in 1904.

Throughout the first 100 years of their existence, Bethel Friends had functioned only as a meeting for worship, under the jurisdiction of the Holly Springs Monthly Meeting.

On the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 1<sup>st</sup> month, 1921, they asked the Southern Quarterly Meeting to set up a Monthly Meeting at Bethel and on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of the 6<sup>th</sup> month, 1921, this request was approved.

The new Monthly Meeting was composed of 58 charter members, including: the names of Cox, Craven, Kemp, Pugh, Smith, Henson, Wright, McPherson, and other names, many of which are still found on the membership roster at Bethel.

First clerk for the Quarterly Meeting was Daniel Smith, the present one in Lela Kemp Beeson. Allie Kemp is a recorded Minister of the Meeting. It was he who led the members of the Meeting in their re-enactment of the early days at the anniversary observation.

In 1942 the fourth house of worship was built and in 1956 an addition was added to the existing structure. A home for the Minister was completed in 1970.

Additional tracts of land to the property have been donated by Hugh and Siena Cagle and Allie and Pearl Kemp.

Present Minister of the Meeting is Ralph Smallwood. He spoke in the morning service on the day of the anniversary on "The Kind of Church I'd Like to see."

## **Consumers Council Honors Union Rep. Richard Clark**

Nov. 5, 1971 – A dinner honoring Rep. Richard S. Clark of Union County, the introducer of consumer legislation in the state legislature, was held last week at the new facilities of Raleigh Woman's Club in the Capitol City.

The dinner was sponsored by the North Carolina Consumers Council, of which Clark served as president for two years.

Speakers from all walks of life joined in the tributes to Clark, formerly a practicing attorney in Asheboro. Approximately 200 people were in attendance at the banquet session, including many prominent members of the legislature.

Attorney General Robert Morgan was Principal Speaker at the occasion. He praised Clark's services to the "poor, underprivileged and deprived people of North Carolina" and said he had the courage to introduce a bill which was not popular.

Morgan stated that Clark's "bill first startled the business people of North Carolina but because of his understanding and fairness the bill came out of the committee and gained the support of the business community."

Joe Doster, a state newspaperman, said "the little man in North Carolina owes him a great debt of gratitude."

Rep. Carl Stewart, chairman of the house banking committee, told of his observations of Clark during the introduction and passage of the first legislation for consumers in North Carolina.

Mary Kilburn, mistress of ceremonies, said "it is to his everlasting credit that he persevered" and she noted that "we have with us tonight not only people from the borrowing public but also representatives from the major lending institutions."

Peggy Shriver, president of the consumers' council, said that Clark was "recognized throughout the state as the indomitable leader of the consumer legislation" and she read a telegram from the Office of the Assistant to the President of the United States, a telegram of commendation from his director of consumers' affairs.

Mrs. Shriver said Clark "has not been as enemy of honest business."

Wilbur Hobby, president of the state AFL-CIO labor organization, presented a resolution and certificate of appreciation passed unanimously by 400 delegates to his state convention praising Clark for his efforts in consumer legislation.

Clark, described by some newspaper people as the legislation in the "rumpled suit" responded to a rising ovation by the audience and spoke briefly of his appreciation of the honor which had been extended to him.

In the audience were many of his relatives, including his mother, Mrs. Harry G. Clark of Asheboro.

Other from Asheboro and Randolph County in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Tyler R. List, Mr. and Mrs. William M. Miller, Ralph Bulla and Bruce Pugh.

A bus load of people came over from Union county, where Clark resides, to attend the dinner honoring their legislator.

## **Assembly of God Church Dedicated**

Nov. 5, 1971 – A dedication service for the First Assembly of God Church, located on Meadowbrook Road was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31.

The new building was completely finished the middle of the month. But worship services had been held in the building since last June.

A capacity crowd was present for the dedicatory service, at which Rev. Charles H. Cookman, District Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in North Carolina, was the principal speaker.

Other participating in the service were Rev. Doyle Crane, the church pastor, Rev. Charles Kelly, home missions director, and Rev. Howard Thompson, representing the sectional presbytery.

An outstanding feature of the service was the singing of a 15-voice choir from the Assembly of God Church in Burlington.

Friends from 11 other Assembly churches in North Carolina and from other denominations in Asheboro were in attendance at the service.

The local church, which was organized July 19, 1970, is the first Assembly of God Church in Randolph County, before entering the unfinished building last June, the congregation worshipped in the V.F.W. building in Asheboro.

The new building, situated on a two-acre tract, contains 3,300 square feet of floor space. With an exterior construction of brick, the building consists of an auditorium with a seating of 150, a fully equipped kitchen, a nursery, church office, fellowship hall, and five Sunday school rooms.

The interior is constructed of cinnamon birch paneling and is carpeted throughout. Complementing the interior paneling are the new oak pews and platform furniture.

Robert Foust, of Asheboro was the builder for the new L-shaped church building of modern architectural design.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Doyle Crane, a native of Arkansas, came to North Carolina from Wellington, Kansas in 1960. His first pastorate in this state was at Smithfield where he built a new church the same as here in Asheboro. He has been in the ministry for 18 years.

The minister and his family reside at 400 Cooper St. in Asheboro. Included in the family group are his wife, six children, and one grandchild. Five of his children still reside at home.

Rev. Mr. Crane describes his denomination as being "evangelistic in doctrine and in worship, representing the full gospel." He said "we preach the whole Bible."

He states there are 105 Assemblies in North Carolina and approximately 9,000 in the United States. The Assembly with Rev. Paul Steven of God is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals and the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America.

The First Assembly of God Church here announces that a revival meeting will be held at the church Nov. 10-21. O'Shields is the evangelist. Services will be held nightly, beginning at 7:30. and the public is invited.

## **Franklinville Lions Club Celebrates Its 25<sup>th</sup> Year**

Nov. 9, 1971 – Charter Night for the Franklinville Lions Club was Nov. 5, 1946 and 25 years later, Friday evening, Nov. 5, 1971, the club celebrated the silver anniversary of its finding.

Eight men who joined the club as charter members remain on the membership roll and for of them, John F. Brower, Bernice C. Jones, Earl W. Thomas, and Otus C. Thomas were present for the anniversary observance.

These same four men have maintained perfect attendance throughout the existence of the club and were presented with attendance awards on the night of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Other charter members still found on the membership roster are Elzie Brower, Coy L. Chandler, John A. Philbeck, Jr., and Clyde L. Williams.

Otus C. Thomas was the first president of the Franklinville Lions Club and for the past 20 years has served as its secretary and treasurer.

His fellow members have designated him "Mr. Franklinville Lion" and they took advantage of their festive anniversary occasion to present him with a bronze plaque which read "In recognition of 25 years of faithful service, Mr. Franklinville Lion, Otus C. Thomas, 1971."

Lion Otus Thomas, in addition to his service in Lionism, has rendered 30 years of service as teacher, coach, and principal of the Grays Chapel School, 30 years of active work in his church, The Franklinville Baptist church; and 30 years of service in Scouting, having recently been presented with the Silver Beaver Award, one of the highest honors in Scouting.

Wives of Lion members were present for the dinner event in the Franklinville School cafeteria which marked the anniversary of the club. Also present were representatives from the Grays Chapel, Coleridge and Ramseur Lions Clubs. A large anniversary cake symbolized the beginning of the Franklinville club.

Lion president Harold Cox called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and guest. John F. Brower served as toastmaster for the evening.

Outside Lion dignitaries and their wives present to participate in the dinner meeting were Grady R. Pulliam, international director, Vernon E. Jones, district governor, and Jerry W. Shackleford, deputy district governor.

A brief memorial service was held for five deceased charter members, Herman Ellison, Rev. W. A. Elam, Clarence York, Connie Allred, and Thomas Burke.

Entertainment for the Lions and their guests was provided by the Pioneer's Quartet from Randleman.

## **Special Service Dedicates New Rushwood Park Church**

Nov. 11, 1971 – A beautiful sanctuary and church was dedicated by the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church on the Old Farmer Road Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7.

The new building was erected alongside of where the old building stood, with a portion of the former building being retained as the west wing of the new structure.

The construction is of contemporary design, with an exposed front, a fiberglass steeple, a full length porch, and a cross window which is lighted at night.

Clearly the most outstanding area of the structure is the auditorium with its laminated wood arches, exposed wood arches, exposed wood decking, brick interior, stained glass windows in the modern design, and stained paneled walls around the choir loft.

The floor is carpeted, the new, oak pews are cushioned with blue upholstery; the lighting is incandescent, and the white fixtures are of modern opaque.

Architect for the building was Robert W. Hedrick and the contractor was Clegg Pritchard. The pastor of the church, Rev. H. D. Schrum, commended both men for their services and included them in the service of dedication.

Rev. Watson Black, conference superintendent, delivered the dedicatory message. Also participating in the service was Rev. Paul Teague, first pastor of the church and Alvin McElreath, vice chairman of the official board.

It was the official board which served as building committee. In addition to the pastor, as chairman of the board, and McElreath as vice chairman, other members

included Roy McKinnon, John Hinson, Welton Garner, Grady Maness, Paul Hinshaw and Clayson Cox, along with Miss Dorothy Cook, Church secretary, and Roy Bullins, church treasurer, members of the committee by virtue of their positions.

Other units of the new building, other than the auditorium, are nine classrooms, pastor's study, secretary's room, choir room, and two rest rooms.

The erection of the building has been a venture of faith on the part of the Rushwood pastor and congregation. When the decision to build was made, only \$1800 was in the building fund. But due to the inferior condition of the existing building, the decision to proceed was made after much prayer.

Since that time ten months ago, the church has raised \$24,000, exclusive of the regular church expenses. Cost of the new construction was \$108,000.

At the service of dedication, the first pastor, the Rev. Paul Teague, told of the beginning of the church in the summer of 1950. Fifty-seven people were present for the first Sunday school session. Later that year the church was organized with about a dozen charter members.

The district superintendent, Rev. Mr. Black said the church had made as much progress as any church in the conference, considering the years of its existence. He pointed out that it stood 19<sup>th</sup> in church membership and 11<sup>th</sup> in average Sunday school attendance.

A considerable part of the progress has been affected under the leadership of the present pastor, the Rev. H. D. Schrum, who is serving his third year in the pastorate of the church.

### **Westfield Dedicates New Church**

Nov. 11, 1971 – Westfield Baptist Church located in the western part of Randolph County, dedicated a new church building Sunday, Oct. 31.

The congregation went into the new structure about the first of the year but had been involved with its construction since the summer of 1967.

Practically all of the work on the building was done by members of the church congregation, thus extending the time for its completion.

The new church edifice, built with brick and blocks, replaces the tall frame structure, with its high ceilings and balcony, which was erected after the organization of the church on Oct. 16, 1915.

The Westfield church is the site of the Hughes family reunion each year and it was Winborn Hughes, common ancestor of the Hughes family in the Tabernacle area who gave the land for the location of the church.

Glenn Hughes, grandson of Winborn Hughes, served as chairman of the building committee for the construction of the new church structure. Others on the committee were Richard Hughes, Glenn Loflin, Dallas Myers, and Coy Loflin.

Richard Hughes and Glenn Loflin, masons, laid all the brick and blocks on the building, at one time taking two weeks from their regular job to perform this task. Assisting them as laborers were Glenn Hughes, Beecher Kennedy, Everett Loflin, and Oscar Parrish.

Dallas Myers was the chief carpenter for the construction and helping him on Saturdays were Glenn Hughes, Coy Loflin, Carlton Gordon, Beecher Kennedy, Ronnie Hughes,

Gene Hughes, Donald Hughes, Donald Loflin, and Ed Hughes.

There was \$2500. in the building fund treasury when the church was started. Estimated cost of the building is \$25,000. This does not take into consideration the volunteer labor.

All of the pews in the church, except for three in the choir, and the pulpit furniture was given to the church by Homer Loflin, well know Ramseur undertaker, who was reared in the area in which the church is located.

The three other pews were given by J. C. Green and sons, Archie and Tildon Floyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Max Hill.

A clock was given in memory of Beecher Kennedy, who assisted both the brick-masons and carpenters but did not live to enjoy worshipping in the new building. His funeral was the first to be held in the new building.

Collection plates and a flower urn were given in memory of Mr. and Mr. Charlie Harris and Robert Harris. The families of the deceased, in each of the above instances, gave the clock, the plates and the urn.

On the day before the dedication the church steeple was erected in memory of C. T. (Charlie) Hughes, son of Winborn Hughes, who died exactly one year before the day of the dedication service. This gift was made possible through funds received as memorials at the time of his death and from members of his family.

The new building consists of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of 250, five Sunday school rooms and two rest rooms. The entire church plant is carpeted. The building is heated by a forced air system.

The congregation is particularly grateful for a water fountain and bath facilities. Prior to this time there was no water in or around the church. For special occasions when water was needed it had to be brought in a barrel.

Rev. R. T. Smith, associational missionary, preached the dedicatory sermon. Pastor of the church is Rev. George McDaniels. Also present for the occasion was Rev. Baxter Gallimore, who served the church as pastor for 11 years. He was pastor at the time construction was started.

Dinner on the grounds and singing in the afternoon followed the service of dedication during the morning worship service.

Special credit is due Glenn Hughes who supervised the construction, bought all of the materials, drove his truck many miles to procure the needed materials, and assisted both brick-masons and carpenters.

### **Simmons Are Paid Tribute on Their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 18, 1971 – Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Gideon (Gid) Simmons, Rt. 1, Ramseur, were honored on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14, in the fellowship hall of the Maple Springs United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons are members of the Maple Springs church and have lived close to it during most of the years of their marriage. The church is located between Coleridge and Bennett.

The couple was married Nov. 30, 1921 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. A. K. Scotten, in Coleridge. Their anniversary observance was moved up due to their departure for Florida each year about this time.

Hostesses for the open house observance at the fellowship hall, held from 2 p.m. until 4, were Mrs. Fred

Beck and Mrs. Eldon Jones, nieces of Mrs. Simmons, and Mrs. Robert Simmons, niece of Gid Simmons.

Mrs. Simmons, the former Eula Jane Saunders, was born and reared in the community in which she still resides. Her parents were Ben and Addie Brewer Saunders and the family lived on the east side of the Deep River.

She walked three miles to the Maple Springs school and recalls that she enjoyed school and liked very much to attend. One winter, despite the distance and inclement weather, she didn't miss a single day.

Gid Simmons' father, Melvin Simmons, and his stepmother were living on the west side of Deep River when he returned home following his Army service in World War I.

During his absence his family had moved from Stokes County, near Westfield, and he recalls coming to his new home the first time on the Bonlee and Western train which let him off at Bennett.

The couple doesn't remember much about the beginning of their courtship but Gid does recall crossing the river in a small boat some of the nights when he courted Eula. They rode in his father's Ford automobile on the evening of their wedding nearly fifty years ago.

After living for awhile on his father's farm, they moved across the road from where they are now living into a two-story farm house, built with a front porch both upstairs and downstairs. They lived there and farmed the land until his retirement about ten years ago.

When they quit farming and raising chickens they exchanges houses with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Cain, who resided in a more modern brick house with less land across the road.

They began visiting in Florida during the winter months when Mrs. Simmons' sister, Mrs. Velna Whitley, now deceased, lived in Orlando, Fla. For the past eleven years they have maintained a home during the winter months in a trailer park for senior citizens at Zephyr Hills, Fla.

Mrs. Simmons, age 70, has two brothers, Willie and Clarence Saunders, and one sister, Mrs. Flata Burgess, living. Her husband, 78, comes from a large family. He has five brothers and four sisters, counting half brothers and sisters, in his family besides himself.

## **25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration is Held**

Nov. 29, 1971 – Rev. E. Loftis, pastor of the Asheboro Church of God, and his wife, Ruth, celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage at a quiet family gathering Thursday, Nov. 18.

Their eldest son, Tony, a ministerial student at Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee, his wife, Judy, and their four month-old daughter, Jenifer, came home for the occasion.

They joined with Tony's twin brothers, Ronnie and Donnie, students at North Asheboro Junior High School, to complete the family circle for the anniversary event.

The Rev. Mr. Loftis and his wife were married Nov. 18, 1946 at Hiawasse, Ga. Mrs. Loftis, the former Ruth Garrett, is a native of Blairsville, Ga.

However, at the time of their marriage she was living in Clay County, the town of Haysville, and her bridegroom was living in Bryson City, in the nearby county of Swain.

Rev. and Mrs. Loftis and sons came to the Asheboro Church of God pastorate in Jan., 1969. Their ministry there has been a successful one. Over 100 new additions to the

church have been made and the congregation expects to move into a new sanctuary the Sunday before Christmas.

A minister since 1952m Rev. Mr. Loftis' first pastorate was at Allingood, Beaufort County. Other pastorates, before coming to Asheboro, have been at Boone Hill in Mount Airy, Pinnacle, Bladenboro, and at Morganton, staying at the latter place for five and on half years.

The Asheboro minister is the District Overseer of the Asheboro District of the Church of God and is a member of the nine-man State Council of the Church of God in North Carolina.

## **Ground Broken for New Ether Christian Church**

Dec. 1, 1971 – Sunday, Nov. 28 was a notable day in the life and history of Ether Christian Church (United Church of Christ).

Groundbreaking for a completely new church plant was held, with a total of \$11,856.63 in the church building fund.

This amount, along with the money raised on the day of groundbreaking, will comprise approximately half of the amount needed to pay for the new building.

It is planned to erect a Colonial-type structure consisting of a sanctuary, 12 Sunday school rooms, fellowship hall, kitchen, pastor's study, and two rest rooms.

The new building will replace the 61 year old structure which was built when the church was organized in 1910.

Organization of the Ether Christian Church back in 1910 came about when members of Shady Grove Christian Church living in the Ether vicinity felt the need of a new church because of the distance involved in going to the Shady Grove church for worship.

In the vestibule of the existing Ether church building there are pictured of the church founder and the first treasurer, Hiram Freeman and his wife, Nancy J. Freeman, Mrs. C. C. Phillips, and the first secretary, W. H. Freeman, the first deacon, Rev. J. Frank Morgan, the first pastor, and Homer J. Cochran, teacher of the adult Sunday school class for more than 40 years.

Other charter members of the church, some of whom are still living, were Henry Freeman, M. W. Freeman, S. C. Freeman, C. C. Phillips, Harrison Freeman, Miss Della Henry, Miss Lena Wood, Mrs. Eula Freeman, Miss Minnie Vuncannon, Mrs. Cora Chriscoe, Mrs. Bessie Wood, Mrs. Mary Ann Freeman, Mrs. Martha Hogan, Mrs. Sarah Freeman, Evander Ward, Shuford Freeman, Colon Moore, Henry Vuncannon, Miss C. A. Needham, Alex Staley, Mrs. Lillie Freeman, T. F. Vuncannon, Jasper Moore, Bennett Freeman, Mrs. Bennett Freeman, K. W. Moore, Mrs. K. W. Moore, and Burpee Freeman.

Names of the charter members are listed in the church vestibule along with the names and pictures of the first officers.

Land for the first church building at Ether was donated by Sewell F. Freeman, son of the church founder, Hiram Freeman, and Sewell C. Freeman, father of Bennett Freeman, on of the charter members.

The erection of a new church at Ether will be the fourth building project for Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of the Seagrove-ether Charge, since he entered the ministry in 1957.

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Ether church and the successful pledging of funds towards its construction



came on the first anniversary of the Rev. Mr. Anderson's pastorate at the church.

Leonard Kern will serve as chairman of the building committee and Jack Floyd will serve as co-chairman. All of the other men in the church will assist them. Evacuation of the site, located next to the old building, has already begun and construction will begin immediately.

### **Hunter Kills Wildcat on His Father's Farm**

Dec. 2, 1971 - "There's wild animals in them thar woods" west of Sophia and a wildcat, otherwise known as a bobcat, was killed recently in the vicinity of the Mt. Olive Wesleyan Church.

The female cat was shot by James M. Farlow, Rt. 11; Greensboro, who was hunting rabbits with two other men from Greensboro.

Farlow first saw the cat about 15 minutes before he killed it. Thinking it was a big grey fox, he show but missed.

Later, he saw the cat getting on a tree lap, show at it and thinks he slightly injured it. It appeared to be coming his way and he shot again while the cat was in movement, killing the animal which measured 34 inches long and weighed 17 pounds.

The land on which the cat was killed belongs to Farlow's father, Cecil M. Farlow, and is land on which he was reared. The gun he used was a 12 gauge automatic shotgun. The cat had long legs but its tail was only four inches long. Farlow is having it mounted.

A Greensboro mail carrier, Farlow is also an antique car dealer and owns 40 or more Ford automobiles from the 1920 models on through the fifties. He also collects license plates.

### **Silver Anniversary Celebration is Held**

Dec. 3, 1971 - The new fellowship building at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church was the scene of the silver wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Brown Harris, Rt. 1, Trinity, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28.

Friends and relatives called from two o'clock until four to greet them on the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married Nov. 23, 1946 in Chesterfield, S.C. Mrs. Harris is the former Dorothy Trotter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Waymon Trotter, Rt. 2, Asheboro. Harris' parents are Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Harris, Rt. 1 Trinity.

Standing with the couple as they greeted their anniversary guest were their two daughters, Misses Margie Lee and Anita Diane Harris.

Mrs. Harris was dressed in Navy with a corsage of white carnations. Her daughters wore similar dresses with corsages of white mums.

The serving table, covered with a white cloth overlaid with tulle, was centered with an arrangement of white carnations and Shasta Daisies, glittered with silver. Satin bows with white wedding bells were arranged at the corners of the table. The anniversary cake, with a miniature bride and groom, was three-tiered.

Mrs. Larry Freeman and Mrs. Donald Wall, nieces of Harris, served the guests while Mrs. Bill Owens, another niece and Mrs. Vaden Harris, a sister of Harris, assisted with the gifts. Mrs. Billy Hill, sister of Mrs. Harris, registered the guests. All of these ladies wore corsages of white mums.

Mrs. Grady Hughes, aunt of Mrs. Harris did the decorating. The cake was baked by Miss Sandy Satterfield.

Parent of both Mr. and Mrs. Harris were present for the anniversary celebration.

### **Over 75 Pay Tributes on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 8, 1971 - Over 75 friends and relatives called at the James Wayne Lanier home, Rt. 5, Asheboro, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, to join with Mr. and Mrs. Lanier on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Their four children were hosts for the anniversary occasion, at which the open house hours were from three until five. The Lanier's live near the High Pine Wesleyan Church.

In the same community Lanier grew up in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Lanier. His marriage to the former Cora Edith Dunning, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunning, of North Asheboro, occurred on Dec. 6, 1946 in Chesterfield, S.C.

Their marriage followed his discharge from the U.S. Army after over three years of service during World War II, serving overseas in the European theater of operations.

Their children are Mrs. Leighton Venable, Lexington, the former Joyce Marie Lanier, Mrs. Wayne Talley, Rt. 2, Randleman, the former Doris Irene Lanier, James Wayne (Jimmy) Lanier, Jr. and Miss Janice Lanier, of the home.

There are three grandchildren, Deborah Lynn Venable, Brian Leighton Venable, II, and Angele Suzanne Talley.

Lanier is an employee of Carolina Silo Company. He formerly worked for Klopman Mills.

Mrs. Lanier wore a light blue polyester dress for the open house occasion. Her corsage was a white mum tinted blue. Her husband's boutonniere was a white carnation.

### **Bethany Methodist church Honors Senior Citizens**

Dec. 10, 1971 - Forty-nine senior citizens of Bethany United Methodist Church community, Rt. 1, Franklinville, 65 years of age and older, were honored Sunday afternoon, Dec. 5, in the church fellowship hall.

This was an annual event, has been held for more than 10 years, and the sponsoring group is the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. John Coble, the society president, welcomed the honored guests at the golden age party, and Rev. Mitchell Murrow, church pastor, read the scripture and offered prayer. He also sang two solos, "Under His Wings" and "Sweet Little Jesus Boy."

A candle was lighted in memory of the older people who had died since the last golden age party, one whom, Colon Redding, was buried only a few days ago.

Additional music was provided by guitarists Larry Davis and Darrell Griffin.

The entertainment committee was composed of Mrs. R. W. (Elsie) Johnson, Mrs. Jess Miller, and Mrs. Fred Hudson.

Refreshments were served during a period of fellowship among the senior citizen group. Favors were also distributed to them before they took their departure.

Those honored included Mr. and Mrs. Earl Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pugh, Wesley Ward, Mrs. H. L. Isley, Mr. and Mrs. Percy Lovell, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Routh, Mr. and Mrs. Solon Pugh, Ernest B. Ellis, Mrs. Ora Wood Johnston, Mrs. Hattie Nixon, Mrs. Nora Capps, Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Baldwin, Miss Gladys Pugh, Mrs. Carletta Julian, Mrs. Jennie Julian,

Mrs. Conie Briles, Mrs. Mattie B. Coble, Mrs. Levi Harrelson, Mrs. Lillian Routh, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Pearl W. Ward, Mrs. Corinna Johnson, Mrs. Florence J. Aldridge, Mrs. Myrtle Brown Tysinger, Mrs. Ila Trogdon, Mrs. A. L. Briles, Mrs. W. J. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Caudle, C. S. Julian, and Percy Wood.

Mrs. A. L. Briles, 87, was the oldest woman in attendance and C. S. (Clark) Julian, 86, was the oldest man present.

### **Observance Marks 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 14, 1971 – A quiet observance marked the 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilcox Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Miller at 917 Shannon Rd.

Some 50 friends or so called from 3 o'clock until 4:30. Mr. and Mrs. Wilcox reside in an apartment at 1411 Westwood Drive.

The couple came to Asheboro in 1945 when Wilcox became associated with the Buttercup Ice Cream Co. on West Salisbury St. Before coming to Asheboro they lived in Albemarle. They came south in 1931 to Sweetwater, Tenn. where Wilcox worked with a brother-in-law in the butter and cheese business.

Their marriage occurred Dec. 14, 1911 in Anoka, Minn. a suburb of Minneapolis. Their vows were spoken in a ceremony at Mrs. Wilcox's home, after which the couple took a hack back to the railroad station where they boarded a train to Minneapolis where they spent their honeymoon. They recall the temperature was 35 degrees below zero on the day of their wedding.

Wilcox is a native of Waldo, Wisconsin remaining there until the age of 20. Mrs. Wilcox is a native of the place where she was married.

Besides their daughter, the couple is the parent of a son, Hazen Wilcox, who now resides in Lakeland, Fla. They have three grandsons, William Hazen Wilcox, Nashville, Tenn., David Bond Wilcox, Madison, Wisconsin, and Richard Miller, of Asheboro, and four great-grandchildren.

### **Couple Renews Vows on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 15, 1971 – A Rt. 3, Randleman couple, who drove to their wedding site in the bride's grandfather's Model T Ford, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon Dec. 12.

Mr. and Mrs. John Clint Trogdon were honored by their children at a reception in the fellowship rooms of the New Salem United Methodist Church where both of them are members.

At the beginning of the reception the couple renewed their marriage vows and exchanged gold ring in a ceremony preformed by the church pastor, Rev. Phillip Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon were married Dec. 14, 1921 in the Methodist parsonage in Warrenton, Ga. Near which place Mrs. Trogdon was born and reared as the former Lelia Hammett.

Trogdon, a native of the Seagrove area, was working at a planning mill and living in a sawmill shanty in Gibson, Ga. at the time of his acquaintance and courtship with Mrs. Trogdon.

Their marriage took place early one morning, ever before the preacher had eaten breakfast, and after the exchange

of vows they motored 50 miles in the Model T Ford to Augusta, Ga. to catch the train to High Point.

They were accompanied to Augusta by her half-brother, Milo Newsome, who witnessed their marriage, and by her grandfather and uncle. Upon arriving at High Point, they came to Randleman in a taxi where Trogdon's parents were living.

The climate up here was too cold for Mrs. Trogdon, she said, "I thought I would freeze to death." and after two months they came back again due to work conditions in her home area, and they have not been back since except for visits.

Trogdon now 74 years of age, worked at Naomi Cotton Mill and the mill in Worthville but was engaged in carpentry when he retired. Mrs. Trogdon, 69, worked at the Commonwealth Hosiery Mills for several years.

Their children are John C. Trogdon, Jr. Rt. 3 Randleman, David Trogdon, Savannah, Ga. Mrs. James Price, Asheboro, and Mrs. James Baldwin, Chester, Va. Two children, Odell, who died at the age of 17, and Mrs. Melvin Martindale, are deceased. They have 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Trogdon wore a gold polyester dress with a white mum for a corsage at her golden anniversary reception. Fifty years ago she was wearing a blue gabardine suit, grey beaded blouse, brown high top kid shoes, and a beige and black hat with feathers in it.

Coming up for the reception and anniversary celebration was her half-brother Milo Newsome, who witnessed the ceremony a half of a century ago.

### **Cockerhams Honored on 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 15, 1971 – the First Wesleyan Church parsonage at 915 Straight Street was the scene for the fiftieth wedding anniversary reception for Mr. and Mrs. William Ancy Cockerham Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12, from two until four o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockerham, who live at 906 North Fayetteville Street have been members at First Wesleyan Church for around 38 years.

They were married Dec. 8, 1921 at Mountain Fork, a community in Surry County, about three miles from the Zephyr community where they lived.

The wedding took place at the home of an uncle of Mrs. Cockerham and a cousin of her, who was a Baptist minister, performed the ceremony. They rode to their marriage site in his father's Model T Ford. Mrs. Cockerham, the former Stella Hughes, was born in the community of Mitchell's River, located at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountaint, but her family moved to Winston-Salem when she was seven years of age.

Later they moved back to Surry County, to the Zephyr community where Cockerham and his family lived. The courtship fan marriage of the couple followed this move back to Surry by Mrs. Cockerham's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Cockerham came to Asheboro in 1925 where her brother, Arthur Hughes, was already living. They recall that a severe water shortage existed in Asheboro at that time and water was being hauled in from High Point in gasoline tanks.

This scarcity of water discouraged the former Surry County residents and for a time they wished that they were back in the place from which they came.

Before his retirement four years ago, Cockerham was employed with Acme Hosiery Mill for 37 years. Mrs. Cockerham worked at the same place and later at Stedman Manufacturing Co. He is 73 and she is one year older.

Hosts for the anniversary reception in their honor were their three children and their in laws. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cockerham, Rt. 5, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Leon (Joan) Cox, Rt. 3, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. David (Lenora) Shaw, Asheboro.

## **Grange Speaker Urges Involvement in Problems**

Dec. 16, 1971 - Farmer Grange members held their annual rural-urban meeting and Christmas on Dec. 11 in the gaily decorated grange hall.

Approximately 100 members and guests were first served buffet style from tables literally loaded with an abundant amount of food, prepared in the delicious style characteristic of the cooking of women in the Farmer area.

Young Robert Caldwell, whose parents are famous in grange circles in North Carolina, was guest speaker for the occasion. He is Master of the Pomona Grange in Guilford County. His mother, Mrs. Harry B. Caldwell, is state grange master, and his father is a past master of the state grange.

He told the urban guests, "We have got to get you involved in our problems." He said that one half of the farmers derived half of their income from off the farm sources. Also, "farm folks for years and years have understood the word conservation, now they are putting another word on it, ecology."

The grange legislative representative to the General Assembly in Raleigh last session, he said the state's rural population of 55 percent was not represented by a similar percentage of representation in Raleigh.

He spoke of rural zoning, said it was "one of the areas we have got to be concerned with," and added that it has been a ticklish problem for farmers. However, he said, "no regulation can be too damning to me as long as I have the right to vote and to elect."

The grange hall was decorated with boughs of greenery and a green wreath with large red bow placed at the entrance. The inside entrance featured a tree made of corn cobs and decorated with corn and birds of paradise.

The food table was centered with a brass urn holding holly and all of the tables were covered with Christmas greens and centered with hurricane lamps holding red candles and berries.

The focal point was a silver back-drop on the stage with a black pot-bellied stove, a Christmas sock hanging from its pipe and Santa approaching with greetings. On either side of the stage were lighted Christmas trees.

Grange Master Allen Wall presided over the meeting assisted by Lecturer R. C. Adams. The speaker praised both men and said Adams "is the kind of leader every community needs."

Mrs. Carl Kearns and Mrs. Herbert P. Kearns, along with Adams' agricultural students, were responsible for the decorations. Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, Jr. served as supper chairman, a position which she has held for many years. Miss Jan Osborne, Asheboro soloist, provided the entertainment, singing Christmas songs for the second consecutive year.

## **Reception Fetes 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 21, 1971 - The lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brower, Rt. 1, Trinity, was the scene for an informal reception Sunday evening, Dec. 26, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wade Myers on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Kearns, Rt. 3, Thomasville, joined Mr. and Mrs. Brower in hosting the reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Myers who also reside on Rt. 3, Thomasville.

All three couples are members of the "Grow Class" at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and many of the guests who called between 7:30 and 9 o'clock, the scheduled hours for the reception, were members of the congregation.

Among those in attendance were the Pleasant Hill pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe E. Luther.

Also, brother and sisters of Wade Myers present were Mrs. Lillian Walker, Mrs. Lula Kindley, Mrs. Lucy Cranford, Mrs. Essie Ferguson, Sam and Clifford Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers were married Dec. 22, 1946 in a marriage ceremony solemnized at the Pleasant Hill church. This followed Wade's return from serving with the Army of Occupation in Germany after World War II.

Mrs. Myers is the former Louise Smith, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wade Smith, while her husband is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Scott Myers; both families have been of the community in which the couple resides.

The couple is the parents of two sons, Terry, a graduate of Farmer High School and the Pleasant Hill Randolph Technical Institute, and Alvin, a senior at Southwest Senior High School.

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### **March of Dimes Kicks off 1972 Fund Raising Drive**

Jan. 4, 1972 - The March of Dimes in Randolph County, concerned with research, medical services, health education, and community services in the field of birth defects, has kicked off its 1972 drive.

Forty-eight community representatives and other drive workers attended a supper event which was held at the youth building of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church on Dec. 30.

Conducting the meeting were Rev. Mike Engle, county drive director; Ralph Bulla, organizational chairman; Joe Church, treasurer; and Jack McGee, state representative from Raleigh.

Church announced that last fiscal year the county organization paid out \$4,804.46 to provide care, hospitalization and equipment to birth defective and polio patients in Randolph County.

He also announced the disbursement of \$1000 to the birth defects center at N.C. Memorial Hospital, \$156 to the March of Dimes Stork Line, and \$3675.43, or 25 percent of last year's drive receipts, to medical scientific research.

Last year's gross receipts in the annual drive amounted to \$15,500.52, the year before that they were \$18,602.91. The March of Dimes drive is the largest individual drive conducted in Randolph County.

Community chairmen have been announced as follows: Asheboro, David J. Arnold and Mrs. William F. Powell Jr.; North Asheboro and Central Falls, Mr. and Mrs. William T. (Bill) Boyd; Archdale, Miss Judy English; Brower-Erect, Mr.

and Mrs. Bill Welborn; Cedar Falls, Mrs. Phil W. Benbow; and Cedar Grove Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh.

Also, Coleridge, Ralph Reeder; Farmer-Jackson Creek, Mrs. George C. (Carolyn) Cole; Franklinville, Mrs. Ray Moosley; Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd; Grays Chapel-Red Cross, Odell Routh; Level Cross, George Stanton; Liberty, Rev. Paul Bruton and Bob Loman; New Hope, Don Harris; New Market, Sophia, Glenoia, Cedar Square and Hillsville, Mr. and Mrs. Max Welborn; and Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Harold Brower.

Also, Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek; Pleasant Grove, Leon Brady; Pleasant Ridge and Holly Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Allen; Pisgah-Union, Mrs. Clark C. Casanova; Ramseur, Jimmy Spivey and Mrs. Robert E. Thomas; Randleman, Rev. Earl F. Sibbett and Rev. Michael L. Baker; Seagrove, Mrs. Gene Bumgarner; Staley, Mrs. Ray Thompson; Staley; Negro Section, Mrs. Paul Headen; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow; Trinity, Mrs. Floyd Raines, Mrs. John Skeen and Mrs. Howard Younts; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Union Grove, Rev. F. A. Lunsford; and Worthville, Mrs. Bob King.

Promotional directors for programs and the showing of the drive film are E. Wayne Hughes and Frank White.

## **For 86 Years, She Has Lived in the Same Area**

Jan. 7, 1972 - Mrs. Emma Brower, Rt. 2, Ramseur, has lived within a three-mile area for all of her life.

On Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2, her friends and neighbors joined with her family and other relatives in celebrating her 86<sup>th</sup> birthday.

An informal reception from two o'clock until four was scheduled in the fellowship building at Rehobeth United Methodist Church but the people stayed on beyond the time to visit with this beloved community resident.

Her parents were Robert Wesley (Bob) York and Gillie Ann Parks York and she was born and reared at the upper end of the road on which she has resided since her marriage in 1905.

Her husband, George Washington Brower, died in 1962. She moved with him into the large two-story house, in which she still resides, 59 years ago last month. His father helped him build the house and it took over a year.

It was the same house she and her husband reared their nine children, Alfred Brower, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Jack Brower, who lives with his mother, Mrs. Kermit (Jeanette) Frazier, Ramseur, Mrs. Wade (Mozelle) Stout, Wadesboro, Hayworth Brower, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Frank Brower and Mack Brower, Asheboro, Billy York (Bill) Brower, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Jimmy Brower, Siler City.

She has 16 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Steven Lee Brower, son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Brower, Asheboro.

All of her children and many of her grandchildren were present for the birthday celebration. Also present were her two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Smith, Rt. 4, Siler city, and Mrs. Ruth Fields, Pleasant Garden, and her brother, Hugh York, Asheboro.

A sister, Miss Addie York, died recently while another sister, Mrs. Blanche Gee, and a brother, Gene York, were deceased earlier.

Mrs. Brower attended the Kildee School in the community in which she was born. She joined the Parks Cross Roads

Christian Church at the age of 13, 73 years ago, but a few years ago moved her membership to the Rehobeth church, where her sons are active and where her husband is buried.

She became a member of the Brown's Cross Roads Home Demonstration Club in Jan., 1940, at the third meeting of the club after its organization, and she still retains her membership in the club.

Approximately 150 people excluding her immediate family came to the Rehobeth fellowship building to honor her on her birthday, which occurred on Dec. 31.

Many of them were elder people in the community, with whom she has been associated, and some of them were her various cousins in the Ramseur community. But they all came, both young and old, with one purpose in mind, to pay tribute to this woman who has gained the respect and esteem of the entire community.

## **They Come Back South for Their Fiftieth Anniversary Tribute**

Jan. 10, 1972 - A native Randolph county couple, now living in Baltimore, Md., came back to the vicinity of their births to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Hobart McCarn was held Saturday afternoon, Jan. 1, at the Grantville Community Building, from two o'clock until five.

McCarn, son of Daniel W. McCarn and Mary Ann Williams McCarn, was born and reared on Bachelor Creek, two miles beyond the Union Grove Christian Church. He attended the Oak Glade School, The 600-acre farm on which he grew up is now owned by Henry Armfield of Asheboro.

Mrs. McCarn, the former Nina Stout, was reared near Shiloh Christian Church, where Mrs. Dewitt Stout, the widow of her deceased brother, now lives. She attended the Shiloh School. Her parents were Ed Stout and Ada Moffitt Stout.

The couple was married Jan. 1, 1922 at the home of the bride. Rev. G. R. Underwood, pastor of the Shiloh church, performed the ceremony. Eight people, who were present on that date 50 years ago, attended the anniversary reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. McCarn.

They were Mrs. Paul (Wilma) Craven, Asheboro, and Mrs. Essie Wrenn, High Point, sisters of Mrs. McCarn, Mrs. Della Garner, Liberty, McCarn's sister, Mrs. Myrtle L. Stout, Rt. 1, Ramseur, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Eunice Causey and brother, Paul Phillips, cousins of Mrs. McCarn, and Hubert Rockwell, of High Point, and Mrs. Bessie Moffitt Lineberry, of Charlotte, also a cousin of Mrs. McCarn.

The son and daughter of the honored couple and six of their seven grandchildren came from a distance to honor their parents on their anniversary.

These included Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCarn and daughters, Nancy and Carol, of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Jewel) Lavers, Jr. and children Gail, David, Giles, and Jacqui Reaves, of Gainesville, Fla. Another granddaughter, Mrs. Pamela Reaves Taggart, also from Gainesville, Fla. is a bride of two weeks and was unable to be present.

Harold McCarn, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. McCarn, was killed in Germany during World War II.

Other close relatives of Mr. and Mrs. McCarn in attendance at the reception were Reece Stout, Asheboro, brother of Mrs. McCarn, and Mrs. Lela Byrd, Rt. 1,

Ramseur, Mrs. Alice Brown, Asheboro, and Mrs. Mary Armestrouth, High Point, sisters of McCarn.

Other relatives and friends came from various places, including Mrs. and Mrs. Henry Greensfelder, parents of Mrs. Charles McCarn, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Moulds, and Mrs. Eileen Mareck, of Baltimore, Md.

Both Mr. and Mrs. McCarn were teaching school in Coleridge at the time of their marriage. Following the speaking of their marriage vows they went to spend the night at the bridegroom's boarding house in Coleridge. They recall that practically the whole town gave them a "belling" that night.

