

# **Visiting with Ralph Bulla**

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**Fund Drive Now Underway**

Jan. 1, 1973 – The kick-off supper for the 1973 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County was held Dec. 30 in the fellowship hall at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Conducting the meeting were Ralph Bulla, chairman of the local March of Dimes chapter and Rev. Mike Engle, drive director.

Jack McGee of Raleigh, a representative of the state organization, discussed the overall program on the state and national basis, while Joe W. Church, veteran treasurer of the Randolph chapter, told those assembled what the March of Dimes is doing in Randolph County.

Church reported that \$3,433.07 was spent on patient aid for three polio victims and 12 children born with birth defects in the county last year. This amount included expenditures for wheel chairs, hospitalization braces, hearing aids, surgical corsets, and other like items.

It was necessary to purchase two hearing aids, one for each ear, for one little girl born with a severe hearing defect.

Also, \$2,000 was given to the Birth Defects Center at Chapel Hill and a donation of \$312 to Stork Line.

Last year the March of Dimes organization in Randolph County raised a total of \$19,752.35. This was the second largest amount in the history of the organization in this county. Thirty-seven and one half percent to the entire amount is kept for use in the county. The remainder goes for Medical Scientific Research and the programs of The National Foundation of the March of Dimes.

Community chairmen for this year's drive are as follows; Archdale, Miss Judy English; Asheboro, David J. Arnold; Brower-Erect, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welborn; Cedar Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Benbow; Cedar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh; Cedar Square-Glenola, Rev. Ben A. Hurley; Coleridge, Kevin Murray; Farmer-Jackson Creek, Mrs. George C. Cole; Franklinville, Mr. Robert Darrell Beane and Mrs. Frank Chaney; Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd; Grays Chapel-Red Cross-Climax, Glen Caley; and Level Cross, George Stanton.

Also, Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Martin, Jr.; New Hope, Rev. Frank Barrett; New Market- Hillsville, Mrs. Raphael Farlow; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Jamie Cheek; Pisgah-Union, Mrs. Ann Laviner; Pleasant Grove, Leon Brady; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Edwin and Mrs. Harold Brower; Pleasant Ridge- Holly Spring, Tommy Allen; Ramseur, Roger W. Stout; Randleman, Darrell Griffin; Seagrove, Mrs. Beauford Greene; Staley, Mrs. Lonna Hart and Mrs. Paul Headen; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow; Trinity, Mrs. John Skeen; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Uion Grove, Dr. F. A. Lunsford; and Worthville, Mrs. Phillip Hall.

The drive will continue throughout the month of Jan.

**Church Says Goodbye**

Jan. 3 1973 – Riverside Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, said goodbye to Rev. Wilbur E Eaton, their pastor for more than eight years, on Sunday Morning, Dec. 31.

His last official service at the church was the ordination of a new deacon, June Ritter, who was named to succeed his father, Elmer Ritter, on the official board.

Following the service a dinner was held in the fellowship hall. Gifts at this time were presented to the departing pastor and his wife.

Rev. Mr. Eaton, a native of Stokes County, came to the pastoral of the church on the first Sunday in Aug., 1964. He had previously pastored the Community Baptist Church on Rt. 2, Seagrove, which he organized. On Wednesday evening, Jan. 3, he will assume the pastorate of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

During his pastorate at Riverside, carpeting has been laid and a water cooler installed. A fellowship hall has been built and the church building brick-veneered. Four and a half acres of land has been purchased and cleared. The people are also happy over the paving of the road which runs by the church.

But the accomplishment for which the pastor and his wife are most grateful has been the baptizing of 63 people into the fellowship of the Riverside church during the 8 years and 5 months they have served there. In addition, 11 couples have been united in marriage during the pastorate of the minister.

Present members of the official board, in addition to the new deacon, are Larry Wilson and Hoover Hussey. These men, along with the retiring deacon, joined the pastor in the impressive "laying on of hands" following the charge to the new deacon and the church.

It was a spirit-filled service as the congregation, under the leadership of Albert Jones, choir director, sang "Let Go and Let God Have His Way," shook hands all around and then at the conclusion of the service went to the front to greet the new deacon and his family, the minister and his wife, and the other members of the deacon board and their wives.

The new deacon is an employee of Klopman Mills, Ramseur Plant. He and his wife, the former Dorothy Jones, and their twin sons, Farrell and Darrell, live on Rt. 2, Bennett.

**Rev. Earl Sibbett Makes Big Imprint in Randleman**

Jan. 10, 1973 – Rev. Earl F. Sibbett came to Randleman 12 years ago to become pastor of the Church of God.

In the ensuing 12 years he has become both a controversial and admired citizen.

He has headed several city functions, including public works supervisor and the Randleman Housing Authority, and each position has thrown him to arguments with both county and city officials.