McCarn also taught at Seagrove, Ramseur, and Shiloh before completing his education at Elon College and teaching there in the public schools for 12 years. Before their marriage, both Mr. and Mrs. McCarn had finished high school in Liberty, where McCarn's parents had moved in 1921.

The couple went to Baltimore, Md. at the beginning of World War II to engage in defense work. McCarn left the Glenn L. Martin Airplane Co., where he was first employed, in 1950 to work in the Air Force missile system but Mrs. McCarn remained as a librarian with the airplane company. They retired four years ago.

### **Father of 13 is honored on His 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Jan. 14, 1972 – Herbert Franklin (Herb) Bulla, Randolph County native and father of 13 living children, was honored on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9.

A Guilford county resident since 1918, he received friends, members of his large family, and fellow church members at the home of his oldest daughter, Mrs. Howard (Xurada) Miller, at 800 Dana Place, Greensboro.

His oldest child, Floyd, died in 1964. The next child was also a son, David Dowd (D.I.) Mrs. Miller was the third child born to Herb and his wife, Lessie Langley Bulla, who died in 1952.

The other children in the order of their births are Mrs. Arthur (Dorothy) Moorefield, Romulus Jerry (R.J.), Clarence, Joe, Mrs. Emmett (Julia) Forbis, Benjamin Franklin (Ben), Mrs. Howard (Flora Lessie Belle) Mesimore, Mrs. Rufus (Lois) Keaton, Mrs. Bill (Mozelle) Lewis, William Boyles (Billy), and Mrs. Vernon (Mary) Key.

All of the children live in Greensboro except Mrs. Moorefield, Rt. 7, Asheboro; Joe, Flint, Michigan; Mrs. Lewis, Monroe, Georgia; and Billy, Charlotte.

Herb Bulla was born near the waters of Back Creek, the son of Romulus Bulla and Julia Millikan Bulla. He attended the one-teacher school at Lena's Grove and left home at the age of 14 to work on the adjoining farm of Dave McCain.

Later, he became a guard on the convict work force and in this capacity participated in the building of the present court house in Asheboro. He was also guarding the convicts on some work in the Staley area when he met his wife who was a resident on that section.

They were married Oct. 10, 1909 and first lived in Moore County while he was working with a sawmill crew near Robbins. They also lived in Staley, Franklinville and Asheboro before moving to Greensboro where they reared their large family.

Herbert Bulla and members of his family have been active in the affairs of the Glenwood Friends Meeting in

Greensboro, where he joined in 1928. His Conversion occurred shortly after his marriage at the Shady Grove Baptist Church near Staley.

A brother, Glenn Bulla, also of Greensboro, and a sister, Mrs. Ruth Kiger, of Winston-Salem, joined him for the birthday celebration. Another brother, Harvey Bulla, of Asheboro, and a sister, Mrs. Reba Mabe, of California, were not present.

All of his children visited him on the day of the celebration, except for his son in Michigan who called him on the telephone.

### **Couple Celebrate 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Jan. 20, 1972 – Mr. and Mrs. John Rainey Hollingsworth, who came to the Sophia area from Surry County in 1922, celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Jan. 9.

They were honored by their children at an open house from 2 until 5. Hosts for the event were their children.

Hollingsworth, 91, was born near Westfield in Surry County. His wife, the former Carrie Magnolia Moser, 88, was born in the adjoining county of Yadkin but came to Surry County as a child.

Both were reared on tobacco farms but Hollingsworth was operating a café in Mount Airy when the couple became acquainted. A cousin had asked to accompany him home to the Westfield over the week-end and when he stopped in his buggy to pick her up, the girl he was later to marry was with her.

He took them to his home, left his cousin with his parents, and took the visiting young girl to a "frolic" at his brother's house that night.

They were married Jan. 10, 1904 at a neighbor's home who was a magistrate. They were married in late afternoon, they were riding in a buggy and Mrs. Hollingsworth remembers that "it was cold as everything."

Seven of their nine children were born in Surry County, Mrs. Rena Anne Yow, Randleman, Bernie James Hollingsworth, Tucker, Ga., Claude Odell Hollingsworth, Rt. 1, Sophia, Jesse Gilmer Hollingsworth, who was killed in an automobile accident when he was 21 years of age, Leo Wilson Hollingsworth, Rt. 2, Randleman, and Mrs. Azel (Josephine) Millikan, Rt. 1, Sophia.

The last two children, Mrs. Jack (Helen Maxine) Welch, Redwood, Texas, and Mrs. Don (Thelma Christine) Ethdridge, Rt. 3, High Point, were born after the family moved to Randolph County.

The couple has 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, Brian Keith Yow, son on Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Yow, Asheboro.

Recalling the early days in Surry County and speaking of young people, Mrs. Hollingsworth said, "We had lots of fun, more than they do now." She was probably referring to the "frolics" or dances which the young people enjoyed in that area in those days.

The family was influenced into moving to Randolph County by her brother, Cicero Moser, who preceded them to this section. Several other family members followed.

### **Rev. Sullivan to Give Farewell Sermon Sunday**

Jan. 20, 1972 – A long tenure of service will come to an end when Rev. D. C. Sullivan preaches his farewell sermon

at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Sunday evening, Jan. 23.

He came to the church, located in southwestern Randolph County, near the Montgomery County line, on the third Sunday in Sept., 1958. He has served as its pastor continuously since that time.

However, his pastorate in Randolph County dates back to the beginning of the year 1958, when he became the pastor of the Center Cross Baptist Church, also located in southwest Randolph. He served this church simultaneously with Mt. Lebanon until 1961.

Rev. Mr. Sullivan, who has served the Summerville Baptist Church in Davidson County for the past five years, along with Mt. Lebanon, will conclude his pastorate at both churches on Jan. 23 to become the pastor of the Liberty Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Candler, located west of Asheville.

Since becoming pastor at Summerville, he has lived with his family in the parsonage located next to that church. Prior to that time he lived at Rt. 1 Eagle Springs.

A native of Moore County, in the Parkwood area, he was a member of the Flint Hill Baptist Church near Robbins when he answered the call to the ministry in 1949.

Previous pastorates before coming to Randolph County included Pleasant Grove Baptist Church and Liberty Hill Baptist Church in Montgomery County and the First Baptist Church at Norman.

Another pastorate in Randolph County, also served simultaneously with Mt. Lebanon, was at the Calvary Baptist Church near Asheboro for five years, beginning in 1961.

He received his secular education in the schools at Carthage, High Falls, and Robbins and his ministerial training at the Fruitland Bible Institute.

Pastor Sullivan and his family regret leaving an area where they have spent 14 years of their ministry. He said, "Mt. Lebanon has become nearer and dearer to me all the time: and "I have seen a lot of people come to the altar in this place." He had particular praise for "the fine group of young people here."

Their feeling of regret is shared by the people whom they are leaving. One member said, "I am 43 years old and I can remember only three preachers, Rev. Sullivan and the two who preceded him."

Another member said "he has been an asset not only to our church but to the surrounding community also." She said, "His services have been unlimited."

His last service at Summerville will be Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and the service that evening at Mt. Lebanon will be at 7 o'clock.

Members of his family include his wife, the former Beulah Davis, of Robbins, and two sons, Philip Wayne, 23, and Jerry Lane, 19, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Phillip Wayne Sullivan, and a grandson, Philip Wayne, Jr., 5.

## **Church Established 1894 Builds First Parsonage**

Jan. 26, 1972- Dedication of a new parsonage for the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge occurred Sunday morning, Jan. 23, followed by open house in the afternoon from three o'clock until five.

This is the Church's first parsonage since being established in 1894. A full time ministry for Deep River began on Apr. 1, 1970.

The decisions to build the parsonage and go full time came simultaneously represented a major move in the life and history of the Deep River Church.

The pastor of the church, Rev. Albert Taylor, preached the dedication sermon for the formal opening of the structure. He came to the pastorate of the church in Oct., 1968.

He came from High Point where he had been licensed into the Baptist ministry by the Southside Baptist Church. The same church ordained him following his call to the Deep River Church.

The new parsonage building is of brick-veneered construction and consists of living room, den, kitchen-dining combination, three bedrooms, study, double carport, utility room, full basement, two baths upstairs and one down.

The den and study are paneled, the kitchen and dining area is wainscoted and wall papered, and the other areas are sheet rocked. The living room, study, and bedrooms are carpeted, with vinyl covering in the other parts of the house. Upraised fireplaces were built in the den and basement.

The floor area on the ground floor consists of 1,694 square footage with approximately 1,500 square footage in the basement. The house has forced air heating.

New drapes were provided for every room in the new building. The church also purchased a washer and dryer and a new stove for the convenience of the parsonage family.

The building committee composed of Bob Trogdon, chairman, Edsel Moffitt, and Harold Jarrell, supervised the construction of the building. Troy Hackett, of Asheboro, was the contractor. Cost of the structure was \$31,272.20, exclusive of the drapes and the new appliances. The building is located on Highway 42, just before you reach the river and a short distance from the church.

Moving day for the pastor and his family was on last Nov. 24. This was an eventful day in their lives. The pastor was away attending the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte and on this day also the pastor's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, of High Point, became the parents of a twin son and daughter, Gary Michael and Judy Michelle.

Mrs. Smith is the former Judy Taylor. The pastor and his wife, the former Rachel East, are also the parents of another daughter, Diane, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Coleridge School, and a son, Dean Taylor, of High Point.

Both the minister and his wife are natives of Pilot Mountain. After being called to the ministry, the pastor studied at the Fruitland Bible Institute.

Other recent improvements and additions at the Deep River church include the erection of a steeple, the building of a front porch with four large columns, the placing of a new roof on the church, and the construction of a new wall around the cemetery.

## **Trogdons Honored on Anniversary**

Jan. 28, 1972 - Surrounded by family members and friends, approximately 137 of them, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Trogdon observed their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, at their home at 1316 Meadowbrook Rd., Asheboro.

Joining with them for the open house event from 2 until 5 was their son, Alton (Al), of High Point, and their daughter, Diane, of the home.

Also present was Mrs. Trogdon's mother, Mrs. Walter Yarborough, Rt. 3, Lexington, and seven of her brothers and sisters.

R.A.'s mother, Mrs. Lessie Trogdon, of Asheboro, was also on hand, along with all of his six brothers and sisters.

The couple was married Jan. 25, 1947 in Chesterfield, S.C. Mrs. Trogdon is the former Nancy Yarborough, a native of the Lexington area where the couple lived for the first two years of their marriage.

Mrs. Trogdon wore a navy and white polyester dress, with a white orchid corsage, for the anniversary event. Her daughter was dressed in green velvet with a white corsage. Trogdon and his son wore white carnations as boutonnieres.

Serving the guests were Mrs. Larry Roddy, of Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Arthur Trogdon, of Asheboro, nieces of R. A., assisted by Mrs. Alice Ingram, of High Point.

Miss Sylvia Tuttle, a student at Catawba College and niece of Mrs. Trogdon registered the guests while Mrs. Gary Adams, of Chapel Hill, a sister of Mrs. Trogdon, received the gifts.

Out of town guests came from Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Cary, Rural Hall, Franklinville, Ramseur, Lexington, High Point, Winston-Salem, Salisbury, and Greensboro.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon are employed with the Acme-McCrary Corp., R.A. with the Ramseur Plant and Mrs. Trogdon with the Pritchard Street Plant. They attend Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

### **Surprise Party Honors Couple on Anniversary**

Jan. 28, 1972 - A surprise party honored Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Trogdon, 615 N. Elm St., Saturday evening, Jan. 22, on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Planning the event without the knowledge of their parents were their three children, Michael, Debbie, and Benny, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Michael Trogdon.

Debbie, a student at Appalachian State University, and Benny, a student at Western Carolina College at Cullowhee, came home early to help make the plans and their parents did not know they were in town until the surprise Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon were invited out to eat Saturday evening by their son, Mike, and his wife. While they were out the guests assembled at the Trogdon home.

The couple, who had been persuaded by their son and daughter-in-law to dress in a more formal attire than they had planned, unlocked the door of their home upon coming back from dinner, turned on the lights and were joyously greeted by their guests.

The anniversary event was complete with cake, decorations, corsages, and gifts. Asked if it was really a surprise, Mrs. Trogdon said "it was a shock."

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon were married Jan. 26, 1947. She is the former Mazelle King, of Southern Pines.

Attending them at their wedding of 25 years ago were his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E.S. Thomas, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Junior Trogdon.

His brother is now deceased but Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and another brother and two more sisters and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Steed, and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McNair, were present for the anniversary party which honored Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon.

Also present were his mother, Mrs. J. Flavius Trogdon, of Asheboro, Mrs. Trogdon's grandmother, 87 year old Mrs. Edna Muse, of Southern Pines, and their pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. David Blue, of the Dogwood Acres Presbyterian church.

In all, 45 or more friends and relatives attended the surprise event. Trogdon is employed with T & S Construction Co. in Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon have one grandchild, Shannon, daughter of the Michael Trogdons.

### **Yows Paid Tribute on Anniversary**

Jan. 28, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Manley (J.R.) Yow, Jr., Rt. 2, Randleman, were honored Sunday afternoon, Jan. 23, by their daughter, Misses Linda and Patsy Yow, on the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. Yow's 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Parents also of two sons, Ricky and Keith, Mr. and Mrs. Yow were married Jan. 25, 1947 at the home of the officiating minister in Ramseur. Mrs. Yow is the former Edna Hudson.

Family members and friends, numbering about 75, called at a club house on the premises of Mr. and Mrs. Junius Kirkman, Rt. 3, Randleman, for the party honoring Mr. and Mrs. Yow. Mrs. Kirkman is a sister of Mrs. Yow.

Other family members in attendance included Yow's mother, Mrs. Manley Yow, Sr., his sister, Mrs. Earl Whitaker, his brother, Allen Yow, and a foster sister, Mrs. Norman Miller, Mrs. Yow's mother, Mrs. Lida Hudson, two other sisters, Mrs. Odell Whitaker and Mrs. J.W. Bischer, and brothers, Fred Hudson, and Glenn Hudson.

Out of town guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dennis, of Raleigh.

Mrs. Kirkman assisted the hostesses in serving. The guests were registered by Miss Nancy McDonald.

Mrs. Yow wore a dress of pink polyester net for her anniversary occasion, with a white carnation corsage sprayed the color as her dress. Her daughter, Linda, wore a dress of green polyester while Patsy was dressed in yellow polyester. Manley Yow's boutonniere was a white carnation.

Yow is employed at Laughlin Hosiery Mills and Mrs. Yow is employed at J.P. Stevens Co. They are members of the Worthville United Methodist Church. They were reared in the Sophia and Worthville areas, respectively. Mrs. Yow's father was the late Levi Hudson. Yow's father Manley Yow, Sr., is also deceased.

Until the day before, the Yow's were unaware of the anniversary party planned in their behalf.

### **Antioch Church has 99 with Perfect Attendance**

Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, had 99 people who had a perfect Sunday school attendance for 1971.

The total attendance of these people, dating back over the past 12 years, amounted to an aggregate total of 601 years of Sunday school attendance.

Average attendance for the Sunday school during the year was 222. Total enrollment is 263. Youngest member of the Sunday school to compile a perfect attendance record was Jennie Kiser, who is not yet two years old.

The attendance records by years are as follows: 1 yr., Larry Saunders, Debbie Norwood, Windy Cox, Barbara Stout, Mark Hayes, Jennie Kiser and Dwight Saunders.

Two years, Lois Ritter, Vera Asbill, Anna Jo Kiser, Robin Ritter, Blanche Cox, Orene Stout, Joey Needham, and Ella Asbill; and 3 years, Cathy Marley, Martha Lawson, Kiven Lawson, Deanne Lawson, Mary Lou Hayes, Ricky Norwood, Dwight Ritter, Steve Welborn, Wesley Ritter and Jerry Kiser.

Four years, Steen Hayes, Jeffery Hayes, Calvin Hayes, Barry Cox, Royce Kiser, Donna Kiser, Lisa Kiser, Leona Hayes, and Rosa Owens; and 5 years, Emogene Marley, James Ritter, Newman Stout, Landis Hayes, Debbie Cox, Dale Ritter, Sandra Marley, Bessie Cox, Holly Hayes, Chris Kiser, and Clyde Kiser.

Six years, Joe Needham, Judy Kiser, Rodney Ritter, Mae Cox, Vivian Needham, Cindy Asbill, Karen Hayes, Joyce Stout, Royce Stout, and Darlene Kiser; and 7 years, Gene Marley, Joyce Ritter, Margie Kiser, Timothy Hayes, Patricia Asbill, Joan Macon, Raymond Kiser, Addie Kiser, Bill Welborn, Bruce Hayes, Reece Needham, Joseph Hayes, and Sandra Kiser.

Eight years, Lexie Cox, Neal Kiser, Beulah Hayes, Elvin Ritter, Vickie Hayes, Phil Owens, and Robin Welborn; and 9 years, Henry Ritter, Hazel Ritter, Lucy Needham, Sheila Ritter, Lucy Hayes, Kelly Needham, and Dora Kiser.

Ten years, Jimmy Needham, James Kiser, Cynthia Kiser, Gerald Hayes, Anita Needham, Debbie Kiser, and Helen Kiser; 11 years, Clifford Hayes, Cathy Asbill and Grace Ritter; and 12 years, Yancy Hayes, Margaret Hayes, Nancy Asbill, Tessie Garner, Lessie Ritter, Gladys Ritter, and Vertie Ritter.

John D. Kiser is superintendent of the Sunday school. Miss Vertie Ritter is secretary and treasurer. Rev. Earlie Tucker is pastor of the church.

### **Special Service Honors Church's Oldest Member**

Feb. 3, 1972 – A "birthday appreciation service" for Mrs. Julean Brooks, 89 year-old resident of Rt. 1, Staley, the Olivers' Chapel AME Zion Church section, was held Sunday afternoon, Jan. 30, at the church.

Mrs. Brooks is the oldest member of the church and also the oldest resident of the community.

She has 167 descendants, including 10 children, 54 grandchildren, 87 great-grandchildren, and 16 great-great-grandchildren. There are seven fifth generation groups within her family circle.

She was born on Jan. 26, 1883 in the vicinity in which she still lives, across Highway 421 at the old Foust place. She attended school in a one-room building between what is now Highway 49 and the old Shady Grove road.

This aged woman recalls that she enjoyed school. She still reads and writes, saying she can write as good with her right hand as she can with her left. She was born left-handed.

Eleven children were born to Julean and her husband William Isaac (Babe) Brooks, who died in 1950. One of her children, Mrs. Rosetta Andrews, has also died in recent years.

Her other children, who joined her in the birthday appreciation service and who live in the same general vicinity, are Ivory Brooks, Bertha Weaver, Fannie Staley, Mary Lou Ford, Carson Brooks, Azell Miller, Randell Brooks, Viola Currie, James Brooks, and Ramon Brooks. Her eldest son, Ivory, is 70 years of age.

Julean's parents, William Phelps and Fannie Marley Phelps, were active in the establishment of the Olivers' Chapel church. She has been a member of the church for the greater part of her life.

The service in her honor followed the morning worship service at the church. Asked why she did not attend the first service, she said in her usual frank manner, "I can't go out there and set that long."

Rev. Ocie Matthews Brown, pastor of the church, was reared across the road from Julean and the aged woman is especially fond of the minister whom she knew as a very young girl. Rev. Mrs. Brown spoke of Julean in an affectionate manner and said "She's whipped me a many a time."

One of Julean's daughters also spoke of disciplinary action and said "when you saw that left hand moving you had better be moving out."

A large assemblage of people was on hand for the honoring of Julean Brooks, a woman who is held in high regard in her own community where she worked for many years.

A brief program preceded the cutting of the birthday cake and the serving of refreshments. Participating were the pastor, Rev. Ocie Brown, and Mrs. Helen Headen, a great-niece of Mrs. Brooks, who paid tribute to the one who was being honored.

Julean's favorite hymn "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung by the choir and congregation. A solo, "It Is Well with My Soul" was sung by Vera Matthews.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Otis Bowers Honored on Anniversary**

Feb. 9, 1972 – Mr. and Mrs. Otis N. Bowers, Sr., Rt. 2, Randleman, were joined by their children and many other relatives and friends in the observance of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Feb. 6.

Their children held open house for their parents from 2 p.m. until 5 p. m. but long before the scheduled hour arrived the country home in which the couple reside was filled with relative who came from various places.

They came from Wilmington, Durham, Newport News, Va., Randleman, Central, S.C., Winston-Salem, Asheboro, Jamestown, Lexington, Clemmons, High Point, Franklinville, Sophia, Ramseur, Worthville, and Greenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowers were married Feb. 5, 1927 in Winston-Salem and shortly afterwards moved to the home site at which they are still living.

Mrs. Bowers, the former Velma Stonestreet, was born in Davie County but went to Winston-salem at the age of ten.

Her first husband was Hobart Messick and four children were born to this marriage. Her daughters are Mrs. E. L. (Margaret) Spivey and Mrs. Jack (Dorothy) Allred, Rt. 2, Randleman, and Mrs. Fred (Inez) Smith, Greensboro, and her son, Hobart Messick, Jr., was killed in an automobile accident in 1951.

Otis Bowers was born in Wilkes County but moved to Winston-Salem at the age of five. His first wife was the former Hester Henderson, of the Randleman vicinity, and they were the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Joseph Harold (Opal) Graves, Rt. 2, Randleman.

Four children were born to Otis and Velma bowers, namely, O.N. Bowers, Jr., and Philip L. Bowers, Clarence W. Bowers, and Mrs. Robert (Bronna Mae) Marsh, all of Rt. 2, Randleman.



The couple's 8 living children were present for the anniversary celebration, along with Mrs. Bowers' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Hobart Messick, Jr.

A feature of the celebration was the renewal of the marriage vows which they first spoke 45 years ago. The second vows were heard by Rev. Robert Allred, a grandson, who has completed his ministerial studies at Central Wesleyan College at Central, S.C.

Mrs. Bowers' pastor, Rev. John G. Harris, of the Midway Wesleyan Church, was among those present at the anniversary celebration.

### **Circle K Club Receives Charter**

Feb. 11, 1972 - The Circle K Club of the Randolph Technical Institute was formally chartered Feb. 8, at the regular meeting of the Asheboro Kiwanis Club.

This newest club is Kiwanis sponsored and had its beginning locally last Apr. when Reese Beane, Lieutenant Governor of the foothills Division, Carolina district Circle K, came to initiate the first steps to organization.

Reese, a member of the High Point College Circle K Club, came to Asheboro a month following his election to Lieutenant Governor. He is a Randolph County native and is remembered here as an outstanding 4-H club member.

The charter banquet, held simultaneously with the Kiwanis meeting, was attended by Beane; John Coleman, vice president, Circle K International; Ned Hill, governor, Carolinas District Circle K; and Joe Vinson, treasurer, Carolinas District Circle K.

Coleman presented the charter to the president of the new club, David Halverson, and administered the oath of office to Halverson and his fellow officers, Ken Bishop, vice president; Junior Coore, secretary; and Mike Pugh, treasurer.

Other club members formally initiated were Pat Clancy, Andy Corpening, Don Hanner, Toby Hardister, Duke Peeler, John Quick, Maynard Reid, Gary Richardson, James Shelton and Mac Scott.

Randolph Tech faculty advisor R. Bruce Freeman extended a welcome to the new club. Issuing a challenge to the Circle K members was A. L. Norman, Kiwanis co-chairman of the Circle K Committee, along with T. N. Moore.

The Circle K Club is a youth organization affiliated with Kiwanis International and is the largest collegiate service organization in the United States and Canada.

Since the election of officers by the local club last Sept., members have engaged in several projects, including two drives for the recruitment of blood.

Upon receiving the charter of organization, the Randolph Technical Institute Circle X Club became officially recognized by Circle K International and Kiwanis International.

### **Mt. Zion Dedicates New Sanctuary**

Feb. 15, 1972 - Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Trinity, which almost ceased to exist a few years ago, dedicated a "modernized sanctuary on Feb. 15 with the newly renovated building filled to capacity.

The pastor, Rev. William C. Belcher, said "this church is a miracle of divine grace." Some of the people give their pastor credit for the changes which have been wrought but he says "I just came here and watched God work."

For many years only a few people attended the services at

the church, maybe a dozen or so. But since May the membership has doubled. The Sunday School attendance on the day of dedication was 68 but more than twice that many were present for the service of dedication.

Rev. George W. Rudisill, district superintendent, was speaker for the special service. He said the "church looks quite a bit different than when I first came. I'd like for the district to see what has been done here."

A meeting regarding the restoration of the sanctuary was held Sept. 13, 1971. The people were doubtful after getting an estimate from a builder. But the pastor had faith and said "do all the work you can and trust in God."

A building committee, composed of Lee Thayer, chairman, and Tom Snyder, Charlie Hunt, Eugene Black, James Hulin, Paul Snyder, and Jerry Small, was elected and the work was started five days later. Mrs. P.M. Snead was named chairman of fund raising.

The sills, which had been originally laid on large rocks, were leveled and the building was underpinned. A composition floor was placed on top of the original floor and the entire area was covered with red carpeting.

A partition was built in the rear of the old sanctuary, allowing for a vestibule and small office. The walls were sheet rocked and plastered, the ceiling lowered, and paneling installed. Recessed lighting fixtures were installed in the ceiling.

The windows in the structure, which consisted of old antique glass, were cleaned and the pulpit area was completely renovated, with the woodwork refinished, stained, sanded and varnished.

The church was founded in 1792 and the first building, constructed of logs, was situated near the waters of the Uwharrie River. The first church building was burned in 1832 and rebuilt the same year. The third church building which was erected around 1850 was a one-room structure, in which both Sunday School and church services were held in the same room.

It was not until 1960 that any improvements came to the Mt. Zion church. These improvements began with the drilling of a deep well and were followed by the erection of four Sunday School rooms and then a fellowship building. But the sanctuary or worship room had remained the same except that the two single entrance doors and wooden steps had been done away with several years ago and replaced with double entrance doors and brick steps.

The transformation of the sanctuary was done at a minimal cost, only \$3,010.23 for the materials. Included in this amount is a donation of \$1,000 from the Davidson County Extension Fund of the Thomasville District of the United Methodist Church.

The work on the building came from donated labor. It is estimated that labor amounting to 1,146 hours or a cash value of \$2,981 was donated. A further estimate of \$439.40 for the use of trucks and tools, donated towards the restoration of the sanctuary, is also made. The cost of materials and the donated labor, trucks and tools amounted to a total of \$6,430.63. This is opposed to a builder's estimate of \$15,000 before the work was started.

So many people helped, seemingly all the members of the small congregation, it is impossible to mention all of them. Inspired by the faith of their minister and working together they did accomplish a miracle at the old church which had been more or less written off at one time. If it had not been for a faithful few, who remained despite the odds, the

church would have ceased to exist.

But there are more plans and dreams for this church, located in a remote wooded area at the end of the road. They want to install electric heat, do some insulating, put up hand rails at the steps, paint the outside of the entire church plant, clear more land and fix up the present cemetery, landscape the church area, build a parking lot, and improve the road leading into the church.

Chances are these things will come to pass. The people had a mind to work when they decided to modernize the sanctuary and it only took them 105 days. It is predicted that these other improvements will be affected also.

### **Scout Leaders Pay Honor At Father-Son Breakfast**

Feb. 17, 1972 - The annual father-son breakfast for Scout Troop 524 was held Sunday morning, Feb. 13, at First Baptist Church, sponsoring unit for the troop.

Fifty-one scouts, their fathers and other guests were present to consume the country ham, grits, eggs and red-eye gravy, which was prepared and served by veteran scout leaders, Alan Reavis, Ike Robinson, Jack Beck, Thurman Bulla, and C.D. Jackson.

Scoutmaster Cliff Richardson, who has held his position since 1964, and assistant Scoutmaster Neal Blevins, who has served an even longer tenure, are in charge of Troop No. 524. Richardson served as master of ceremonies for the breakfast.

The occasion commemorated the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of scouting in the United States and was held on Scout Sunday, marking the beginning of Scout Week.

Special guest for the breakfast was Chuck Hanchy, Randolph County Executive from the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts. Hanchy will serve this summer as director of Camp Wenasa and discussed this phase of camping at the scout breakfast. Also present was Asheboro attorney Steve Glass, a former Eagle Scout with the church troop.

Scoutmaster Richardson used the occasion to express appreciation to the institutional representative, Jack Beck, the chairman of advancement, Thurman Bulla, and other leaders. He especially thanked those who have recently assisted in the purchase of new camping equipment.

He spoke of plans for a back-packing trip by the troop to the Uwharrie National Forest Reservation in the near future, stating that troop members were conditioning themselves for this trip at the present time.

Before the meeting adjourned Jerry Ayers, one of the troop fathers, expressed his appreciation for the efforts of Scoutmaster Richardson and assistant Scoutmaster Blevins in the training of the young scouts.

Recognition was also made of the Silver Beaver Award which was recently presented to Jack Beck, the institutional representative and chairman of the scouting committee, whose activity in the local troop, the council and district extends back over a period of several years. It was mentioned that this is the first time the award has gone to a representative of Troop No. 524.

Senior patrol leader for the troop is Dee Bulla, another patrol leader is Jeff Blevins.

Other troop members are Greg Ayers, Eric Beck, Mark Beck, David Bulla, Bill Bunch, Jeffery Beane, Brent Lewis, Ed Lewis, Marty Lewis, Tyler Cox, Brad Cox, Richard Dees, Allen Deratt, Stanley Deratt, Freddie Graham, Mark

Graham, Eddie Grant, Dewey Hurley, Eddie Luck, Kent Jackson, Jim Weston, Walter Mabe, Kelly Michelle, Robin Patton, Kenneth Parker, Craig Richardson, Chuck Reavis, Kyle Slater, Mike Teem, Jamie Trotter and Keith Vernon.

After the breakfast meeting was concluded, troop members cleaned up the dining area. The Rattlesnake Patrol was in charge of dish washing. The scouts sat together as a group for the morning worship service.

### **For Just Ten Cents, You Can Smash Car**

Feb. 18, 1972 - A "car smash" will be a feature of the spaghetti supper which is being sponsored by the youth of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Friday evening, Feb. 18, from 5 until 8.

Everyone will have an opportunity to hit the car with a sledge hammer for a stated price. One swing will cost 10 cents, two will cost 15 cents and you can get three for 25 cents.

Rev. Mike Engle, youth director at the church, is in charge of Youth Week services at the Neighbors Grove Church during the week of Feb. 13-20.

The spaghetti supper will be held in the fellowship hall. For a big plate of spaghetti, rolls, salad, and drinks, adults will pay \$1.25 and children 75 cents. Proceeds will go to the expenses of a summer retreat for the youth.

For the purpose of advertisement and for use in the car smash the youth director and his helpers have procured a 1952 Plymouth automobile, decorated it in an appropriate manner and located it on the church lawn.

On Saturday evening a color film will be shown to the youth and they will be addressed by State Senator Jyles J. Coggins, of Raleigh, on the drug problem.

Youth Week got off to a successful beginning Sunday morning when 65 young people were present for the morning worship service. Fifty four of them attended a supper on Monday evening at the Family Fish Camp and there were several of them on hand Tuesday evening for the mystery ride and skating at Hill's Roller Rink.

### **Father Had Five Daughters Present To Win Top Award**

Feb., 22 1972 - D. W. (Drew) Smith walked off with the honors at the father-daughter banquet sponsored by the New Market Civitan Club Friday evening, Feb. 18, with all five of his daughters being present as his guests.

Smith also received the prize for being the oldest father in attendance. He will be 72 years of age on Feb. 25.

For several years, with one exception, his daughters have been present with him at the annual banquet. They are Mrs. Quenell Loflin, Mrs. Alene Patton, Mrs. Mozell Walker, Mrs. Rachel Skeen, and Mrs. Mae Hill.

Elmer Beeson, who was present with his daughter, Nan, won the prize for being the youngest father in attendance.

R. S. (Sidney) Cashatt, club president, had his daughters, Cathy Ann and Veva Ellen, as his guests.

Other Civitan members who had daughters present were Gilbert R. Davis, Diane and Tammy, Richard C. Beeson, Sr. and Jane, Robert Davis, Jill, Teresa and Judy, Leo Wyrick and Leola, Max Welborn and Karen, Shoat Davis and Vickie, Martin Overton and Rhonda, Marvin Cooper and Carla, Cecil Plumlee and Evelyn, R. S. (Sonny) Davis, Sandy and Lu Ann, W. C. Kersey, Lynn and Lisa, Kermit Hayes and Geneva Lou, Ogburn Loflin and Sharon, Bobby

LaMarr, Phyllis and Melirda, Herbert Smith and Denise.

Douglas Young, county agent, was guest speaker for the occasion. He was accompanied by his daughter, Nancy.

Also on the program, which was in charge of Gilbert Davis, were four young singers, Debbie Hodgin, Gail Young, Karen Cox and Lou Ann Cox, accompanied by Diana Davis, pianist.

Drew Smith, the father of the five daughters, is a native of Stokes County. He and his wife, the former Mariner Mabe, came to Randolph County in 1921, before the three youngest of their nine children were born.

In addition to their daughters, their sons are Herbert, J. R., Carl and Cecil.

This "oldest and proudest father" at the Civitan banquet was named Civitan of the Year in 1970-71 and has won four out of the five rook tournaments sponsored by the club. He was a finalist in the fifth tournament.

### **Gingerbread House, Shades Of Hansel and Gretel!**

Feb. 23, 1972 - Four special education students at the Coleridge School have built "The Gingerbread House," as adapted from the play "Hansel and Gretel."

The students, Kent Spinks, Cecil Spinks, Clifton Cheek, and Jerome Staley, along with their instructor, Mrs. Arlene Pugh Leggett, are very proud of its construction.

The students, in the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades, did the work themselves under the direction of their instructor. The house is complete with doors, windows, roof and a back passage through which the witch entered.

Construction of the house took about three days, during the two-hour period which the students come under the instruction of Mrs. Leggett, and took place in a math class for the purpose of stressing measurements.

Since the completion of the house, the students have decided to present the play "Hansel and Gretel," which will probably be shown before the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.

At the Coleridge School three groups of special education students have classes for two hours each day with their instructor. Interest projects such as "The Gingerbread House" are used to emphasize the study of the languages and the arts.

The instructor, Mrs. Leggett, is a native of Randolph County, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ewart Pugh in the New Salem area. She attended Campbell College for two years, then completed her studies in special education at East Carolina University. She is a certified special education teacher. Her husband is Kent Leggett, a teacher in the Ramseur School, and the couple live in the Coleridge area.

### **Ribbon Cutting Opens New Sanctuary**

Mar. 1, 1972 - The Asheboro Church of God moved into a new sanctuary adjacent to their existing structure Sunday morning, Feb. 27, built at an estimated value of \$110,000.

Now located at North McCrary St. and Sunset Ave., the church had its beginning in a tent meeting on Ross St. Organization of the church occurred on Sept. 1, 1937.

Nine members comprised the church roll at the beginning, including the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. L. O. Henry.

The other charter members were J. R. Craven, T. J. Furr, Media Davis, Rena Quick, Annie Allred, Tina Auman, and Eunice Spivey.

Only Mrs. Spivey is living from the charter membership and it was she who cut the ribbon in the opening ceremonies for the new building on Sunday morning, Feb. 27. Over 500 people were in attendance at the morning service.

Others participating in the first service in the new building were the pastor, Rev. Ray E. Loftis, the state overseer, Rev. P. H. McCarn, who preached the sermon of dedication, the Rev. Vernon Wood, who offered the prayer of dedication, and two former pastors, Rev. D. R. Roberson, and Rev. W. C. Lee.

The congregation left the old building prior to the morning worship service and as they marched into the new sanctuary the youth choir, directed by Patsy Craven, sang "We Have Come This Far By Faith."

It was last May when the congregation decided to build a new sanctuary instead of retaining their old sanctuary and building new Sunday School rooms. Construction started the next month, with Paul Young, of Young Construction Co., Mooresville, as the contractor.

The new building, which is constructed of brick both inside and out, consists of the auditorium and 8 Sunday School rooms. It is air-conditioned and has a seating capacity of 538, including the balcony and the 65 seats in the loft.

Laminated beams and pine decking, stained in birch, comprise the construction of the ceiling of the new sanctuary. The floor is covered with wall to wall carpeting in a green color, mingled with brown, and the pews are upholstered in gold with mahogany ends.

The Sunday School rooms in the basement have paneled walls and wall to wall carpet. It is also planned to remodel the old sanctuary and the Sunday School rooms which are a part of the original building on North McCrary St.

Building committee for the new construction included the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Loftis, as chairman, and Oris Harper, Leon Craven, Neal Griffin, Johnny Batten, and Herman Ross.

The first building housing the Asheboro Church of God congregation was located on Chestnut St. The congregation outgrew this building and relocated on North McCrary St. in 1950. The parsonage was built beside of the church in 1952.

The first purchase of land on Sunset Ave., adjacent to the property, was made in 1956. An additional purchase on Sunset was made in 1969. Recently the church has bought the property of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoover, north of the church property on North McCrary St.

Asheboro Church of God has 217 members and last month there was an average Sunday School attendance of 256.

The words of the song the youth group sang when the people entered the new building were more applicable to the Asheboro Church of God than many might know about. It was recalled that the first services in a rented store building had to be moved because the congregation could not pay the rent. For about nine months the services were held in the home of the sole surviving charter member, Mrs. Spivey, until other arrangements could be made.

Without question the congregation has come "this far by faith" and it has been a long distance from the small beginning over 34 years ago, when the church started in a tent, had to leave the store building and then continued their worship in the private home.

**Benefit Supper Set Saturday For Farm Mishap Victim**

Mar. 2, 1972 - A benefit supper for Michael Williamson, Rt. 2, Seagrove youth, will be held Saturday, Mar. 4, at the Ulah Fire Department.

Michael, age 16, was severely injured in a farm accident on Dec. 27. His jaw was broken in two places, he sustained cuts on his face and left side, his spinal cord was crushed, his back was broken, and his lung punctured.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Williamson, the youth is paralyzed from the chest down. He has been a patient at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill since the day of the accident.

In addition to the supper on Mar. 4, a drawing for prizes will also be held. These prizes include \$50 savings bond, \$25 savings bond, three country hams and other prizes.

The supper will be held from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Plates will cost a dollar. The menu will consist of pinto beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, tea, coffee and desert.

Tickets for both the drawing and supper are on sale by the sponsoring New Hope Youth Group and others. Donations for the drawing are being accepted at a dollar also.

The accident which paralyzed young Williamson, a 10<sup>th</sup> grade student at North Moore High School, took place while he was working on the farm of Wade Owen.

He was caught and dragged through two spiked reels on a silage wagon which was being operated by a power take-off. The most narrow point between the spiked reels, which his body went through, is about six or eight inches wide.

A cousin, Clinton Sheffield, was working with him and cut the power off before he was dragged through the machinery for the second time.

The rescue squad at Robbins rushed him to the Moore County Hospital at Pinehurst where he received emergency treatment. He was then taken to the Chapel Hill hospital and placed in the intensive care unit where he stayed for three weeks.

Both lungs collapsed because of the injuries. He was placed on an artificial respirator for two weeks. The rescue squad attendants on the trip to Chapel Hill started to turn back two or three times, thinking the lad had expired on the way.

But the young man has made a big improvement and has been allowed to spend the last two weekends at home with his parents and brothers and sisters. He is presently undergoing therapy at the hospital and learning the use of a wheel chair.

He still hopes to finish school, even though he has received a major setback. He said he made good grades at the North Moore school. For the first eight years in school, he attended the school at Seagrove. During that time the family lived between Asheboro and Seagrove.

A previous benefit for Michael and his family, in the form of a hot dog supper, was sponsored by the youth group at Flag Springs United Methodist Church.

**Special Service Ordains Worthville Church Pastor**

Mar. 3, 1972 - A special ordination service, followed by a fellowship dinner, took place at the Union Grove Baptist Church Sunday morning, Feb. 27.

Garland T. Hall, a member of the Union Grove church since 1960, was ordained as a Baptist minister in the

presence of family, co-workers at the church, and members of the congregation where he has accepted a pastorate.

On the first Sunday in Feb. he assumed the pastorate of the Worthville Baptist Church, where he had been serving as a supply minister.

A cabinet maker at the time of his call to the ministry, he was reared in the area between Asheboro and Seagrove. He graduated from Seagrove High School in 1955. For eight years he was employed at Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro.

After his call to the ministry in Nov., 1968, he enrolled at Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute where he completed his studies a short while ago.

Dr. F. A. Lunsford, pastor at Union Grove, presided over the service of ordination and delivered the charge to the candidate.

The charge to the church was delivered by Rev. Clyde Stutts, pastor of Sylvan Avenue Baptist Mission in Martinsville, Va. Stutts himself was ordained last year by the Union Grove church.

Walter McNeill, also an ordained minister at the church, served as chairman of the presbytery and a Bible was presented to the newly ordained minister by Alton Garner, chairman of deacons.

An impressive and solemn part of the service came when the ordained men of the church, both active and inactive, filed by for the traditional "laying on of the hands." This group consists of a large number in the Union Grove church.

But the greatest expression came when the large assemblage walked down the aisle to display their affection and manifest their friendly good wishes to the newly ordained minister and his family.

His family includes his wife, the former Barbara Ann Garner, and their four children, Vickie, Sherri, Bobby and Bruce.