He has also been on the other face of the civic coin, that of leader in many programs of which the town can be proud, and also as a religious leader.

During his first days in his newly adopted town 12 years ago, the congregation of his church old Naomi Methodist Church building. There were 30 people in attendance at Sunday school the first Sunday morning he was there.

He moved his family into the Sunday school rooms of the old building, and the first week put on his overalls and repaired the roof.

On Sunday morning, Jan. 14 at 11 o'clock a new Church of God Day Care Center, a renovated sanctuary and a new baptistery at the present Church of God on East Brown alongside the church Later, a home for the educational director and minister of music was added on the other side. The entire church complex appraised for \$417, 000.

The transition from the old building on Naomi Street, which was sold for \$6,5000, to the present property valued

at nearly a half million dollars gives an idea of the capability and industriousness of the Rev. Mr. Sibbett.

When he purchased the land on East Brown Street, it was almost a jungle with only a narrow wagon-trail type road thought the property. A bush axe was used in clearing some of the area.

He gave the better part of the land to the church and then been developing and building on the remainder after the church plant had been constructed.

Today, this southeastern area of Randleman contained three city blocks of homes, landscaped yards and paved driveways due to the imitative and promotion of the hardworking pastor of the Church of God.

He has now moved into other areas of land development thought his interest in Certified Builders and Realty Co. and the Greenwood Development co., firms he heads as president. Sometimes he accepts a second mortgage when the prospective owner does not have enough money for the down payment.

He engages in other construction that his own building. He built the fire station in Randleman, is now doing the masonry work on the new city hall, is building the large new parsonage for the Randleman Friends Meeting and has done some building for the Wesleyan denomination.

The son of a Roberson County farmer and carpenter, Rev. Mr. Sibbett learned early the rudiments of hard work. Reared during the depression years, he often went with his father to the swampy areas of the vicinity in which they lived to hew and dress by hand the shingles which they sold in St. Paul's near where they lived.

He also sold broom straw and hired himself out to a neighboring farm for 40 cents a day. As he grew older he became more versatile and learned to be a cobbler, later bought the shoe shop and a laundry.

He attended with his people the Pentecostal Free Will Baptist Church and it was at this church, nearly 30 years ago, that he was overcome with conviction and surrendered his heart and life to Christ.

The Lord soon called him to the ministry, first in the denomination in which was converted, and for past 22 years in the Church of God.

Not ever content to stand still, he has either built a new church structure or remodeled the old one at every place he has been stationed.

In Randleman he is also president of Unified Tire and Rubber co., he once served the city as Superintendent of Public Works and he has been Chairman of the Randleman Housing Authority since its inception in 1966.

He preaches twice on Sunday, teaches a large Sunday school class, and conducts prayer meeting on Wednesday nights.

Rev. Earl F. Sibbett has deeply involved himself in the affairs of his community. The imprint he has made in the past 12 years has been distinctive. He has become a successful businessman and he has concerned himself with civic and governmental matters. But above all he is a minister with an abiding interest in the welfare of his fellow man.

Carolina, will be the speaker. Rev. Earl F. Sibbett is the pastor.

Dimensions of the two-story brick and black building are 102 by 50 feet, with approximately 10,000 square footage of floor space. The new structure is attached to the Church of God and comprises the left wing of the existing church building.

Open house for the new facilities will be held on Sunday afternoon of the day of dedication from 2 until 5.

The church of God Day Care Center was started nearly four years ago as a project of the ladies auxiliary of the Church of God. The director of the center is Mrs. Earl F. Sibbett, wife of the church minister.

Until Oct. 1 or last year when the new building was occupied, the center operated from the basement of the church parsonage, beginning with eight children. When the move was made to the new building next door 102 children were being cared for. The present enrollment is 124.

The new building, which was built according to state specifications, is completely fireproofed. It consists of eight classrooms, one large kitchen and dining area, five bath rooms, music room, sick room, office and reception area. Class rooms are fully carpeted. The commercial-type kitchen is equipped with stainless steel appliances.

The hours of operation for the center are from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. The day care facilities are available to infants, minimum age of one month, and children up the age of 6, if not in school.

A service for school children up the age of 12 is also available, before and after school. These children are given breakfast and prepared for school. Transportation to the school and the return to the day care center is also provided.

The children who remain in the day care center are given meals for breakfast and lunch, with the menu posted. Prayer is said at breakfast, Bible stories and the Lord's Prayer is a part of the day's agenda, there are television programs, exercises, the teaching of manners, and a nap time.

Assisting with the programs at the center is Rev. Michael Baker, education director and minister of music at the Church of God, who is a graduate of Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn., and a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The day care center has been registered with state agencies and application made for the licensing of the facility. The license will be granted to provide for 150 children, with provision for 200 next year and 250 the next. The building was erected to accommodate 266 children while the playground facilities will provide for 800.

On file at the day care center are a medical form on each child, the application for admittance, a medical statement for each employee, and the reports of inspection.

A statement of policy filed with the application for license states that "the purpose of Church of God Day Care Center is to provide pre-school children with proper physical, mental and emotional maturation. To have as our motto 'love and tender care.' To teach and train the children in the understanding and importance of Christian ideals and precepts. To provide the community with the opportunity for his or her place in society."

## **Church Holds Dedication Service**

### **Church To Dedicate New Day Center**

Jan. 10, 1973 - Dedication of the new Church of God Day Care Center in Randleman will take place Sunday morning, Jan. 14, during the 11 o'clock worship service. Rev. P. H. McCarn, State Overseer of Churches of God or North

Jan. 16, 1973- Rev. P.H. McCarn of Charlotte, State Overseer of Churches of God in North Carolina, preached the sermon of dedication for a new Day Care Center, a renovated sanctuary, and a baptistery at the Church of God in Randleman Sunday.

The choir and pulpit area had been extended, a pulpit stand placed in the area, a Baptistery erected a new Steinway piano purchased, six bronze Gothic Cathedral light fixtures hung from the ceiling, and a new paint job for the entire sanctuary area.

The new burnt orange carpeting, laid wall to wall, complements the existing natural pine of the pews, the exposed beams, and the decking of the overhead. Mixed colors were used in painting the sanctuary, amber and green in the seating area, off-white in the pulpit and choir, and aqua in the baptismal pool.

All of these improvements, including also the new Day Care Center and a Hammond organ purchased no long ago, were dedicated during the visit of the State Overseer, who was accompanied by his wife.

Rev. Mr. McCarn recognized the hard work which had been done by the Church of God pastor, Rev. Earl F. Sibbett, and his wife, who came to the pastorate of church 12 years ago. He commended them for their effects, their talents and their vision.

When it came to the time for the reading of the dedicational liny, he asked the Sibbetts and the minister of music and assistant pastor, Rev. Michael Baker, and his wife to stand and accept the gratitude "they have rendered a great service of God."

### **Auction Sale Saturday**

Jan. 18, 1973 - Clendon Richardson's famed March of Dimes auction sale will be held Saturday evening, Jan. 20, at the Guy B. Teachey School in Asheboro.

A hamburger steak supper, beginning at 5 will precede the auction sale which will begin at 6:30.

Last year the total receipts for the sale and supper were \$4,508.85. This event has been held since 1965. Overall receipts last year for Clendon, who is chairman of the Ulah-Flag Springs community drive, were \$5,057.08.

Supper plates will sell \$1.50 for adults and \$1 for children. Take home plates will be available. The hamburger steaks for the supper will be donated as in the past by E.P. Dula.

Auctioneer for the sale will be J.D. King, who has served in this capacity since the beginning of the sale in 1965. Admittance of the auction is free.

Some concern for the sale was manifested on Dec. 8 when Clendon sustained a broken hip in an automobile accident. But after surgery he recovered quickly and has been out collecting sale items during the past few days despite the snow which still covered the ground.

He has had plenty of help, however, his mother, sister-in-law, nephew, cousin, friends, among whom has been Miss Amanda Greene, who like Clendon is also afflicted with polio.

Miss Greene will take Clendon's place on Jim Tucker's "today at home" show on Channel 12 Television Friday morning at 9. Clendon has planned to be on the show but as a concession to his accident asked Miss Greene to take his place.

### **Retiring Teacher Honored**

Jan. 24, 1973 - The Bennett School community honored their favorite teacher on Jan. 18 before a capacity P.T.A. audience in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Tracy Jones, know to hundreds of students and former students as "Miss Marguerite," will retire at the end of this semester after 38 years of service.

She began her teaching career in 1928 and has taught continuously at Bennett School since that time except for six years when her children were young.

The present principal at the school, Ted Welch, and his immediate predecessor, Wayne Phillips, led in paying tribute to this beloved teacher.

Both men had been 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students of Mrs. Jones at the Bennett School. Phillips served with her on the faculty for 19 years before he assumed the principal ship of Chatham Central High School.

He told of many incidents which occurred when he was a student and "Miss Marguerite" and closed his remarks by saying, "I wish my former students would respect me with half the respect her students have for her."

Welch spoke of her deep concern for her students, her ability to find something within them to praise and to commend, and her expectation for the boys and girls who came under her guidance. He said, "she has touched the lives of hundreds of people in this community."

Edison Powers, assistant superintendent of Moore County School, also a 1<sup>st</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade student of Mrs. Jones at the Bennett School, paid his former teacher a warm tribute on a tape recording which was played at the meeting.