The spirit of fellowship and good will carried over into the fellowship hall where a large number of both congregations, the Worthville people and the Union Grove people, enjoyed the sumptuous meal served buffet style.

**He's 88 Years Old, But Has Had Only 21 Birthdays**

Mar. 3, 1972 - Carl Nance's mind was alert as he approached his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday which he observes every four years.

This year it was the 21<sup>st</sup> observance. Because for some chronological happening he did not have a birthday in the year 1900. There was no Feb. 29 that year. Thus, he went for eight years that time without a birthday.

When he was younger he didn't think much about not having a birthday every year but has been more concerned with it in the later years. As he expressed it on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, he said in recent years he "wondered if I'll ever have another one."

But his mind was clear and his health reasonably good as he came to the 88<sup>th</sup> year. The only difference, he has had to quit, temporarily at least, playing the banjo.

Due to an arthritic difficulty in his hands, he quit playing about six months ago. He had played since he was ten years old and playing this musical instrument has meant a great deal to him, especially in the latter years of his life.

His wife died in 1935 and he said playing the banjo "was a good pastime for me." But he added, "I can't handle it

anymore."

As he waited for the family celebration in his honor, an occasion which began 12 years ago, he recalled the days of his childhood. He lived for the first nine years on Tom's Creek and then came to the place where he now lives on Rt. 2, Denton, across from the Salem United Methodist Church.

He recalled the one-teacher school where he excelled in arithmetic. He said the students "all drank out of the same bucket and the same tin" and he remembers the girls sweeping the red dirt out of the schoolhouse every day at noon and the boys getting wood for the fireplace.

He left school at the age of 17 but did not marry until he was 28. Asked why he waited so long, he said "I couldn't find anybody I wanted."

He joined the Salem church in 1903, after he had made a profession in a revival meeting. His faith has been consistent since that time. He said "after I made a profession I stuck to it. I never had that thing to do over."

The house in which he lives is the same one to which he came with his parents 79 years ago. He said it was an old house at that time. When he married he established a household at another place but only stayed seven years before coming back.

His birthday celebration was held at the Farmer Grange building. A large number of his relatives were on hand. Included were his eight children, Branson Nance, J. Van Nance, Dwight Nance, Ivey Nance, Charles Nance, Mrs. B. R. Varner, Mrs. Roy Arnold, and Mrs. Edward Hunt.

### **Supper Raises \$2,360**

Mar. 14, 1972 - A pinto bean supper, given for the benefit of Michael Williamson and sponsored by the youth group of the New Hope United Methodist Church, raised \$2,359.88 for the paralyzed youth.

The supper was held on Saturday, Mar. 4, and over 700 people were served. A hundred pounds of beans were cooked and there was only a gallon or so left over. A ticket sale for prizes was held in conjunction with the supper.

Michael, 16-year-old Rt. 2, Seagrove resident, was severely injured last Dec. 27 when he was caught between two spiked reels on a silage wagon. Only a week ago was he released from North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

The young boy formerly lived in the area of New Hope church and was a friend to members of the youth group. He was also a student at the Seagrove school before moving with his parents to the area in which they now live.

Counselors for the youth group at New Hope are Clifford Brim and David Voncannon. Officers are Danny King, president; Bruce King, vice president; Cindy Voncannon, secretary; and Joyce Presnell, treasurer.

Other members of the group are Van Allen, Karen Arrington, Tim Arrington, Sandra Brim, Frankie Rice, Ronnie Rice, Kenny Metters, Debra Presnell, Audrey Farlow, Richard Russell, Terry Ingold, Ronald Ingold, Patricia Ingold, Jeff Lamb, Greg Lamb, Mike Lamb, Danny Shaw, Mona Lamb, Amanda Trotter, David Dunn and Debra Hudson.

The young people and their counselors wish to express their appreciation to members of the Ulah Fire Department, where the benefit was held, and to the adults of the church and the people outside of the church who assisted them in the mammoth project which they undertook so successfully.

### **Double Celebration Honors Pastor, Choir Director**

Mar. 15, 1972 - Riverside Baptist Church honored both their pastor and choir director and their wives on the occasion of their wedding anniversaries Sunday, Mar. 12. The church is located on Rt. 1, Seagrove.

A buffet luncheon in the fellowship hall recognized Rev. and Mrs. Wilber E. Eaton, Rt. 5, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jones, Rt. 1, Bennett.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Eaton, was unaware of the fact that he and his wife were being honored, since he was absent from the morning service due to an appointment at the Richland Baptist Church. He knew about the honor which had been planned for Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

His pulpit at the Riverside church was filled by Don Daniel, a minister from the Huldah Baptist Church congregation. Coming in for the fellowship dinner was the pastor of the Richland church, the Rev. Ben McPherson and his wife.

Brief remarks were made by the three ministers and the choir leader. The latter came to the Riverside church 19 months ago. His wife is the church pianist.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were married Mar. 12, 1930 in Chesterfield, S.C. Jones was reared in Pleasant Grove Township, about four miles from where Mrs. Jones, the former Adele Poole, lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Poole, between Coleridge and Bennett.

The Jones had been active for many years in the Deep River Baptist church in Coleridge before assuming their positions at the Riverside church. He served as a Sunday School teacher for 30 years, only missing 12 Sundays during that time.

About 50 years ago Mrs. Jones started playing a peddle organ in the Deep River church. She still plays a peddle organ, one which her husband purchased about six years ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Eaton were married Mar. 23, 1940 in Hillsville, Va. It was on a Saturday before Easter and when they awoke the next morning snow had covered the ground.

Rev. Mr. Eaton is a native of Pinnacle, Stokes County while Mrs. Eaton, the former Ethel Fulp, lived in Siloam, Surry County. They lived on opposite sides of Pilot Mountain and the minister had to go around the mountain in order to engage in their courtship.

The couple came to the Trinity section of Randolph County in 1941, locating in the Seagrove area in 1944. He has been an employee of Union Carbide Corp. for 23 years.

He was called to preach in 1956 and established the Community Baptist Church where he served as pastor. He has been pastor of the Riverside church since Aug., 1964. Since his coming there, the membership has increased, a fellowship hall built, and a portion of the church carpeted.

Rev. and Mrs. Eaton are the parents of two daughters, Mrs. Jimmy (Ann) Covington, Asheboro, and Mrs. Paul (Ellen) Reed, Rancho Cordova, Calif.

Family members of Mr. and Mrs. Jones present for the special occasion in their honor included their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hunsucker, and their grandchildren, Veronica Jane and Galen Richardson Hunsucker, and Jones' sister, Mrs. John Simmons, and her husband.

**Local Student Politicking**

Mar. 23, 1972 - A young man from rural Randolph County is emerging as a political figure on the State scene, particularly in the younger and more liberal circles.

Steve Routh, Rt. 2, Sophia, is currently serving as president of the Young Democratic Club at North Carolina State University, from which school he will graduate in May.

He has recently joined the campaign staff of Wilbur Hobby, Democratic candidate for Governor, and is sending out letters to other college YDC presidents in Hobby's behalf.

He had formerly planned to work for Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles but the labor candidate impressed him as a "person interested in ordinary working people and not in people just for the purpose of donating to his campaign."

Steve, who admits he hasn't been on the winning side in many issues, says he likes the coalition of blacks, working people and blue collar workers that Hobby is trying to put together.

At the recent YDC convention in Greensboro, Steve introduced a resolution asking that State Elections Board Executive Secretary Alex Brock be removed from his job. His resolution was based on Brock's interpretation of election laws which prohibited students and working people from registering during the office hours of many county election boards.

It was also a protest against the failure of students to vote on the college campus and he was elated that a recent ruling of the North Carolina Supreme Court stated that a Meredith College student from Tarboro could vote in Raleigh.

His resolution at the YDC convention to remove Brock gained much vocal support at the convention but the presiding officer ruled that it did not pass. Routh asked for a show of hands but was refused that parliamentary request.

At the past session of the legislature Steve lobbied for the changing of the primary election back to Saturday and for establishing the absentee vote in the primary. However, he said "it still falls in the middle of our exams."

The YDC organization at North Carolina State University had been non-existent for some time, until Steve and some fellow students reactivated the club and re-wrote the constitution. A member of the club was named secretary of the N. C. Federation of College Young Democrats at the convention in Greensboro.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Routh, Rt. 2, Sophia, Steve is married to the former Nancy Gunter, daughter of Mrs. Walter Gunter, Rt. 3, Asheboro, and the late Mr. Gunter. Both Steve and Nancy graduated from Farmer High School in 1965.

Steve, 25, graduated from Wingate College where he received an associate of science degree in engineering before enrolling at State where he is majoring in computer science. His wife is employed in the office of alumni affairs.

The couple resides at Quaker House, where they are host and hostess, and Steve is Clerk of Raleigh Friends Meeting, an unprogrammed meeting which is an affiliate of the New Garden Quarter.

This young man, who realizes he has been taking stands which are not popular, is a draft counselor and the president of a draft information organization. He is the representative from N. C. State University in the Wake County Campaign for Young Voters and he has been

active, both for himself and his YDC, in the registration of young voters. He is also chairman of the lecture board at the university; it is his responsibility to get speakers to appear on the campus.

He got interested in politics when re-organization procedures required that young people be included and he was immediately named third vice chairman of a precinct in Cary. He now holds the same position in a Raleigh precinct.

He worked in Congressman Nick Galifianakis' last Congressional race and he was a delegate to the county convention. He serves on the steering committee for presidential hopeful Sen. George McGovern but the latter's decision not to enter the North Carolina presidential primary has precluded any work from young Routh in his behalf at the present time.

Injecting a general political note, he said, "the people who work every day are paying the bulk of the tax in the State of North Carolina, the income tax and the sales tax." He said "we are going to have to have some change or we are eventually going Republican."

**Bishop Presides At Stout's Chapel**

Mar. 28, 1972 - The hierarchy of the United Methodist Church descended on Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, a small Negro congregation located on Rt. 1, Ramseur, Sunday afternoon, Mar. 19.

Participating in a special service held in the new building at Stout's Chapel were Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. of the Western North Carolina Conference, Dr. James G. Huggin, district superintendent, and Mrs. W. Frank Redding, Jr., president of the conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Also, E. Wayne Hughes, president of the Randolph Area Mission Society, Rev. G. L. Warren, pastor of the church, Carlee Staley, lay leader for the Empire Circuit, of which the church is a part, and other church officials.

The Bishop said "I would rather be here this afternoon than any other place in the world to see what you have done and what your friends have helped you do."

Bishop Hunt toured the old building, which has not yet been torn down, before he addressed the assembled group. He said "there is a lot of history over there in that old building. Even though we rejoice in your new building, we remember with gratitude the old place."

The Stout's Chapel congregation initiated vigorous efforts to secure a new building when they appeared before the Randolph Area Mission Society in Nov., 1970 seeking funds for a new structure.

Their tiny structure, which rested on rock pillars, was shabby, dilapidated, and inadequate for suitable worship. Many of the young people of the community had left the church because of its condition. Sometimes there were only a handful of people in attendance at its services.

With the help of the mission society and their friends in the community, a new church building was started and occupied formally on Oct. 10, 1971.

Rev. Mr. Warren welcomed the capacity crowd which was present for the auspicious occasion and said "we are thankful for our Bishop to be present with us. He is a preacher and a leader." Miss Mary Harrison, who formerly taught school in the community, responded by saying "this is a great moment in our lives."

Dr. Huggin, who introduced Bishop Hunt, said "this is one of my favorite places." The district superintendent, who was

present for the open house last Oct., also said "it was here I got the best potato pie I ever ate."

The Bishop's address was eloquent and received with vocal expression from the congregation, which included members of the Piney Ridge and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches, which are also a part of the Empire Circuit.

Also appearing briefly on the program were Rev. W. Calvin Leonard, pastor of the Central church in Asheboro, Rev. Billy Hunter, pastor of the West Bend church, and Mrs. Golda Mae Matthews, president of the Piney Ridge WSCS.

### **Church Presented Painting**

Mar. 29, 1972 - A baptismal scene at the Union Grove Baptist Church was unveiled Sunday morning, Mar. 26, at the conclusion of the morning worship service and accepted by the pastor, Dr. F. A. Lunsford.

The painting of the scene, a mixture of water, mountains, grass, rocks and flowers, was done by Douglas Tucker, until recently a member at the Union Grove church.

The idea of doing the painting and presenting it to the church entered Tucker's mind in 1968, after the beginning of plans to erect a new building. The actual work on the painting began early in 1969. The artist, a self-professed amateur, estimates that he worked 100 hours on it in his spare time.

It is a beautiful scene which focuses on the light and darker hues of the blue water which recede into the distance between the mountains on either side. A pinnacle with rocks, tall green grass and flowers juts out into the water in the foreground with trees showing across the narrowing point of the blue sea.

Origination of the idea for the painting came to Douglas in the same year he joined the Union Grove church following his conversion. As he and his wife, the former Teresa Greene, stood to make the presentation, he said, "I am thankful that the church gave me this opportunity to do my part."

He gave his testimony to the congregation and said "the people have meant so much to me, I became grounded in the word of God here."

The canvas on which the scene is painted is 8 feet tall and 14 feet long and is stretched on two by four timbers. Different views of the painting are dependent upon what area of the large auditorium one is located and the mountains in the picture display the vastness of the entire scene.

Douglas Tucker's experience as an artist had consisted of several paintings done in oil for private purposes but he had never undertaken anything on the scale of the baptismal scene which now predominates the pulpit area of the magnificent Union Grove church sanctuary.

A 1965 graduate of Seagrove High School, his training has been limited to a few courses at Randolph Technical Institute.

Following their marriage on July 5, 1969, Douglas and his wife lived on Rt. 5, Asheboro until moving to Greensboro last Oct. where he is associated with Covil Insulation Co. They have moved their church membership from the Union Grove church to the Brightwood Baptist Church in the Greensboro area.

### **Easter Marks Anniversary**

Apr. 4, 1972 - Easter Sunday marked the observance of the

25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Mr. and Mrs. Labon Delbert Craven, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

The couple were married on Saturday before Easter, Apr. 5, 1947 at the Baptist parsonage in Franklinville, with the pastor, Rev. W. A. Elam, officiating.

Their daughters, Mrs. Darrell Spivey, of Ramseur, and Miss Lola Annette Craven and Emma Cordella Craven, entertained in honor of their parents at the Craven home from 2 until 6 p.m.

Assisting Mrs. Spivey in the serving were Mrs. Colon Whitley and daughter, Beth. Many members of both families and friends were in attendance, including Mrs. Craven's mother, Mrs. David Cobb, of Greensboro.

The parents of Labon Delbert Craven, the late Bascom Craven and Emma Burns Craven are deceased. Bascom Craven died in the flu epidemic of 1918.

Delbert Craven was reared next door to where he is now living. He has been an employee of Randolph Mills in Franklinville since Oct., 1925. When he began his employment there he worked a 55-hour week and his wages were 15 cents an hour.

He was making 75 cents an hour at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Craven, the former Sally Frances Cobb, a native of Gibsonville. Her parents moved between Ramseur and Coleridge when she was 9. She has been an employee at Randolph Mills for 29 years.

In attendance at their wedding a quarter of century ago were the officiating minister and wife, Mr and Mrs. William V. Cobb, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Craven, and Mr. and Mrs. Lindsey Morgan.

Mrs. Craven recalls that her husband's sister, now Mrs. Claudie Hicks, of Asheboro, baked them a wedding cake which was served by his mother, to which home they went following their marriage vows. Mrs. Hicks and her husband were among the relatives in attendance at the anniversary event.

Also present were the Rev. and Mrs. James Laws, of the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church, located near the home in which they have spent their married life.

### **Oliver's Chapel Church Dedicates New Building**

Apr. 6, 1972 - Easter Sunday and Monday were prominent days in the history of Oliver's Chapel AME Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley, the second day culminating in the dedication of the new church structure.

The church was honored on the second day by the presence of Bishop William A. Stewart, of Washington, D. C., the Presiding Bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District, who preached the sermon of dedication.

This was the first Easter the congregation had worshipped in the new brick and block structure, having moved into the new building the fourth Sunday of last Aug.

It is a far different building from the one which they left and on a different site. The old building, which was erected in 1921, had outlived its usefulness and was located at the end of a dirt road. It was a one-room frame structure.

Organized in 1861, the church was named for Oliver Siler who donated the land on which the building was erected. Land for the new site was donated by C. E. Brooks, of Cincinnati, Ohio, whose mother, Mrs. Agnes Brooks, reared 10 children in an old log home located on the one-acre tract of land on which the new church has been built.

The new building has a sanctuary seating around 300

people, it has Sunday School rooms, kitchen and dining area, choir room, pastor's study, rest rooms and lounges. A substantial amount was in the building fund when the new building was started and only \$11,000 was borrowed to complete its erection.

The new sanctuary was filled for its first Easter service and extra chairs had to be brought out on Monday when the Central North Carolina Conference of the AME Zion Church convened at Oliver's Chapel prior to the service of dedication for one of their four check-up meetings.

This was the first time in the history of the church that a conference meeting had been held with the local congregation. Along with the Presiding Bishop, among those in attendance were Presiding Elders and Representatives from the five districts of the conference, namely, Sanford, Laurinburg, Raleigh, Fayetteville, and Durham.

Pastor of the church is Rev. Ocie Matthews Brown, who was reared in the church and the vicinity. As a young girl she preached her first sermon in the church on Apr. 3, 1951. She accepted the pastorate on Dec. 7, 1967 and the church has moved steadily forward since that time.

The pastor presided over the service of dedication and the building was presented for dedication by Otha W. Matthews, chairman of the trustee board.

Pre-dedication services at Oliver's Chapel began on Sunday, Mar. 12, and continued for several days prior to the day of dedication. Outside speakers from various places spoke at each of these preliminary services.

Arrangements for dedication were handled by a committee composed of Helen Headen, Vera Matthews, Janice Staley, Mary Lee Brown, Doris Dark, Seymore Brown, and Ocie M. Brown.

### **She's 100 Years Old Now, And Advises: "Don't Worry"**

Apr. 11, 1972 - Mrs. Lula Walker, a native of Orange County, observed her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Apr. 8, and attributed her longevity to lack of worry.

She set in the living room at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. N. Knott, 319 Worth St., and said, "I just try to live and take things as they come. I try not to worry."

Giving this thought further emphasis, she added, "worry will kill anybody." Her words were representative of the picture she presented, as she sat there prettily dressed, younger-appearing than her actual age, calm and with clarity of mind.

She was not overly impressed with having reached the century mark of her life. She replied to the obvious question about this by saying, "I don't feel any different than I did last year."

She made reference, however, to the interest which members of her family were manifesting towards her birthday and said "every which way they turn they do something for you."

Mrs. Walker came to Asheboro in 1951 from her home in Hillsborough, following the death of her husband, Walter Walker, to reside in the home of her daughter, Mrs. Knott.

She has been here since that time except for two years of residence with her other daughter, Mrs. James W. Holt, in Charlotte. She came back here after Thanksgiving last year because of an illness.

This aged lady has a preference for certain doctors, so when she got sick she wanted to be back where she could

be cared for by her favorites. Dr. Frank Edmondson and Dr. George W. Joyner.

She was brought back and admitted to The Randolph Hospital where she remained until Jan. 5. Since that time she has been a patient in a local nursing home, except for the visits back to her daughter's home.

Born and reared in a rural area of Orange County, she came from a family of 12 children, of whom all are dead except for a younger brother. Her father was, as she described it, "a big tobacco raiser," and she said he hauled his product to the warehouses in Durham in a big, two-horse wagon.

She recalled that he hauled one load all the way to Danville, Va. but wasn't pleased with the price he got and didn't take any more to that place.

Mrs. Walker finished her schooling at the Orange Academy and had planned to enroll at Woman's College in Greensboro but was prevented from doing so because of the death of her father. She moved to Hillsborough at the time of her marriage.

A few friends and the members of the Knott family joined her on the day of her birthday. But on Sunday both daughters and their families and other relatives gathered for a celebration in her honor.

Included in this family gathering were her five grandchildren, Robert N. (Bobby) Knott, David Knott, Jeanette Holt, Harriett Holt, and Philip Holt, and three great-grandchildren, Robert N. Knott, Jr., Steve Knott, and Walter David Knott.

### **Their Golden Anniversary**

Apr. 20, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Junie Farlow, who have spent their married life on a hill overlooking Highway 220 south of Seagrove, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 16.

Between their house, which sets back from the highway, and the road is a pond. In their yard are two big oaks and a Magnolia tree.

The couple came to the house 50 years ago this coming June, shortly after their marriage on Apr. 15, 1922. They have added to the house since they moved there but the original portion of the house, which was built long before they came, still remains.

Their three-children, Joe M. Farlow, Rt. 4, Asheboro, Mrs. Boyd (Louise) Hedrick, Lexington and June Morris Farlow, Baltimore, Md., entertained in honor of their parents at a reception in the fellowship hall at Seagrove Christian Church, with approximately 250 friends and relatives calling from 2 until 4 p.m.

Since 1962 Mr. and Mrs. Farlow have maintained a home at Carolina Beach and have spent more time there in recent years than at the home to which they came following their marriage and the place where they reared their children.

Junie Farlow was reared along with six brothers and two sisters at the farm house of their parents, Madison Farlow and Mary Eliza Harper Farlow, located south of Maple Springs Baptist Church and a mile west of his present home on Highway 220.

He attended the old Blaylock School and the school at Seagrove. He helped with the work on the farm and also assisted his father in sawmilling.

It was while working at the sawmill in upper Montgomery County that he got acquainted with Mrs. Farlow, who was attending the Piney Grove School near the sawmilling



operation.

She is the former Ina Bean, daughter of Oliver Duckery Bean and Talitha Ann Cornelison Bean, and she too came from a large family, having four older brothers and sisters and four younger ones. Her home was in the vicinity of Sugg's Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Their marriage occurred on a Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Maness, with Maness, a Justice of the Peace, performing the ceremony.

Attending the couple were her sisters, Esther, now Mrs. Helton Cole, and Carrie, now Mrs. Ima King, Ronnie Bean, a cousin, and Helton Cole. Mr. and Mrs. Cole were not married at the time of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Farlow.

Mrs. Cole and Mrs. King, along with the couple's three children, stood with Mr. and Mrs. Farlow as they greeted the guests at their anniversary reception.

In addition to his farming and sawmilling, Junie Farlow has worked as a meat cutter in stores operated by his brothers Charlie and Amos. He now sells tomatoes for his brother Charlie at Carolina Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Farlow have nine grandchildren. Two of them, Royce Farlow, serving with the Air Force in Vietnam, and Gary Hedrick, serving with the Air Force in Alaska, were unable to attend the anniversary celebration of their grandparents. Gary called his grandmother on the morning of the couple's anniversary occasion to wish his grandparents a happy golden observance of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Farlow are members of the church at which the reception honoring their anniversary was held.

### **Rouths Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Apr. 21, 1972 - On Sunday morning, Apr. 16, Mr. and Mrs. J. Toon Routh, Rt. 1, Franklinville, and members of their family sat together for the worship service at the Bethany United Methodist Church, where Mr. and Mrs. Routh have worshipped throughout the 50 years of their married life.

An arrangement of gladioli, yellow carnations and mums was placed in the church by their oldest son and daughter in honor of their parents. On the last Sunday in Mar. all six of their children presented the church with palms in honor of their parents.

After the morning service on Apr. 16, the family group assembled in the fellowship hall for lunch and a further observance of the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Routh.

Joshua Toon Routh has been a member of the Bethany church since 1910. Mrs. Routh, the former Eula Estelle Thomas, transferred her membership from Randolph Methodist Church shortly after her marriage on Easter Sunday, Apr. 16, 1922.

The couple became acquainted when Routh was working at a sawmill on her grandfather's place in the area in which she lived, near the old Melancton Lutheran Church between Sandy Creek and Liberty. Her parents were Walter and Dora Cox Thomas. She attended the school at Melancton.

Routh, son of Paige Routh and Berti Goley Routh, was reared in sight of their present homeplace north of Millboro and attended Julian Grove School. However, he feels that he received a greater part of his learning counting lumber at his father's sawmill.

His first job at the sawmill was firing the boiler at the age of six. At the age of 13, he could tell at the end of the day's

work how many feet of lumber had been sawed.

Their marriage occurred at the home of her parents with members of both families in attendance. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. W. H. Asburn, a Methodist pastor in the area, and they lived in Millboro until they came to their present home the next month.

Their house has been remodeled several times during their married life to provide space for their six children.

These children who honored their parents on the anniversary of their marriage, are Carl Routh, Climax; Mrs. Wilfred (Chloe) Gregson, Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden; Fred Routh, Kernersville; Charles Routh, Pleasant Garden; Mrs. Charles (Peggy) Russell, Randleman; and Mrs. Jack (Joyce) Fagg Rt. 1, Franklinville.

The couple have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Mrs. Routh is 69 years of age while her husband is 73. He continued his sawmilling operation until 1945.

Mrs. Routh wore a lilac dress with a corsage of yellow rosebuds for her anniversary celebration. Fifty years ago, for the speaking of her marriage vows, she wore a blue taffeta dress, a blue taffeta hat trimmed in burgundy, and black patent leather slippers.

A special guest at the anniversary occasion was Percy Cox, a relative of Mr. and Mrs. Routh, who was a witness at their marriage ceremony 50 years ago.

The luncheon honoring Mr. and Mrs. Routh was confined to members of their immediate family due to the condition of Routh's health. But, nevertheless, friends have called to extend their best wishes and many cards have been received to express similar thoughts.

### **FHA'ers Model Fashions**

Apr. 26, 1972 - "I'd like to teach the world about fashions" was the theme for the program at the mother-daughter banquet sponsored by the Southwestern Randolph Chapter of Future Homemakers of America on Apr. 21.

The colorful event was held in the student compound at Southwestern Senior High School and was the first mother-daughter banquet to be held at this school. The banquet had long been a tradition at the Seagrove school, which along with Farmer was consolidated into the new senior high school.

Members of the FHA chapter modeled the fashions from the various countries of the world as they paraded across the stage, against a background of large white columns, a white picket fence, large artificial red flowers and red streamers on either side of the stage.

Models and the countries they represented were Sue Bumgarner, Scotland; Treva King, Spain; Beverly Bumgarner, Argentina; Elaine Farlow, Japan; Deborah Lucas, Sweden; Denise Auman, Germany; Lynne Yow, Russia; Kathy Kiser, India; Rebecca Bittle, Africa; Linda Williams, Vietnam; Barbara Graves, England; Patricia Ingold, Paris; Anita Needham, Mexico; Nancy Kindley, Hawaii; Denise Caviness, Alaska; Cynthia Kiser, California; Linda Brown, Florida; and Pat Williams, who wore a bridal gown and represented New York. Narrator for the fashion show was Darlene Kiser.

Patricia Ingold, still wearing the black evening gown with sequins, which she modeled in the fashion show, was crowned FHA'er of the year by Susan Cagle, last year's recipient of this honor and like Patricia also the 1971 president of the FHA chapter.

Patricia, who has won many honors in 4-H activities in Randolph County, made the dress which she wore for last year's junior-senior prom.

Mrs. Harold Hoover, one of the mothers in attendance, gave the response to the welcome which was extended by the FHA president at the beginning of the banquet program. Joannis Causey spoke the invocation.

Special guests were G. C. Castelloe, Jr., Southwestern principal, and Mrs. Castelloe and Robert Allen, assistant principal, and Mrs. Allen.

Gifts were presented to Mrs. Wade Harris, FHA advisor, who served in this capacity at Seagrove for many years; to the FHA president, Patricia Ingold; and to the chapter mothers, Mrs. Mary Boling, Mrs. Floyd Caviness, Mrs. Jimmy Ingold, Mrs. J.C. Kiser, Mrs. Vance Williams, and Mrs. Richard Williamson.

FHA'ers of the month, in addition to the FHA'er of the year were Treva King, Donese Garner, Cynthia Kiser, Elaine Farlow, Kathy Kiser, Darlene Kiser, and Beverly Bumgarner.

State Degrees were conferred on Cynthia Kiser, Patricia Ingold, and Treva King by last year's president, Susan Cagle. Chapter degrees were conferred by Deborah Lucas.

Patricia Ingold installed the 1972-73 officers, consisting of Treva King, president; Beverly Bumgarner, vice president; Carol Hoover, secretary; Lynne Yow, treasurer; Donese Garner, reporter; and Denise Auman, historian.

Advisor to the FHA chapter, in addition to Mrs. Harris, is Mrs. Nellie Allred.

### **Asbills Honored On Anniversary**

Apr. 27, 1972 - Friends, neighbors, and relatives honored Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Asbill, Rt. 1, Seagrove, on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, with 140 of them calling at the Asbill home to extend their respect to the couple.

Their son, Darrell Asbill, and their four daughters, Mrs. Steve (Shirley) Graves, Nancy, Cathy, and Patricia Asbill, were host and hostesses for the occasion.

Assisting were their daughter-in-law and their son-in-law. Also on hand were their two granddaughters, Amy Asbill and Tara Graves.

Mr. and Mrs. Asbill were married Apr. 26, 1947, in Bennettsville, S.C. Mrs. Asbill is the former Vera Needham, one of thirteen children of George Needham and the late Rachel Hayes Needham. Asbill is the son of Stacy and Ruth Moran Asbill.

The couple have spent their lives in the Antioch Christian Church community. They have been members of the church since before their marriage.

Asbill is presently a trustee of the church and is a former superintendent of the Sunday School.

Their son, Darrell, is currently serving as superintendent of the Sunday School.

All four Asbill daughters wore identical dresses, blue polyester, for their parents' anniversary reception. Their corsages were white carnations with silver trim. Mrs. Asbill also wore a dress of blue polyester, not identical to her daughters, with a white mum for her corsage.

The Rev. Earlie Tucker, pastor of the Antioch church, was among the guests in attendance.

A special guest was Mrs. Rosa Cox, long time neighbor and friend and pianist at the church for 35 years.

### **Neighbors Minister Paid Tribute**

Apr. 28, 1972 - A surprise breakfast Sunday morning, Apr. 23, in the youth building at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church honored Rev. and Mrs. Mike Engle who have completed a year of service at the church.

Engle, first youth, music director and assistant pastor to serve the church, has accepted the call to return for another year of service.

The breakfast, which featured country ham and eggs, was hosted by the parents, of the youth at the church and was an expression of their appreciation for the services of Engle and his wife. It was both a "thank you" and a "welcome back."

Judy Saunders spoke for the youth who were present for the breakfast and for the youth of the church.

Among other things, she said, "since your coming we have grown not only in number but also in wisdom. We have learned that leading a Christian life is something to be proud of and not something to be ashamed of."

Gifts from the Wesleyan Youth and from the parents included a copy of Matthew Henry's Commentary, which Engle termed "very useful." A religious book, "Not My Will," was also placed in the church library in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Engle.

Also present for the breakfast were Rev. Hoover E. Smith, church pastor, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Furr, adult sponsors of the youth group. It was on the pretext of Mr. and Mrs. Smith taking the Engles out to breakfast that the surprise breakfast in their honor was successfully arranged and carried out.

### **Church Rally Exceeds Fund Goal**

May 1, 1972 - A recent rally day at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, featured, "100 women in white" and raised \$1,452.24.

The women participating came from neighboring churches Piney Ridge, Stout's Chapel, McCrary's Chapel, and Cox's Chapel, Gee's Grove and Jordan Grove, of Siler City, Longleaf in Robbins, and from a church in Kernersville, along with the women from Pleasant Hill.

Mrs. G. L. Warren, wife of the Pleasant Hill minister, was in charge of the successful rally. It was a building fund rally and the goal had been set for \$1,000. Sponsors of the rally were pleased that the goal was far exceeded. A previous rally, sponsored also by Mrs. Warren, raised slightly over \$1,000.

Ladies from the congregation assisting Mrs. Warren were Gertrude Cheek, Alice Cheek, Azzara Spinks, Lorona Spinks, Ila Spinks, Iona Cheek, Juanita McCain, Claddie McSwaim, Carol Cassidy, Marleta Cheek, Ines Bittle, and Corilla Caviness. One lady, Mrs. Adline Leach, from the Piney Ridge community and one man, Garland Spinks, from the local congregation also assisted.

Each of the ladies assisting in the rally was responsible for raising \$100 each and each family in the church was responsible for contributing \$20. Some went beyond their quota, some did not raise the required amount. Two ladies, Mrs. Corilla Caviness and Mrs. Juanita McCain, raised together over \$300 to lead the rally contributions.

Proceeds from the rally will be used towards the construction of a new front for the Pleasant Hill church. Other areas of the church have been renovated in the past year of so.

A separate fund raising, conducted by Hoover Cheek, John Bittle, and Leonard Cheek, for a new piano and the digging of a well, was also reported on the day of the rally.

### **Drug Abuse Explained To Civitans**

May 1, 1972 - Frank (Yank) Brooks Jr. a Siler City druggist who has dedicated his volunteer efforts toward the misuse of drugs, spoke to Grantville Civitan members and their families Thursday evening.

Saying "there is no problem more serious," he discussed the classification of drugs subject to abuse.

He listed these as glue-sniffing solvents or toxic inhalants, O-T-C items, exempting narcotic preparations, the depressants (barbiturates), referred to as "Downers," the stimulants (amphetamines), referred to as "Uppers," hard narcotics such as heroin and morphine, and psychedelics (hallucinogenics), known as LSD, STP, DMT, mescaline and marijuana.

Brooks, a youth coordinator at First United Methodist Church in Siler City, speaks frequently to high school groups, on college campuses, and to youth and parents together as he did at Grantville.

He said, "what the drug pusher tells you about drugs is a lie" and pointed out that "youngsters today are smart, they want to think somebody cares for them."

He cited many instances of drug abuse from his own contact and recalled the tragic deaths of people prominent in films and other areas from the overdose of drugs.

He feels that "fear pressure," afraid of not being in the "in crowd," is responsible for many young people succumbing to the drug habit and he cautioned parents about a "double standard of living" which causes their children to lose confidence in them.

The speaker who said there are 1,000 users of heroin in Durham alone, urged that drug education should start in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at school.

This was the usual semi-monthly supper meeting of the Grantville Civitans, with H. Z. (Zim) Hinshaw, club president, presiding. Two new members, Gary Brown and L. D. Pritchard, were recognized.

### **Holly Spring Breaks Ground For Minister's New Home**

May 1, 1972 - Groundbreaking for a new minister's home at Holly Spring Friends Meeting took place Apr. 23 immediately following worship service.

Four houses for worship have been erected in the 2000-year history of the Meeting at Holly Spring but this will be the first home for the minister at the historical site.

Hershel Hill, executive secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting, spoke preceding the ground-breaking service and he said "you are going to take a new step today, a step in the right direction."

Excavation of the basement for the new dwelling will begin shortly after the breaking of the ground and the brick will be ordered. Volunteer labor will be used in getting the site ready for construction, prior to the coming of builder C. E. Moser who will supervise its erection. It is expected that the building will comprise approximately 3,200 square feet of space.

Burton Macon will head up the building committee and working with him will be O.S. Pierce and James Byrd. Jasper Allen is chairman of the finance committee.

Occupying the building upon its completion will be the minister and his wife, Archie and Esther Creed, and their young son, Gregg. This family came to serve the Meeting on June 28, 1970. The executive secretary praised the Creeds, saying, "they are one of the finest ministers and family in the Yearly Meeting."

The new home for the minister will be built directly across the road from the present Meeting House. It will be located a short distance from the spring, overspread by the branches of a large holly tree, from which the meeting derived its name.

At the worship service preceding the groundbreaking, Archie Creed, the minister, reported on current programs of the Meeting. Six months ago a new roof was put on the Meeting House and he \$2,400 which it cost was paid for by the time of completion.

Two months ago the Meeting began seriously the matter of providing a home for the minister, at which time there was \$4,000 in the treasury for this purpose. Slightly more than a week before the breaking of ground, it was reported that money, materials and pledges amounted to \$17, 244. 38.

The executive secretary in the outset of his remarks, referred to "this very happy occasion in the history of your church" and the people rejoiced further at a fellowship dinner after the ground was broken.

At the fellowship dinner a fine young couple of the Meeting, Billy Joe and Phyllis Allen, were honored prior to their departure to take up residence in Hillsborough, where Billy Joe has been transferred by Graham Production Credit Co. The young couple were presented with gifts.

### **Dee Stout Crowned FFA's Sweetheart**

May 3, 1972 - The annual awards banquet for Future Farmers of America, Randolph Federation, was held at Southwestern Senior High School Wednesday evening, Apr. 26.

Speakers were Ricky Buckner, state FFA president, and C.V. Tart, state director of vocational agriculture. Buckner lives on a dairy farm at Leicester, near Asheville.

Miss Dee Stout, an Eastern Randolph student, won the contest for federation sweetheart with a dazzling performance at the piano.

Other contestants were chapter sweethearts Cindy Allred, Jo Hill, Nancy Kindley, Marsha Ferree, Betty Van Swaim, and Pandora Hammond.

Richard Park, president of the federation executive committee, issued the call to take stations and responding snappily were the other officers, namely, Will Butts, vice president; Eddie Gann, secretary; Johnny Staley, treasurer; Joe Kime, reporter; and Bruce Sheppard, sentinel. Richard Park also serves as district secretary. Advisors are R.C. Adams and H. T. Boling.

G. C. Castelloe, Jr., Southwestern principal, welcomed the federation members and guests. Jesse Allred spoke the invocation.

Guests included Woody Bostic, area supervisor, John Lawrence, superintendent of schools, Johnny Butts, state FFA vice president in 1968, and members of the county school board. Vocational agriculture teachers from the various schools were also present.

Awards were presented as follows: public speaking, Duncan Brewer, Eastern Randolph; parliamentary procedure, Ricky Gibson, James Parrish, John Trogdon,

Johnny Staley, Cyrus Shoffner, and Randall Foust, Eastern Randolph; and land judging, James Hogan, Randall Foust, and Wade Foust, Eastern Randolph.

Also proficiency awards, Gary Hunt, Leslie Russell, Stancil Hoover, Mark Kivett, Steve Hayworth, Jeff Lanier, and Jimmy Lanier; Farmer, Roger Waynick, Richard Park, Calvin Lynch, Nathan Johnson, and Mike Brower, Southwestern Randolph; Dairy judging, Will Butts, Dwight Hastings, and Joey Loffin, Randleman; Livestock, Anthony Caviness, Brady Hemphill, and Tony Perry, Eastern Randolph; and tool contest, Darrell Smith, Mitchell Staley, Adrain Staley, and Wade Hardin, Liberty.

Eight schools, Randleman, Trinity, Farmer Southwestern, Eastern Randolph, Seagrove, Grays Chapel, and Liberty, comprise the FFA federation and seven of them were represented at the annual awards banquet.

### **Boat Carried Them To Their Wedding**

May 4, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Maness, Rt. 1, Seagrove, who crossed Fork Creek in a boat on their way to the home of the officiating magistrate, were honored on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Apr. 30, at the Riverside Baptist Church.

Mrs. Maness, the former Laura Belle Dunn, was living in the home of an aunt in Bear Creek at the time of her marriage. She came to the Riverside community the night before and stayed in the home of an aunt of the man she was going to marry.

The next morning the couple crossed the creek in the boat, then walked across the fields into Moore County, the home of magistrate John W. Moore where they were united in marriage.

The dew was still on the grass and the white slippers, which Mrs. Maness wore with her blue silk dress, white hat and white pocketbook, were soiled somewhat by the time they reached the marriage site.

Their courtship started when Mrs. Maness' father, George Dunn, came to the community to operate the Hatch Mill, located near the home of Walt Maness' father, James Maness. But before their marriage, she had gone back to the place in Chatham County from which she had originated.

During that time of their courtship in the community, the couple lived on opposite sides of the creek. There was a foot log, "higher than your head" which was difficult to cross when it sleeted. In that case, Maness said, "you had to get down and coon it."

Recently, however, the state has approved the paving of the road which passes their house and the church. This was joyfully received, since Mrs. Maness said "we have been eating dust for 42 years." After their marriage they had lived for eight years with Maness' father at a place off the road, near Fork Creek.

Very young at the time of her marriage, she is 64 years of age now, Mrs. Maness said, looking back over the years, "a lot of water has gone over the dam." Her husband is 69 years of age. Two of their sons, Vestal Maness and Vernon Maness, have died since reaching maturity.

Their living children received in honor of their parents' anniversary in the fellowship hall at the Riverside Church. These children are Mrs. Marvin (Arlene) Hussey and Mrs. Dewey (Eva) King, Asheboro, Mrs. Monroe (Hazel) Williamson, Mrs. Ollie Mae Sanders, Garland Maness, and Mrs. Herbert (Mary Ruth) Burcham, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Land for the Riverside church was given by Walt Maness' father back when he was a young lad. Before that, Walt said, "there was no church to go to."

### **Children Honor Parents**

May 4, 1972 - It was both a family reunion and a golden wedding anniversary event when the nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Henry Davis, Rt. 1, Franklinville, honored their parents on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 30, in the fellowship hall at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church.

All of their children were on hand, along with many of their grandchildren and various other relatives. Joining them were friends and neighbors who called from three until five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married Apr. 29, 1922 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Jimmy Howell, in Central Falls. They traveled in a Model T Ford which belonged to his brother.