He said "she captivated our imagination and instilled in us a desire for learning." He also said "our community has been greatly enriched by this master teacher."

Perry Harrison, superintendent of Chatham County Schools, said, "I believe Mrs. Jones has exemplified the type of teacher to train a child in the right direction. She knew the source of all wisdom, God" He also praised the ability of the principals at Bennett who had "received their foundation from his great lady."

"Miss Marguerite's" husband, Tracy Jones, was brief in his anticipation of her return to the home. He said "after 38 years it will be great to have a cook at home." Their son, Farrell also appeared on the program.

Their daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Greshame of Tucker, Ga., communicated through a letter read by Farrell's wife, Susan, who will assume Mrs. Jones' duties as 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher at the Bennett School upon her retirement.

Carolyn, also a teacher, wrote, "I'm very proud of you. Your example as a good teacher as well as a wonderful mother influenced me to become a teacher."

Other former students Rufus Jones and Carl Murray, also joined in paying tribute to Mrs. Jones, as did Danny Oldham and Tony Hill, current 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, and Miss Leisel Womble, present member of the faculty. Mrs. Kate Powers, a former member of the faculty now living Orlando, Fla. sent a letter of tribute to the meeting.

Mrs. Sally Lou Brady, a member of the cafeteria staff, presented Mrs. Jones with a cake, with the symbolic little Red Schoolhouse on the tip, and Principal Welch presented her a silver serving set on behalf of the P.T.A. and the community.

The Chatham Central Barbershop Chorus sang "School Days" and "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." Mrs. Margie Goldston, P.T.A. president, presided over the meeting. Rev.

Bob Bouldin, pastor of the Bennett Baptist Church, had the devotions. The occasion was a surprise to Mrs. Jones.

A reception was held in the cafeteria following the program. Mrs. Jones, her husband and son and daughter-in-law stood in the receiving line and greeted the 350 or more people who had come to pay her honor and respect.

A native of Bennett, reared within a short distance of the school. Mrs. Jones is the daughter of the late Bradley Phillips and Flossie Gordon Phillips. Several members of her family were present for the program which commemorated her years of service.

### **She Has 'Bushel Of A Name'**

Jan. 26, 1973 - A tiny woman who has 258 living descendants was honored on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday Sunday, Jan. 21, at a gathering of family and friends at the Elise School cafeteria in Robbins.

Mrs. Sallie Jane Elizabeth Sheffield Britt also reared a family of 16 children. A native of upper Moore County, she lived in the community of Spies.

She has been confined to a wheel chair for the past five years, due to a broken hip, but her mind is clear and her humor intact.

Five of her children are deceased. But she said she raised every one of them to be grown with families of their own before any of them died.

Her living children began congregating at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Williams Rt. 3 Robbins, Sunday morning where Mrs. Britt has lived for the past two years, prior to the reception at the school Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Williams is a daughter of Mrs. Britt.

Two of Mrs. Britt's daughters married Freeman's and three of them married Williamses. Mrs. Britt said "they sure did take up with the Freeman's and the Williamses."

Her deceased children were Mrs. Zora Bell Freeman, Mrs. Lillie Florence Allred, Manley Colon Britt, and Mrs. Nancy Jane Dunlap.

Her living children were Mrs. Josie Roxanna Hancock Muckenfuss, of Ridgeville, S.C., Mrs. Lottie Mishie Smith, Greensboro, Andrew Dewey Britt and Mrs. Hester Lee Brown, Robbins, Clarence Keeling Britt and Mrs. Mollie Frances Williams, Rt. 1 Robbins, Osie German Britt, Rt. 1 Franklinville, Edward Lester Britt, and Jack Ward Britt, Rt. 1 Star, Mrs. Irene Williams, Rt. 2, Robbins, and Mrs. Dorothy Christell Williams, Asheboro. Her descendants also include 76 grandchildren, 139 great-grandchildren, and 32 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Britt was reared on a farm, the daughter of Raleigh and Nancy Jane Brewer Sheffield. The family lived near the Brown's Chapel Christian Church where Mrs. Britt has been a member since she was 14.

She has always loved her church and has been loyal to it. She said, "I learned more going to Sunday School than I did at free school." Her husband, John Andrew Britt, to whom she was married Jan. 24, 1895, is buried at Brown's Chapel. He died Dec. 21, 1949.

She recalls her wedding day and said that the teacher and all the students at the school, located nearby, attended the wedding which was held at her home. In fact, she said "everybody in the settlement was there."

A log cabin, which her husband's grandfather had built, was the couple's first home and Mrs. Britt said their first six children were born in the house. The house, one of the oldest, in the area, is still standing.

Mrs. Britt had to work hard as a girl on her father's farm but after her marriage, in order to help her husband get a start, she said she peeled crossties, cut cordwood, and picked up "lighter knots." She said also her husband "ran turpentine and we was in the tobacco business." She was 15 years of age at the time of her marriage.

She summed up the activity of her long life, saying "I stood a whole lot of hard work." Then she added, "work ain't going to kill you."

This little woman is living evidence of the latter fact. Outside of her hip injury she is in remarkably good shape and retains all of her senses.

She enjoyed immensely the birthday party in her honor, as she sat in her new wheel chair and greeted the various descendants and friends who came to pay respect and recognize the unusual existence of the small woman.

### **Church Burns Bank Note**

Jan. 31, 1973 - Three years and 11 months after incurring an indebtedness of \$44,000 the congregation of the Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, Rt. 1 Ramseur, last Sunday burned their bank note, symbolically speaking, and declared themselves free from financial obligation.

A unified effect on the part of all the people resulted in this notable achievement, from the senior group in the church on down to the younger elements in the Sunday school.

According to church officials, each group had their funds. At least a double payment on the indebtedness was made each month during its existence and sometime the payment was tripled.

The church pastor, Rev. Cliff B. Smith, commended the people for their efforts.

He said "you have buckled down to the task that was set before you, you have been faithful."

The indebtedness was incurred to pay for new educational facilities and the complete renovation of the sanctuary and the educational wing which existed prior to the last building program.

Some of the repairs included the extension of the front of the church building, the addition of two small rooms on either side of the entrance, and the construction of a wide porch supported by four large columns of Southern manorial style.

A steeple was erected and the outside walls of the old part of the building insulated and brick-veneered.

The sanctuary and chancel area were refurbished, with the retention of the stained glass memorial windows, the oak pews and the original wainscoting, combining with the new improvements to bring about one of the prettiest worship assemblies in this area.

Cost of the new addition, the improvements to the older part of the building, and the purchase of furniture and fixtures was placed at \$70,000.

Special recognition was given at the note-burning ceremony to the building committee, Page Craven, Mrs. Victor Reid, O. Carl Brown, and Theodore Cox, and to the chancel committee Miss Emma Allen, Chairman, Mrs. Craven Shoemaker, and Mrs. Harry Stewart.

The pastor, who was assisted in the burning of the note by Page Craven, representing the building committee, and Jimmy Schott, chairman of trustees, took his text from Nehemiah and his subject for the special service was "The people had a mind to work."

The choir, under the direction of Miss Emma Allen, rendered the anthem and John Beane, a law student at Duke University, came to render a beautiful solo, "Fill My Cup, O Lord."

Beane formerly held a position as an assistant principal of a high school in Wilmington.

"Let us rise and go hence," said the pastor as he challenged his congregation to continue their efforts despite the paying off of the indebtedness. He told them "we must turn our thoughts now to building a spiritual fellowship."

At the conclusion of the service a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall.

## **Worthville Baptist Church Holds Dedication**

Feb. 6, 1973 – Worthville Baptist Church, where steady progress has been noted during the past year, held a dedication service Sunday morning, Feb. 3.

The sanctuary has been completely remodeled, the entire floor area carpeted, new pews installed, a new pulpit stand purchased, and new front doors erected.

The occasions also marked the first anniversary for the present pastor. Rev. Garland Hill, under whose pastorate the improvements have been made.

Ordained to the ministry from the Union Grove Baptist Church, he assumed the pastorate of the Worthville church, his first, on the first Sunday in Feb. of last year.

Participating in the service of dedication were Rev. T.T. Smith, associational missionary for the Randolph Baptist Association, and Dr. F.A. Lunsford, Hall's former pastor at the Union Grove church.

The associational missionary based his remarks on the text "Hitberto has the Lord helped you." He said the "Lord has been good to you. Look around and see the board and the lovely appearance of the auditorium." He also praised the church's contributions to the association and noted that the mission offerings were going up.

Dr. Lunsford, who spoke on "the several doors to the church," said he believed that God's house should be one of the most beautiful in the community.

He said the church opens the door to salvation, to heaven, Christian training, Christian growth, prayer, Christian fellowship, and to worship.

Among the visitors on hand for the service were Rev. John L. Jackson, a former pastor, and Mrs. Raymond Rudson, widow of a former pastor.

The Worthville Baptist Church came into existence in 1891 at the old Union Church Building in Worthville. Worship services continued in the old building until 1933 when the present church structure was erected on the North side of Deep River.

About 1937 the church reverted to mission of the Randleman church but was reorganized in 1956 under the pastorate of the Rev. Mr. Jackson.