Lewis Davis is a native of Tabernacle Township, the son of Henry Davis and Betty Richardson Davis, but came with his parents to the place in which he now lives when he was one year old. It is an old house, a portion of which was constructed of logs, and on the premises formerly stood an old law office of Marmaduke Robbins, a well known Asheboro attorney.

Mrs. Davis is the former Lola Nelson, daughter of Isaac (Bub) Nelson and Missouri Beane Nelson, and she was reared in the area north of Millboro. Her father, a well known carpenter, later moved to Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis got acquainted at the Grays Chapel church, he having been attracted to her and made inquiries as to who she was. They were married at the age of 17.

Accompanying them on their wedding day were his sister, Corina, and her husband, Raymond Allred. Mrs. Davis wore a Navy Blue taffeta dress, a straw hat of the same color, and black patent leather slippers.

Her dress for the observance of her anniversary was a gold and white polyester, with a white orchid and gold trim for her corsage. Her husband's boutonniere was a white carnation, encircled with gold buds.

During the depression days Mr. and Mrs. Davis provided for their large family by engaging in truck farming, selling to The Randolph Hospital and to many Asheboro residents. Their Chevrolet automobile, with the chicken coop on the back, was a familiar sight to the people of Asheboro.

For 15 years before their retirement five years ago, both Mr. and Mrs. Davis were employed at J. P. Stevens Plant in Randleman. They are members of Whites Memorial Baptist Church, located near to the place at which they live.

Their children, the hosts at their anniversary observance, are Nelson Davis, Henry Davis, and Kent Davis, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Thad (Christine) Plummer, Iselin, N.J.; Paul E. Davis, Rt. 1, Ramseur; Mrs. Carl (Peggy) York, Rt. 1, Liberty; Mrs. Bobby (Betty) Lewallen, Asheboro; Sgt. Joe Davis, Ft. Bragg, and Danny Kay Davis, Central Falls.

### **Grantville Hosts 4-H Banquet**

May 9, 1972 - Members of the Grantville 4-H Club and their leaders were hosts for the fifth annual club banquet at Grantville Community Building.

Families of club members were guests and were introduced at the outset of the program by the 4-H member or members they represented. In case of two or more club

members in a family, the oldest one did the honors. Chris Frazier assisted in this part of the program.

Lighted candles were placed on the tables which were attractively arranged for the occasion. Teresa Cox, club president, presided over the meeting, Beverly Brown led the pledge of allegiance, and Randy Tedder had the invocation.

Arrangements for the banquet were made by a club committee, composed of Billy Smith, Teresa Cox, and Rhonda Scott. The menu consisted of turkey, dressing and gravy, buttered peas, whipped potatoes, cranberry salad, rolls, chocolate pudding, tea and coffee.

A former 4-H member in the community, Bill Johnson, of Raleigh, was the speaker for the occasion. An associate editor of *The Progressive Farmer*, Johnson has recently been on a European trip. During his presentation he showed films on farms he visited in England, Scotland, Holland, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Italy and France.

Leaders of the 4-H club are Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd. Miss Lucy Tedder and Mrs. Amos Hayes. A gift was presented to Lester Byrd, whose birthday occurred on Mar. 25, the day on which the banquet was originally scheduled but was moved up due to the snow which fell that day.

Members of the club are Debbie Auman, Beverly Brown, Myrna Brown, Teresa Byrd, Debbie Carper, Teresa Cox, Donna Cox, Chris Frazier, David Frazier, Dean Hayes, Mark Hayes, V. S. Hill, Mike Hinshaw, Beth Hussey, Sue Hussey, Patricia Ingold, and Terry Ingold.

Also Mike Johnson, Laura Johnson, Lynn Johnson, Carolyn Jones, Debbie Maness, Becky Monroe, Dean Monroe, Jean Monroe, Jeanine Rhodes, Jeff Rhodes, Rhonda Scott, Billy Smith, Lizabeth Taul, Randy Tedder, Lisa Ward, and Darrell Wright.

## **Pentecostal Holiness Dedicates New Church**

May 10, 1972 - The new structure for the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church, located at Summit Ave. and City View St., was dedicated Sunday, Apr. 30.

Bishop J. Floyd Williams, of Franklin Springs, Ga., general superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness denomination, preached the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Don S. Whitfield, of Greensboro, superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference, offered the dedicatory prayer.

Rev. Tommy D. Fuquay, who came to the pastorate of the church four years ago this next month, was in charge of the service.

The first pastor of the church, Rev. Carlos M. King, was present for the service and when called upon for remarks referred to the occasion as "another beginning."

The day of dedication was a beginning also for four members of the congregation who made their commitment to Christ during the service.

Occupancy of the new building occurred the third Sunday in Jan. On that day the congregation moved in from the old structure, which fronts Summit Ave., as opposed to the new building facing City View St.

The sanctuary, church office and nursery is located on the top floor, with eleven, Sunday School rooms and rest rooms in the basement. The sanctuary was constructed of brick, and blocks used for the Sunday School area.

The building is air-conditioned and carpeted throughout. The sanctuary is a beautiful area, with its laminated wood arches, exposed wood decking, and stained glass windows

in the modern design. The foyer, separating the auditorium from the office and nursery, is paneled.

Each Sunday School class, under the guidance of the teacher, was given the privilege of decorating the Sunday School rooms. Most of the classes have shown initiative and industriousness in making the rooms attractive in every detail. These improvements included drapes, painting of walls, the painting and renovation of tables and chairs, and other decorative aspects to make the rooms pleasant and conducive to spiritual growth.

The church was organized Sunday, Mar. 2, 1952 in the home of Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Evans on North Church in Asheboro. Besides Rev. and Mrs. Evans, other charter members were Lee Newman, Charles Green, Mary Luther, Ruth Regan, Mrs. Carl Bellamy, Mrs. W.W. Evans, Rev. and Mrs. C. M. King.

Five of the charter members, Charles Green, Rev. and Mrs. Evans, and Rev. and Mrs. King, were present for the dedicatory service. Lee Newman, is deceased.

First worship services for the newly organized church were in a temporary tabernacle on West Presnell St. After about a year a frame structure on Summit Ave. was built. This building was later "jacked up" for the construction of Sunday School rooms in the basement and in recent years the entire building was bricked upon the outside.

Recently the church body voted to designate the old structure as the "Rev. J.L. O'Ham Fellowship Hall" in honor of the Rev. Mr. O'Ham, who was the second pastor of the church. Plans are also being discussed as to the renovation of this building.

Building committee for the new church structure was composed of Rev. Tommy D. Fuquay, chairman, J. P. Callicutt, Charles Green, Bill Campbell, Ray Campbell, and Mrs. Mary Campbell.

Previous pastorates served by Rev. Mr. Fuquay were at Mt. Pleasant, where he stayed for seven years, and at Roxboro. A building program also marked his pastorate at Mt. Pleasant.

A native of Caswell County, the pastor's family consists of his wife, Peggy, and two sons, Kenneth and Jonathan.

## **"This Is Your PTSA Life" Pays Tribute To President**

May 12, 1972 - Mrs. Mary Tate Graham Blake won a resounding victory in the election of Randolph County Board of Education members on Saturday, May 6, by campaigning with the slogan, "She gets things done."

On Tuesday evening, May 9, following the election, she was honored by the Ramseur PTSA for "getting things done" during her two years as president of this association.

At the conclusion of the meeting for the evening, after she had installed the new president, Mrs. Blake was surprised by a "This Is Your PTA Life, Mary Tate Blake" program.

Skits presented by some of the elementary grades told of the accomplishments of Mrs. Blake and the PTSA for the past two years.

Miss Perkins' 2<sup>nd</sup> grade enacted the establishment of the "health room," which has been a vital part of school life. This involved daily volunteer duty by 26 ladies from the community after they had qualified through the Red Cross first aid course.

The purchase of a new stage curtain and drapes for the windows in the auditorium were related by Mrs. Hardy's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Mrs. Klass' 4<sup>th</sup> grade portrayed the use of the new

playground equipment, purchased from funds derived from the Country Fair which Mrs. Blake initiated, and the fence which was erected in front of the playground.

An announcement of refreshments in the cafeteria was made on the public address system, which is now debt free due to financial assistance from the county school board, along with the payments from the PTSA.

The combined 3<sup>rd</sup> grade choir, directed by Mark Hollady, sang, "So Long, Mrs. Blake" as their tribute to the retiring president, after which Mrs. Alton Craven, Jr., associational vice president, presented her with a sterling silver footed water pitcher, engraved "Mrs. Mary Tate Blake, outstanding leadership, PTSA president, 1970-72."

During the presentation of the gift a large banner, "Mary Tate Blake, We Love You," was held by Mary Maples and Cindy Wilson. The banner also took note of Mrs. Blake's 8,500-vote victory in the school board election, congratulated her and stated "Forward School Board."

Mrs. Craven, while narrating the skits, said, "Few PTA's are ever fortunate enough to have a president such as we have had during the last two years. Our own Mary Tate Blake has put Ramseur far ahead in uniting parents and teachers toward one common goal - a better education for our children."

Mrs. Blake thanked the large assemblage of parents and teachers in attendance for the gift of the water pitcher, which was purchased from funds provided by teachers, the PTSA executive committee, and friends. She said "this recognition should not go to me but to all of you who have said "yes" again and again. I shall always remember the wonderful friends made the past two years in PTA work and what was to me a thrilling experience of working with others to carry out our objectives."

Present for the occasion were Mrs. Blake's husband, Thomas A. Blake, and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Graham. Her three small sons went to bed before the time arrived for the honoring of their mother and were not present to share with her the out pouring of tributes from the school and the people of her native town.

## **Graduates Heard WWII Declared**

May 12, 1972 - Members of the graduating class at Seagrove High School, who sat in the auditorium of the school building and heard the declaration of World War II, held their 30-year reunion Sunday afternoon, May 7, in the grange building.

Later, several members of the class left their native environ to serve in the armed services during the war.

This was the third time the class had met since their graduation. Previously they had met at the end of 20 and 25 years. Their 30-year reunion came 30 years and three days after their graduation on May 4, 1942.

Nineteen members of the 1942 class of 34 members were present for the reunion. These included Joseph Auman, Ruth Auman McKenzie, Virginia Auman Maness, Harold Cagle, Maxine Cagle Beane, Virginia Callicutt Leviner, Broadus Chriscoe, Olan Dorsett, Geneva Gatlin Bell, Phronie Hogan, Cline King, Dewitt King, Ola Lanier Trogdon, Belle Presnell Sineath, Hazel Ramsey Rollins, Ervin Richardson, Kenneth Trogdon, Robert Varner, Jr. and Leonard Voncannon.

Other class members were Lacy Auman, Lucille Auman Freeman, Virgie Auman Hicks, W.C. Auman, Jr., Lee Boone, Wilma Boroughs Amick, John F. Callicutt, Jr., Lola

Caudle Knott, Colene Cole Counts, Eva Davis Williams, Mamie Deaton Steed, Ola Lucas Hemphill, Lillian Luck Caison, Bertie Richardson Strider, and Mary Ruth Wilson Dickens.

Faculty members present included Jim Green, principal, Mrs. W.L. Flenniken, Miss Mae Wrenn, Mrs. Strawdie Hare Farlow, and Miss Jessie Wood. Greetings were received from Truman Parker, agriculture teacher. Miss Wrenn is the only former teacher of the class who remains on the school faculty.

Lonnie King, former school board member, at whose home the senior class party was held, was also present. Leonard Voncannon, now a United Methodist pastor, served as master of ceremonies.

The class annual was on display and the master of ceremonies also had in his possession an old program of graduation night. It was noted that a pageant was presented by members of the class, entitled "Freedom Forever," probably in view of the war period.

A brother and sister, Ervin Richardson and Bertie Richardson, were members of the class, as well as two brothers, Lacy Auman and W.C. Auman, Jr. Only one couple, Ola Lanier and Kenneth Trogdon, were united in marriage. Seven members of the class had the last name of Auman.

At the conclusion of the reunion, members of the graduating class of 30 years ago trooped out to the school building and had their pictures made on the steps at the entrance to the older portion of the building, a traditional place back then for the making of pictures.

## **Asbury Baptist Church Sanctuary Ground Broken**

May 17, 1972 - Asbury Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, held a groundbreaking service Sunday morning, May 14, for the construction of a new sanctuary adjacent to the existing church structure.

The proposed new structure, estimated to cost \$110,000, will be connected to the old building by a covered walk. Otherwise, it will be a separate building and will face an opposite direction from the old building.

Decision to start the new construction hinged on the accumulation of \$55,000 in the building fund. This amount was placed on the Sunday School register board the Sunday before the day of groundbreaking.

However, this amount did not include the \$1,038 which has been paid to the architect, Fred L. Williams, Lexington, nor did it include the \$11,000 which was paid out a few years ago for the additional land on which the new building will be erected.

The amount of money spent and accumulated has been derived through the usual tithes and offerings of the moderately large congregation. There has been no special emphasis except for two or three Sundays during the four or five years of the existence of the fund.

Participating in the groundbreaking service were the pastor, Rev. Bennie L. Maness, who came to the pastorate of the church in 1963, and Rev. Colon M. Strickland, who served the church for 26 years prior to that time.

The Rev. Mr. Strickland, now in his 83<sup>rd</sup> year, was brought to the service a little late and was greeted by handshakes, waves, and smiles from his former parishioners.

As the two preachers guided the plow which broke the ground, it was pulled by the members of the building

committee, J.M. (Junior) Hancock, chairman, Albert Brewer, Arnold Hancock, Thomas Cooper, and Clovis Hare, and other members of the church congregation.

The new sanctuary structure, 60 by 100 feet, will have a brick exterior and an interior of brick and paneling, with laminated beams. The building will also contain a baptistery, office, two dressing rooms, and storage space. The seating capacity, including the choir, will be 413. Upon the occupancy of the new building, the old church auditorium will be remodeled and used for Sunday School rooms. Contractor for the new construction will be S.E. Trogdon and Sons, of Asheboro.

Asbury Baptist Church was organized Oct. 8, 1926, with six charter members. However, the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, organized by Dr. T.E. Asbury in or about the year 1880, existed on the site before the property was purchased by the Missionary Baptists. But the Methodist Church did not exist at the time of the coming of the Baptists.

At the time of the organization of Asbury Baptist Church, the church structure was a one-room wood building. In 1930 it was remodeled and wings added. In 1941 Sunday School rooms were added and the building was brick-veneered. A steeple was erected in 1950 and the church sign was dedicated in 1957. A Sunday School addition was built in 1958 and a front entrance and side porch added in 1961.

But none of these improvements and additions compare with the building program for which the Asbury Baptist broke ground on Sunday, May 14. The bad weather did not dampen the enthusiasm of the dedicated members of the church congregation and perhaps it helped, as the energetic pastor said "it plows better when the ground is wet."

### **Degrees Given At Banquet**

May 19, 1972 – Members of the Seagrove Chapter of Future Homemakers of America and their mothers, dressed in their Sunday best, attended the annual Mother-Daughter Banquet in the school cafeteria on May 12.

Gwen Auman had the opening ceremony, with Kathy Williams speaking the words of welcome. The response was said by Mrs. Leonard Richardson. The invocation was spoken by Rebecca Luther.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls served the dinner, consisting of baked ham, green beans, candied yams, pear salad, cloverleaf rolls, butter, strawberry shortcake, and iced tea. The meal was prepared by the cafeteria personnel.

Guests were introduced by Becky Hines, including Gerald E. Braswell, school principal, and Kenneth Nancy, director of vocational education.

Chapter mothers, Mrs. David Cagle, Mrs. Arnold J. Hancock, Mrs. Dennie Maness, Mrs. Lawrence McRae and Mrs. James Voncannon were introduced by Melanie Scott.

Greetings were extended by Beverly Bumgarner, 1970-71 FHA president, and Eddie Gann, president of the brother chapter of Future Farmers of America.

Program for the evening, narrated by Jo Ellen Hancock, was entitled: "Let's Make Tomorrow Together." The cast was composed of Rachel Brady, Karen Sellers, Emily Combs, Wanda Cagle, Denise Maness, Sherry Needham, Pat Craven, Joy Craven, Sharon C. Richardson, Ava Strickland, Cindy Callicutt, Janet Voncannon, Cindy

Voncannon, Diane Lineberry, Doreen Richardson, Sharon Lambert, and Ann Weeks. Pianist was Sharon Graves.

Principal Braswell, who recalled that he came to Seagrove when the FHA members were three or four years old, complimented them on their initiative, their creativity and praised them on their ability to work together.

The awarding of junior degrees and the closing ceremony was handled by Gwen Auman who has served as FHA president for the past year.

Other 1971-72 officers were Becky Hines, secretary; Wanda Cagle, treasurer; Jo Ellen Hancock, historian; Jane Voncannon, reporter; Emily Combs, parliamentarian; Joy Craven, song leader; Sharon Graves, pianist; Rebecca Luther, chaplain; Sharon Lambeth, recreational leader; and Mrs. Wade H. Harris, advisor.

### **Midway Wesleyan Church Has Note Burning Service**

May 19, 1972 – Something over eight and a half years ago, on Oct. 20, 1963, the congregation of Midway Wesleyan Church moved across the road into a new contemporary building which was beautiful both in design and construction.

Located between Randleman and Worthville, the building was quite a contrast to the one in which the congregation first worshipped when they began some 27 years earlier.

Cost for the new structure, including furnishings, was \$97,000, of which amount \$60,000 had to be borrowed. The note for this amount was for 15 years.

But the Midway people did not take the full length of the time which was allotted them to pay off the indebtedness. According to Rev. Boyd C. Kistler, pastor at the time of the new construction, they started "doubling up on payments" and on this past Easter Sunday the entire indebtedness was paid off.

A note burning service to celebrate this achievement was held at the church on Sunday afternoon, May 14, with the Superintendent of the North Carolina District, Rev. Watson Black, coming to speak and to lead the note-burning litany.

Rev. Mr. Black referred to the occasion as "one of the greatest days in the history of your church" and he described the building as "one of the finest in the district." He praised the Midway congregation for also having recently made more adequate provision for the pastor's family and said "you have come a long way from a humble beginning."

The church was organized by a small group of worshippers in the early part of 1936 and held their first services in a home in the community for lack of a place to worship.

Joining with the district superintendent in the note burning service were the pastor, Rev. John G. Harris, and two former pastors, Rev. Mr. Kistler, who served the church during three different periods, and Rev. J. Paul Hardin, under whose pastorate the initial money for construction was raised.

Officiating at the physical burning of the note were the church trustees, Bud Spivey, chairman, Dwight Stevens, and Dewey Rumbley. Special music was provided by the choir and a trio composed of Mrs. Larry Allred, choir director, Mrs. Lois Styne, and Mrs. John G. Harris. Mrs. Styne also sang "Bless This House" following the message by the district superintendent.

The congregation observed their usual Mothers' Day service during the morning services, at which time Mrs. William Spivey, who would observe her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday four days later, was honored as the oldest mother in attendance.

Mrs. Philip Tysinger, 18, was honored as the youngest mother and Mrs. Ralph Groce and Mrs. Ruth Smith, with five children each present, tied for having the most children at the service. All of the mothers honored were presented with potted plants by Donald Allred, superintendent of the Sunday School.

A fellowship dinner was held in the old church building during the noon hour.

### **Celebrates 80th Birthday**

May 24, 1972 - Mrs. Lora Vesta Evans, Rt. 1 Asheboro, said "I thank the Lord for giving me the strength" as she celebrated her 80th birthday with members of her family on May 21.

Her children and various and other relatives congregated in the dining hall of the Franklinville Volunteer Fire Department to honor her on the occasion and to enjoy a sumptuous birthday dinner.

Even though Mrs. Evans has reached an advanced age, her hair remains black. Asked if she dyed it she retorted "no, it is just like the Lord give it to me."

She is a native of Surry County, near Dobson, and her father, Byrd Winfield Snow, was the father of 26 children. He was married four times and most of the children, 16 of them, were born to the fourth wife. Thirteen children from the fourth marriage are still living.

Mrs. Evans was the oldest of two children born to the third wife. Her whole brother, J. Ernest Snow of Dobson, was unable to be present for her birthday celebration.

Several half-brothers and sisters were in the attendance including Everett and Winfield Snow of Yadkinville, Mrs. Zetta Hanes, Mrs. Bertha Snow and Roosevelt Snow of Dobson, and Windell Snow, Gratis Snow, and Mrs. Mary Billings, of Winston-Salem.

Cyrus A. Evans, husband of Mrs. Evans, died eight years ago this past Apr. The couple were married on the day after Christmas in the year 1907. They left Surry County and brought their family to Randolph County about 49 years ago.

All of Mrs. Evans' living children were present for her birthday celebration. These included Rev. A.D. Evans, Rt. 1, Liberty, Wesley W. Evans and Mrs. Carlos M. King, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mrs. C.H. Smith, Burlington, Colonel W. (Butch) Evans, Richland, Mrs. Floyd R. Hodges, Hendersonville, and Robert Evans, who lives with his mother. One son, James M. Evans, died last Oct., while another son, Landreth Evans, died several years ago at the age 15.

There are five generations in Mrs. Evans' family. She has 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and two great-great grandchildren.

Despite coming from an unusually large family, Mrs. Evans' childhood was free from the want and the needs which usually exist in such a large group. Her father, who owned extensive farming interests and two stores, "did well by his children," according to Mrs. Evans, who also remarked that "he was a pretty good manager."

A devoted member of the Asheboro Seventh Day Adventist Church, Mrs. Evans formerly belonged to the Missionary Baptist Church while residing in Surry County.

Both her oldest son, Rev. A.D. Evans, and her son-in-law, Rev. Carlos M. King, are ordained ministers in the Pentecostal Holiness denomination.

Mrs. Evans is still active. She does her housework and only recently planted her garden. She said "I have never failed to have a garden." Reading is a hobby and she also sews and grows flowers. After having been away for nearly half a century, she still goes back to the area in which she was born and reared, particularly to attend the annual session of the Snow reunion.

### **Family, Friends Pay Honor To Couple On Anniversary**

May 25, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey S. Cox, 1119 S. Cox St., were honored by family and friends Sunday afternoon, May 21, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The couple, who have lived in Asheboro for 47 years, are well known for their interest and acquirement of antiques and are regarded as pioneers in this activity on the local scene.

Mrs. Cox is also adept in the making of hand-hooked rugs, which abound in their home, and most of the pictures on their walls were painted by her. She has made many rugs and given them away. She is an avid flower grower and helped to organize the Southgate Garden Club 19 years ago.

Her husband is proficient in the finishing of antique furniture and it is the hope of the couple now that Cox has retired from active employment at Acme-McCrary Corp., after 46 years there, to operate a small antique shop of their own. Formerly, Mrs. Cox was a licensed dealer in antiques.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married May 21, 1922, at the home of the bride in Richland Township. It was on a Sunday morning and the marriage ceremony, which was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. J.C. Kidd, took place at 10 o'clock.

The bride wore a white organdy dress, embroidered with light blue floss. The home was decorated with wild mountain laurel, wild ferns, and old fashioned roses.

After the marriage ceremony, the wedding party attended the morning worship service at the Huldah Baptist Church where the bride was serving as organist. At the conclusion of the church service, neighbors and friends gathered back at the home of the bride for a dinner underneath the large oak trees in the yard.

Mrs. Cox, the former Blanche King, was born in the Snow Camp area of Alamance County but came with her parents back to the birthplace of her father, Rufus King, in Randolph County at the age of five. Her mother was Clara Williams King, a native of Alamance County.

Harvey Silas Cox was born in the Holly Spring area, the son of Silas and Rachel Cox. His father died when Harvey and his twin brother, Ervin, were three months old.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox lived seven miles apart before their marriage. Their acquaintance occurred when he came into her community to see one of her girl friends. This started a chain of events which first resulted in the marriage of her sister, Maud, and his twin brother, Ervin, and later their own marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Cox and another couple "stood up" with Mr. and Mrs. Cox at their marriage ceremony. Mrs. Ervin Cox is the only one living from the four wedding attendants



of fifty years ago. She participated in the anniversary observance and assisted in serving the guests who called from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Cox residence on S. Cox St.

It was recalled that Cox's transportation during the couple's courtship was a horse and buggy. But for the trip back to his home in the Holly Spring community on the afternoon of their wedding fifty years ago the couple rode in a 1915 Model T Ford which belonged to him and his twin brother. Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Cox rode along with them.

One son, Roy D. Cox of Asheboro, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cox. Other members of their family include their daughter-in-law, two grandchildren, Roy David (Butch) Cox, Hendersonville, and Mrs. Robert Ashley McGlohn, Sacramento, Calif., their spouses, and one great-grandson, Jeffery David Cox.

Their grandson has been serving as assistant pastor of First United Methodist Church in Hendersonville but will leave shortly to take up duties as a chaplain at Western North Carolina Sanitarium at Black Mountain.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox were born of Quaker ancestry, with Mrs. Cox's grandfather, William King, being a Quaker minister. But the couple have been affiliated for several years with First Baptist Church in Asheboro. This affiliation goes back to her earlier association with Huldah Baptist Church where she played the organ on the morning of her wedding.

Mrs. Cox is the second daughter in a family of six girls, with all of her five sisters being on hand for their anniversary observance. They were Mrs. Ervin (Maud) Cox, Mrs. Orva (Gertrude) Brown, Mrs. Charles (Grace) Tucker, Mrs. Charlie (Mae) Cox, and Mrs. Harold (Beth) Brown.

### **It Was Long Time No See for 3 Brothers, 3 Sisters**

May 26, 1972- Three brothers and three sisters, who had not been together at the same time in 60 years, held a reunion Sunday, May 21, at the community building in Franklinville.

Separated at the time of their mother's death in 1912, Mrs. Ruby Davis, Mrs. Bertha Myers, Mrs. Freida Taylor, Dewey Alvis (Al) Pruett, James Allen (Jimmy) Pruett and Earl Pruett have been widely scattered since that time. There have been long periods when some of them did not see each other.

But, as they have grown older, they have reconstructed the family ties and have visited frequently with each other. However, it was only at the reunion in Franklinville that they came together as an entire family group.

When their mother, Sarah Edna Woodell Pruett, a native of the Franklinville area, died, the family was living in Greensboro. After her death, their father, William Pruett, an itinerant watch and clock fixer, resumed his travels and died five years later in Lorain, Ohio.

Most of the children were placed on farms in Davidson County, from which place their father had originated, except for Frieda who was adopted by a family in Greensboro.

Freida was 18 months old at the time of her mother's death and it was only when she was 17 that she knew of her brothers and sisters.

Mrs. Davis, of 309 Uwharrie St., Asheboro, who was eight years old at the time of her mother's death, remained the longest at the farm in Davidson County. She stayed until she was 19 and was separated for a considerable length of

time from her twin brother, Al Pruett, who in the meantime had joined the Navy.

Mrs. Myers has lived in Battle Creek, Mich. since 1928. Al Pruett lived there for 23 years but is now a resident of Glendale, Calif.

Mrs. Taylor, who comes back each year to Greensboro, the city in which she was reared, is a resident of Pomona, Calif. Earl Pruett lives in Eden and Jimmy Pruett lives in Odenton, Md.

Deceased members of the family are William Gurney Pruett and Charles Pruett.

Two years ago Mrs. Davis and her twin brother held an early observance of their 67<sup>th</sup> birthdays at the home of Mrs. Davis. For this reunion the only other member of the family present was Mrs. Myers.

Since this birthday observance, Al Pruett has remarried, his wife had died prior to the last visit, and he brought his new wife to the reunion in Franklinville.

An honored guest at the reunion was Mrs. Emma Davis, of Lexington, in whose home Mrs. Ruby Davis spent 11 years after the death of her mother. A foster brother and two foster sisters were also present. Two of Ruby's brothers, Earl and Jimmy, also stayed for a short time in the same home.

The latter two brothers testified to seeing people at the reunion, especially in the Franklinville area, that they had not seen in fifty years.

Even before the death of their mother, the Pruett brothers and sisters had lived in many places, as their father had gone from place to place fixing watches and clocks. Three of them were born in Asheboro, one in Montgomery County, and four in Guilford County.

But for many years now their places of habitation have been fixed, as well as their contacts with each other. There were smiles all around as they came together as a family group for the first time since 1912. Freida, who was so long separated from her brothers and sisters, expressed the sentiments of all of them when she said "it is wonderful to get together."

### **Liberty American Legion Honors Ladies, Policemen**

May 31, 1972- A busy evening was observed by Liberty Post No. 81 of the American Legion on May 27 as the post held its annual Ladies Night and Police Appreciation Night.

New post officers were installed by Charles B. Hodson, state department commander, of Chapel Hill, and new 40 and 8 officers were sworn into office by Shirley Ladd, 40 and 8 Cheminot National, also from Chapel Hill.

Special quests were Gold Star Mothers and present for recognition were Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith and Mrs. Florence Deaton, mother of the retiring post commander, Paul Brewer Deaton.

Also recognized were Mrs. F.H. (Bennie) Branch and Mrs. Dwight M. (Bud) Staley, widows of deceased members during the past year. Mrs. Branch, whose husband was an honorary commander of the post, presented her husband's flag to the post for preservation along with the flags of other deceased members.

Various awards were presented and among these was a citation for meritorious service to a national figure which went this year to wounded Alabama Governor George C. Wallace. Last year, the first time the award has been presented, it was sent to Lieutenant William Calley.

The Legionnaire of the Year Award went to post adjutant W. Elbridge Smith, whose name is synonymous with legion work, especially in the Liberty post. He also received the award for "championship membership getter," securing 162 members last year.

Elbridge Smith, a past commander of the post, has served at two different times as post adjutant for a total period of 11 years. He has secured the most members for 12 consecutive years and plans in the years ahead to forfeit this award to the member getting the second largest number.

Cecil Williams, assistant police chief for the town of Liberty, was honored as the policeman of the year and Arnold Lee Davis, a deputy in the Randolph County Sheriff's Department, was also honored by the legion post.

Williams is also a member of the post. Davis was not present to receive his award but Sheriff Lloyd Brown, who was a guest at the meeting along with his wife, carried the certificate of appreciation to him.

Charles Eldon Jones was installed as commander for the coming year. Other officers installed were William W. May, 1<sup>st</sup> vice commander; John William Smith, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice commander; W. Elbridge Smith, adjutant; Frank Lowe, finance officer; J. Ray Terry, chaplain; Charles E. Dameron, historian; W. Elbridge Smith, service officer; John William Smith and Robert F. Otwell, sergeant at arms; Charles E. Dameron and James B. Shelton, board of trustees.

Lon T. Smith was installed as chef de gare of the 40 and 8 organization, with Charles E. Dameron being installed as correspondent and Ray Terry as aumonier.

The chef de gare of 40 and 8, a brother of Elbridge Smith, is also outstanding in the affairs of the legion and in 40 and 8 circles. Like his brother, also a past commander of the Liberty post, he is presently serving as aide to the State commander, a position he has held for three years, and the last year was named Legionnaire of the Year by the Liberty post.

The Liberty legion post, termed by state commander Hodson as "one of the outstanding posts," maintained a record of achievement for the past year. They loaned out 20 wheel chairs and 40 sets of crutches to people in the community, they assisted in claims for securing pensions for 26 people, both members and non-members, and their membership for 1972 reached 248 members, an all-time high and the 8<sup>th</sup> consecutive year to show an increase in membership.

Liberty Mayor Dr. J.B. Griffith and his wife were also recognized as being among the honored group at the meeting.

### **Founder's Day Recalls Olden Times**

May 31, 1972 - Liberty United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Denton, observed Founders Day Sunday, May 28.

The congregation reverted back to the styles, the mode of transportation, and the customs of the time when the church had its beginning.

On Sunday morning they came on horseback, in buggies, wagons and on foot. The Sunday School Superintendent, Larry Little, rode a horse. The pastor, Rev. Jack Luther, came in a wagon.

The men, women and children, for the most part, were dressed in attire which characterized the existence of the people when the church was organized.

They sang the old hymns, such as "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," "Amazing Grace," and "When We All Get To Heaven." Accompanying them at the old peddle organ was Buddy Harris, whose grandfather, Jimmie Hopkins, also served as organist many years ago.

A former pastor, Rev. C.E. Ridge, now retired and living on Rt. 4, Lexington, preached the sermon for Founders Day. His sermon subject was "Paul's Supreme Desire." Rev. Mr. Ridge served the church from 1925-28.

An honored person at the observance was Mrs. Lula (Lude) Sanders Russell, the only charter member of the church still living. She is 93 years of age. The afternoon service was devoted to paying tribute to her life. She was presented with a bouquet of red roses and a gift.

The church, which was first named Liberty Grove, goes back to 1895 when it was attached to the Davidson Circuit along with eight other churches.

Mrs. Russell, who was 16 years of age at the time, recalls that the organization of the church came out of a protracted meeting which was held in the old school house, located next to where the church now stands. She was converted in the meeting and joined the church on Friday night, the last night of the services, when they opened the doors for membership.

She recalls that the revival minister was "Preacher Bunch," evidently Rev. W.A. Bunch, a well known Randolph County minister of those days. Mrs. Russell said "his beard struck him to the waist of his pants."

This aged charter member said "I ain't never had any desire to move my membership and that is where I want to be planted." On the Sunday morning of Founders Day, the ushers for some reason failed to give her an opportunity to put any money in the collection plate. At the end of the service, she made her way to the front and dropped a dollar in the plate.

Rev. Mr. Ridge, who recalled Mrs. Russell's service to the church when he was pastor, noticed her action on Sunday morning and he said "she has been faithful all the way."

For the first years the church services were held in the old school house and in a brush arbor located in the yard at the school. The first tract of land was purchased in 1902. The deed, containing one and one half acres and 25 rds. of land more or less, was made by K.R. Thompson and wife, M.C. Thompson, to the trustees of the church, J.M. (Milton) Hill, W.E. (Eddie) Hill, Julius Hardister, and J.M. Varner.

Services on Founders Day at the Liberty church lasted all day, morning, afternoon, and night. Dinner and supper was held on the grounds, the same as in the early days of the church.

Some of the older people in the community other than Mrs. Russell who attended the services, included "Aunt" Lizzie Hill, who is also in her nineties, Manley Hogan, 83, and Mrs. Idola Harris, 76. Mr. Hogan came to the services in a horse-drawn buggy, accompanied by his grandson, Wesley Hopkins.

One of the most interesting aspects of the observance was the exhibits of the olden days which had been placed in the community building next to the church. All of the relics of the past, which had been preserved by the people of the community, were on display and brought back many memories to those who viewed them.

Among the exhibits were the pictures of Milton Hill and his wife, Nancy. Milton Hill was one of the organizers of the church.

## Rehobeth Church Dedicates Fellowship Hall

June 2, 1972 - Rehobeth United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur, observed annual Memorial Day services Sunday, May 28 and dedicated the new fellowship hall which the congregation has been enjoying since last year.

Dr. James G. Huggin, superintendent of the High Point District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, preached the sermon for the combined service. His subject was "The Day They Threw Rocks at Paul."

Participating in the act of dedication, along with Dr. Huggin, were the church pastor, Rev. Herbert M. Jamieson, Sr., and a representative from the trustee board, Bill Brower.

Brower, Ben Smith, Charles Smith, and Alton Allen, along with the pastor, served as building committee for the construction of the new building. Clyde S. Smith served as treasurer of the building fund.

Members of the congregation donated volunteer labor towards the construction of the building, and trees which were cut on the church land were used to defray some of the expenses. Total cost of the building was \$17,039.23, of which \$1,000 was received from the Randolph Area Mission Board.

According to records, the Rehobeth church dates back to Jan. 9, 1830 when land on which the church is situated was deeded by Walker Caveness and wife, Sallie Caveness, to Ira McDaniel, John Craven, Jr., Anderson Craven, James Hayes, and Hardon York. The amount for the two acres, specified in the deed, was 25 cents. The date on the cornerstone is 1840.

It is said that a log building first stood on the site. There are people living who remember the small frame structure which preceded the present structure. It stood in front of the present one and had a side door.

Changes have been made to the present building, which was originally a frame structure erected over a half of a century ago. Additions have included Sunday School rooms, a vestibule, brick veneering, the installation of memorial windows, pews, and other interior improvements.

Names on the windows, both deceased and living, indicate some of the families who have been a part of the church throughout its existence. These names include Loammi Johnson and Sarah Johnson, R. Glenn Smith and Floy V. Smith, W. Ray Smith and Edna E. Smith, J. George Smith and Lucy Y. Smith, James A. Burgess and Hattie P. Burgess, Olive P. Gilbert, Edwin C. Vestal and Carrie Smith Vestal, James A. Brower and Maude C. Brower, J.W. Smith, Sallie B. Smith, and Rev. W.M. Smith, D. Howard Frazier and Dora Routh Frazier, George W. Brower and Emma Y. Brower, Almedia Craven Vestal and Ella Craven Pope.

Another window over the entrance of the building honors seven ministers who went out from the church, namely, Rev. Ernest Wyatt Fox, three brothers, Rev. Hillary A. Humble, Rev. John C. Humble, and Rev. William Bynum Humble, Rev. John Wesley Williams, Rev. Walter S. Smith, and Rev. Joseph Wesley Vestal, all of whom are dead except Rev. Mr. Vestal.

It is said that Loammi Johnson, who was superintendent of the Sunday School for 40 years and a teacher in the school, exerted a strong influence on the seven who later

became ministers, especially in their younger days. It was recalled that Johnson returned from the War Between the States, gathered up the boys in the community, brought them into the church and taught them to sing. At that time there was no organ in the church and Loammi Johnson raised the songs without music. When age overtook him and his voice failed, the church is supposed to have purchased its first organ.

The church building was completely filled for the memorial service, as former residents and people within the community came to decorate the graves of their loved ones and to join in the annual event. A brief service was held in the cemetery before the presentation of the fellowship hall for dedication. The concluding activity was the picnic dinner and the period of fellowship.

## New Baptist Mission Dedicated

June 5, 1972 - Calvary Baptist Mission, sponsored by the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, May 28, at the mission site near Randleman.

The mission has been in operation since the first Sunday in May, with an average of 25 persons being present during the first month of its existence.

Rev. Richard Whitehart, who formerly served as minister of education and youth at South Elm Street Baptist Church in Greensboro, is serving as mission pastor. He is a member of the staff at the Fayetteville Street Church.

Before starting the mission work, the Fayetteville Street church talked with the people of the area and had also run a bus in that section. The new mission site is located on Bowman Road, across from the Green Acres Golf Course.

Already a seven-acre tract of land has been purchased on which an old dwelling exists. Services are being held in an old house until a new building can be erected, hopefully to start in a month or so. The property is known as the George Lamb place.

Regular services are being held on Sundays, with Sunday School at 10 a.m., worship at 11 a.m. and again at 7 p.m. Prayer services are held each Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Assisting Rev. Mr. Whitehead in the conduct of the mission are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allen and children, Amber, Todd, and Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis, Mrs. Pete Hunt and daughter, Lisa, and Miss Merle Lancaster, all members of the Fayetteville Street church.

The mission pastor, who originally came from Winston-Salem, is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College, of the same town. His family consists of his wife, Linda and their three children, Debbie, Dwayne, and Dana. They are residing at 125 W. Presnell St. in Asheboro.

Rev. Harold Bowe, pastor of the Fayetteville Street church was speaker for the service of dedication. Present were members of the congregations of the Fayetteville Street church, the South Elm Street church in Greensboro, the mission and friends from Winston-Salem.

Consideration is being given towards establishing a kindergarten and day center at the mission upon the completion of the new building on site.

## Her Birthday Cake Has 85 Bright Candles

June 6, 1972 - Mrs. Addie Stout, Rt. 1, Asheboro, reached her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 3; she celebrated it with her family on Sunday, June 4.

This is an annual observance and her children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews gathered at the

homeplace to which she came after her marriage to Walter Marriage Stout on Mar. 10, 1904.

Mrs. Stout, who lives there with her eldest daughter, Miss Fleta Stout, says she will leave the place "only to go on to a better home."

The old house, situated close to the road and in the bend, was also the place where her husband's father and grandfather lived.

Born on Coble's Mill, on what is now Highway 42, Mrs. Stout is the former Addie Mariah Moffitt, daughter of Joseph Moffitt and Roxanna Humble Moffitt.

Since her mother died when she was 14 months and her father when she was eight, she was reared by her maternal grandmother, Sarah Humble, at the old Humble's Mill which was started by her grandfather, John Humble.

She is the mother of nine children, one of whom, Everett Stout, died in 1971. Her other children, in addition, to Miss Fleta Stout, are Mrs. Gerona Clara Tucker and Amos Garland, Asheboro, Floyd Carl Stout, Mrs. Bertha Estelle Wright, and Mrs. Vera Elizabeth Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Lela Mae Frazier, New Bern, and Herschel Joseph Stout, Woodlief.

Mrs. Stout is able to get around, does some of the house work and helps in the garden. She is a member of the Holly Spring Friends Meeting.

## **Franklinville Baptists Dedicate New Sanctuary**

June 7, 1972- June 4 was a day of dedication for the congregation of Franklinville Baptist Church, with the presentation of the new colonial-type sanctuary, which was first occupied in Mar.

James Martin, chairman of the building committee, presented the building for dedication. The pastor, Rev. M.A. Pegram, accepted in behalf of the congregation and preached the dedicatory sermon. His subject was "A Day of Dedication."