The present pastor, Rev. Mr. Hall is a graduate of Fruitland Bible Institute and is continuing his training at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Since his coming to Worthville in addition to the many physical improvements, the Sunday school enrollment has reached the 100 mark. Two baptismal services have been held and five are currently waiting to be immersed.

As the time for the service of dedication arrived, the bell at the small white church on the side of his hill range forth,

signaling to the people in the village across the river that the worship service had begun.

When the invitation was extended after the two visiting ministers had concluded their remarks, a penitent soul walked the aisle.

Afterwards the congregation moved over to the community building for a fellowship luncheon.

## **Her Work Draws Praise**

Feb. 13, 1973 – Many people praised Mrs. Rosa Welborn, president of her missionary society for 20 years, when she was honored Feb. 8 in the fellowship hall at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

A trophy case in her honor was given to the church by the mission society and the family of Mrs. Welborn. Presentation of the case was made by Rev. Leon Thompson, pastor of the church.

Mrs. Welborn had long expressed a desire that the church possess a cabinet in which awards to the church could be placed. Her bronze plaque, inscribed "given in honor of Rosa K. Welborn by the WMS and her family" was the first to be placed in the beautifully stained trophy case with glass doors.

Ramseur Mayor Hun L. Beane led the tribute to Mrs. Welborn, who is a well known resident of the Brooklyn area. He said "our town is indeed fortunate to have a citizen who has rendered such service."

Mayor Beane was joined in paying tribute to Mrs. Welborn by her pastor, two former pastors and Rev. T.R. York, president of the Ramseur Ministerial Association.

The two former pastors in attendance were Rev. W.L. Cockman, who served what was then the Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church at the time of the organization of the missionary society in Feb., 1958, the Rev. M.M. Holmes.

Miss Joyce Cox, vice president of the missionary society, presided over the meeting and introduced those who spoke in behalf of Mrs. Welborn. Miss Cox said "it has been a privilege to have been associated with a person such as Mrs. Welborn."

Representing the district and area organizations of the denominational mission work were Mrs. Fred Sumwalt, Winston-Salem, district president, and Mrs. D.R. Saunders, Rt. 2, Asheboro, vice president of the Southern Area.

Mrs. Saunders based her remarks on the text "My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me, and to finish His work."

Mrs. Welborn became "missionary minded" as a small child when she and her mother walked three miles from their home in Bennett to attend the Saturday afternoon sessions of the missionary society at the Pleasant Gove Christian Church.

She later joined the church and missionary society at the Pleasant Ridge Congregational-Christian Church upon moving to Randolph County and remained active in that society after coming to Ramseur, before the organization of a missionary society at the Ramseur church.

Mrs. Harry (Ollie Mae) Stewart, a former co-worker in the Pleasant Ridge mission group, was present to speak of Mrs. Welborn's earlier efforts at the Pleasant Ridge Church. Concerning her association with Mrs. Welborn, Mrs. Stewart said "it has been a good relationship."

Other interests of Mrs. Welborn have been the home demonstration club, school and civic groups, and the organization of war mothers. Mrs. R.A. Lemmons,

representing the latter organization, was also resent to say a few words at the Thursday evening meeting.

Rosie Welborn, widely respected throughout the Ramseur vicinity, arose to speak at the conclusion of the tributes, not only to her efforts in the mission area but recognition to her life in general in the community in which she has lived.

### **Grace Church Dedicated**

Feb. 15, 1973 – Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr. came to Asheboro Sunday morning, Feb. 11, to “say a word of deep gratitude for Grace United Methodist Church.

The church, located on Woodcrest at Legend Drive, was dedicated free from indebtedness, with Bishop Hunt coming to share the occasion with the congregation and to preach the sermon of dedication.

Bishop Hunt first told the congregation, which comprises a church membership of 141, that “the Methodist Church is made up essentially of small congregations.” This, he said, “is the glory of Methodism.”

His sermon subject was “Prisoners of Hope” and his address was eloquent. He took his text from Zechariah, a chapter of the Old bible, “Turn you to the stronghold, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee.”

Rev. Lee Roy Hunt, pastor of the church since June, 1966, presided over the service of dedication.

Dr. M. Vilson Nesbit, Director of Rural Church Affairs, was present for the dedication along with Bishop Hunt. Dr. Nesbit has been involved with the building programs at the Grace church since its organization in 1956.

Dr. Nesbit referred to the extension of the Grace church and to the extension of the grace of God. He said, “due to the extension of grace, you became so involved you shelled out the money.”

The latter statement was appropriate considering that the new sanctuary at Grace, for which the dedicatory service was held, was paid for five months after its occupancy.

First service in the new building was held on Easter Sunday, Apr., 1, 1972. the final payment was made in Aug., 1972. at the same time the parking area was paved and paid for.