The new brick structure stands high on the site of which the older building was situated and is impressive with its fluted columns and stained glass windows.

Replaced was the old frame building which was erected in 1919. This building, which was torn down to make way for the new sanctuary, was the second one for the church which was organized in 1887.

This first building is still in use, a portion of it comprises the community building across the street, and the remainder is contained in a dwelling.

Construction of the sanctuary completes the various phases of the church plant. Three educational units were built at separate intervals many years ago.

The new sanctuary, which is carpeted throughout, has a block interior, and is equipped with a fiberglass baptistery, a new piano and organ. It is air-conditioned and will seat 260 in the main assembly, plus an additional 40 in the connecting auxiliary rooms.

Plans were provided by the Department of Architecture of the Southern Baptist Convention, with changes to suit the local needs. Troy Hackett was the contractor.

Cost of the building was \$85,000. This included the furnishings, the piano and organ but not the renovation of the educational plant or the demolition of the old building.

The building committee, in addition to the chairman, included Rama Denson, Hugh Henson, Charlene Lyerly, and Lois Grose.

Inscriptions on the stained glass windows, the pews and pulpit furnishings include names which reflect service to the church during the 85 years of its existence. Many of them are deceased members; some of them are still living.

Names on the windows are Mrs. Ella Reaves, Rev. W.A. Elam, Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Liles, Miss Josie West, Miss Belle West, Clifford Trogdon, Mrs. Ruby Maner, Herbert Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rich, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Grace Grose Parks, James Oliver York, Charlie E. Henson, Annie W. Henson, Everett York, Lola M. York, Ed Brower, Hilda Brower, Susan and Mark Brower.

Names on the pews and pulpit furnishings are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Curtis, Jamie and Cleve Hancock, Yates L. Holland, Louise Holland, Ronald and Stephen Holland, Sam Gatlin, Al Long, and Diane Wallace Long, Ed and Carolyn Graves, J.C. and Dora Phillips, Mac and Jo Davis, Keith Hinson, Sarah and Will Poole, Judy and Odell Kirkman, Claiborn and Amie Moon, Benton Moon, Donald Lee and Sarah Gail Henson, Mary Moon Stephens, Nettie Moon Elam, Carl Moon, Howard Poole, P.F. Higgins, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Denson, Mr. and Mrs. Causey Henson, A.S. and Esther Grose.

An old cornerstone, taken from one of the previous buildings and placed on one of the educational units, reads as follows: Rev. J.F. Moore born Apr. 14, 1853, died Jan. 9, 1887. In giving his life for good of others, he had his house erected.

Rev. J.F. Moore, according to members of the congregation, was the founder of the Franklinville Baptist Church. They also said that the church was first called Moore's Chapel.

Rev. Mr. Pegram, the present pastor, came to the pastorate of the church eight years ago this next month. Chairman of Deacons at the church is Hugh Henson. Other deacons are Russell Grose, co-chairman, Glenn Walker, secretary, Jesse Martin, Y.L. Holland, Otus Thomas, Mac Davis, Lawrence Grose, and Carlyle Allred.

## **Richardsons Honored On 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 7, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. David Richardson, Rt. 2, Sophia, were honored by their daughter, Miss Toni Kay Richardson, on the observance of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, June 4.

Guests called at the Richardson home, near the city lake, from 3 o'clock until 5.

Assisting the hostess were Mrs. Vernon Poole, who did the serving, and Mrs. Ralph Ratledge, who presided at the guest register.

Mrs. Richardson, the honoree, wore a dress of melon polyester for the occasion, with a corsage of white rosebuds. Her husband's boutonniere was also a white rosebud.

The hostess, Miss Richardson, was dressed in yellow polyester and wore a corsage of white carnations.

The couple were married June 7, 1947 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Paul Bruton, in Asheboro, who was then pastor of Charlotte Methodist Church.

Mrs. Richardson is the former Marie Rook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Rook, now of High Point. The Rooks were living in the vicinity at the time of the marriage of their daughter.

David Richardson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Richardson, of the same community in which their son and

daughter-in-law reside. He is employed at Industrial Electric Motor Service Repair in Asheboro. Mrs. Richardson is employed at Econo Oil Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Rook were unable to attend the anniversary celebration of their daughter and son-in-law. Since Mar. they have been visiting with a son who is serving with the Army in Lawton, Okla.

### **Liberty's Dee Stout N.C. FFA Sweetheart**

June 15, 1972 – An outstanding Eastern Randolph graduate, Miss Dee Stout, has become "State Chapter Sweetheart" of the North Carolina Future Farmers of America.

She won this title over 15 other contestants at the state FFA convention which was held at Reynolds Coliseum in Raleigh.

In Apr. she was designated "federal sweetheart" of the Randolph Federation of Future Farmers of America at their annual meeting at Southwestern Senior High School.

Her winning of the state title entitles her to represent North Carolina at the national FFA convention in Kansas City, Mo. this fall.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stout, Jr., Liberty, Dee graduated this month from Eastern Randolph Senior High School, where she was listed among the top students in the senior class.

She served as president of the student body, and she was a member of the Beta Club, the Future Teachers of America, and the English Club. She was co-editor of the school news which appeared weekly in The Liberty News.

Dee has been a student of the piano for several years and it was mainly her musical performance which won her the Randolph County title.

However, at the state level she was interviewed by the judges, she made a speech on the FFA, and she submitted to a question and answer period during the contest.

Accompanying her to Raleigh for the state competition were Mrs. Harold Snider, wife of the vocational agriculture teacher at Eastern Randolph, and Johnnie Staley, vice president of the Eastern Randolph FFA chapter and treasurer of the county federation.

She plans to continue her education this fall by enrolling at Salem College in Winston-Salem where she will be a major in music. Presently she is serving as an instructor in piano for a few students and is also employed part-time at the library. She and her parents attend the First United Church of Christ in Liberty.

### **Civitan Club Honors Top Students**

June 20, 1972 – It was installation night and the honoring of top students at the New Market Civitan Club as members came together at the community building Friday evening, June 16.

Sidney Cashatt, Cedar Square dairy farmer, presided over his last meeting as president of the club. Martin Overton, chairman of the awards committee, presented the awards to the students. Curtis Farlow, former civitan Lieutenant Governor of Zone Five and a member of the club, installed the new officers.

Taking the oath of office for the new club year were Leo Wyrick, president; Max Welborn, president-elect; Lewis Loflin, vice president; Raphael Farlow, secretary; Ogburn Loflin, treasurer; and Raymond Wall, sergeant-at-arms.

Four 8<sup>th</sup> grade students at the New Market School received the awards which are presented annually by the club, two for scholastic achievement and two for citizenship. Usually one student each receives the awards but this year the qualifications were too close to differentiate between the students.

Sylvia Ellen Hayes and Denise Elizabeth Farlow received the scholastic awards and Vickie Denise Eads and Barry Dale Robbins received the awards for citizenship. Parents of the students in attendance as guests of the club were Mr. and Mrs. W.H. (Sonny) Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Byron Farlow, Rt. 1, Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eads, Rt. 3, High Point, and Minnie Hayes, Rt. 2, Randleman.

A committee composed of Bun Pugh, chairman, Max Welborn, Whitey Plumlee, and Gilbert Lee Davis was named to work with the community group looking into the possibility of starting a volunteer fire department for the New Market area. E. Reece Burgess, Forsyth County Fire Marshal, discussed this matter with the club at the last meeting.

After taking over as the new president, Leo Wyrick quickly plunged into the disposition of the remaining business and adjourned the meeting on time. A committee was named to investigate the sponsorship of an invitational Little League tournament, this committee being composed of Raymond Wall, chairman, Sonny Davis, Curtis Farlow, and Lewis Loflin.

### **Harshaw Grove Church Ask Funds**

June 20, 1972 – Harshaw Grove Baptist Church, located southwest of Randleman, has long been a landmark in the White Hall section. The church was organized in 1885.

The congregation is worshipping in the same building which was erected after the church was organized, although alterations and improvements have been made.

A fundraising campaign is underway for the replacement of the 87-year-old structure. At a recent anniversary observance, a total of \$2,112.53 was added to the fund.

At this anniversary observance, the women rallied against the men, with the women coming out on top by raising \$1,450.28. The next fundraising rally will be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Nov. The fund now contains something over \$10,000.

The church was organized by the Rev. Anthony Welborn, who became the first pastor. Land for the building was given by Enoch Harshaw and his wife, Malinda. The first deacons were George McDaniel and Henry Reynolds.

Bertha Evans Siler, who lives across the road from the church, is the oldest attendant at its services. She is believed to be 94 years old, but she is still active around her home and helps to clean the church cemetery.

Asked how old she was, she said "I am way up yonder. I thank the Lord for letting me live this long." Mrs. Siler was reared near Sophia. She did not get to attend school except for just a little time. Her father died and she had to stay home and take care of the younger children while her mother worked to support the family.

She now belongs to another church in Greensboro but still claims Harshaw Grove as her church. She said, pointing to the church, "that is home out there. I have got a lot of kinfolks buried out there." She said she had four sisters, two brothers, her husband, and two sons buried in the cemetery, in addition to her husband's first wife.

In reference to the fundraising for the new building, Mrs. Siler said "I am going to help all I can. I hope to live to see it."

Rev. Joseph Evans began his 11<sup>th</sup> year as pastor at Harshaw Gove last Apr. Sunday School superintendent is Worth McCain. Deacons are Winfred Evans, chairman, W.T. Hayes, Worth McCain, George Fox, and James Coble.

### **Grantville Club Installs Officers**

June 21, 1972 - Installation of officers and the presentation of awards featured the meeting of the Grantville Civitan Club Thursday evening, June 15.

Harold James, veteran club member, received the Civitan of the Year award and also the Lieutenant Governor's Award for outstanding service to Area Five of Civitan International.

Both awards were earned by hours of devoted service to the local club and to the area group. The Lieutenant Governor, Dennis Lennon, of Winston-Salem, was on hand for the presentation and installation of the new officers.

Harold James' contributions to the Grantville Civitan Club have been manifold since the organization of the club.

Services during the past club year have included the sale of 43 cases of nuts, 106 boxes of candy, pounds of fruit cake, and the collection of over 40,000 pounds of paper and magazines for the Civitan paper drive. It is estimated that he spent over 300 hours of his time and drove approximately 2,000 miles in the pursuance of the club projects.

James has also been active in his church, the Union Grove United Church of Christ, in denominational organizations, PTA and community groups, including scouts and volunteer fire departments and solicitation in fundraising drives.

Attendance awards were presented to George Cockerham, Leonard Cox, Lewis Pritchard, Donald Johnson, Fred Snow, Page Stout, Paul Tedder, Daniel J. Staley, Joe Frazier, Harold James, Zim Hinshaw, and Carl Needham, while new membership pins were presented to L.D. Pritchard, Dean Smith, Dennis Brown, Gary Brown, and Junior Spencer. Framed copies of the Civitan creed were also presented to the latter group.

Announcement was made of the appearance of the junior choir of Boy's Home, from Lake Waccamaw at the community building in Grantville on Tuesday evening, June 27, beginning at 7:30. This program is sponsored by Grantville Civitan Club and the public is invited.

H.Z. (Zim) Hinshaw retiring president over the club, under whose leadership "the club started climbing back," expressed his appreciation for the cooperation which he received and singled out his committee chairmen, Donald Johnson, program, Jimmy Norred, membership, Page Stout, projects, and his sergeant-at-arms, Fred Snow, who also assisted in the procurement of the new members.

New officers, installed by Lieutenant Governor Lennon included, Donald Johnson, president; Gary Brown, president-elect; Paul Tedder, secretary; Lewis Pritchard, treasurer; and Harold James, Page Stout, and Daniel J. (Junior) Staley, directors.

After the swearing in of the new officers, there was nothing left to do except the traditional passing of the gavel from the old president to the new one and the remarks of the acceptance from the latter.

### **Annual Bean Family Reunion Held**

June 22, 1972 - The family of Oliver Duckery Bean and Talitha Ann Cornelison Bean held their annual reunion Sunday, June 18, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Auman, Rt. 2, Seagrove,

Reared in Little River Township, in upper Montgomery County, the nine members of this family, their descendants and various other family connections have been meeting in reunion since about 1938.

The reunion was held this year, as it has many times in past years, at the home of the oldest daughter in the family, Mrs. Auman, who is the former Maggie Bean.

It was Mrs. Auman who cared for her younger brothers and sisters when their mother died in 1914. Duckery Bean followed his wife in death in 1925.

The oldest son in the family, J.W. Bean, continued his education beyond the Piney Grove School which all of the children attended and went on to become a prominent citizen of North Carolina.

He served in the legislature of North Carolina from Rowan County and was later appointed to the State Industrial Commission, serving for many years as chairman of this commission before his retirement. He is now a resident of Asheboro.

The other members of the Duckery Bean family are J. Ollie Bean, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Beulah, Mrs. H.C. Cole, Stokes, Ina, Mrs. Junie Farlow, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Esther, Mrs. R.H. Cole, Charlotte, Carrie, Mrs. Ima King, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Ervin and Wesley Bean, Spencer.

All of them were present for the family reunion, including Ollie Bean, who has sustained a serious illness over the past months.

Five members of the family and their spouses have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversaries, starting with Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bean whose anniversary observance occurred at the Bean reunion in 1966.

The other observances, which have been held since that time, were those for Mr. and Mrs. Hadley Auman, Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Bean, Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Cole, and Mr. and Mrs. Junie Farlow, the latter couple celebrating in Apr. of this year.

Two more couples in the family, Mr. and Mrs. R.H. Cole and Mr. and Mrs. Ima King, will reach the half century mark of their marriages in the near future.

### **Group's Aim: Upgrade Negro Area**

June 26, 1972 -The West Liberty Improvement Association, which held its usual monthly meeting recently, has come a long way in its effort to upgrade Liberty's Negro community.

Three times in the last seven years the name of the organized group has changed its designation; twice the organization has ceased to exist. But the people have maintained their determination to improve the conditions of the place in which they live.

At the recent meeting their morale was boosted and their aims encouraged by a young native who is preparing himself for service upon his return to his home community.

Joel Bowden, an outstanding Liberty athlete, a graduate of Wake Forest University, and currently a law student at North Carolina University at Durham, praised the work of the improvement association, urged them to coordinate their efforts as a group united, and cited the needs of the community in which he was reared.

He was introduced by Sam Buie, director of community relations, A&T State University, who is working with depressed rural areas through the Randolph County Community Leadership Development Project.

Another leader, Rev. M. Philip McCleave, was present to participate in the meeting. Rev. Mr. McCleave has been pastor of Edwards Grove Baptist Church since 1957. Since coming to town he has been identified with the efforts to change conditions in the West Liberty section.

When he first came to Liberty, Rev. McCleave said the community now known as West Liberty was called "pig foot" or "colored town." He felt that the order of business was to change this name and image. He has been consistent and has remained faithful in his efforts to do this.

The first organization to come into existence was "Citizens for Democratic Action." This organization was organized shortly after the controversial closing of Randolph High School in May, 1965, but had a short life due to community support.

The next effort came four years later with the organization of the "Interracial Community Council" under the leadership of Rev. Mr. McCleave and Rev. Clegg Avett, pastor of First Methodist Church. Purposes of this group included efforts to secure the old Randolph High School building for the teaching of various courses through the Randolph Technical Institute.

This interracial group became inactive early in 1969 and was followed by a totally black group known as the "Liberty Improvement Association." Organized at the Edwards Grove church, the group was made up of representatives from all of the churches in West Liberty.

Results soon became evident and the group was first successful in gaining annexation of their community by the town of Liberty. Later, the town board established a recreational park in West Liberty through funds which came from a Federal grant. The town purchased the old site of the Liberty School for the location of this park and the Negro Home Demonstration Club donated an adjoining tract of land.

The organization added to its name and became the West Liberty Improvement Association. Other projects include the equipping of the park, the establishment of a community-wide Vacation Bible School, and the sponsorship of Adult Basic Education Classes at the Edwards Grove church. A proposed project is to secure the old Randolph High School building for a meeting place and day care center.

Officials of the West Liberty Improvement Association are Mrs. Frances Clay, chairman; Mrs. Ethelyne Headen, vice chairman; Miss Ruth Patterson, secretary; Mrs. Mary Eva Headen, vice secretary; Rev. George Miller, treasurer; and Frank Coltrane, vice treasurer.

Some of the committee chairmen include Russell Lee, recreation; Mrs. Mary Eva Headen, education; Reggie Cheek, law and crime; James Walls, sanitation and beautification; Mrs. Ethelyne Headen political action; Mrs. Alice Matthews, religious life; and Mrs. Louise Gales.

Another person prominent in the activities of the association is Clarence Coble, who was president of the first organization, "Citizens for Democratic Action." At the recent meeting, which was held at the St. Stephens A.M.E. Zion Church, Coble reported on the Fourth Congressional District meeting which he attended in Raleigh.

June 29, 1972 – Holly Spring Friends Meeting joined in the tercentenary or 300<sup>th</sup> observance of the existence of Carolina Quakers by holding special services June 18-25.

William Edmundson of Ireland and George Fox of England were the forerunners of the Quaker faith in North Carolina, both of them having sailed for America in 1671 for "missionary" labors.

In the early spring of 1672, William Edmundson made his way southward through eastern Virginia, through the edge of the Great Dismal Swamp, towards Phelps Landing in Carolina.

Shortly thereafter "George Fox made his way down through southeastern Virginia towards Carolina in the autumn of the same year."

This information is contained in a commemorative volume, "Carolina Quakers," recently compiled and edited by Seth B. Hinshaw and Mary Edith Hinshaw, former Asheboro residents.

Seth B. Hinshaw, former Minister of Asheboro Friends Meeting and former Executive Secretary of North Carolina Yearly Meeting, was reared in the Holly Spring community.

Holly Spring Monthly Meeting dates back to 1818 but the records of meetings for worship in that area goes back to 1760 when Friends on Deep River, adjoining William Cox, requested to have a meeting of worship settled among them."

The tercentenary observance at Holly Spring covered two Sabbath days with a mid-week meeting for worship in between. Dr. Algie I. Newlin of Guilford College was the speaker on Sunday morning, June 18, with "greetings after the manner of Friends" following the service.

The mid-week meeting for worship was held Thursday morning, June 22, from 11 until noon. A Holly Spring Monthly Meeting, similar to those held in 1883, was held Saturday afternoon, June 24. A Friends School followed the Monthly Meeting of 74 years ago. On Sunday evening, June 25, a young people's meeting of the 1930's was held.

The mid-week meeting and the other services recalled the heritage of the past but it was the service on Sunday morning, June 25, the "worship service in the manner of Friends," that brought the spirit of God and was indicative of worship services many years ago.

The members filed in, dressed in the Quaker attire of the years gone by, the women wearing long dresses and bonnets, the men without ties and wearing their wide-brimmed black hats. The elders, Clyde Hinshaw, John C. Cox, Francis Byrd, Allene Allen Piersol and Flossie Macon Craven led the way and took their places on the facing benches.

The others followed, singly, doubly and in family groups. But when they reached their places, the women and girls seated themselves on the left and the men and boys on the right.

It was a spontaneous meeting, moved by the spirit and unrehearsed. Francis Byrd spoke first, referring to the changes which had come, some good and some bad. Carl Hinshaw remembered the faces of the ones who carried the responsibility years ago. He recalled their teardrops falling and their bodies trembling before they got up to speak under the power of God.

Don Gates, thankful for the influence of Friends in his life, spoke of the Christian love and fellowship which he had found at Holly Spring and Evelyn Hinshaw Gates, his wife,

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said that "study of the past is important only if it serves as a guide to the future."

Fate Smith of Lexington, husband of Leta Cox Smith, a native of the community, sang "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago," and Betty Byrd, 79, said it was the first time she had heard that song in a long time. Several others also participated in the services.

Some came to the worship services in covered wagons, surries and buggies, and some walked, characteristic of the mode of travel to the services which they were remembering. Susan Gates wore the dress formerly worn by her great-grandmother, Mary Barker Hinshaw, wife of Thomas Hinshaw. The dress is estimated to be 100 or more years old. A planning committee for the entire observances was comprised of Virgie Allen, Allie Hinshaw and Beth Phillips.

### **Woman Minister Now With Ramseur Charge**

June 30, 1972 - Rev. Mrs. Sophia East is one of six women ministers in the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and she is the only black woman minister in the conference.

At the recent convening of the conference in Lake Junaluska, she was assigned to the Ramseur Charge, consisting of the McCrary's Chapel, Cox's Chapel, Shady Grove and Mitchell United Methodist churches.

She appeared on the charge Sunday, June 25, for the first time. She and her husband, Thomas Edison East, drove 82 miles from their home in Pilot Mountain to reach her first appointment, the McCrary's Chapel church.

Rev. Mrs. East did not respond to the call to the ministry until 1957, when her youngest child graduated from high school. She and her husband are the parents of four children but they also reared a niece.

She attended a school for ministers at Bennett College and was ordained a deacon in 1960. In 1964 she was ordained an elder.

Before becoming a minister, she did everything there was to do in her local church, Lovell's Chapel United Methodist Church in Pilot Mountain.

For eight years she was president of the District Woman's Society of Christian Service, she was lay leader for 15 years in her local church, she was chairman of the council on ministry, and she held various other positions in the church.

### **Unique Local "Widow's Club" Celebrates Another Anniversary**

July 3, 1972 - The "Widow's Club," a unique organization in the black section of Asheboro, held its anniversary on June 25, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

The club was "set up" by Mrs. Emma Foust, 90, a well known former Asheboro midwife, and she has served as the president of the club since its beginning.

Other officers are Mrs. Vandella Davis, vice president; Mrs. Luevenia Austin, secretary; and Mrs. Jennie Covington, treasurer.

Members, in addition to the officers are Mrs. Mattie Luther, Mrs. Gertrude Phillips, Mrs. Hazel Harris, Mrs. Nora Everett, Mrs. Lena Covington, Mrs. Rosie Shaw, and Mrs. Clara Jimenez.

The club which, started around 1959, holds its regular meetings on the fourth Saturday of each month and its anniversary once a year.

Dues are \$1 a month per member. When a member gets sick and goes to the hospital, she is given \$5. When she is sick and remains at home she is given \$3. The family of a deceased member has a choice of money or flowers when their loved one dies. A member is also given \$5 when she has a birthday.

Five members died last year and two members were dropped because of their re-marriage. "Miss Emma," the president, said a member is also dropped if she started "courting a man who had a living wife." Otherwise, courtship is not a hindrance to remaining in the club.

Several singers and ministers participated in the anniversary occasion. The seven widows, who were present, were dressed in white and wore corsages. Guest pianist was L.D. Lewis of Greensboro, a former Randolph County resident, who sang her favorite song "The Shelf Behind the Door." Mrs. Gertrude Phillips is a regular pianist for the group.

Mrs. Foust, a sprightly person despite the use of a walking cane and sometimes a walker, is one of Asheboro's best known residents. She has been a member of the Methodist Church since "my profession as a little girl" down in the Pleasant Hill Community where she was born and reared.

"I went in early," she said in reference to her church membership. She was born near Deep River, below Moffitt's Mill, and she said "Pleasant Hill was my church." But she has been a member at St. Luke now for many years.

Respect for her father, Rev. Thomas Brown, has not diminished through the years. She said he was a "duck-leg preacher," one who never had accompanied "Miss Emma" a regular work or pastored a church but preached wherever he was asked.

She said her father took her to church instead of sending her and she said "I have never gone against my father," even though he has been dead many years. Because of this, she has followed him in his political affiliation, and she said, "I have been a Republican all of my life."

### **Old Rock Fence Believed To Have Been Mile Long**

July 7, 1972 - A rock fence in western Randolph County, said to be a mile long, has recently been the subject of an inquiry.

The fence started immediately south of the present location of Popular Ridge Friends Meeting on Rt. 1, Trinity, and extended southward for one mile.

Builder of the fence, said to be three or four feet wide and four or five feet high, was Christopher Hill, who was born Nov. 16, 1804 and died Apr. 10, 1856. It is not known how long before he died that the fence was erected.

Many people, however, remember the fence, including Enos Skeen, grandson of Christopher Hill, from whom information concerning the fence was received.

Skeen was born in 1887, over 30 years following the death of his grandfather, but he recalls his mother, Mary Eliza Hill Skeen, talking about the fence. Skeen was seven years old when his grandmother, Rebecca Hill, wife of Christopher, died.

The fence was built on the west side of the existing road at that time and there were three gates or openings in it.



Since some of the rocks in the fence were extremely large, it is assumed that the builder had some help in its erection. But it is remembered that the fence was level and the rocks carefully placed, Hill got the rocks off his place and, according to his grandson, "there were plenty of rocks left."

As far as is known, there is no vestige of the fence left. Enos Skeen said that much of it was torn down getting rabbits out of it. He said much of this was done by outside hunters but he admitted that he had done some of it himself.

The home of Christopher Hill, to which a log kitchen was attached, is still standing on property which is now owned by J.R. (Bob) Ennis. Before building his present house, Ennis and his family lived in the old house for seven or eight years.

The house, four rooms downstairs and one upstairs, was built of wide boards on both the inside and out. It has never been painted. When convicts worked the road back then, they were kept in the upstairs room at the home of Christopher Hill and guarded from another room. The house is believed to be 150 years old.

Christopher Hill was buried in the cemetery at Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church, a short distance up the road from the land on which he built the fence. The Popular Ridge cemetery was not in existence at that time.

His wife, Rebecca Hill, lies in the corner of the cemetery at Popular Ridge, which Meeting House was established in 1857, one year after the death of Christopher Hill. In the vicinity of her grave are the graves of her children, Joshua Hill, who gave land for the first church and cemetery at Popular Ridge, her daughter, Hannah Hill Farlow, who died in 1880, the first person to be buried in the cemetery, and another daughter, Mary Eliza Hill Skeen, mother of Enos Skeen.

### **Church Conducts Memorial Service**

July 6, 1972 – A memorial service for the late Rev. Thomas Bernard Toomes was held Sunday afternoon, July 2, at the Level Cross Baptist Church, where he served as pastor from Jan. 17, 1960 until his death on May 30, 1972.

He lived six years following his first heart attack and efforts were made to get him to retire. But he continued to preach at his church and it was during his sermon there on Sunday, Feb. 13, that he collapsed and was removed to the hospital in an ambulance. He only returned to the church twice after that but not to preach.

Preaching the memorial sermon was the Rev. Thomas Tuggle, pastor of Dutchmen's Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Mocksville, the first pastor of Level Cross Baptist Church.

The church was organized in 1955 as the outgrowth of a tent revival. At the time of organization Rev. Mr. Toomes was one of the charter members and served as a deacon and as choir director.

Bernard Toomes was converted in the Methodist church just down the road in 1954. About three months following his call to the ministry, he was unanimously called to the pastorate of the Level Cross Baptist Church and was ordained upon the assumption of the pastorate.

The church experienced a continuous expansion during his ministry there and a new addition was in progress at the time of his death.

Among the things the Rev. Mr. Tuggle asked that the late pastor be remembered for was "his faithfulness, his fruitfulness, and his friendliness." It was in reality a service

of praise and thanksgiving rather than a time for memorial and mourning.

Mrs. Bernard Toomes and her four children, daughters Linda, Wanda, and Ann, and son Steve, were present for the service. Also, Rev. Mr. Toomes' mother, Mrs. Hallie Shelton, his three sisters, Mrs. Louise Rayle, Mrs. Betty Jean Lewis, and Mrs. Claudia Vestal, his brothers, Blease Toomes, and two grandchildren, Angela and Catherine Jeter.

The late minister was a native of the Level Cross community. He was reared and lived at the time of his death in the immediate vicinity of the church building.

### **Three-Family Annual Reunion Held**

July 18, 1972 – The John Thomas Brown cabin on Brush Creek was the scene of the annual Brown-Welch-Lowdermilk reunion Sunday, July 16, Rt. 1, Bennett.

Rev. Hayes Ritter, pastor of the nearby Pleasant Grove Christian Church, spoke briefly and offered thanks for the food which was placed on tables near the bend of the creek.

Cleo Brown, president, presented gifts to R.J. (Bob) Flippin, 83, oldest person in attendance, Patrick Wayne Brown, three months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wayne Brown, youngest person, and to Mrs. Daisy Brown, largest family.

New officers elected were Clifton Brown, president; John T. Brown, vice president; Mrs. Frank Brown, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Gary Routh, assistant secretary and treasurer.

A program committee consisting of Mrs. Nancy Kidd, Mrs. Gene Routh, Mrs. Nora Lee Ellis, and Mrs. Frances Brown, was named and also a refreshment committee, consisting of Larry Brown, Russell Gilliland, Odell Brown and Bobby Brown.

A group of girls from the Pleasant Grove church rendered special singing, accompanied by Cleo Brown, guitarist. Mrs. Naomi Brown, retiring secretary, read the minutes of the last meeting. Another older member of the families present was John Madison Brown, 81, who served as election registrar for Pleasant Grove Township for 51 years.

### **Church Hosts Leadership Workshop At Staley**

July 19, 1972 – The 6<sup>th</sup> Randolph County Community Leadership Development Workshop was held last week at the Oliver Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley.

Representatives were present from the participating groups, West Liberty, North Staley, McCrary and Oakland at Ramseur, Franklinville, Farmer, Asheboro and St. Peters.

Earl Glover of Ramseur, chairman of the Randolph County Advisory Committee for Improvement, presided over the meeting.

Among those taking part on the program were Dr. B.W. Harris and Sampson Buie, personnel at A&T University who are associated with the community development programs in Randolph County.

Status or progress reports were given by the community representatives.

West Liberty reported a successful communitywide Bible School and the beginning of adult education classes, with instructors from R.T.I.

Franklinville also reported a successful Bible School and more than 50 percent participation in the initial community clean-up campaign. This phase of community improvement resulted in the homes of four families being repaired and the lawns landscaped.

Oakland and McCrary are still in the process of seeking reduced speed zones, a community clean-up campaign is in progress, and data is being collected for voter registration.

North Staley has several projects underway, including a clean-up campaign, extension of the mail service, painting and improving existing mail boxes, a recreational program and the establishment of reduced speed zones. The latter project has been approved by the State Highway Commission.

Asheboro, under the leadership of Miss Patricia Harrison, has already completed Phase I of voter registration. The Asheboro group is currently working to install blacks in administrative positions in government housing projects which will be opened in the near future.

The voter registration project is first with the county group as a whole. It is already underway and will be conducted on a countywide basis.

Chairman Earl Glover states the aim and objective of the Randolph County Advisory Council for Improvement is "to make Randolph County a better place in which to live for all its citizens, and seek change and improvement through established channels."

### **Cedar Grove Honors Senior Citizens**

July 20, 1972 – Mrs. Frank (Daisy) Varner, Rt. 3, Asheboro, was the oldest person present when the Cedar Grove Community Development Club honored the senior citizens of the area on July 15 at an event which has been held for about 12 years.

Mrs. Varner, who will be 90 years of age in Aug., was presented fresh corn and tomatoes from Wade Walker's garden. Walker also presented her with a ten dollar bill.

She was given a corsage of white pom poms by the club for being the oldest woman present. Carl Spencer, oldest man in attendance, was presented with a boutonniere, also consisting of a white pom pom.

Other senior citizens in attendance were Mrs. Carl Spencer, Mrs. Charlie Spencer, Mrs. Duke Hoover, Mrs. Belle Johnson, Mrs. Joel Ashworth, Clifford Lassiter, Gayle Hussey and Mrs. O.A. Thayer.

Hussy and Mrs. Johnson, 88, testified to working in their gardens during the day; however, Mrs. Johnson did not stay in hers as long as Gayle Hussey did. Mrs. Varner, the oldest citizen, said she had done her share of working in the garden and has discontinued this activity.

The senior citizens, club members and guests enjoyed a buffet supper, in which area the ladies of the Cedar Grove community excel. Presiding over the annual event was Bobby Ledwell, president of the community club. Rev. George McDowell, minister of Back Creek Friends Meeting, gave invocation and expressed thanks for the food.

Among the guests at the meeting were the Rev. and Mrs. Taber H. Wood, now of Germanton. They accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Hussey to the meeting. Mrs. Wood, the former Lillian Trogdon, is a sister of Mrs. Hussey. Wood is a former Asheboro barber and both he and Mrs. Wood are Randolph County natives. Mrs. Wood is remembered as having been employed as a secretary for the late Asheboro

attorney A.I. Ferree. Rev. Mr. Wood has just recently retired from the ministry of the United Methodist Church. His last pastorate was at Tobaccoville, near Germanton.

### **Community Building Work Begins**

July 21, 1972 – Groundbreaking for a community building next to St. Mark United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, was held July 16.

The service, which was preceded by a downpour, began at 6 p.m. and the turning of the ground occurred about an hour later.

The proposed erection of a community building is a project of the community choir which has existed for several years and includes the following churches, St. Mark, Melita's Grove Baptist Church, Strieby and Salem United Churches of Christ and Mechanic Baptist Church.

Included also are citizens of Farmer and Asheboro. Many people from these communities and the sponsoring churches were present for the groundbreaking service.

Mrs. Hazel Caviness, overall chairman of the project, presided over the meeting; Mrs. Ruth Laughlin serves as vice chairman. Directors are Lester Laughlin, Dock Lynn, and Jesse Cross. Van Garner serves as chairman of the building committee and Mrs. Connie Harley serves as chairman of the finance committee.

Rev. A.W. Brown, pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Asheboro, led the litany of groundbreaking and assisted in other phases of the service. Rev. Mr. Brown preaches at the St. Mark church once a month.

Speaker for the service was Rev. J.R. Ricks, pastor of the Church of Good of Prophecy in Asheboro; Rev. Henry Walden offered the prayer for the occasion. The community choir, from which the idea of building originated, sang for the service.

### **Dedication Called "High Moment"**

July 25, 1972 – "This is a high moment in the history of this church," said the Rev. R.S. Shelton, district superintendent, as he led the dedication service for the new sanctuary and educational building at the Mt. Olive Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Sophia.

It was indeed a momentous occasion when the completely new \$105,000 structure, including furnishings, was presented by the trustee board, composed of Morris Saunders, Burgess Dameron, and Archie Bennett.

The contemporary building stands in sharp contrast to the old building, which was a small frame structure erected in the early part of 1906. Torn down recently, just before the completion of the new building, it has deteriorated and was not adequate for proper worship.

The sanctuary portion is constructed of brick, both inside and out, and has laminated beams against a pine decking. The new pews have upholstered seats and there is wall to wall carpeting throughout the entire building.

Names on the stained glass memorial windows contain many of the names of the people who have been faithful and loyal to the church throughout the years of its existence. Some of the people are still living.

These names include Logan Nelson, Mamie F. Nelson, Willard Lee Farlow, Sarah Mae Farlow, Ellis M. Farlow, Lou Hill Farlow, Shubal Asa Nelson, Margaret R. Myers, John M. Spencer, Annie Farlow Spencer, Josie Ann Owens, J.R. Owens, Rev. Garland McDowell and his wife, Dot McDowell.

Other parts of the new building are two choir rooms, paneled off of the brick sanctuary, 13 classrooms, two bathrooms, and a pastor's study. The building is electrically heated with a central furnace and is air-conditioned.

Building committee for the construction of the building was composed of Donald Segers, chairman, Bobby Myers, Julius McDowell, Archie Bennett, Elmer Owens, and Garland McDowell. The contract was awarded to M & M Building of High Point. Lee Maudlin, president of the firm, also spoke at the service of dedication.

The beginning of the building program came last Jan. when a \$90,000 bond issued, used to finance the new construction, was sold in only two weeks. Construction began the next month.

Rev. Garland McDowell, who has served the church as pastor since 1960, has led the church in the renewed interest which has characterized its existence over the past few years. The church membership is still small, around 30, but the Sunday School enrollment is 108.

It was formerly a remote area and the church was located at the end of a dirt road. The road is now paved, new houses have been built, including a new parsonage for the church, and the new church edifice completes general improvement of the entire area.

Land for the church was given by Isaac Farlow and his wife, Martha. The deed was signed on Dec. 8, 1906. The first business meeting for the church was held Apr. 17, 1909.

Members of the church in the beginning were Alf and Fannie Dix, Jake and Ada Robbins, Elwood and Cornelia Ward, Lillie Dorsett, Shubal Nelson, Sara Nelson, Docia Nelson Dorsett, and Lewis Nelson.

First person to be buried in the cemetery was Ellis Farlow, who died in 1948. He was the son of Isaac Farlow, who donated the land. Lou Hill Farlow, widow of Ellis Farlow, was buried in the cemetery in 1971. She was one of the church's most active members. Two of her sons went out from the church as ministers.

Additional land has been given to the church from members of the family of Isaac Farlow, the first donor. These gifts have been made by Willard Farlow, his grandson, and Willard's wife, Mae Nelson Farlow, from Mae Farlow, after the death of her husband, with the consent of her children, Eunice Segers, Lois Saunders, Isaac and Joel Farlow, and more recently from Joel Farlow, great-grandson of Isaac Farlow, and his wife, Patricia McDowell Farlow.

Rev. Kermit Farlow, son of Ellis and grandson of Isaac, was present for the homecoming and service of dedication. A well known evangelist in the Wesleyan denomination, he has gone out from Mt. Olive to carry the gospel to many parts of the United States and to various countries of the universe.

Buried in the small cemetery are his brother, Rev. Reece W. Farlow, and Reece's son, Wray Farlow, both of whom were killed in an accident in Nebraska in 1963. Reece Farlow served as pastor of his home church for two years, 1958-60.

One of the more recent burials in the cemetery was that of Logan Nelson, father of Mae Nelson Farlow. Logan served the church faithfully for many decades. At the service of dedication and homecoming the pastor spoke of Logan's service to the church and recalled that he spoke of the

proposed new building just an hour or so before he made the transition to another world.

## **At 105 Years Of Age Oldest Person In Randolph**

July 25, 1972 - Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes, Rt. 2, Asheboro, reached another milestone on her long journey of life on July 22 when she celebrated her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her expressions on the occasion waxed enthusiastically to a more reserved appraisal.

She first said "I'm so happy I could fly," and then she said, "I feel pretty good to be a 105."

The oldest person in Randolph County, it is believed that she has lived longer than any person who has ever lived here.

Her talkativeness and her interest have not diminished since her birthday last year. If anything, she was more vocal this year.

She can see no more than a shadow and likes to know what is going on about her. If necessary, she will break into a conversation and demand the attention which her age merits.

Her four living children, daughters Nellie Smith and Eunice McPherson, and her sons, Emory and Wayman, joined her for the birthday observance. Wayman and his family live in the home with her. Lucille, the wife of Wayman, looks after the needs of her aged mother-in-law.

Other family members who came to pay their respects included grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She is a birthright member of Back Creek Friends Meeting and was reared in the vicinity of the Meeting House. She came to her present residence, also in the same vicinity, over 82 years ago. Her husband, Thomas Wilson Barnes, died over 31 years ago. Six of her children are also dead.

Deborah Lucinda Barnes lives in two worlds, the world of her childhood, a century ago, and the world yet to come. She dwells very little in the present. She only catches a glimpse of what is happening today.

She recalls when her brother-in-law, Sam Purdie, "came from New York and give me that little red Bible." She still remembers the Mexican words and phrases which Purdie and her sister taught her upon their return as missionaries from Mexico.

She said, "I ain't forgot anything since I was three years old," and on her 105<sup>th</sup> birthday she recited perfectly all of the verses in the ballad of Naomi Wise which she learned many years ago. "Nobody has seen as much as I have," she said.

Then, she looks to another world and speaks of a dream, a bright light, a big multitude, and the end of the world. But she speaks with assurance and says "I've got a helpmate" waiting to bear her spirit safely across after the long journey here below.

## **No Electricity, No Running Water**

July 28, 1972 - Mary Presnell is an independent woman in a fierce sort of way. She can't read or write but, in her own words, she usually knows what is going on.

Right now, she has a problem. She will be 62 years of age next Feb. 24 and she wants to collect social security. Twice she has been to see the representatives who come to

Asheboro and they have told her she isn't eligible because she has not paid anything in.

She is puzzled because nothing has been paid to her account, saying she has worked and "they took out social security." Mary lived with her parents, Esau and Sarah Presnell, until their deaths. Esau died two years ago while Sarah's death occurred in 1965. Her father was blind before his death and her mother was in poor health also. According to Mary, "I had to lead him and look after her."

The subject of help from the Social Services Department came up and Mary was emphatic. "I ain't going to that welfare," she said, "by golly, my daddy and mama was in it." Before Mary's parents received help, it is understood they signed their home and 20 or so acres of land over to her. But Mary said, "they couldn't draw for two years," evidently after the transfer of property.

It is Mary's understanding that she cannot receive help from the Social Services Department unless she signs her property over. This she is unwilling to do.

Living with Mary at the old place off Cedar Falls road in the vicinity of Central Falls and the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church is Harold Allred, who was reared by her parents. Harold is about 57 years old and, like Mary, unable to read or write.

Harold's job at a sawmill came to an end when the mill shut down. Now he mows yards, helps get up hay and whatever odd jobs come to him. But he needs to work close by, due to his inability to leave Mary alone.

Because of two calluses on her feet and other ailments, she walks with the aid of a "homemade" cane. She said "I don't stay here anymore by myself," due principally to "drunks" coming in and aggravating her. Both Mary and Harold are prepared for these unwelcome visitors, however. Harold has a 12-gauge shotgun and Mary has "a 22 rifle and I can shoot it."

Since Esau Presnell died there has been nothing coming in except from Harold's odd jobs and whatever people have brought in and given them. Mary said "maybe they bring it in one month and then maybe we don't get anything."

She has to take medicine and her teeth need pulling. She can't afford to pay a dentist to pull them. She has already pulled some of them herself, causing her face to become black and swollen. Harold doesn't have any teeth. He pulled all of them himself.

There are no electric lights in the old house and Mary said "I don't want them. I can get five gallons of kerosene for 90 cents and it'll do over a month." Their water comes from a spring.

The house leaks, the grate has fallen down on Mary's wood cook stove, and the small heater in the bedroom is inadequate for the cold of winter. There are many rooms in the house and every room is jammed with old furniture and a lot of rubbish. Evidently nothing has ever been thrown away. The rooms were closed tightly, the doors contained make-shift latches, and it was with difficulty that this reporter toured the various rooms.

There were six cats on the place, "daddy's cat and her kittens." Mary said she couldn't get rid of her daddy's cat. Then there was Mary's dog, a close member of the family.

Mary was extremely close to her father and she wants to continue to do the things he would have wished her to do.

"We have seen a hard time since papa died," she said.

## **Minister Bids His Congregation Goodbye At First Wesleyan Church**

Aug. 1, 1972 — A Randleman minister told his congregation goodbye on July 30 after a successful pastorate at the First Wesleyan Church for the past 12 years.

It was an emotional experience for both pastor and congregation and many wept as the final service came to a close.

On the eve of his departure the minister wrote in the church bulletin, "My heart is too full for words; therefore, I just simply say with the great Apostle Paul, finally brethren, farewell."

Rev. Mr. Denny will go to High Point to the First Wesleyan Church where he will serve as pastor-administrator of the new Wesleyan Arms Retirement Center which is presently under construction.

Many improvements have been noted at the Randleman church since the minister's first service with the congregation on a Wednesday evening back in Aug., 1960.

At the outset of his ministry there he proposed a three-point program, spiritual, numerical and physical. The latter goal began to take shape the next year with the occupancy of a new educational building. The new sanctuary was opened for worship on Easter Sunday morning in 1966.

When the Rev. Mr. Denny assumed the pastorate of the church in Randleman, the church had 64 members and averaged 126 in Sunday School. This last church year the membership had increased to 114 and the average Sunday School attendance was 216.

In 1959-60 when he came, the total receipts were \$15,956 and the property valuation was \$25,000. Last year the total receipts were \$41,792 and the property valuation by actual appraisal was \$174,500.

The new sanctuary and educational building, contemporary in design, is located in a beautifully landscaped area overlooking Randleman from the southwest side. The street in front of the church has been widened and the property across the street has been purchased by the church, with all of the buildings cleared off of the property except one.

Rev. Mr. Denny first came to Randolph County in Aug., 1954 when he became pastor of the Mt. Olive Wesleyan Church on Rt. 1, Sophia. After two years he left to organize the Archdale Wesleyan Church where he remained for four and one half years. The first unit of that church was built during his pastorate there.

For the past six years he has served as the assistant superintendent of the Kernersville District of the Wesleyan Church.

He is a native of Stanford, Lincoln County, Ky. His preparatory training was at God's Bible School and College in Cincinnati, Ohio and he graduated from Marion College, Marion, Ind. in 1951. His first pastorate was at Swaynee, Ind.

While at God's Bible School he met his first wife, the former Nina Lee Saunders, of High Point. They became the parents of two sons, Steve, now 20, and Tim, 15. Mrs. Denny died suddenly in 1968 and a year later the minister married Mrs. Rachelle Miller Brand, a native of Defiance, Ohio, the widow of Rev. Lowell Thomas Brand, also a Wesleyan minister. She is the mother of two children, Victoria Joy Brand, 10, and John Fletcher Brand, 8.

Many of the people who sat in the congregation for that final service on Sunday morning had been converted during

the pastorate of the departing minister. It was noted that more than half of the 1972-73 church officers had been saved during his ministry there.

The minister has maintained the respect of the townspeople. Many outside the congregation regard him as their friend, and one gentleman spoke of this at the final service, ending his remarks by saying "May God bless you wherever you go."

### **Cravens Paid Tribute On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 2, 1972 – A Franklinville town board member, Irvin Orlando Craven, and his wife observed their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a reception at the fire station on July 30.

Craven has served on the town board at two previous periods other than the present tenure of service.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven were married July 8, 1922 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Wes Jones, in Franklinville. The ceremony was performed while they sat in the automobile in which they rode to the magistrate's home.

Hosts for the anniversary reception were their five children, Mrs. Jack (Virginia) Southern, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Harry (Velna) Rose, Asheboro, Lloyd Craven, Rt. 6, Asheboro, Eugene Craven, Ramseur, and Mrs. Jerry (Shirley) Padgett, Franklinville. Their anniversary observance was postponed due to Mr. Craven's illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven are retired employees of Randolph Mills, both of them retiring in 1964. Their courtship and marriage were during their first employment at the mill, then known as Franklinville Manufacturing Co. and operated by Hugh (Jack) Parks.

Craven, son of Bascom and Emma Burns Craven, was reared on the outskirts of Franklinville, near the present Pentecostal Holiness Church. He attended school at Franklinville, then comprised of four teachers. He first became employed at the mill in 1919, helping to build the power house and then going to work in the weave room.

Mrs. Craven, the former Ila Lee West, was reared on the other side of Franklinville, in the Patterson Grove Christian Church section. She attended the school by the same name, a one-teacher affair. Daughter of William Henry West and Esther Way West, she and her sister, Myrtle, now Mrs. H.M. Powers, came to Franklinville to work in the mill in 1920.

They boarded at the homes of Joe (Jode) Ellison, their uncle, and Henry Curtis and walked the distance of two and one half miles back to their home on weekends. Their father would bring them back on Sunday afternoons in the buggy until Ila's courtship with Irvin Craven started and then he would come after them in his 1918 Model T Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven are members of Pleasant Cross Christian Church where he attended as a child. Mrs. Craven formerly belonged to the Patterson Grove church.

Craven is choir director at the Pleasant Cross church, although inactive at the present time because of his illness. He sang with a quartet for around 35 years, formerly being associated with the Deep River Quartet. Some of the men with whom he has sung have been John Shane, Clay Allred, Howard Saunders, and at one time with Lacy Chisholm, now deceased.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Craven are 70 years of age. In addition to their children, their immediate family includes 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### **Friends Pay Tribute On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 8, 1972 – Grady Lee Richardson and his wife, Annie Bell McCain Richardson, were born about two miles apart. Their families lived on the same road. They grew up together. Grady is slightly more than a year older than Annie Bell.

On Sunday afternoon, Aug. 6, their children honored them on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage. Open house was held for them in the fellowship hall at the Charlotte United Methodist Church where they have attended church throughout their lifetime and where their parents are buried. Friends called from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Grady is the son of the late Robert Lee (Bob) Richardson and Minnie Goss Richardson, who lived in the vicinity of John Wesley's Stand. He attended the Lena's Grove school.

Annie Bell's parents were David T. McCain and Della Redding McCain. They lived on the other end of the same road on which the Richardsons lived, near the present site of the Asheboro City Lake. Annie Bell attended the Charlotte School, next to the church.

They were married Aug. 12, 1922 at the home of Romulus (Rom) Bulla, who lived just off of the same road on which their families lived. They went there to be married by the preacher who was holding revival services at John Wesley's Stand, who was taking supper at the Bulla home that evening.

The ceremony was witnessed by Mrs. Bulla, her son, Glenn, and her daughter, Reba. Afterwards, the couple attended the revival service. It was on a Saturday evening and they were traveling in a 1919 Chevrolet automobile which belonged to Grady's father.

They lived briefly with Grady's people and also at the McCrary place where Earl Bulla operated a dairy. They came to their present home, in sight of Annie Bell's homeplace, 48 years ago.

Grady Richardson has farmed, done sawmill work, carpentry work, and was a night watchman at Acme Hosiery Mill for 7 years before his retirement at the age of 62. He will be 71 years of age on Aug. 25. Annie Bell, who will be 70 next Nov. 6, has never worked at public work.

When he retired the couple built them a beach home at Surfside in South Carolina. They spend time there when Grady is not engaged in growing plants and doing truck farming, an occupation which he took up when he retired from the mill. He grows tomato, pepper and egg plants, and sweet potato slips.

He raises "a little of everything," selling his product to the stores uptown and to various people.

Their children who honored them on their anniversary are Mrs. Aster (Annie Lee) Staley, David Richardson, Tom Richardson, and Mrs. Bobby (Maxine) White, Rt. 2, Sophia, Ernest (Bud) Richardson, Bradley, Fla., and Mrs. Wilburn (Doris) Hill, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

They have 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### **Friends, Relatives Join In Celebration**

Aug. 9, 1972 – Rankin Thomas, 1414 Winslow St., a man who has lived frugally and worked hard, reached his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on Aug. 6.

His family extended him a birthday dinner at Rollins Hall, behind the Asheboro Friends Meeting House, and about 50 friends and relatives were on hand to help him celebrate.

Among those present was his minister, Leslie Winslow, who rendered the thanks for the meal.

For many years, 35 or so, Rankin has done yard work for the people of Asheboro in addition to his regular employment, first at Asheboro Wheelbarrow Co. and then at the Home Building.

Since his retirement from public employment 15 years ago, he has continued to help people in their yards, except for the last two months he hasn't done much because of leg trouble. But he said, "I'm going back to it if the Lord lets me live."

Rankin came to Asheboro two or three years after the close of World War I, in which he served overseas in France. He was about to get into the active fighting when the armistice was signed. He stayed in France for about a year guarding German prisoners.

He lived in Guilford County at the town of McLeansville before he came to Asheboro. He was reared by an uncle who gave him 50 cents a month and his overalls. Even though he was given "a little tobacco patch," Rankin said "I knowed I wasn't doing any good."

When he moved with his uncle to Asheboro his first job was with the city "digging lines." He was paid \$3 a day for 10 hours of work, more than the \$2 a day which he received later when he went to work with the Wheelbarrow Co.

With his first earnings he bought some land, paying \$40 down on it. He had learned to save the hard way, he said. "When I spent a dollar, I wanted to know where it went to."

He married Maggie Thomas, a native of Harnett County, who was a half-sister of his supervisor, Newton Thomas, at the wheelbarrow company. They first lived in rooming houses, then he took out building loan shares and built a house. His wife worked at the Acme Hosiery Mill.

Referring to the low wages which he received and the long hours which he worked during his early employment, he spoke of what would have happened "if the government hadn't stepped in."

He worked at the Home Building for 24 years before his retirement. The first home he built for his family was at the end of Sunset Avenue. He has lived at his present home for 19 years. The place abounds with shrubbery, trees, fig bushes, grape vines, and a very fine garden.

His children are Mrs. Edward (Mary) Odum, 102 Sunset Extension, Mrs. Jack (Doris) Gordon, Rt. 2, Lexington, Mrs. John (Iris) Hinson, 1414 Sunset Extension, and Kermit Thomas, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

## **Neighbors Grove Church now has New Minister**

Aug. 9, 1972 - A native South Dakotan came to the pastorate of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church last week, preaching his first sermon as pastor on Sunday morning, Aug. 6.

Rev. Richard H. Kindschi succeeds the Rev. Hoover E. Smith who is assuming the pastorate of the Regan Wesleyan Church, Gastonia, where Rev. Mr. Kindschi left to come to the Neighbors Grove church.

The transfer of the ministers occurred at the annual conference of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church at Colfax which was held the week prior to the exchange of the two ministers.

The Rev. Mr. Smith stayed at the Neighbors Grove church for four years. His successor, Rev. Mr. Kindschi served the Regan church in Gastonia for nine years.

The new minister was born in Hoghton, S. Dak. near Aberdeen, S. Dak. He came from a Wesleyan Methodist Home, he had eight brothers and three sisters and attended Miltonvale, Wesleyan College at Miltonvale, Kansas. One of his brothers, Rev. Paul L. Kindschi, served until recently as General Secretary, General Department of Sunday School in the denomination on the national level.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a radio gunner with a Navy Dive Bomber Squadron. He was an employee of Bell Telephone co. in Washington, D. C. when he received his local preacher's license in 1948.

He was admitted to the conference in 1949 and served as an assistant pastor in 1950. His first regular pastorate began in 1951 when he became pastor of the Brevard Wesleyan Church where he served for three years. His next pastorate, before going to the Regan church was at the Canton Wesleyan Church where he served for nine years.

Mrs. Kindschi, the former Dorothy Lee Riley, was born in Kansas City, Mo. but also lived in the North and South Dakota. She was living in Arlington, Va. At the time of her marriage, her father was a governmental employee, working with the Bureau of Engraving.

Rev. and Mrs. Kindschi are the parents of five daughters and one son. The daughters are Mrs. Alvin Reel and Mrs. Tony Baker, Gastonia, Mrs. Bill Kincaid, Raleigh, Mrs. Richard Blackedge, Stuttgart, Germany, and Robin, who will be a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student at North Asheboro Junior High School this fall.

Their son, Stephen, is serving with the Air Force at Ft. Meade, Md., after attending the Central Wesleyan College at Central, S. C. for one year.

Rev. Mr. Kindschi has been a chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol for 19 years. He holds the rank of major and serves as an aide to the N. C. Wing Chaplain.

Mrs. Kindschi has been active in Home Demonstration circles and once served as music chairman for the state organization. She is proficient in both the piano and organ.

Asked about an acquaintance with Senator George McGovern, the presidential nominee, the Rev. Mr. Kindschi recalled that McGovern's father, served as a Wesleyan Methodist minister, once his father's pastor at Houghton, S. Dak. And he remembered George McGovern attending camp meeting along with the other children of other ministers.

He said the now presidential nominee was "different from the other boys, he didn't play ball, he was usually by himself and reading a book."

On the other hand, the new minister at Neighbors Grove liked to play ball, participated in all sports and also likes to fish and hunt.

## **Magazine Will Feature Newlin Family Reunion**

Aug. 15, 1972 - Newlins from Randolph County joined with family members from Alamance and other places for the 12<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the Southeastern Newlin Association on Aug. 6 at the Chatham Friends Meetinghouse near Snow Camp.

A Randolph County woman, Emily Davis Pugh, daughter of Hessie Newlin Davis, presided over the annual session and welcomed those who came to the meeting.

Among those in attendance was Kathleen Fury, a free lance writer who flew in from New York City under the sponsorship of Red Book magazine. Through friends in Plainfield, Ind. A Quaker stronghold, she selected the Newlin reunion as the source of a feature article for the magazine, whose publishers had commissioned her to do a reunion story.

Some of the Randolph people went early Sunday to attend the morning worship service at the West Grove Conservative Friends Meeting near the Chatham Meetinghouse. Included in this group was Hessie Newlin Davis, who has been a member of the Meeting since the discontinuation of New Hope Conservative Friends Meeting which formerly existed in Randolph County near the Marlboro Friends Meeting.

A familiar face was missing at the West Grove Meeting Sunday, due to the death about two years ago of the venerable Harvey Newlin, long time leader of the Conservative group at West Grove. But his place was ably filled by two of his sons, Burton and Alfred Newlin who sat on the facing bench as Elders of the Meeting.

Hessie Davis, 81, a cousin of Harvey Newlin and for many years a close friend, lingered briefly at his gravesite before joining other members of the Newlin clan at the Chatham Meetinghouse.

The old and the young, many of them small children, mingled together around the picnic table and later went into the old Meetinghouse for the business session and program. Several of the older people wore white carnations, signifying that they were 80 years of age or older.

Dr. A. I. (Algie) Newlin, retired history professor at Guilford College, was the speaker for the meeting. His subject was "adventure in local history". Dr. Newlin is a brother of the late Harvey Newlin. A sister of the two men, Ila Braxton, was on hand, wearing a white carnation and sitting in a wheel chair.

The Newlins had their beginning in Alamance County in 1767 when John and Mary Pyle Newlin came from Concord, Pa. and settled on land near the reunion site. Many of them later migrated to the west and settled in Illinois and Indiana.

One of those planning to go west was Joseph Newlin, grandson of John and Mary Pyle Newlin, who was married to Ruth Farlow, a Randolph County native. It is thought that she persuaded him to remain in North Carolina and settle in the vicinity of the Marlboro Friends Meeting near Sophia.

This was the beginning of the Newlin family in Randolph County and Joseph Newlin was the ancestor of the Newlins from here who attended the reunion at Chatham Meetinghouse. Joseph and Ruth Newlin were the grandparents of Hessie Newlin Davis and the great-grandparents of Emily Davis Pugh, the reunion president.

### **Humanitarian Couple Married 30 Years**

Aug. 17, 1972 - An Asheboro couple, who have dedicated their lives in humanitarian needs and many worthwhile projects, observed the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Friday, Aug. 10.

The couple, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McNeill, 224 West Street, celebrated the occasion by dining that evening at Sea King fish Camp. The owner, Roy Bullins, played favorite songs of the couple on the stereo and the meal was finalized with the partaking of an anniversary cake.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill, members of Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, have sponsored three orphan children in war-ravaged countries and are co-sponsoring another child along with the adult Sunday School class at Rushwood church.

Of two Korean children which they have sponsored, one is now of age and other one has been returned to parents. The other child, which they currently sponsor is in South Vietnam while the child sponsored by the Sunday School class is a little girl in India.

Through the missionary agency of World Vision International of California, the McNeills are also indirectly helping with the sponsorship of 40,000 children in keeping with their interest in children without homes and family. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill themselves, have no children.

Bill McNeill, throughout the recent years of his residence in Asheboro, has devoted much time in helping his fellow beings, such as rebuilding a home, locating a destitute family and other causes of a similar nature. Recently, he has manifested an interest in men in prison and will be spending time and energy in this area of need.

McNeill is a native of upper Moore County, in the Union Grove-Seagrove section. His wife is the former Elvie Burkhart, of Asheboro. Their marriage occurred on Aug. 10, 1942, while he was employed at the shipyards in Newport News, Va.

Their marriage ceremony was not without incidents, one being the bridegroom was without funds to purchase the marriage license since they had decided without much notice to go ahead with their marriage. To secure the needed money a friend's guitar was borrowed and pawned.

When the officiating magistrate was called to his office in the court house at Hampton, Va., he learned he didn't have the keys to his office. In order to obtain entrance, he stood on the bridegroom's shoulder and climbed into his office on the lower floor. He then assisted the bride, bridegroom and a witnessing friend, who in turn were pulled through the window.

The couple have lived in many places but for the most part of the past 12 years they have lived in Asheboro, where McNeill was employed for eight years at the Union Carbide Plant. He is presently employed with B & W Construction Co. as a boilermaker, welder and machinist and is working on a power plant for Duke Power Co. at Blew's Creek.

A guest of the couple at their anniversary dinner was Mrs. McNeill's brother, Glen Burkhart, who resides with the couple.

Deeply consecrated to their faith, McNeill said the first 16 years of their marriage the couple had their "ups and downs but after Christ came on the scene, the past 14 years have been different".

### **Benefit of Seriously Ill Child is aim of Ice Cream Supper**

Aug. 17, 1972 - An ice cream supper will be held Saturday evening, Aug. 16, for the benefit of a pretty brown-haired child who is suffering from a serious brain infection.

The supper will be held at the Hill Top Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, for Sharon Teague, 27 month old daughter of Glen Teague, Jr. Teague lives with his parents at 522 Turner St. in the Colony Heights Mobile Home Park, North Asheboro.

The little girl suffered a sudden seizure or convulsion three weeks ago last Monday and has since been hospitalized in

Asheboro and Chapel Hill. She was in the intensive care unit at the local hospital and in isolation at the Chapel Hill hospital.

Doctors say that her brain is infected and for a time she reverted back to the status of a new born baby. Since then she has reverted back and forth as the convulsions have come and gone. "the top part of her brain died" is the description applied to her by the medical authorities in attendance. Three times during the seizures she came to the point of death but doctors massaged the breath of life back into her small body.

Before her sudden illness the little girl could walk, talk, feed herself, could run and was perfectly normal. Now she cannot sit up, walk, talk or feed herself. Only once since her illness has she regained normalcy enough to say "daddy." She is also partially blind and deaf.

She was brought home from the Chapel Hill hospital last Thursday. She will return on Aug. 23. Her young father, 21 year of age, has quit his job at an upholstery plant in High Point to care for his little girls. He is divorced from his wife and has the sole responsibility for the child. His parents have two other children in the home, one who is only one year old.

Teague is a member of the Hill Top Baptist Church. He teaches the young peoples' class. It is this group, along with others in the church, who are sponsoring the ice cream supper to help him defray the enormous expenses which are being incurred because of the illness of the child. Ice cream and cake will be served from 6 until 8 p.m. The church can be reached by going down Cox Road and turning right at the church sign.

### **After 40 Years, They're Reunited**

Aug. 21, 1972 - The reunion of Louella King with her sister, Ruby, and her brother, Charlie, finally came about last Wednesday evening - after nearly 40 years.

The meeting with Ruby Williams occurred early that evening at the home of an aunt in High Point after Mrs. Louella King's arrival at the Greensboro-High Point airport from her home in Dallas, Texas.

The glad reunion with Charlie Davis, her brother, happened later on that evening at the mobile home of Ruby and her husband, Jack B. Williams, on Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Davis, his wife and two of his five sons residing on Route 4, High Point, had come to Asheboro where he lived until four years ago, for the meeting with his long-lost sister.

Mrs. King wasted no time in coming to Asheboro after receiving a telephone call from her sister whom she had not seen or heard from since 1934.

The Dallas, Texas woman learned of her sister's whereabouts after the Courier-Tribune published her appeal for help in finding her sister and brother. Mrs. Williams identified herself as the lost sister immediately following the appearance of the paper on Friday afternoon and informed her sister of the whereabouts of Charlie Davis. Mrs. King, nearly 61 years of age and the owner of a business in Dallas, said she would have hitch-hiked to North Carolina, upon hearing that her brother and sister were alive, if she had not had the money to come.

The older child in the family of Frank Davis and his wife, Minnie Way Davis, also clarified some information which had been printed previously about the family.

Mrs. Davis, their mother, died in 1931 while the family was living in Boissavan, Va. where their father worked in the

coal mines. However, both Mr. and Mrs. Davis, had been natives of the Randleman-Sophia area of Randolph County.

Mrs. King, who was widowed at the age of 16 by the death of her husband in the mine, came to Asheboro after the death of her mother. Her father, who got sick working in the mines, followed her along with the other children in the family, Bertha, Ruby and Charlie. Another brother, Rob, died in 1928.

The father died in the "county home" in Asheboro in 1933 and once before his death Louella visited him there. Charlie, a nine-year old boy, was with his father and that was the last time Louella saw him until last Wednesday night.

Charlie became a ward of the county after his father's death and was placed in the Edgerton home near Holly Springs. The other children scattered. The next year before leaving the area, Louella made an effort to find out where Charlie was and is still disturbed, after all the years, she could not get information locally as to where he was.

Bertha ended up in Texas also and was in contact with Louella for about 12 years before her death in 1970. The two sisters in Texas often talked about Ruby and Charlie, persisted in their efforts to find them and speculated that Ruby would eventually come back to Asheboro. They figured "if we ever find Ruby, we will find Charlie."

Ruby did eventually come back to Asheboro and renewed her relationship with her brother Charlie, after a lapse of twelve or more year, but it was many years before their reunion with Louella occurred. Ruby and Charlie, on the other hand, had assumed that Louella and Bertha were dead.

Mrs. Gladys Way Owens, 2109 Flint Street, a cousin of the sisters and brother, was first approached locally by Mrs. King about finding her sister and brother and Mrs. Owens' initiation of the search resulted in their reunion. Mrs. Owens was present for the get-together of the three on Wednesday evening.

### **McNeill Couple Celebrates 26<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Aug. 24, 1972- Mr. and Mrs. Colon L. McNeill, active members of the Union Grove Baptist Church, observed the 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Aug. 20, in the fellowship hall of the church in which they worship.

Honoring them on this occasion were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Moore and their son, Wayne McNeill. Mrs. Moore is the former Elaine McNeill.

It had been planned to honor Mr. and Mrs. McNeill last year on the occasion of their silver anniversary but it was not convenient to do so at that time. The couple resides on Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Mrs. McNeill is the former Jaxie Mae Bean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ollie Bean, Rt. 2, Seagrove, her husband is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Duck) McNeill of the same address.

The McNeill family lives down the road and across the creek from the Bean family, thus Jaxie and Colon have known each other since the early childhood of the former, who is the junior of her husband by a few years.

However, their courtship did not begin until his return from overseas duty with the Army in Europe during World War II. He saw 26 months of combat service and participated in the invasion of Normandy.



Their marriage occurred Aug. 24, 1948 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C. M. Strickland, who was Jaxie's pastor at the Asbury Baptist Church.

But their church membership soon found its way into the Union Grove church where Colon had found Christ soon after his return from Europe.

They have consistently found their place in the activities of the church. Colon has served as the church treasurer for ten consecutive years and during another period before this time. He is a member of the Board of Deacons and teaches a Sunday School class.

Jaxie teaches in the nursery department and serves in other areas of service within the church. But her most dedicated service and responsibility, unusual perhaps for a woman, is her position as custodian for the past several years. She maintains the cleaning and upkeep of the entire church plant, including the beautiful new sanctuary which was occupied a few years ago.

Many members of the Union Grove congregation, as well as family members and other friends, called at the fellowship hall from 2 p.m. until 4. The anniversary cake was baked by a family friend, Mrs. Michael Walker.

Parents of both Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were present for the observance of their anniversary. Jaxie was the only girl in a family of eight boys. One of her brothers in attendance at the reception paid Colon a fine tribute when he was heard to say, "we were lucky to get him in our family".

### **Gallimores Honored on "Golden" Day**

Aug. 24, 1972 - Bob Gallimore, well known Randolph County auctioneer and former cattle buyer, and his wife, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their marriage recently at a reception in their honor at the Tabernacle School cafeteria.

Bob was buying calves and working on his father's farm at the time of his marriage to Doskie Wall on Aug. 11, 1922. Since that time he had bought and sold cattle all over the state of North Carolina. Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore have resided on Rt. 1, Trinity for all of their married life.

He was associated with stock yards in Sanford for 29 years, Pembroke for 16 years, Smithfield for 17 years and North Wilkesboro for three years. His career as an auctioneer began over 45 years ago. He serves as president of the Central Carolina Auction Co.

Hosting the reception at the school cafeteria in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore were their children, Mrs. Dalton (Ruth) Briles, Asheboro, Burley Gallimore, Rt. 1 Trinity, Mrs. John (Virginia) Vestal, Rt. 2, Asheboro, Garland Gallimore of the home, Ralph Gallimore, Thomasville, Harold Gallimore, Rt. 2, Denton, and his twin sister, Mrs. Bobby (Carol) Ledwell, Rt. 3, Asheboro, and Jimmy Gallimore, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

Robert Harison (Bob) Gallimore, son of the older children of Frank and Minnie Richardson Gallimore, was born 72 years ago in a one-room house on the back side of the Gallimore farm. The family later moved into a two-story house up on the road, in a section known as "Gallimore Town".

Bob and his father "bought chickens, eggs, cattle and all the land he could get." As Bob and his brothers grew to be eight or ten years of age, they traveled with their father in a two-horse wagon all over Randolph County, gathering up the chickens, eggs and other items which they resold in High Point.

He remembers the two-day wagon trip to High Point on each Monday morning to sell their products to the hotels and uptown stores. At that time the chickens were sold alive, they were not dressed. Bob also mentioned that he butchered cows for 30 years and sold the meat to the various markets.

His courtship with his wife, who was born Mary Lowe Doskie (Doll) Wall began at the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church located between Gallimore Town and the place where she lived nine miles away near Mt. Gilead Methodist Church. She came to the service at the Mt. Pleasant church one evening along with a wagon load of people from her vicinity. The wheel on the wagon broke and Bob took her home in his buggy.

But he was traveling in a 1916 Model T. copper-headed Ford which he purchased for \$80 when the couple were married by Magistrate George Spencer at his father's home near the Mt. Gilead church. Mrs. Gallimore is the daughter of the late Same and Ida Kennedy Wall and she was the only girl in a family of ten boys. She is 68 years of age.

The couple lived with his parents for awhile then moved into a two-room house in the same vicinity where they have lived since, except their home is considerable larger than it was back in the early days of their marriage.

Besides his involvement in the auction company, Bob and his son, Garland, operate a dairy farm on the place where they live. His oldest son, Burley, is associated with the father in the auction company and has taken over the selling at the stock yards. Another son, Harold, also assists in the auction sales.

Bob Gallimore is a familiar figure in the business places of Asheboro in the county where he has presided over many land auctions and the sale of personal property. He has been a customer of First National Bank since his father took him into the bank and introduced him to the bank officials when he was about 15 years of age.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore include 13 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. The large five tiered cake with the two sets of dividers at their anniversary was baked and decorated by their oldest daughter, Mrs. Briles.

It was estimated that 300 or more people attended the reception which honored Bob Gallimore and his wife on their golden wedding anniversary, many of them coming from various sections of North Carolina. A former pastor at Tabernacle United Methodist Church, Rev. Grayson Hobson and his family came from Gastonia to honor the couple.

### **Veteran Dairyman is 80 Years Old**

Aug. 28, 1972 - Ray Smith, Rt. 4, Siler City one of eastern Randolph's respected citizens, celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Friday, Aug. 18.

He lives with his wife, the former Edna Edwards, in the last house next to the Chatham County line. A wide spacious lawn separates the house from the dairy operations which are carried on by two of his sons.

One of these sons, Charles Brower Smith, his wife and two sons, Glenn Ray and Charles Wayne, live in the large two-story frame house, which the brick addition, along with Mr. and Mrs. Smith.

Clyde, the other son who operates the dairy, and a daughter, Mrs. James (Cornelia) Coward, live nearby on the same rural route as their parents.

Other children are Roland (Bill) Smith, Bennett Route, Siler City, Mrs. Bill (Helen) Slaughter, Greensboro, and Max Smith, Rt. 2, Siler City. There are nine grandchildren.

Ray Smith was reared on the same land on which he still resides, the son of John W. Smith and Sallie Brower Smith. He attended the one-teacher school at Pine Hill.

The old log house, constructed with pegs in which he was born, was moved a few years ago to make way for the new house in which his daughter, Mrs. Coward and her family now live.

His four brothers, Alfred, George, Walter, a Methodist preacher, and Glenn and one sister, Carrie Vestal, are dead. One sister, Swannie McPherson, is living near Liberty.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith were married 55 years ago last Apr. They lived at her home west of Siler City for the first year then came to their present home which they purchased from his brother, George. They now own all of the land which belonged to his parents.

Mr. Smith worked as a brick mason for around 30 years and started his dairy about 40 years ago even before he quit laying brick. His wife and children carried on the operations while he was away. He is retired now but still helps with the cows sometimes.

The family are devoted members of Rehobeth United Methodist Church located in the same vicinity in which they reside. It is there Ray Smith has attended throughout his lifetime and it is there where his parents are buried. His brother, Walter, went out from there as a minister of the gospel and Glenn Ray, one of the grandsons who lives in the home with him, is presently serving as the Superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are present each year at the honoring of the senior citizens of the Brown's Cross Roads community sponsored by the homemakers club.

## **Church Folk Pay Tribute to Pianist Rosie Cox, 84**

Aug. 29, 1972 - The Antioch Christian Church and community of Rt. 1, Seagrove, mourns the loss of Rosie Cox, 84, who was buried in the church cemetery last Friday afternoon.

She had been the church pianist for around 55 years and one of the floral tributes at her final rites was a miniature piano which stood next to the piano which she had played for so many years.

This tribute from the choir symbolized the years of loyal service and was one of the final gestures of respect and honor extended to her.

On Feb. 25, 1968 the church had observed "Rosie Cox Day" and had presented her with a plaque denoting 50 year of service as the pianist for Antioch Christian Church.

This was held at the time of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and each year since that time the church had come together for a fellowship meal on the occasion of her birthday.

Another plaque had been presented ten years before to both Rosie and her husband, Walter A Cox "for 43 years of devoted service to Antioch Christian Church". This occurred a month before the death of Walter on June 23, 1962. He had served as choir leader at the Antioch church for 30 years prior to his death.

Rosie's work in the church had also included teaching in the Cradle Roll and beginner departments. At one of the occasions honoring Rosie, the minister asked every one

who had come under her guidance in the Sunday School to stand. About three-fourths of the large number stood, signifying they had received spiritual instruction from this beloved woman.

The minister during the funeral service recalled that Rosie and her husband Walter had come to the church on the tractor when the snow was on the ground and the road was impassable for a car. In the years before the tractor they had walked to the church in the sleet and snow, using sticks with nails on the ends to keep from falling.

Rosie was carried on the church roster as the pianist in "good standing" at the time of her death. But she had not played in a year or so. She spent the last months of her life in an Asheboro rest home. She still came to Sunday School and church and was present a little over a month before her death. She had not missed many Sundays this year before her final illness.

After Walter died ten years ago the people of the church and community rendered continuous care for her welfare and happiness. They brought her to church even after she went to the rest home in Asheboro, and before that they took her to town or wherever else she needed to go. They looked out for her, inviting and taking her to all of the occasions in the neighborhood in which she had lived so many years.

It was Rosie's neighborhood and she was heartbroken when, due to advanced age, health conditions and inability to live alone, she had to leave the community before her death. She was not reconciled, even though her friends and fellow church members continued their solicitous care for her.

But Rosie came back last Friday afternoon to the place she loved so well. As the Antioch people stood by, she was buried beside her late husband in the soil of the place where she had known, peace, happiness and the satisfaction of nearly 56 years of service.

## **Singfest To Benefit Workshop**

Aug. 30, 1972 - A benefit singing for the establishment of a Sheltered Workshop for the mentally retarded and physically handicapped children of Randolph County will be held Friday evening, Sept. 1, in the Asheboro High School auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock and continuing until 11 p.m.

Four of the county's top singing groups will donate their time and talents to the fund raising project. All proceeds derived from the benefit singing will be applied to the sheltered workshop project.

These groups will include the Brown Family Singers, the Carolinians, the Pioneers Quartet and the Kyle Taylor Family Singers.

Sponsor for the singing will be the Randolph County Association for Retarded Children. The entire membership of the association has formed themselves into a committee working on the project.

Officers of the association are Robert Grose, president; Larry Bulla, vice president; and Mrs. John Dean, treasurer.

Tickets, priced at \$2 each, are being sold in advance and will also be sold at the door. Children under six will be admitted free. A concession stand will be in operation, containing sandwiches, ham biscuits, drinks and other sundries.

Master of ceremonies for the singing will be Wayne Morgan, local radio personality and gospel singing advocate.

The sponsoring group regard the establishment of a sheltered workshop as a very urgent matter, a place where in handicapped children can be trained after they leave school, "trained for a job they can do happily and well."

## **Minister, Family Leaving for New Church In Florida**

Aug. 30, 1972 - A young minister and his wife with strong ties of friendship in Randolph County will leave this week for a new assignment in Florida.

Rev. Jimmy J. Norred and his wife, Nora, have served the Union Grove Christian Church (United Church of Christ) Rt. 4, Asheboro, and the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur for five years, lacking one month.

But their services in the county go back to June 1963 when they came to the Ramseur Christian Church and later accepted the pastorate of the First United Church of Christ in Randleman.

In Florida, they will serve the Union Congregational United Church of Christ in Avon Park. The couple have two children, Joey, who was three months old when they came to the Ramseur-Union Grove Parish, and a little daughter, Jennifer Leigh, who was born a few weeks ago.

Rev. and Mrs. Norred came to Randolph County after their graduation from LaGrange College, a liberal arts college in La Grange, Ga. Both are natives of LaGrange. After coming here, Rev. Norred attended Duke University Divinity School where he graduated in 1967.

Nora taught school in Asheboro for three years and has been active in the various phases of religious life in the communities in which their churches have been situated. She has often filled in for Jimmy in his absences and was regarded in the Union Grove and Ramseur churches as a capable substitute for her husband.

The Norred's ministry in both churches has been marked by considerable progress. The Ramseur church, organized only two and a half years before his arrival, moved from temporary quarters at the town hall into a new church house on 4.2 acres of land on Oak Street.

The Union Grove church which had existed more than a century before he came, bus paid off the debt on the parsonage, remodeled the chancel area of the church, installed air conditioning and purchased new equipment for the Sunday School.

But of greater significances have been the people who have walked the aisles of both churches to accept Christ as their savior and also to affiliate themselves into the membership of the two churches.

The young minister also identified himself with activities outside of his denominational area. He was a member and strong promoter of the activities of the Ramseur Ministerial Association. He was associated with the radio ministry of Radio Station WGWR, he served in various capacities in the Grantville Civitan Club, and he was the 1969 director of the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County.

On Sunday, Aug. 27, the last day of his ministry at the two churches, he reviewed with the congregation the "good time on growth and fellowship together".

He praised them for their ability to live and work together in a parish, he recalled the Easter Sunrise services, the Sunday School picnics, the special Bible studies, the

special Youth Days, the May Day services, and the meetings for prayer. He expressed his appreciation once again for their sponsorship of his trip to the Holy Land.

He said "I want to thank you for the opportunity of being your pastor and I want to thank you for the opportunity of being your friend."

The occasion was sad in both churches and many tears were shed. But when the temporary sadness has passed the people in both churches will rejoice and give thanks for the privilege of having shared the ministry of this young couple for five years.

## **Teacher Wins "Outstanding" Honor**

Sept. 1, 1972 - Ted Scott Henson, a young man who was reared on Route 1, Franklinville, has been selected as one of America's Outstanding Elementary Teachers for 1972.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Henson, he was chosen on the basis of "his exemplary performance in the classroom, his contributions to the field of education in general and his many services to his community."

He is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and assistance principal at the E. M. Rollins Elementary School in Henderson, where he has been for the past three years. A graduate of Franklinville High School and a 1969 graduate of Campbell College, he is 25 years old.

His leadership abilities and his civic participation, in addition to his excellence as a teacher, prompted his principal, Arthur H. Lord, to submit his name for the award which he received.

A history major in college, he has particularly been outstanding in the historical development of the county in which he now resides, especially relating to the little crossroads community of Williamsborough, formerly a thriving colonial town.

Along with the Vance County Junior Historian's Club, which he directs, tours have been arranged to some of the old colonial dwellings and a pageant, "Williamsborough - The City That Almost Was," was written and directed by young Henson and presented by him and the junior historian's club.

Other achievements in the historical area have won Henson and the club top places in exhibits placed in the Department of Archives and History at the state capital in Raleigh.

Active in the affairs of the Franklinville Baptist Church while living at home, Ted has continued his participation in his adopted town and county.

A member of the West End Baptist Church in Henderson, he conducts religious services at the resort area of Kerr Lake Dam through the sponsorship of the West End church. He holds campfire services on Saturday nights and on Sunday mornings he teaches the Sunday School lesson to the overnight campers.

At one time he also served as the youth director of the North Henderson Baptist Church.

He remains in Henderson during the summer months and teaches in the summer school session. He is also an instructor in the Vance County Technical Institute and is studying for his Master's Degree at East Carolina University.

In what little spare time he has, he visits historical sites in other towns, usually accompanied by some of his students.

Mr. and Mrs. Henson are justly proud of their son and his accomplishments. Their family also includes a daughter,

Cynthia, a recent graduate of Asheboro Commercial College now employed at Randolph Savings and Loan Association. Ted and Cynthia are the grandchildren of Mrs. E. A. Scott, an 83 year old resident of Ramseur.

### **Asheboro Man Nominated to Head Campers of N. C.**

Sept. 4, 1972 – R J Doss Jr. of Rt. 1, Asheboro has been nominated for the presidency of the North Carolina Association of National Campers and Hikers. He presently serves as the secretary of the association.

The association is composed of 42 clubs throughout North Carolina. The announcement of the new president will be made at the fall campvention in Concord on Oct. 20. The various individual clubs are mailing their choices into the state headquarters and the voting will be completed on Oct. 9.

Discussion of the approaching election of state officers took place at a fellowship get-together recently held by two camping organizations, the Randolph Ramblers and the Happy Tracks from Greensboro at a camping site on Doss' farm.

Many of the campers spent two nights in the camping area in a valley alongside the creek.

Present for the fellowship gathering was the present state president of the camping association, Harry Dewey of Morrisville.

The Randolph Ramblers, of which Doss is a former president, is the oldest active camping club in the state the second largest. Bob Cox is the current president.

Doss, his wife, Dorothy, and their daughter Cynthia, recently returned from attending the nation campvention at Camp Attbury, Ind. They traveled in their streamliner camper and while gone visited with a Marine buddy in Louisville, Ky. With whom he served in World War II. They also visited the factory where their camper was built.

### **Sumners Paid Tribute on Golden Anniversary**

Sept. 5, 1972 – Mr. and Mrs. Shelby W. (Shell) Sumner, Rt. 2, Sophia, a couple with 12 children, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 3.