The paying off of the indebtedness so quickly was made possible, according to a brochure printed at the time of dedication, “with the aid of the Duke Endowment fund, the Randolph Area Missions, and the faithfulness in giving of our members and friends in the community.”

E. Wayne Hughes, president of the Randolph Area Mission Society, was present at the service of dedication, to bring greetings from his organization and to participate in the service.

The building, with its outside and interior construction of brick, its overhead beams and decking of pine, was presented for dedication by E.R. Cox, the chairman of trustees.

The first church structure at the Grace church, in which the first service was held July 28, 1957, was dedicated June 25, 1965. The sanctuary portion of this building has been converted into a fellowship hall.

It was in this part of the first building that a fellowship luncheon was held following the service of dedication.

### **Fellowship Building Is Dedicated**

Feb. 15, 1973 – The presiding Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Earl

G. Hunt Jr., dedicated the new fellowship building at the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 11.

In accordance with the wishes of church membership the building was designated “Trogon Hall,” honoring Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Trogon, Sr. for their faithful service, love and generosity.”

The words on the plaque, which was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Trogon during the dedicatory service, spoke for themselves: “In honor of Mr. and Mrs. S.E. Trogon, Sr. for their faithful service, love and generosity.”

The words characterization of Mr. and Mrs. Trogon was reflected not only in the construction of the new fellowship building but extends back through many productive years of service at the Giles Chapel church.

Despite his 76 years, Erman Trogon actively participated in the supervision of construction for the new building, with the same vigor he insures the activities of the construction firm, S.E. Trogon and Sons, Inc., which he heads of president.

Still active in the administrative affairs of the church, he currently serves as the lay leader, chairman of the administrative board, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, and was the delegate to the last annual conference.

For many years the people at Giles Chapel have talked of a fellowship hall but it was only about two and half years ago they got down to the serious business of erecting one.

Building committee members consisted of S.E. Trogon, Sr., Mrs. Lillie Mae Beane, J.W. Snider, Joe Rich, Franklin Saunders, Malcolm Loflin, Jesse Sykes, and Mrs. Shirley Greene.

Dimensions of the building are 34 x 52. The exterior is constructed of brick, the interior of blocks. The floor is vinyl covered, the ceiling is suspended, and there is a fireplace with upraised hearth in the assembly room.

Estimated value of the building is \$25,000. It was constructed in “23 work days” by the S.E. Trogon and Sons Construction Company, with some volunteer labor. Joe rich, a member of the church and an employee of the construction firm, was singled out for his activity beyond the line of duty in the construction of the building.

The building was completed just before Christmas, in time for a function connected with the wedding of Miss Nancy Swain and Daniel Boone. This was indicative of the many events and periods of fellowship for which the building will be used.

The completion of this building, debt free, is one of several improvements which have occurred under the ministry of Rev. Melvin M. Beeker, who came to the pastorate in Aug., 1969. Other accomplishments include the installation of a water line to the church and new fellowship hall, the building of a parking lot, and the placing of a new roof, and existing church building.

Flowers were placed in the church on the morning of the day of dedication, commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Beeker, and used also for the dedicatory service in the afternoon.

Bishop Hunt, prior to his sermon of dedication, was introduced by E. Wayne Hughes, president of the Randolph Area Mission Society. Some funds for the construction of the new building was derived from this organization

Two sons and a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Trogon were present for the service of dedication along with other family

members, including brothers and sisters of both Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon.

Trogdon's father, the late Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, came out of the Giles Chapel church which was organized in 1833. Both his father and mother are buried in the church cemetery.

### **On Her 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday, She Recalls Her Younger Days**

Feb. 20, 1973 – Mrs. Ida Branson reached the age of 89 years on Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hutchins, Rt. 1, Staley, with whom she has lived for the past 30 years.

As she talked about her long life, she recalled her girlhood days on Deep River, in the Erect-Bennett area, when she paddled a boat across the river.

At times, she said, "it was so swift it like to carried me down." Then, she also remembered paddling the boat across the river, breaking the ice as she went, to reach her sister on the other side.

She was born in the Brower's Mill area, the daughter of Irvin Bridges and Eliza Ann Beck Bridges. The family later lived at the Lewis Sugg place, then across the river before coming to the Kildee section southwest of Ramseur.

She only remembers attending the Trogdon School in the Erect-Bennett area. She said it was a one-room school with a big fireplace in the front of the room and that "you almost froze when you got in the back of the room."

Mrs. Branson was married to her husband, James L. Branson, in 1907 and he died 20 years later after the births of their seven children.