Sumner, a native of the Mt. Gilead church section in northwestern Randolph County, was a mule trader for 30 years. He is still engaged in the buying and selling of cows. He was hauling logs at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Sumner, the former, Ethel Mae Wall, is a native of the Mt. Pleasant church section, about five miles south of the area in which her husband lived. Daughter of William (Dode) Wall and Alice Miller Wall, she attended the Mt. Pleasant School.

Sumner's parents were Raleigh Sumner and Daisy Morris Sumner. He attended for a short while the school at Popular Ridge.

The couple's children are Mrs. Floyd (Virginia) Murdock, Rt. 2, Troutman; Mrs. Talmage (Frances) Brower, Trinity; Robert Reid Sumner, Rt. 2, Trinity; Mrs. Robert (Margaret) Watson, Mrs. Monell (Annie) Hoover, Mrs. Ray (Mattie) Sechrest, and Mrs. Lewis (Cora Lee) Hudson, High Point; Mrs. George (Lucy Neal) Clinard, Rt. 1, Thomasville; Roy Sumner; Thomasville; Mrs. Raymond (Betty Jean) Frazier, Rt. 1, Randleman; Nellie and Donnie Sumner, of the home.

Mrs. Sumner was dressed in blue silk for her marriage vows at the home of the officiating Justice of the Peace, Bill Lawrence, on Aug. 26, 1922.

For her anniversary observance she wore a blue polyester dress, with a yellow-throated orchid as her corsage. Her daughters and daughter-in-law wore corsages of yellow carnations while her husband, sons, and sons-in-law wore the same flower as boutonnieres.

Accompanying the couple to their marriage site 50 years ago were Mr. and Mrs. Truman Dorsett. They rode in a 1919 Model T Ford.

Since their marriage, the couple has lived in their home vicinity, the Hopewell section near Trinity for several years, the couple still retain their membership in the Popular Ridge Friends Meeting, located between the Mt. Gilead and Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Churches where they attended during their childhood.

Hard times have occurred during their half century of marriage, and sometimes it was difficult to provide for such a large family, but Mr. and Mrs. Sumner are thankful that all of their children have lived, grown to manhood and womanhood, and prospered. All of their nine grandchildren are living also.

### **Grantville Development Club Presented Special U. N. Flag**

Sept. 7, 1972 – A United Nations flag, which was made 20 years ago, was presented to the Grantville Community Development Club last week in honor of Mrs. Mary Craven who originally embroidered the flag.

Presentation of the flag was made by the Grantville Creative Club, formerly the Grantville – Bethel Home Demonstration Club.

The flag was presented to Lester Byrd, president of the community club and will hang from this time on in the community building.

Make the presentation was Mrs. C. C. Macon, president of the creative club, who had words of praise for Mrs. Craven, the maker of the flag.

She recalled that Mrs. Craven was partially paralyzed at the time she embroidered the flag and that it was difficult for her to sew the fine stitches which were required.

She said to Mrs. Craven, "you are a wonderful person, one of Randolph County's outstanding women," and told those present that "Little Mary, as we know her, is one of our more faithful members. She was never asked to do anything she didn't do."

In accepting the flag in behalf of the community club, Lester Byrd also had words of praise for Mrs. Craven and referred to her faithfulness in the Bethel Friends Meeting where she has been affiliated for many years.

Mrs. Craven, who was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cox, has spent most of her life in the Bethel-Grantville community. She is 82 years of age. She is now confined to a wheel chair. Her husband Claude Craven died ten years ago.

Present for the honoring of their mother were Eston Craven, Clotus Craven, Mrs. Sadie Swing, Miss Edith Craven, Garrett Craven, and Hollis Craven. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ray Craven, her deceased son, was also present. There are two other sons who were unable to be present.

Mrs. Macon, in her words of presentation, said that Mrs. Craven was the first president of the home demonstration club which was organized in 1940. Mrs. Macon. said that

the Bethel club made the first United Nations flag which was made in Randolph County. This flag was later presented to the city of Asheboro and was accepted on behalf of the town in 1950 by Mayor J. Frank McCrary.

### **His Summer Spent Working Overseas**

Sept. 7, 1972 - An unusual summer, something out of the ordinary, has been experienced by Phil Jones, a 19 year-old Bennett youth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jones.

He spent two months working as kitchen help at the Palace Hotel in Gstar, Switzerland termed as the largest and finest in Switzerland.

Before taking the job after arriving in Europe, he spent one week in a period of orientation during which time he and other prospective employees were taken on a tour of France, Belgium, Germany, and Luxemburg.

The group, all students, stayed in a 14<sup>th</sup> century castle in Luxemburg during the time of orientation and traveled over the four countries in a Mercedes-Benz bus. One point of interest included a visit the grave of General George Patton of World War II fame.

The chalet of actor Richard Burton and his wife Elizabeth Taylor, is near where Jones worked and one evening they dined and danced at the hotel where he was employed.

He was able to get a glance at the couple by sneaking a look through a window. He later made a picture of their chalet.

Phil's job in the kitchen was the washing of the glasses, all the fine crystal. It was his responsibility, assisted by other students, to see that the glasses were washed and arranged in the proper places.

Besides his wages, he was given food and lodging. He was not particularly happy with the latter two or the first either for that matter.

He left for Switzerland on May 28 and started to work on June 18. After leaving on the return trip home, he stopped over in Amsterdam, Holland for four days.

He was hired for his job through the Student Overseas Services. Jones enrolled Tuesday as a second year student at Sandhills Community College.

Asked why the Switzerland hotels were hiring students from other countries instead of using their own people, he said it was generally understood that "Swiss people were very lazy, very wealthy, and didn't want to work."

While touring France he detected hostility towards Americans due to the involvement in Vietnam and various occurrences which happened after World War II.

Because of the food which he was served at the hotel where he worked, the straw mattress which he slept on, the high prices when he ate out, and the meager wages which he was paid, Phil Jones was real anxious to get back home.

But there were other factors involved, the association with young people from many countries, the old castles, the beautiful chalets, the mountainous scenery, and other assets which made it an interesting summer.

Until the remembrance has subsided, the little town of Bennett, situated remotely and quietly in the edge of Chatham County, next to Randolph County, may seem a little dull to this young world traveler.

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Hughes Reunion Held**

Sept. 29, 1972 - The 15<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Hughes family reunion filled the new auditorium of the Westfield Baptist Church, Rt 1, Trinity, Sunday, Sept. 17.

Rev. Doug Adams, of Thomasville, a 21 year-old Baptist minister and recent Fruitland Bible Institute graduate, delivered the sermon at the morning session.

Judge L. Roy Hughes, also of Thomasville, president of the reunion organization, presided and welcomed the group. Singing for the morning session was by the Brown Family of Asheboro. Ed Hughes pronounced the benediction.

The Deacons Quartet and the Messengers Quartet joined the Brown Family for the rendering of special music in the afternoon session.

Historians participating in the afternoon session were Mrs. Josie Daniels and Mrs. Ruth M. Surratt. Mrs. Daniels read telegrams from United States Senator Harold Hughes, of Iowa, Mrs. Betty H. Nichols, of the Bahama Islands, and from John R. Hughes, Sr. and John R. Hughes, Jr. of Greensboro.

Family Members who have died since the convening of the last reunion were memorialized during the afternoon session. These included Thomas R. Hughes, C. Roscoe Myers, Lena Arnold Skeen, Billie Joe Cranford, T. Hines Hall, Blanche Hughes Daniel, Ira Summey and Minnie Swaney.

Prizes were awarded to Ross Hughes, oldest man present, Mrs. Reid Hughes, oldest woman, Jeremy Ryan Kinney, six-weeks-old, youngest child, Robert W. Hughes, Hartsville, S.C. who traveled the farthest, and to Mrs. Reid Hughes, who also had the most children in attendance.

Program for the 15<sup>th</sup> session was handled by a committee composed of Glenn Hughes, Mrs. Cletus Myers, Dolan Loflin, Mrs. Oscar Parrish, Mrs. Golda Green and Wade Hughes.

The reunion organization began among the descendants of Winburn Hughes and Sarah Hall Hughes and other Hughes families which originated in the area of the Westfield church. The church itself was built in 1915 on land donated by Winburn Hughes.

### **100 Candles Highlight Her Birthday Cake**

Oct. 4, 1972 - Mrs. Nettie Vuncannon Lewallen, a resident of Asheboro since 1906, will celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Thursday. She is 1 of the 2 living charter members of the Asheboro Friends Meeting and has spent her entire life in Randolph County.

An open house event to commemorate her birthday will be held Thursday from 2 until 5 at the home of Mrs. Fannie Seabolt at 285 Ross Street where she resides. Friends and relatives are invited to call.

Another birthday festivity on Wednesday evening is planned by Mrs. Gilbert Councilman and the Quaker Maids from Mrs. Lewallen's Meetinghouse. They will bring a birthday cake and a brief program of entertainment will be presented. Until the infirmities of age overtook her, Mrs. Lewallen had been faithful to the Asheboro Friends Meeting since its organization in 1913.

The daughter of John Calhoun Vuncannon and Barbara Phillips Vuncannon, she was reared in the vicinity of the Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse southwest of Asheboro. Her father initiated the beginning the Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse, where formerly only the Branson's Graveyard existed.

Eight daughters and 1 son were born to her parents. Except for 1 sister, Mrs. Ida Kearns, age 91, Mrs. Lewallen

is the only surviving member of that family, even though she was the second child.

Other members of the family were Mrs. Belle Hussey, Mrs. Hattie Wrenn, Mrs. Crissie Allred, Mrs. Ada McMasters, Mrs. Emma Williams, Mrs. Sallie Vuncannon, and Will Vuncannon. Mrs. McMasters and Mrs. Kearns were twins.

Mrs. Lewallen was married to Eugene Emory Lewallen in 1895. He served as the last treasurer of Randolph County, the office having been discontinued during his tenure of service. He died in 1930.

Mrs. Lewallen and her husband had 5 children, Mrs. Fieta Black, who is deceased, Mrs. Beatrice Gorman and Eugene E. Lewallen, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Eva McCullers and Mrs. Dorothy Sours of Asheboro. She has 6 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Most of her family will be on hand for the observance of her birthday.

Two years ago, on her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mrs. Lewallen was complaining to her daughter, Dorothy, and son-in-law, Lawrence Sours that she was becoming forgetful and couldn't remember. Sours said to her, "just think in 2 years you will be a 100 years old." In her self-effacing humor, Mrs. Lewallen responded, "If I live to be that old, I won't have a grain of sense."

### **Aumans Hold 32<sup>nd</sup> Reunion**

Oct. 13, 1972 - A capacity crowd attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual reunion of the Andrew Auman family on Oct. 8 at the old Fair Grove Methodist church building at Whynot. Watts Auman of West End was speaker for the occasion and was also elected president for the next reunion event. He spoke on a recent tour of South African countries.

A graduate of Davidson College, Auman is a Moore County farmer and son of Representative T. Clyde Auman. Four reunions ago his brother Bob Auman, staff writer for the Greensboro Daily News and then a aid to Governor Bob Scott, was speaker at the reunion session.

Auman Teel was elected vice president and Mrs. Mae Caudill Auman, who has served as secretary and treasurer since 1966, was reelected.

Bill Auman served as president for the past year and presided over the 32<sup>nd</sup> session. Special music was rendered by the Asbury Quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Auman and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Maness. Farrell Auman also read the scripture and offered prayer.

Prizes were given to Mr. Marvin Lovett, 82, oldest man; Vickie Johnson, 22 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Johnson and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Auman, Society Hill, South Carolina youngest person; Mrs. Bill McKee, the former Jewel Auman, most children present; and to Steven Auman, Lakeland, Fla., who traveled the farthest.

A memorial service was held for family members who had died since the meeting last year. These included Jason David Allen, Bertha Simmons Burroughs, William Maurice Cox, Ernest Andrew Auman, Jay Van Auman, Gilmer Henry Auman, Edward Earl Baum, Annie Auman Williams, Noah Ernest Auman, and Vernon Frank Fox.

A committee of Ray Auman, Arcus Auman and Paul Auman reported on the placing of a footstone at the grave of John Auman who died soon after returning home from service as a prison guard at a salt mine during the Civil War Period. John Auman was a grand-son of Andrew Auman, the originator of the Auman family in Randolph County and a son of Jacob Auman, one of 2 sons of Andres Auman. He

was buried in a field near the old house in which he lived. After his death his widow and children moved to Indiana.

The footstone which was placed at his unmarked grave and a headstone, which was placed in the nearby Pleasant Hill cemetery, were procured through the interest of 2 grandsons, Leslie Auman, of Analaska, Wash. and Frank Auman of Aberdeen, S.D. who in recent years have identified themselves with their kin in Randolph County.

The headstone in the cemetery designates the location of the grave of John Auman a mile northwest of the Pleasant Hill cemetery. Committee members cleaned off the area around the grave and arranged for the placing of the marker there as well as the one in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery. The stones were paid by the 2 grandsons in the far off states, one of whom attended the reunion last year and the year before that.

Three Clyde Aumans and their wives were present at the reunion this year, Rev. T. Clyde Auman and his wife Sally, of West End, Rev. J. Clyde Auman and his wife Sadie, of Winston-Salem, and Clyde Auman and his wife Martha from the Abner community in Montgomery County.

### **Church Extends Birthday Wishes**

Oct. 18, 1972 - Mrs. Connie Spivey Briles and Mrs. Julia Williamson Myrick, two well known women in Worthville, were extended birthday honors on Oct. 15 by the Worthville Baptist Church.

Both Mrs. Briles, who was 81 years old on Oct. 17, and Mrs. Myrick, who will be 83 years on Oct. 21, have been identified with the Baptist Church in Worthville for many years.

They were associated with the church when the worship services were held in the old Union Church building in the main part of Worthville. They have continued on the membership rolls since the church moved across the river in 1953 or a little later.

Mrs. Briles is still active and attends the services regularly. Due to health conditions Mrs. Myrick is not so active but was brought to the service at which she was honored by a niece, Mrs. Lucille Williamson. Mrs. Myrick served as Pianist in the old Union Church for a long period of time.

Mrs. Briles has been a life-long resident of Worthville. She has lived in the main part of the village but now lives in the first house across the river, next to the Baptist Church. The church is located on property which formerly belonged to the place where she resides.

Mrs. Myrick, who is a first cousin of Mrs. Briles, came to Worthville with her family in 1907. She is a native of Moore County, near the Dover Baptist Church section.

Both women worked in the mill at Worthville for many years. Their husbands, Ernest Briles and Romie Myrick are deceased.

At the conclusion of the service at which they were honored, the pastor, Rev. Garland Hall, asked them to come to the front of the church while the congregation sang "Happy Birthday." Afterwards, each of them was presented with a birthday cake and other gifts and were honored at a birthday dinner which was enjoyed by the members of the congregation.

Neither one of the aged ladies knew of the birthday festivities which had been planned for them. The congregation was amused at the remarks and exchanges which passed between them as they expressed their surprise while standing at the front for their birthday song.

Mrs. Myrick, known for her keen wit, turned to her niece, Mrs. Williamson, who brought her to the service, and said "I am going to take my cane to you."

Attendance at the Worthville Baptist Church on the day of the birthday celebrations reached a new high of 105. The Sanctuary has been renovated recently and new pews are expected to be installed within a few weeks.

### **Church Observes 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

One hundred years and one day after its organization, the New Center Christian Church of Rt. 1, Seagrove observed its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and held a rededication service to renew its calling and mission for the years ahead.

The church was organized Sept. 22, 1872 in the Old Center Schoolhouse, near the present church site. Rev. John S. Lawrence, who lived in the vicinity, was the organizer and first pastor.

Charter members were Isaac Lawrence, Encah Latham, Lockey Owens, Westward Cox, Martha Lawrence, Margaret Latham, Sally Cole, Sally Chriscoe, Mary Cole, Dolly Stutts, Adline Chriscoe, Gary Chriscoe, Eliza L. Cox, Mary E. Brady and Miley Owens.

After the first services in the schoolhouse, the congregation moved into a arbor in 1875 and into the first church building which was built in 1883. The church building was on 6 acres of land which was donated by James Latham in 1874. The present church building, which has undergone extensive renovation and enlargement, was built 1909-10.

Three great-granddaughters of James Latham, the donor of the land—Helen G. Davis, Cleadel Pierce and Zora Walker - are still active in the affairs of the New Center Church.

The first pastor, Rev. John S. Lawrence, served as pastor 3 different times and also manifested his interest in the church at other times. He was also pastor of the Christian Union Church a few miles from the New Center Church for several years. He died in 1899 and was buried at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, also a few miles away.

Wesley W. Lawrence was the second pastor and was called to pastorate of the church 4 different times. Five other ministers, W.W. Hayworth, M.W. Hammer, H.A. Albright, John Q. Pugh, and H. V. Cox, were called to the pastorate of the church at two different times.

Other pastors who have served during the past century have been J.R. Comer, P.S. Way, J.Z. Bell, James Webster, Benjamin F. Kearns, W. H. Roach, S.B. Klapp, R.F. Brown, S.R. Underwood, T.J. Green, W.J. Edwards, C.E. Geringer, D.R. Moffitt, Hubert Bennett, M.A. Pollard, Hayes Ritter, James Caviness, John D. Hussey, and the present pastor William E. Roberts.

Wesley W. Lawrence was also the first superintendent of the Sunday school which was believed to have been started in 1888. Another minister, Rev. H.F. Way, was a member of New Center and served as Superintendent of the Sunday school for several years. A Baptist minister, W.E. Garner, also preached at the church and assisted in other ways.

Three members of New Center, Avery Brown, David Chriscoe, and Edwin Chriscoe, were called into the ministry from the church and are now serving in the United church of Christ, Baptist and Wesleyan denominations, respectively.

The people have always worshipped God freely at New Center and the past years have seen much fervent praying, shouting and spiritual singing during the worship services. The first members are required to live strict Christian lives and those who failed were promptly dismissed from membership. But despite this the church grew and in 1910 had 117 members.

Vance Garner, a member who is remembered for his stirring testimonies, donated land for a cemetery and the first burial, the infant son of Floyd and Hattie Cox Graves, was made in 1919.

Sometimes in the early days the crowds attending the services would be so great the one service would be held on the inside and another one on the outside. At one revival there was 40 confessions.

Members of the New Center congregation have held strong feelings of loyalty toward the church which has nourished their faith and led them in the paths of righteousness. One member, Calvin Cassady, was so devoted to the church that he expressed his interest in God and the progress of New Center on his deathbed and asked that his face be turned toward the church just before he died. The church was near his home.

An organ was bought in 1910 and Julia Ow was the first organist. Electric power replaced the old oil lamps in 1945. Many physical improvements have been made at the church, beginning with the addition of wings in 1941. The latest improvements were made in 1971 when new pews and wall to wall carpeting were installed under the supervision of Rayford Pierce, who initiated the project and the brick-veneeing of the church a short time afterwards.

The new pulpit furniture and most of the new pews were placed in the church in memory of deceased members of the congregation. Those memorialized included Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Chriscoe, Joseph G. Yow and Ada J. Yow, Annie Ester Garner, Calvin Cassady, Dora C. Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Barnery Chriscoe, Annie Betsy Albright, Sarah B. Cassady, Nancy P. Pierce, Alfred and Elma Spencer, Emma D. Chriscoe, Arthur L. Davis, Alfred and Tempy Brower, Jerry R. Mabe, Wayne Garner, Frank and Rocitta Craven, Wright Davis and Annie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Garner, Reuben H. Brown and Annie W. Brown.

Pews were placed in honor of Alfred and Annie Spencer and Helen G. Davis and pews were donated by Rev. and Mrs. William E. Robert and family, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. Albright, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Stutts and Bobby Jordan.

The New Center Christian Church has been situated these many years in a peaceful yet isolated area, off the beaten path and on a dirt road. The small cemetery is neatly kept and lies closer to the road than the church building. But the power of God has been felt in this quiet place for 100 years and still manifests itself as the church enters into the second century of its existence.

### **Church Women Raise \$7,022**

Oct. 2, 1972 - A total of \$7,022 has been received from a fund raising campaign which has been carried on for the past 2 months by the ladies of the Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Asheboro.

The fund raising came to a successful completion Sept. 24 as the church observed Woman's Day, a worldwide observance in the A.M.E. Zion Church.

The amount rose far exceeded the original goal of \$4,000. This amount was scheduled to raise through the leadership of 20 captains, each of whom was responsible for \$200. The membership of the church was divided up among the various captains, with each group working as a team to raise the specified amount.

Purpose of the fund raising drive was to outfit the sanctuary of the church with new pews, pulpit furniture, and carpeting. The ladies of the church prior to the drive, had been disturbed about the condition of the sanctuary and decided to do something about it.

A surprise boost to the total amount raised came Sunday afternoon when the captains made their report. This came in the announcement of a \$900 gift from the family of the late Rev. J. W. Shamburger, who was the founder and builder of the Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

His 9 surviving children gave the amount to be used for the purchase of pulpit furniture as a memorial to their father. Rev. Shamburger, a native of the Robbins area, was a veteran minister in the A.M.E. Zion denomination and was sent to Asheboro in 1932 by the presiding Bishop to organize the local church.

His children, the donors of the pulpit furnishings, are Henry Shamburger, Greensboro, Mrs. Gurlia Roberts, Sanford, Mrs. Ollie Orr, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Emma Mattox, Chester, Pa., Mordecai Shamburger, Charlie Shamburger, William Shamburger, and Mrs. Alberta Brower, Robbins, and Mrs. Mamie Williams, Asheboro, a member of the local church.

Mrs. Williams was the chairman for the Woman's Day observance at the Wesley Chapel church and also one of the captains in the fund raising drive. Her group raised \$1,591 in the drive for funds and this did not include the \$900 which she and the members of her family donated as a memorial to their father.

Other captains were Mrs. Mary Baldwin, Mrs. Thelma Birkhead, Mrs. Margaret Bostic, Mrs. Annie Brown, Mrs. Dotsie Brown, Mrs. Emalette Butler, Mrs. Julia Cheek, Mrs. Nicy Ewings, Mrs. Marie Greene, Mrs. Bertha Harper, Mrs. Lula Hines, Mrs. Mable Hoskins, Mrs. Ella L. Jones, Mrs. Etta Mae Patterson, Mrs. Dorothy Rush, Mrs. Maxine Spinks, Mrs. Mary Waddell, Mrs. Ometa Walden, Mrs. Mary Workman.

Speaker for the afternoon service was Mrs. Maggie Beard, Rockingham, general secretary of the Young Women's Home and Foreign Ministry Society of the A.M.E. Zion Church. She was introduced by Mrs. Annette B. Speight, district secretary of the same organization.

Rev. Marion B. Jones, pastor of Wesley Chapel, the fund raising captains and members of the local congregation are appreciative of the assistance and donations which they received from people outside of the Wesley Chapel church in the drive.

### **Family Pays Tribute on Her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Sept. 19, 1972 - Mrs. R.H. Thompson of 213 Hughes St. was honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sept. 17 at the home of her brother, J.C. Pearce.

Mrs. Thompson has been a member of the Baptist Church for 76 years. She lived in several places but she said "when I moved I would take my membership with me."

Family members, including her two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Garner and Mrs. Mamie Ruth Willett, gathered at the

Pearce home for a picnic luncheon on the lawn. Other relatives included grand-children, nieces and cousins.

The former Fannie Lee Pearce, the daughter of Calvin Windsor and Lucy Ann Teague Pearce, Mrs. Thompson lived with her family in the area east of Erect until she was 12. She attended the one-room, one-teacher Trogdon's School.

Two and a half years after the death of her father, the family moved to Ramseur so the children could gain employment in the cotton mill. The family also included an older sister, Flossie, and a brother, Rossie, in addition to the brother at whose home she celebrated her birthday.

Rossie died at the age of 23 and Flossie, who later married Luther York, died two years ago last Feb. at the age of 90.

After moving to Ramseur, Fannie went to school there and worked in the cotton mill. She joined the Ramseur Baptist Church at the age of 14. Her conversion had occurred before she left her home community at a revival meeting which was held in Trogdon's School by Joe Allred, a Methodist lay minister from Franklinville.

At the time of her marriage in 1908 she was teaching a class of girls at the Ramseur church, numbering around 30. She recalled at her birthday celebration that she has survived most of these girls, as only a few of them are still living.

After her marriage she lived away from Randolph County for most of the time until she and her family came back to stay in 1936. They lived in Aberdeen for 14 years. Her husband died in 1947.

Her church membership has been consistent since she first joined the Ramseur Baptist Church in 1896. She usually taught a class in the churches where she has belonged.

### **Church Aids Father, His Afflicted Daughter**

Oct. 11, 1972 - A young 21-year-old father, who cares daily for his 29 months-old daughter afflicted with a viral infection of the brain, is grateful for the financial assistance he has received since her illness.

Olen Teague, Jr. 522 Turner St., does not leave his pretty brown-haired child, Sharon, except to go after medicine for her.

Separated from the child's mother, he is her sole responsibility. They live with his parents in a trailer in the Colony Heights Mobile Home Park.

About 3 months ago the child suffered a sudden seizure and was hospitalized in Asheboro and Chapel Hill. Doctors say the viral infection of her brain through the spinal fluid went to the head and killed brain cells, causing severe brain damage.

The child's eyesight was affected and there is doubt that her condition will improve. It is anticipated that she will be retarded in the event of her survival.

But the little girl still retains here prettiness and shows little sign of her severe illness.

Shortly after the beginning of her illness, the Hill Top Baptist Church on Rt. 4, Asheboro, a small independent group, sponsored an ice cream supper for the benefit of the child and her father. Olen Teague Jr. is a member of the small congregation and was a teacher in the church before his child's illness.



Proceeds from the supper and donations from other people and organizations have amounted to approximately \$700. This has been greatly appreciated by the young father who quit his job at a High Point upholstery plant in order to care for his child.

### **"Miss Annie" Paid Tribute By Balfour Church Women**

Nov. 2, 1972—Mrs. J.C. Pearce, or "Miss Annie" as she is affectionately known by the people in her church was honored last week as the Baptist Women of the Balfour Baptist Church held a kick-off supper to stimulate interest for the new associational year.

Nearly 81 years of age, she was presented with a corsage for being "the oldest active member" of the woman's organization. The presentation was made by Mrs. Jimmy Smith, the current president.

Later in the evening a "This Is Your Life" program gave many persons an opportunity to stand up and tell what Mrs. Pearce's life had meant to them as individuals and to the church as a whole.

Many incidents of a humorous nature were related also, with Mrs. Pearce herself joining in the telling of some of them. It was a time for merriment and a time of reminiscence also. There was sadness too for members who were formerly a part of the mission group, previously known as the Woman's Missionary Union.

One of the older members was heard remarking to Mrs. Pearce after the program, "We are the only two left." She must have been referring to the time of organization of the church and the beginning of the women's group 41 years ago this month.

Two of Mrs. Pearce's daughters, Margaret Moody and Frances Burkhart, were among these who spoke concerning their mother and related incidents which involved Mrs. Pearce during their childhood.

Others speaking included Lucy Garner, Ruth Cundiff, Edna Hodgkin, Irene Fagg, and Era Pritchard. A letter written by a former pastor, Rev. Clyde Bearden, on another occasion recognizing Mrs. Pearce was included as a part of the program.

In addition to the corsage, the group presented Mrs. Pearce with a charm bracelet containing the WMU emblems.

Mrs. Pearce, along with her husband, is a charter member of the Balfour Baptist Church. She served for many years as the president of the Woman's Missionary Union of the church and in other capacities.

She has led an active life in the North Asheboro area, of which she is a native. She was P.T.A. president at three different times and she is still an active member of the Homemakers Club.

This past summer she made an extended visit to her youngest daughter, Bonnie Davenport, who along with her family are serving as missionaries in Argentina.

It was a time of significance and a time of dedication for the women of Balfour Baptist church, when they renewed the purpose and mission of their calling and when they honored the oldest active member, "Miss Annie."

Some 55 women were in attendance. Assisting Pat Smith in the meeting was her co-worker, Peggy Seabolt, director of the women's group, and their husbands, Jimmy Smith, and Curtis Seabolt, who helped with the supper arrangements.

### **New Salem Parsonage Dedicated**

Oct. 5, 1972 - Dedication of the parsonage at the New Salem United Methodist Church, Route 3, Randleman, came less than 3 years after its completion and occupancy by the minister's family.

The service of dedication was held Oct. 1. Dr. H. Eugene Peacock, new district superintendent of the High Point District of the Methodist Church, was the speaker.

Rev. Herbert M Jamieson, Sr., church pastor, assisted the district superintendent in the ritual of dedication following the morning service.

Total cost of the parsonage structure and furnishings was \$48,467.49. The indebtedness was paid off earlier this year. A substantial amount of the money was derived from a bequest in the last will and testament of Mikal Aaron Fogleman, a member of the church who died Mar. 18, 1968.

The first open house for the new parsonage was held Dec. 14, 1969. Rev. Haywood B. Hyatt was pastor of the church at that time. The parsonage is located on the east side of the church. Although Worthville United Methodist Church is on the charge with New Salem, the parsonage building belongs to New Salem.

The parsonage family of New Salem consists of Rev. Mr. Jamieson, who came to the pastorate in June, his wife and daughter, Barbara, a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Two other children of Rev. and Mrs. Jamieson live away, Mrs. Steven Maguire in Willamantic, Conn. and Herbert Jamieson, Jr. in Mamica, Long Island, N.Y.

A luncheon in the parsonage basement followed the service of dedication. Flowers for the church and the parsonage were provided by Mrs. M. Elladean Russell and Mrs. Audrey Wood.

### **Plow Used To Break Church Ground**

Sept. 26, 1972 - A groundbreaking service at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church was held Sept. 24 directly following the morning worship service. The church is in southwestern Randolph County, near the Montgomery County line.

Rev. R. Talmage Smith, field worker for the Randolph Association, was the speaker for the worship service. The church pastor, Rev. Jimmie Edwards, was in charge of the ground-breaking service.

Participating in the service were the pastor, the deacons, members of the building committee and other members of the congregation. An old fashioned plow was used for the breaking of the ground.

It is expected that construction of the new educational building will start soon after the first Sunday in Oct. It will be mostly a volunteer effort, with the pastor in charge of the construction. The masons will be hired but the remainder of the work will be done by carpenters, plumbers and electricians within the congregation. The pastor himself is a qualified electrician.

The new building, which will be of brick and block construction, will be directly behind the existing structure. It will consist of several classrooms, rest rooms, heating and air-condition facilities.

Members of the building committee are Valon Callicutt, chairman, Paul Strider, Sampson Luther, Bob Cox and Roy Ledwell. Church deacons are Alvin Shaw, Paul Strider,

Larkin Luther, Reid Williams and Arthur Hurley. Funds for the construction are already on hand.

Rev. Jimmie Edwards came to the pastorate of the church on the first Sunday in Apr. of this year. A resident of Thomasville, he has been preaching since 1954. The Mt. Lebanon project will be his fourth building program.

He has served as the pastor of Floyd Baptist Church near Southmount, held evangelistic services in various churches while affiliated with the Rich Fork Baptist Church near Thomasville, served 6 years as the associational brotherhood director of the Liberty Baptist Association, and helped to organize and build the Hasty Baptist Church in Thomasville.

His family includes his wife, two grown sons, 2 grown daughters and 7 grandchildren. One of his sons serves as head basketball coach at the University of South Carolina Division at Union, S.C.

The erection of the new building at Mt. Lebanon will be the first major building project at the church since the original building was erected at at the time of the organization of the church in 1890. However, the building of that time has been remodeled and enlarged several times.

Services were held for several years in a brush arbor before the organization of the church and the erection of the first building. This arbor was known as Welch's Brush Arbor and for a time after its organization the church also went by this name. The name came from Welch's School which was situated nearby.

## **President Wishes Her A Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Oct. 5, 1972 - Mrs. J.E. Shaw, 232 Uwharrie Street, a pastor's wife for 54 years, received overwhelming honors on the observance of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 1.

The celebration began at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, where she is a member. Between Sunday school and preaching she was showered with cards and gifts from members of the congregation.

One of the cards greeting Mrs. Shaw on the occasion was from President Nixon and was forwarded to her through the pastor of the church, Rev. Richard H. Kindschi.

The President wrote, "Mrs. Nixon and I were delighted to learn that you are celebrating your 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 1. We know this will be a day filled with congratulations from your family and friends and we want to add our warm wishes that peace, joy, and contentment will always be yours."

She came back home where her family gathered for a birthday meal and also the presentation of gifts. Her children are Mrs. Dora Wight and Mrs. Lillie McDowell, Asheboro, Martin Shaw, Rt. 2, Randleman, Preston Shaw, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Ora Leonard, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Harvey Shaw, Holly Hill, Fla.

Sharing birthday honors with Mrs. Shaw at the family celebration were Mark Frick, 10, a great-grandson, and Kerri Lynn Cagle, 8, a great-great-granddaughter, both of whom were born on her birthdate, and Elizabeth Ann Wright, 8, a great-great granddaughter who was born two days after her birthdate.

Mrs. Shaw's husband, the late Rev. J.E. Shaw, was a minister in the Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist denomination for 54 years. He retired from the active pastorate in 1968 at the age of 88 years. He died the next year.

Many pastorates were served by Rev. and Mrs. Shaw during the years of his ministry and many hardships were endured by the couple as they forsook all and pursued the call which had been received so many years ago.

Rev. Mr. Shaw continued faithfully until the end and has gone to his just reward. His widow, who remained by his side throughout the long years of service, deserved the honors which were heaped upon her as she reached her 90<sup>th</sup> milestone.

## **Silver Anniversary Celebration Is Held**

Oct. 26, 1972—A Baptist preacher, Rev. Gurney L. Harrelson, and his wife celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct. 22, at their home on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

An open house event commemorated their anniversary and the couple stood with their six children and two sons-in-law to greet the guest who called from 2 until 5.

Rev. Mr. Harrelson assumed a new pastorate in Sept., the Old Country Baptist Church on Franklin Ave. in Greensboro. Licensed to preach in 1955, he served the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Randleman for 5 years, the Huldah Baptist Church for a year, and just recently the East Side Baptist Church near Asheboro for 10 years.

A building program at both the Pleasant Hill and East Side churches occurred during his ministry at those churches. At the latter church he conducted a radio program at one of the Asheboro stations and is currently engaged in a similar program at a Greensboro station.

Mrs. Harrelson, the former Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Neighbors, is the daughter of Mrs. Della E. Neighbors, Rt. 1, Franklinville, and the late Russell Neighbors. Harrelson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrelson, of the same address.

The couple was married on Oct. 24, 1947 in Chesterfield, S.C. Their children are Mrs. Donald V. (Judith) Freeman, Asheboro, Mrs. Douglas (Betty Lee) Marley, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Dennis, Debra, and the 10 year old twins, Andrea and Audrey, of the home.

Mrs. Bernard Raymond, sister of Rev. Harrelson, and Mrs. Dempsey Smith and Mrs. Boyd Hardin, sisters of Mrs. Harrelson, served during the open house period. Miss Robin Hardin registered the guest and Mr. and Mrs. James Marley said the good-byes.

Mrs. Harrelson wore a pink polyester dress with trim for her anniversary observance. Here corsage consisted of white carnations. Her daughters also wore corsages of white carnations while Rev. Harrelson and his son wore a white carnation each for their boutonnières.

Among those in attendance was Mrs. Neighbors, the mother of Mrs. Harrelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrelson, the parents of Rev. Harrelson.

## **Yow Reunion Held At Shiloh Church**

Sept. 29, 1972 - The 18<sup>th</sup> reunion of the William Henry Yow family was held Sept. 24 at the Shiloh Christian Church where William Henry Yow and his wife Mariah Craven Yow, are buried.

Three children of the couple are living, Mrs. Hardy Ward, Ramseur, the former Laura Yow, Robert Yow of Greensboro and Mrs. Carlie Garner of Coleridge, the former Clara Yow.

Deceased children are Roella Yow Needham, Mae Yow Ward, and Claude Yow.

Ernest Ward, husband of Mae Yow Ward, was buried at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church on the afternoon of the reunion date. He was a resident of Rt. 1, Ramseur.

William Henry Yow and Mariah Craven Yow raised their children on a farm below Coleridge but retained their association with the Shiloh community due to Mariah Craven Yow being reared in that vicinity.

Most of the Yow children attended the Maple Springs School in their community, and then would enroll in the Shiloh Academy for the remaining months of the school year.

The old academy building at Shiloh has been preserved and it was within the building the Yow reunion attendants ate lunch on the day of the reunion.

Laura and Robert, the two older members of the Yow family still living attended the classes at the old academy and their visit back at the time of the reunion recalled memories of many years ago. Mrs. Ward, now 80, remembered the place where she sat as a student at the school.

A brief reunion session was held in the Shiloh church sanctuary before the luncheon in the old school building. Bryce Yow of Greensboro, son of Robert Yow, presided and extended the welcome.

Rev. Leon Wood, the church pastor had the devotional part of the program and special music was rendered by the Shiloh Ladies trio. Blaine Ward, son of Laura, gave the historians report and Mrs. Nicholas Brooks, daughter of Roella Yow Needham, gave the secretary and treasurer's report.

Officers for 1973-74 were named as follows: Boyce Garner, son of Clara Yow Garner, president; Bickett Ward, vice president, Ada Hussey, secretary and treasurer; Grace Ward, assistant secretary and treasurer; Blaine Ward, Historian.

Program committee, Bickett Ward and Hilda Smith; and homecoming committee, Page Bowden, Clara Garner, and Vivian Maness.

## Homecoming Almost A Reunion

Oct. 18, 1972—Homecoming at Flint Hill United Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Sophia, on Oct. 18 almost turned into a reunion of the former students of the Flint Hill School, as one after another recalled incidents which happened during their school days.

Two schoolhouses were recalled, the one-room log school with the fireplace in one end, the newer school with two rooms, both were in close proximity to the church.

But no one present remembered the first school-house, also a log structure, which was located three quarters of a mile to the west. This building burned in 1875 and for two years there was no school in the community.

Mrs. Blanche F. Farlow, herself a retired school teacher, remembered the first school building next to the church and recalled that she first started to school in 1900. Alvah Loflin, now 81, said he came to the school when he was 5 years old. Wayne Nelson came to the second school at the church site 47 years ago.

It was fitting there would be reminiscing about the old schools at the Flint Hill homecoming, since the activities at the church intermingled closely with the schools throughout the first years of the church's existence.

Religious services were first held in the old school, a Sunday School was organized and a great revival was held

in the schoolhouse about 1878. There were so many conversions that the people felt the need of a church as well as a school.

An arbor with a good roof was built with plans to close it in later. But during a heavy wind and snow storm the arbor was blown down. The people went back again to the school until a building was erected and a church organized by the Methodist Protestant denomination.

The church was located on exactly the same sight as the present church and for many years the church prospered and contained many influential members. It is said that several people who later were prominent in other church groups received their early inspiration from the Flint Hill Sunday School.

But some of the church members died, others moved away and the conference decided to discontinue the Methodist Protestant Church. So, for the third time the Sunday school moved back to the schoolhouse.

Later, ministers from the Congregational denomination began preaching at the schoolhouse and in 1927 effected a church organization and erected the present building. Due to mergers the church later became Congregational-Christian and in recent years United Church of Christ.

Present pastor of the church is the Rev. Howard Ward, a native of the community, whose home is located next to the church. This summer the interior of the church has been paneled and other improvements noted. The beautiful stained glass windows and pews, which were given to the church at the time of its construction by a religious group from another state, still remain a part of the church structure.

The name Flint Hill came from the white flint rocks which abound throughout the area, even though at one time a post office by the name of Hoyle existed.

The present day community is comprised of two churches and some dwellings. But in the early days there were two stores, a shoe shop and a saw mill, in addition to the post office and the school. The post office went first and the school has been discontinued now for several years.

## Church Opens Fellowship Building

Oct. 5, 1972 - The large banquet area of the new fellowship building at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church was filled to overflowing for the fellowship meal which was held after the official opening of the building on Oct. 1.

Charles Kinney, a trustee of the church and also a member of the building committee, presented the keys of the building to Rev. R.S. Shelton of Kernersville, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church.

This presentation followed remarks by Ramseur Mayor June Bean. Others participating in the ceremony were the church pastor, Rev. Leon Thompson, and a former pastor, Rev. Wray Smith.

The official opening of the building was held in conjunction with annual homecoming services at the church. Large crowds were present for the service in the church building and the fellowship meal in the new building. Rev. Mr. Shelton was the homecoming speaker.

Special singing was rendered by Malcolm Strider, who will also be in charge of the singing for the revival meeting which is currently underway at the church. The evangelist is Rev. Don Humble of Waverly, Ohio, of the Church of Christ

and Christian Union denomination, who is the first to occupy the evangelist's quarters in the new building.

Other areas in the building are the banquet area, consisting of over 2,000 square footage, kitchen, two rest rooms, pastor's study, and 2 auxiliary rooms. The interior of the brick-veneered building is finished in birch paneling.

The congregation of the Ramseur Wesleyan Church is happy over the completion of their new fellowship building. They have looked forward to the day when they would occupy it. They are already using its facilities and it is anticipated that the building will be a great asset to the fellowship and activities of the church.

### **His Name is Hardy, And At Age 81, He Still Is**

Sept. 15, 1972 - Hardy Clifford Ward of Ramseur celebrated his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday at a family gathering on Sept. 10 and on the next morning went to work as usual at the furniture plant where he has been employed since 1929.

When he reached the normal retirement age, he collected his social security for about 5 months before deciding that he did not want to quit work. He did not qualify again until he had reached the age of 72.

He was out of work temporarily some time ago because of a gall bladder operation but went back as soon as the doctor gave his permission. He still operates the same machine at the Weiman Company that he has run for many years.

He planned a big garden this summer, in addition to carrying on his employment at the furniture plant. He also mows the large yard at his home 510 Salisbury St., using a riding mower on the hilly terrain.

Hardy Ward was born in Franklinville, then lived in the Pleasant-Grove-Cheek's Mill area. He was married to the former Laura Ward 58 years ago last Dec. The couple lived in Bennett and in Carthage briefly before coming to Ramseur at the beginning of his employment at the furniture plant. Mrs. Ward is 80 years of age.

They are devoted members of the Ramseur Christian Church, where they began attending upon moving to the town. They transferred their membership from the Bennett Christian Church, now defunct. It is believed that Mr. Ward is the oldest man in the church.

Their eight children, all living, were in attendance at the birthday celebration. They are Gordon Ward and Miss Grace Ward of the home, Hayden Ward, Greensboro, Mrs. Jack (Maxine) Brady and Paul Ward, Siler City, Mrs. Charles (Rachel) Parks, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mrs. George (Louise) Bowden and Blaine Ward, Asheboro

Some of the 14 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren were present for the family gathering, along with Mr. Ward's only sister, Mrs. Leila Garringer, 79, and his niece, Miss Margaret Garringer, Gibsonville, and two of Mrs. Ward's nieces, Mrs. Coy Coble, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. Nicholas Brooks, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Rev. Carroll Bibb, pastor of Mr. and Mrs. Ward at the Ramseur Christian Church, and Mrs. Bibb were on hand for the birthday supper, also a former pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Don Switzer, from Zion Christian Church near Sanford. The prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Bibb.

Mr. Ward received many birthday felicitations when he attended church Sunday morning before the birthday supper and also when he went to work at the furniture plant the next morning.

Asked when he would quit work, he said, "not until I feel that I'm not any account."

### **Married For 50 Years, They Renew Their Vows**

Sept. 14, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. George Baxter Robinson, Rt. 1, Goldston, renewed their marriage vows on Sunday, Sept. 10, fifty years from the day they first spoke them alongside of a road in Moore County.

The couple had planned to married at the home of Baxter's sister in Montgomery County, a few miles from the county line. Upon arriving there the minister noticed that the license was procured in Moore County. Therefore, the couple, the minister, and their witnesses went back to the edge of Moore County and were married.

Officiating at the renewal of their marriage vows and the exchange of wedding bands was the Rev. Jeff Davis former pastor of the Carabnton United Methodist Church, where the couple attend and near which they reside.

Following the renewal of their vows, a reception was held for them in the Holiday Inn in Sanford. Their six children hosted this event.

Two of their children reside in Randolph County, Mrs. Van Hutchens and Mrs. Jessie Binkley, Rt. 1, Staley. Their other children are Leo Robinson and Mrs. Millard Martindale, Chester, Va., Roger Robinson, Georgetown, S.C., and Mrs. Tommy Moody, Rt. 3, Siler City. The couple have 19 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Baxter Robinson is a native of Forsyth County but was living in Moore County, near Jackson Springs, at the time of his marriage. He served in the Army for two years directly following World War 1. Mrs. Robinson, the former Cassie Mae Frye, is a native of Moore County. She was born in Pinehurst and was living there at the time of her marriage.

The courtship of the couple was very short. Questioned about this, Baxter said, "It must have been long enough, it's lasted for 50 years."

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are still very active at the respective ages of 67 and 65. Baxter is manager of the L.B. Hester Cattle Farms, on which place they have resided for 32 years.

Mrs. Robinson wore a dress eggshell polyester crepe for the renewal of her marriage vows and the golden wedding anniversary reception. Her corsage consisted of six yellow roses. Her husband's boutonniere was also a yellow rose.

### **Hughes Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Ross Hughes, tax lister and political leader in Tabernacle Township for many years, and his wife, Mary, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Oct. 22 at their home on Rt. 1, Trinity.

They were married Oct. 19, 1922 in Spartanburg, S.C. They left their respective homes in the community where they still live and boarded a train in Lexington en route to their marriage.

Before coming back to the area, they visited relatives in Columbia, S.C. and Shelby.

Following their marriage they lived in Thomasville for about a year before coming back to the community where Ross was born and reared and where Mary has lived since she was 7 years old.

Charles Ross Hughes was the oldest child of Charlie T. Hughes and Rettie Kennedy Hughes. He attended the

Pierce School in the community and high school in Shelby, living with an aunt while attending school there.

Mary Alice Hughes, no relation to her husband, was the daughter of Sheriff John F. Hughes and Ella Crotts Hughes. She attended the Piney Grove School, the community where her family lived for one year before coming to the community where both she and her husband were living at the time of their marriage.

She then attended Pierce's School, the same her husband attended, and also went to school in Asheboro where her father was serving as sheriff of Randolph County.

Her father was a lumber dealer and while serving as Sheriff he began the construction of one of the largest homes in Tabernacle Township and surrounding areas. The home and premises have recently been restored by a new owner.

Ross Hughes has also been a lumber dealer and quit ten years ago after working at a sawmill and operating one for 40 years. As a very young man he recalls working on the roads in the community with a team of mules. Since quitting the sawmill work he has continued to farm and operates three tractors.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are comparatively young and active. He is 68 years of age and she is 67. They had not quite reached the ages of 19 and 18 at the time of their marriage.

A strong electioneer, Ross recalls going to the polling place with his father at the age of 12. He has been the Republican precinct chairman for approximately 25 years and has served as the tax lister for about the same time.

The couple are the parents of four sons and one daughter. Gene, Ralph, and Richard Hughes, Rt. 1, Trinity, Ed Hughes, Trinity and Mrs. Stanton (Margaret) Kinney, Asheboro. There are 11 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Mary wore a polyester dress of Navy, overlaid with lace of the same color. Her corsage was a gold cymbidian orchid. She was dressed for her marriage 50 years ago in a woolen dress also of Navy. Her daughter and daughters-in-law were dressed in polyester dresses of Rust, with corsages of yellow mums.

Ross wore a yellow rose bud for his boutonniere while his sons and son-in-law wore yellow mums for their boutonnieres.

Assisting in the open house event were a grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kinney, who greeted the guests; a granddaughter, Mrs. Larry Hinesley who registered guest; and another granddaughter, Miss Kay Hughes, who helped with the gifts.

Also, Mrs. Wade Hughes, who cut the cake, and Mrs. Bynum Hughes, who presided over the punch bowl, and Mrs. Charlie T. Thomas, who said the goodbyes, Mrs. Wade Hughes and Mrs. Bynum Hughes are sisters-in-law of Mary, while Mrs. Thomas is Ross' only sister.

## **Over \$2,000 Raised For Rescuers**

Oct. 18, 1972 - The people of the Westmoore community in upper Moore County banded together on Oct. 13 in a giant effort to raise funds for the purchase of a new ambulance for the Robbins Rescue Squad.

They raised approximately \$2,000 through the sponsorship of a chicken stew supper in the Westmoore School cafeteria. It is estimated that 900 to 100 people were served between 5 and 9 pm. Some of the time the

people were lined up in the cafeteria door waiting to be served.

Much credit is due the ladies of the community who worked frantically at times to keep the lines moving.

Donations by various churches, businesses and individuals had proceeded the benefit supper, one of the latest donations from Smyrna United Methodist Church, \$831.89.

At least two donations for the Westmoore supper were received from across the line in Randolph County from the Union Grove Baptist Church and B & G Union 77 Service Station.

Committee for the supper included Mrs. Ruby Marley, general chairman; Jerry Beane and Ellis Davis, Finance; Mrs. Grace Ellen Beane, publicity; Jack Cole and I. D. Marley, tickets; Mrs. Otta Hussey, Mrs. Lessie Brewer, Miss Judy Brewer and Mrs. Myrtle Brewer, food; and Edgar Teague and George Shamburger, clean-up.

These people planned the benefit but on the night of the supper were assisted greatly by the ladies who served the hundreds who crowded into the school cafeteria. The 180 pounds of chicken was cooked by Mrs. Marley and Edgar Teague who worked 12 hours the day before getting ready for the stew. Boy Scouts assisted with the difficult task of parking.

Bill Stutts, the originator of the Rescue Squad units in Moore County and currently chief of the Robbins Rescue Squad, was on hand to express his appreciation to the people of the Westmoore community "for the magnificent job they are doing up here."

Rescue efforts in Moore County began in 1960 with the organization of the Robbins unit. Since then units have been organized in Vass, Carthage, and Aberdeen.

Stutts estimated that 200 trips a year are made by the Robbins Rescue Squad, many of them in the Westmoore community. He praised the "dedication" of the 25 members in his unit who respond to the calls which they receive.

But the response on last Friday night came from the other end, the people of the Westmoore community who for these many years have been the recipients of the efforts of the Robbins Rescue Squad.

The drive for funds, which originated among the concerned citizens of upper Moore County, began something over six weeks ago. It is estimated that the new ambulance will cost \$10,600.

## **He's 90 Years Old, Still Active**

Oct. 11, 1972 - W.N. Lanier, Rt. 4, Asheboro, vigorous and still active, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Oct. 7.

A big, robust man, he still uses his tractor and said, "I've been helping in tobacco."

He has always worked and recalled at the age of 10 he hired out for 10 cents a day. Later he was raised to 15 cents.

He is a happy man, laughs a lot and likes a good joke. But he grows serious and humble as he contemplates his longevity.

"Why the Lord has spared me," he said, "when I have never done anything to please Him." But he said, "I'm still here and I'm hoping to be here for a while yet."

His wife, the former Lou Buie, died in Feb., 1968, over 61 years after their marriage in Nov. 1906. On their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary a family celebration occurred at their home 2 miles north of Seagrove.

A similar celebration was held for Mr. Lanier on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, with children, grandchildren, and a few other relatives and friends joining in. His children include sons Clifford, Jack, Newman, and Henry and daughters Mrs. Leon Tucker, Mrs. Richard Benbow, and Mrs. Marvin Snider.

Both Mr. Lanier and his wife were reared in the vicinity of Denton. They left 3 years after their marriage and moved to High Point where he fulfilled an ambition to work on a streetcar. For 5 years he worked as a motorman and conductor.

They came to the farm on which he still lives near Seagrove in 1920 because he got tired of living in town and wanted to get back to the country.

He quit farming on a large scale several years ago but still likes to drive his tractor. He cultivates small patches with it, and uses it when he wants to go to the store or ride around in the community.

Three Sundays out of the month he attends Primitive Baptist services at Tom's Creek near Denton and at churches in Burlington and Greensboro. It is at the Tom's Creek church that his late wife is buried.

W.N. Lanier was in fine form as the family began gathering for his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration. He embraced a pretty granddaughter and waited for the others to come. Although puzzled as to why he has been spared, he is nevertheless enjoying life to its fullest.

### **Golden Anniversary Celebration**

Nov. 3, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Talmage Smith, Rt. 2, Bennett were married 50 years ago, Nov. 1, 1922, at the home of the officiating magistrate, Norman Finnison, near Prosperity Friends Church.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, there were honored by their three daughters at a reception at the Fall Creek Baptist Church, the church which holds their membership.

They repeated their marriage vows on that afternoon a half of a century ago while still seated in the buggy in which they had driven to the magistrate's home.

During the ceremony the magistrate's wife Mrs. Mary Hussey sat on the steps at the magistrate's home. Afterwards, the two ladies signed the marriage certificate. Mrs. Finnison, 87, is still living and was in attendance at the anniversary reception.

Daughters of the couple are Mrs. Herman (Lois) Phillips, Rt. 1 Bear Creek, Mrs. Lee Roy (Mary Lou) Hayes, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Mrs. Henry (Carol) Purvis, Rt. 1, Chapel Hill. They have 10 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Their oldest daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Smith Beal died in Wilmington 12 years ago and was brought back to her native community for burial in the cemetery at the Fall Creek Church. Her children Larry Beal, Lumberton, Mrs. Chester C. Counts, III and Mrs. Robin Leloudis, both of Wilmington, were on hand for the honoring of their grandparents.

Their youngest daughter, Carol, is a teacher in the schools at Pittsboro while their son-in-law, Henry Purvis, will be completing his studies at the University of North Carolina Medical School in Jan.

Following their marriage 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Smith came to a piece next to her parents where they have lived ever since. Living in the big, two-story house next door, where Mrs. Smith was reared, is her twin sister, Mrs. Flora Alice Brewer, who was unable to attend the anniversary

event due to illness.

Mrs. Smith is the former Coral Lou Powers. She was born near Glendon where her father was sawmilling at the time but the family moved back to their home in High Falls before coming to the vicinity in which they still live. Upon coming to the community they purchased the old homeplace of Sheriff Steve Brewer, a former Chatham County official.

Talmage Smith was born in Randolph County but moved with his family to the Fall Creek community when he was three months old. He attended the Fall Creek School, as did his wife upon coming to the community. Before that she attended the school at High Falls.

Smith served as the postmaster at Bennett for four years. He has served as poll holder for his election precinct for over 20 years.

Mrs. Smith chose Navy for her anniversary dress with a corsage of yellow carnations. For her wedding 50 years ago she wore a Blue serge suit, brown hat and gloves, and brown high-top, lace shoes.

### **Bombay Students Reunite**

Nov. 8, 1972 - Twenty former students of the old Bombay Institute met in reunion at Farmer Grange on Oct. 29.

This was the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year since the Bombay students held their first reunion in 1962 at the home of Mrs. Ila Cranford and her husband, Carson Clark Cranford, Rt. 2, Denton, both of whom are former students of the school.

Other former students in attendance were Mrs. Forest Kearns and Carl Nance, Rt. 2, Denton, Mrs. Ossie Kearns Cranford and Mrs. Jessie Morris Skeen, Rt. 2, Denton, Johnny Mitchell, Glenn Johnson, Roy Kearns, and Walter Johnson, Denton, Reid Kearns, Archdale, Austin Elliott, Thomasville, Mrs. Annie Thornburg Johnson and Mrs. Annie Mitchell Nance, Greensboro, Mrs. Jessie Bingham Johnson, Clemmons, Worth Kean Kearns and Virgil Morris, High Point, J.C. Loflin, Winston-Salem, Willard Loflin, Fayetteville, and Mrs. Rose Elliott, Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Cranford, who celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last May, were married in the yard at the school, seated in the buggy which took them there.

The school was located in New Hope Township near the residence of Carl Kearns and where the telephone cable station is now situated. The first building was a one-story frame structure, with a second story added later.

It is believed that the school started in 1900. However, some say it began in the fall of 1897. The school was discontinued in 1925.

Land for the school site was given by Frank Kearns and money was derived from a public subscription to build the institute of learning. A local school district tax helped support the school at a later time.

The school, which ran longer during the school year than the other schools in the area, grew fast and students came from other areas of the county and state, boarding at various homes in the community. The school ranked along with the Why Not Academy as one of the finest schools in Randolph County, exceeding by far the quality of most of the public schools in the county.

Attesting to its importance in the educational realm the famed educational Governor of North Carolina, Charles Brantley Aycock, came to make the commencement address either in 1902 or 1903. One of the students at the most recent reunion said Governor Aycock traveled from

Raleigh to High Point on the train, then came to the Bombay Institute in a buggy.

A tuition fee from \$1 to \$3.50 per month was charged. Classes ranged from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade, where the basic studies in reading, spelling, writing, and number exercises were taught, through the 9<sup>th</sup> grade with its classes in geometry, French, history, German, chemistry, astronomy, and Cicero and Virgil with composition.

Latin, plus history, geography, algebra, civics, botany, English grammar and composition, physics, and other subjects also were taught.

Discipline was strict and the students were expected to obey the rules. The girls sat on one side of the room and the boys on the other side. Neither were the girls and boys permitted to play together, each having their own side of the playground. It was recalled at the reunion that one principal, upon returning after being away temporarily, discovered one boy playing on the girl's side. The boy left school, never to return.

Sunday school and preaching services were held at the institute every Sunday. The name of the school supposedly came from the post office in the community by the same name. Two mails a day came into the community and there were stores there also.

No vestige of the school remains in the area in which it was located. The only visible evidence is the sign, Bombay Road, which leads into Denton. This road, however, does not pass by the old school site.

But the Bombay Institute still exists in the hearts and minds of those who went to school there. They recall with clarity and vividness the events of 50 years ago and earlier as if these events had only happened just recently.

## **Church Has Its First Wedding In 100 Years**

Nov. 14, 1972 - Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, was recently the scene of its first wedding in more than 100 years of existence.

This followed by the congregation to secure a new building, the preservation of the old building which was featured in the filming of the eastern Randolph-based movie "Killer's Three" and visits from Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and Dr. James G. Huggin, district superintendent.

The wedding united Miss Mattie Ruth Ledwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledwell, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Tracey Randolph Brower Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy R. Brower Sr., Rt. 2, Ramseur. The bride and her parents attend Stout's Chapel church.

Attendants to the couple included Mrs. James Chestnut, the bride's sister as maid of honor; bridesmaids Mrs. William McGee, the bridegroom's sister, Miss Cathy Greene and Miss Evelyn Brady; flower girl, Edwinna Chestnut, the bride's niece; best man, William McGee; and ushers, James Chestnut, Ezell Brower, the bridegroom's brother, and Wilbert Ledwell, the bride's nephew.

Rev. G.L. Warren, former pastor at Stout's Chapel, performed the ceremony and also sang "I Love You Truly". Pianist was Miss Norma McNeill. Rev. J.A. Gray, new pastor at Stout's Chapel, was present at the wedding.

## **Congregation Honors Minister**

Nov. 16, 1972 - Rev. Hayes Ritter was honored on Nov. 12 on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his full ordination to the ministry by members of his congregation at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Rt. 1, and Bennett.

People from other churches associated with his ministry joined with the local congregation in honoring the minister whom they have learned to love and respect during the 17 years he has been in the ministry.

These churches included Smyrna United Methodist Church, from which he entered the ministry, Needham's Grove, New Center Providence Chapel, Ether, Shady Grove, Biscoe, Brown's Chapel, Big Oak, Flint Hill, Hico and Pleasant Cross.

Following his conversion in a revival meeting at his home church of Smyrna, Ritter supplied various churches and received his license to preach before his full ordination at the Ether Church in Nov. 1962.

The service honoring him was planned without his knowledge. It was his understanding the laymen would have charge and the service began with him seated in the congregation.

John T. Brown, former superintendent of the Sunday School, presided over the service and at its outset called the Rev. Mr. Ritter and his wife to the pulpit. Mrs. J.H. Brown pinned a corsage on Mrs. Ritter and a white carnation on the pastor.

A bronze plaque, "to Rev. Hayes Ritter in appreciation of 10 years service as a fully ordained minister in the United Church of Christ." was presented by Brown after which a love offering was received for the minister and his wife.

The Pleasant Grove pastor responded humbly, expressed appreciation to the churches he formerly pastored, paid tribute to his wife, and said he "appreciated what God has done for us".

An avid hunter and fisherman, he explained a scratch on his face by saying he received it in a briar patch after shooting a squirrel. Humorously, he told a member of one of his former congregations, "it's too bad you have to shoot them and then run them down."

Speaker for the special service honoring Hayes Ritter was Rev. Ed Alcorn, Associate Conference Minister for Western North Carolina Conference.

Alcorn gave three reasons for being at the service, his friendship with Hayes Ritter, the conveyance of greetings from conference officials to the people at Pleasant Grove, and "because it is a way in which we honor the minister and the ministry."

## **Bishop From Philadelphia Attends Dedication Held At Church Here**

Nov. 17, 1972 - Dr. Alfred Gilbert Dunston Jr., presiding bishop of the Fourth Episcopal District of the A.M.E. Zion Church, flew down from Philadelphia, Pa. Sunday, Nov. 12 to participate in a service of dedication at Wesley Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church in Asheboro.

Presented for dedication was the new carpeting, the altar (kneeling rail), pulpit set, pews, piano, and kitchen equipment.

The pulpit set, consisting of seven pieces, was purchased by the family of the late Rev. J.W. Shamburger, founder of the Wesley Chapel Church.

Money other than the Shamburger donation came from a fund raising drive which was conducted by the ladies of the church. Total amount received from both sources amounted

to \$7, 022.

Joining Bishop Dunston in the service of dedication were Rev. Marion B. Jones, Wesley Chapel pastor, Rev. S.S. Speight, Presiding Elder, Greensboro District, and Dr. Walter I. Yates, Salisbury, Director of Evangelism of the West Central North Carolina Conference.

The Bishop, whose sermon subject was "The House of God", praised the heritage left by the late Rev. Mr. Shamburger, saying "he left something far more precious than money." He also had words of praise for the present "competent dedicated leadership" at the Wesley Chapel Church.

All nine surviving children of the late Rev. J. W. Shamburger and members of their families were present for the service of dedication and the honoring of the memory of the veteran minister. Originally, there were 12 children.

These family members included Mrs. Mamie Williams, Asheboro, an active member of the Wesley Chapel Church, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shamburger and sons, Clyde and Roscoe, Greensboro, Mrs. Girlia Roberts, Sanford, Mrs. Ollie Orr, Detroit, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mattox, Chester, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Mordecai Shamburger and children, Deborah and Michael, William Shamburger, and Mrs. Alberta Brower and daughters, Marion and Addie, all of Robbins.

Charlie Shamburger, acting for himself and in behalf of his brothers and sisters, presented the gifts to the church in memory of their father.

The church was filled to capacity. Extra chairs had to be brought out to supplement the new pews.

## **Lewis Paid Tribute On Golden Anniversary**

Nov. 21, 1972 - Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Lewis who came to Asheboro from Richmond County in 1927 celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19.

Their son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn L. Lewis of Greensboro, were hosts at an open house at the Arthur Lewis residence at 516 Spencer Ave. from 2 until 5. Assisting was their granddaughter, Miss Claudia Jane Lewis, a Grimsley High School senior.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis have another son, Eugene E. Lewis of Nashville, Tenn., who was unable to be present. Their middle son, Doyle Reese Lewis, served with the navy and was a casualty during World War II.

Two other grandchildren were Wilburn L. Lewis Jr., a student at East Carolina University and Laura Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lewis.

Mrs. Lewis has been collecting antiques rather extensively for around 25 years after her children were grown. The house on Spencer Avenue is literally filled with rare beautiful items, with many more in the basement waiting to be refinished.

It is said when she purchased her first item in an antique shop in Thomasville, which is one of many lamps in her possession, her son Eugene said to her, "you must have rushed out without your change."

Mrs. Lewis, the former Alma Jane Spivey, is a native of Moore County, the Dover Baptist Church vicinity, but moved with her parents, John and Lucille Davis Spivey, to Ellerbe at an early age.

Arthur is also a native of Moore County, east of Biscoe, but went to Ellehre in early manhood prior to his marriage to Mrs. Lewis, which occurred Nov. 18, 1922 in Candor.

His parents, Angus E. Lewis and Lydia Parrish Lewis, and other member of his family moved to Asheboro before he came in 1927.

## **Four Brothers Now Masons**

Nov. 23, 1972 - Seven young men, four of whom are brothers have recently been inducted into the membership of the Asheboro Masonic Lodge, receiving their 3<sup>rd</sup> degree and becoming full-fledged Master Masons at the last two meetings of the lodge.

The brothers, two of whom are also twins, are James Reid Potts, Robert Allen Potts, Darrell Dean Potts, and Farrell David Potts, the other three new members are William Harold (Bill) Brown Jr., Joseph Stephen Hughes, and Thomas Christian Osteen.

Another unusual aspect of the induction into memberships the fact that four of the new members are only 21 years of age. These include Hughes, Osteen, and the Potts twins, Darrell and Farrell.

Also, outstanding is the knowledge that all seven new members are family connected with the Asheboro lodge of other Masonic orders.

The Potts brothers are sons of Alfred D. Potts, a veteran member of the Asheboro Masonic Lodge. young Osteen's father, Thomas H. Osteen, is also a member of the local lodge, as is Raeford Gaddis, father-in-law of Bill Brown. Joseph Stephen Hughes mother, Mrs. Dawson Hughes, is a member of the local Order of the Eastern Star, while his maternal grandfather, the late Rev. Joseph R. Corner, was a Master Mason for 42 years, being a member of the Star Masonic Lodge, not the Biscoe Lodge.

Young Hughes' mother has had her father's Masonic ring fashioned into a tie clasp for her son, the newly inducted Master Mason.

Brown, Hughes, Osteen, and James Potts became Master Masons at the meeting of the lodge last Thursday. James Potts was scheduled to be inducted along with his three brothers at the previous meeting last month but was prevented from participating due to an attack of the flu.

Osteen, a student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and Hughes, a student at Central Piedmont college also in Charlotte came in from their respective schools for their induction.

Three of the Potts brothers, James, Robert, and Darrell, are employed at B.B. Walker Shoe Co. While Farrell Potts works for Tar Heel Campers. Brown is associated with his father-in-law at a public auction company in Asheboro.

Presiding over the induction of the four new Master Masons at the meeting last Thursday evening was B.C. Tarlton, Senior Warden in the absence of the lodge Master I.R. Robinson, who was away visiting his son in Germany.

## **Twin Sisters To Retire From Long Nurse Careers**

Dec. 1, 1972 - Twin sisters will retire from the active nursing staff at The Randolph hospital on Dec. 31 after many years of dedicated service in the local area.

Mrs. Ora Kearns Cagle, Rt. 5, Asheboro, and Mrs. Dora Kearns Strider, Seagrove, just recently received their 10-year pins at the local hospital. They joined the nursing staff on Feb. 1, 1962.

Before that Mrs. Strider saw 19 years of service at the Griffin Clinic in Asheboro while Mrs. Cagle worked there for



14 years. The clinic closed down in the middle of Jan. 1962, and the sisters rested about a couple of weeks before going back to work.

The twins got their first taste of nursing when as young girls, about 12 years old or so, they assisted the physician at the Methodist Protestant Children's Home in High Point in caring for sick children in the home.

The girls went to live in the home at the age of four, following the death of their father, William Stimson Kearns, by accident in Mar. 1914. At the time of the accident the family was living in the Mechanic community near Farmer. They were taken to the home one year after the death of their father by two well known Randolph County women, Mrs. W.C. Hammer and Mrs. Fannie Luck, who were members of the board of the children's home.

They lived at the home until they were 18 years of age and those were happy years for the twin sisters. They especially enjoyed helping the home doctor, Dr. Coe, as he took out tonsils and cared for the sick. They recalled that one time they assisted him with more than 30 children who were sick in bed with the flu.

The twins were identical and in school their names were printed on them for identification purposes.

Dr. Coe encouraged the sisters to enter the nursing profession, and following graduation from Jamestown High School they enrolled for their training at the Guilford General Hospital in High Point. They received \$12 a month during their training.

When they graduated three years later it was the year of depression and they only received \$5 a day for 20-hour duty in private nursing. They came back to their native county in the latter part of 1931.

Dora married William Pinckney (Pink) Strider on Apr. 23, 1932 and her twin sister Ora, married Howard Cagle the following year, Nov. 25, 1933. Mrs. Strider has one daughter and two grandchildren while her sister has five children and 12 grandchildren. Mrs. Cagle's eldest daughter is also a member of the nursing profession.

Both ladies work in the maternity ward at The Randolph Hospital. Mrs. Strider in the 2<sup>nd</sup> shift supervisor, the same shift she worked during her years at the Griffin Clinic. She has only missed one day since she has been at the hospital. Mrs. Cagle has worked the day shift at both the clinic and the hospital.

Despite protestations from the supervisory nursing staff at the hospital, the twin sisters feel that the time has come for them to retire. They are already helping deliver babies from mothers whom they delivered years ago at Griffin Clinic.

They plan, however, to do relief nursing following their retirement, perhaps two days a week. This will allow them to spend more time than they have now for household duties, especially Mrs. Cagle who lives on a farm.

Their retirement is well deserved. For the greater part of their lives they have helped to alleviate suffering, ease pain and render service to their fellow human beings, beginning a half of a century ago at the children's home in High Point.

## **A Lively Saturday Night**

Dec. 6, 1972 - The little community of Eleazer in southwestern Randolph County, next to the Montgomery County line came alive Saturday night when a supper, singing, and auction sale was held at the community building.

The building, which was put into use about a year and half

ago, was crammed. More came than at previous suppers and the food was completely sold out. Most of the folks stayed for the music and sale which followed.

The music was mainly provided by N.B. Hardister Jr., his wife, Ruby, and daughter, Marie Hurley, Walter Overton and wife Leona, and David Cornelison. It was a combination string band and singing group. Also performing was Oakland Odom and wife, Ellie Mae.

Proceeds from the supper and sale went to the Eleazer United Methodist Church to be used for the construction of rest rooms. Auctioneer was Ira Hancock.

The Eleazer Community Fellowship Building, on the edge of the county line, was build partly with volunteer labor. It is a separate unit from the church but most of the people participating in its construction are also active in the affairs of the church. They building was erected on land donated by Herbert Hardister, who lives just over in Montgomery County.

Several suppers have been held in the building to help pay for its construction and a supper was held for the benefit of a needy family. This was the first supper held for the benefit of the church. The building itself is now paid for.

Eleazer many years ago was a thriving community. There was a grist mill, saw mill, carding mill, the post office, and the store, the school, and the church. The mills left first, the school was discontinued at the end of the 1934-35 school years, the post office was eliminated in 1954, and the store went out of business in 1954. Only the church and about a dozen families remained.

Even before the construction of the community building, some improvements were noted. A portion of the road was paved and some new homes have been built. But it was still a quiet community, except perhaps for homecoming at the church on the first Sunday in Sept. when many former residents came back to worship and to fellowship with the people who remained.

People came also from many places to attend the supper and the sale last Saturday night. Many people from Asheboro were there, also from Farmer, Thomasville, Charlotte, Spencer, Biscoe, and other places.

But missing was Eleazer's esteemed resident, Jimmy Hardister, and his wife, Bertha. "Mr. Jimmy" had returned home the day before his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, from the hospital in Troy and was not able to attend the festivities at the community building.

## **Grange Hosts Annual Party**

Dec. 14, 1972 - Farmer Grange members and their guests enjoyed the annual Christmas party on Dec. 9 at the grange hall.

Speaker for the occasion was Jimmy Gentry, teacher of agriculture at West Montgomery Senior High School and an active participant in grange activities, especially on the youth level.

A member of Little Mountain Grange in Wilkes County, Gentry is past president of N.C. Grange Youth, Past N.C. Prince of the grange organization, and currently serving a three-year term on the National Grange Youth Committee.

He was also recently appointed as N.C. State Youth Director. A graduate of N.C. State University, this is the first year as a teacher. He is a resident of Rt. 1, Roaring River.

He spoke on youth involvement and also entertained the group with some inspirational songs of a folk nature, accompanying himself on the electric guitar.

Alton Wall, grange master, presided over the meeting and conducted the introduction of the members and their guests, asking each person to stand and introduce himself or herself.

The youngest person in attendance was Melissa Danielle Cox, five-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Daniel Cox, Greensboro and granddaughter of grange lecturer, R.C. Adams and Mrs. Adams.

Recognition was given to Mrs. G.C. Castelloe Jr., food chairman, and Mrs. Carl Kearns and Mrs. H.P. Kearns who were in charge of decorations.

For "Christmas at Farmer" the grange hall was decorated with old fashioned boughs of pine and magnolia, accented with red candles and red birds. A large cedar lighted tree centered the stage with a spotlight on three wise men facing the tree.

The food table was centered with an arrangement of greenery with red carnations, red candles and white doves. The head table featured an arrangement of pine, magnolia, red candles and red birds. Other arrangements consisted of red and green wreaths. Each table was centered with hurricane lights surrounded with magnolia.

Other recognition was extended to Percy Morgan and Porter Gray, grange members who also assisted with the arrangements for the meeting.

But the greatest recognition perhaps goes to the ladies of the grange who prepared the delectable food which in the opinion of the guests in attendance, is not exceeded.

## **Fire Destroys Home, Neighbors Aid Family**

Dec. 14, 1972 - Friends and neighbors are responding to the needs of Rt. 2, Seagrove family who were completely burned out on Dec. 5.

Further solicitation for Mr. and Mrs. Grady McNeill and daughter, Rose, will take place Sunday afternoon, Dec. 17, when a shower of gifts will be held for them at the fellowship hall of the Union Grove Baptist Church.

Those desiring to help the family were asked to bring their contributions to the fellowship hall during the afternoon. Already some pieces of furniture and other items have been received.

The fire started from a pan of grease on the stove. Miss Rose McNeill, only member of the family at home when the fire started, had gone to the door to receive a friend, Miss Patricia Smith, and upon their return to the house found the kitchen in flames.

Unable to get out on the telephone in the burning house, Miss McNeill went to the home of an uncle to seek help while Miss Smith continued to use the home in the house. The latter barely got out of the house before the walls crumbled. The Seagrove volunteer firemen were reached from the uncle's house.

The firemen used their supply of water but the house was too far gone. When the fire had subsided the house was a heap of ashes and rubbish, except for one chimney which stood. In frantic haste Miss McNeill had hooked up a small domestic hose before the firemen arrived but to no avail.

Absolutely nothing was saved, including Miss McNeill's pocketbook containing more than \$130 which was on the table by the telephone. A second shift employee at General Electric in Asheboro, she would have gone to work later in the afternoon. The fire occurred at one o'clock.

Mrs. McNeill was brought home from Walker Shoe Co. in

Asheboro where she is employed but Grady McNeill, a truck driver for Luck's Inc. in Seagrove only learned of the fire when he reported back to his place of employment that evening. His trip that day included several stops in Virginia.

The McNeills had lived in the house for 23 years lacking two days. In the house they had reared their five children including their five children, including son Donnie and three more daughters. Doris Jenkins, Judy Poe, and Jane Williamson, all except Rose married and away from home.

Grady, a 53-year-old veteran of the Marine Corps in World War II, and built most of the house himself, including the chimney which still stands. Recently he had made several improvements, the building of kitchen cabinets, installation of paneling, a new ceiling, and an exterior covering.

A new well had been drilled, a pump installed and running water piped into the house only two days before it burned to the ground.

A small amount of insurance was carried on the house. The McNeills plan to rebuild on a site near where the other house stood. On the day after the fire they moved into the home of Grady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.E. (Duck) McNeill, who had moved into a new home three weeks earlier. This is the house in which Grady McNeill was reared and the house in which his 81-year-old father had spent his life until moving three weeks ago.

## **Congregation Gets Special Gift**

Dec. 21, 1972 - A note-burning ceremony followed the presentation of the annual Christmas program at Bethel Friends Meeting on Dec. 17.

When the new home for the minister was completed two and half years ago, \$15,000 was borrowed on the building which was erected at the cost of approximately \$24,000.

This was the note which was symbolically burned by the minister, Ralph E. Smallwood, Odell Pugh, Clerk of the Monthly Meeting; and Lloyd Cox, chairman of trustees, while the congregation sang "Praise God From Who All Blessings Flow."

The first home for the Minister to be erected since the organization of the Bethel Meeting in 1821, the building has a valuation estimated at \$31,000. Volunteer labor from various workmen and the building supervisor, Allie Kemp, kept the cost of the building downward.

Other improvements at Bethel have been noted, even during the paying off of the indebtedness in the short length of time.

The church building has been air-conditioned and a public address system installed. Folding chairs and tables have been purchased, some carpeting has been laid and some repairs to the church building effected.

During the building program the offerings on the second Sunday in each month have been set aside for this purpose. The membership has decided to continue this practice for the remainder of the fiscal year at least.

Definite progress has been noticeable at Bethel since the coming of the Minister, Ralph Smallwood, three and a half years ago. This has been reflected in other apportionments of the Meeting in addition to the building program.

Following the Christmas program and the burning of the note the church group retired to their various class rooms for the distribution of gifts and treats, then came together for the "pounding" of the Minister and his family, a traditional observation at Christmas time at the Bethel Friends Meeting.

## Community Is Small, But Strieby Has New Church

Dec. 26, 1972 - A new church was dedicated at Strieby Sunday morning, replacing the old structure which has been condemned for large gatherings.

The new church edifice is small but according to general contractor Archie Smith of Denton, it was constructed with "the best material you can buy."

Erection of the building is almost a miracle, considering the local congregation is very small, only a few members.

But a vast portion of the money which went into its construction came from the New York and New Jersey areas where many of the Strieby people have migrated through the years.

Many of the have achieved positions of the prominence, finically and otherwise, but they have never lost sight of the church and the Negro community they call home.

Mrs. Kate Lassiter Jones of Westfield, N.J., formerly a school teacher and now a psychologist with Bernstein Institute, led the fund raising efforts.

Mrs. Jones, accompanied by her husband, Dr. George H. Jones, was present for the dedication. Other former residents on hand included Mrs. Jones' sister, Mrs. Aveus Lassiter Edmondson of Jamaica, Long Island, N.Y., Mrs. Abbie Fenley Radcliffe, Bronx, N.Y., and Mrs. Alice Lassiter Speed, New York City.

Mrs. Jones began her fund raising efforts in Nov., 1969 by first calling some relatives in the New York and New Jersey areas. Names and addresses of former residents of the Strieby community were secured and further pursuance of the fund raising efforts resulted in the people of the New York-New Jersey areas organizing a "Fun For Fund Club."

The people who had remained in the Strieby community, although few in number, did their part in the raising of the money for the new church. One of the members still there started it off by contributing \$500, which was quickly followed by other with a similar amount.

More than \$20,000 was raised from the time of planning until the completion of construction, which covered a period of about three years. This does not include the money which was derived from a souvenir

Journal which was published at the time of dedication. Estimated cost of the new structure, included furnishings, is \$55,000.

The new building consists of sanctuary, two Sunday school rooms, church office and rest rooms. Its overall dimensions are 32 by 72 feet. It is constructed of solid brick with double walls. The ceiling is suspended with old wood trusses. There is walnut paneling in the foyer and pulpit area to match the solid walnut of the new pews.

One large chandelier, and expensive purchase, hangs in the sanctuary. The floor in this area is covered with a red carpet, wall to wall. The main entrance consists of two six-paneled early American doors, encircled by sections of glass 6 by 14 feet.

The building is electrically heated. On the outside copper guttering has been installed. A feature of the exterior construction is the bell tower. Material for the building came from Asheboro Concrete Products Co.

Participating in a ribbon cutting prior to the service of dedication were the pastor, Rev. J.H. Hooker, who has served the Strieby church since 1961, and Dr. James H. Light Bourne, Jr., Conference Minister of the Southern

Conference of the United Church of Christ, with the latter preaching the dedicatory sermon.

Mrs. Kate L. Jones read a history of the church which had its beginning in 1882. Music was provided by the Community Choir.

The building of the new church at Strieby preserves the heritage of what was once an active community of people. The school, the post office, the store and most of the families have long since gone. Only the old church building and a few people had remained, with the former having deteriorated and almost fallen in decay.

But the rallying of the Strieby people, both locally and elsewhere, has brought about the erection of the sturdy new structure and the assurance that the community will continue to exist for generations to come.

The new building will be symbolic of the spirit of Strieby and the proud days of the past, whether the people live in the community or in far away places.

## Golden Anniversary Quietly Observed

Dec. 27, 1972 - It was hailing and sleeting 50 years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Pearlie H. Cox, Rt. 3, Asheboro, walked across town to be married before the officiating minister, Rev. Vernie Stanley, at the Hoover Street parsonage of the Asheboro Pilgrim Holiness Church.

The streets were so slick, according to Pearlie Cox, "I might near had to carry her." Their anniversary on Dec. 20 was mild in contrast.

Their anniversary was spent quietly with members of their immediate family in attendance and an anniversary cake. A daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Manuel (Beulah Mae) Moran, Rt. 4, Asheboro, observed their wedding anniversary the next day.

Their other children are Wade Cox, Rt. 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Dock (Kathleen) Swaney, Asheboro, Mrs. Jeff (Ruth) Hollingsworth and Mrs. Arthur (Hilda) Swaney, Rt. 7, Asheboro, Mrs. Hal (Ruby) McDowell, Mrs. David (Betty) Gunter and Leon Cox, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

The couple has 17 grandchildren and one greatgrandchild, Sherri Renee Swaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Swaney.

Mrs. Cox, the former Sarah Ethel Hicks, daughter of Oron and Flora Craven Hicks, was reared on old Highway 902 between Asheboro and Coleridge. Her husband, son of Jesse Calvin Cox and Sarah Jane Jordan Cox, was born near Coleridge but was living in North Asheboro at the time of their marriage.

During their courtship Pearlie sometimes rode a bicycle down 902 and at other times he hired his friend Pearson Bailey's model T touring car for \$2 and went in it.

He also secured an automobile to bring his bride to town on their wedding day but the couple walked from the home of her cousin, Mrs. John Wright, on Wainman Avenue to the home of the minister.

Pearlie Cox, oldest of 11 children, has been a farmer for most of his life but hauled shavings for 15 years and worked as a night watchman as Asheboro Hosiery Mill for five years.

The couple have lived at Rt. 3, Asheboro home, near the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, for more than half of their married life.

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