A daughter, Mrs. Mary Langley, Liberty, died last year the day before her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her living children are Mrs. Lula Hutchens and Joe Branson, Rt. 1, Bennett, Cecil Branson, Rt. 1, Cameron, Mrs. Dora Williams, Staley, Mrs. Daisy Smith, Rt. 3 Liberty, and her youngest child, Mrs. Edith Hutchins, with whom she lives.

Mrs. Branson has been a member of the Rehobeth United Methodist Church since 1907. She first joined the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church at the age of 11.

Asked what she does with her time, she said "I piece quilts, I can't set and hold my hands."

Her mind is clear, even though she told a reporter at the outset, "I am a poor hand telling about my past times."

Speaking of her birthday, she said "I wished to live until my birthday, then I'd be going on 90."

She receives loving care from her daughter and son-in-law with whom she has lived for so long. The couple, who have no children, are proud of Mrs. Branson and her son-in-law has vowed to look after her for as long as she lives.

### **On Their 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, They Recall Long Courtship**

Feb. 22, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Branson Loflin, a Rt. 1, Trinity couple who were reared a half of a mile or so from each other, quietly observed their 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday, Feb. 17.

Loflin, 87, said of his wife, the former Bertha Ella Hughes, 85, "I have known her all of her life and mine too."

The couple attended the Pierce School, which was located near their homes, but this bridegroom of long ago said "I

never thought nothing about courting when I went to school."

About four years before their marriage, he said "I took a notion one Sunday afternoon and went down there to ask her for a date and she accepted."

Actually, he wrote it down on a note and handed it to her. She read the note, wrote on it "yes" and the courtship was on. Loflin admitted he was a "little bashful and didn't have the face they do now."

Their marriage occurred on Feb. 17, 1907, at the home of Marcus Wood, the officiating Justice of the Peace, about four miles away. It was on a Sunday morning and they rode in a buggy, drawn by an Iron Grey horse, which had been used some in their courting days.

Eight children were born to their union, all of whom are still living. They are Mrs. Allen (Clara) Prevost and Mrs. Troy (Edith) Gallimore, Rt. 1, Trinity; Mrs. Leslie (Velna) Underwood and Mrs. Charlie (Mabel) Myers, Rt. 3, Thomasville; Worth Loflin, Wayne Loflin, and Dolan Loflin, Trinity; and Mrs. Ralph (Jewel) Miller, Rt. 2, Randleman.

Gurney Loflin has been a farmer and a carpenter, beginning the latter trade at the age of 14.

Shortly after his marriage he helped to build the Sherriff John F. Hughes house in the community in which he lives, at that time "counted the best wood house in Randolph County."

The house was built in 1918-19, consisted of eight rooms and two large halls, and was estimated to cost \$10,000. The Sheriff, who was a lumber dealer, furnished his own material.

Loflin said he worked 235 days on the house and was paid 25 cents an hour for his labor.

He also helped to build the Westfield Baptist Church in 1915. For 15 consecutive years he served as superintendent of the Sunday School at Westfield and was also chairman of the deacon board. He recalled that the church got its name from being located on the west side of a pine field.

Loflin has a sister, Mrs. Roanna Crotts, 91, still living and two brothers, Everett and Cephas, both younger than he is. They are the children of the late Sidney Loflin and Lunda Heller Loflin.

Mrs. Loflin, daughter of the late Winburn Hughes and Sarah Hall Hughes, is the last member of her immediate family living. Her father gave the land for the location of the Westfield church.

The Loflins are one of the best known families to the area in which they live. Their second sons, Wayne, serves as Postmaster at Trinity while their oldest son, Worth, formerly served as a Randolph County Commissioner.

### **Country Store Now Houses Church**

Feb. 23, 1973 – The Country Store building on Rt. 1, Climax, formerly operated by James Lineberry, now houses the Grace Baptist Church, a new religious group which came into existence last Oct.

Serving as pastor for the new congregation is Rev. George H. Branning, a veteran of the Marine Corps and a native of Indianapolis, Ind.

The church is located on Highway 49A, two miles from Grays Chapel, in the building which was operated as a rural grocery store and filling station for many years.

First services were held in the home of Rabon Thomas, Rt. 1, Liberty, and then for about two months in a building



on North Fayetteville St. in Asheboro, now owned by Walter Roberts.

The congregation moved into its present building the last Sunday in Dec. The living quarters of the former store operator have been remodeled into Sunday School rooms, the main store part is being used for an auditorium. If the group exercises its option to buy the property, the two-bay garage attached to the building will also be remodeled.

Rev. Mr. Branning served as pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church in Randleman for five years, leaving that church in 1969. Before beginning his new ministry, he was active in the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, teaching a Sunday School class there and serving in the bus ministry.

He joined the Marine Corps after finishing high school in his native state. He was stationed at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina and before being discharged was married to the former Carrie Stanford, of Beulaville in Duplin County.

After leaving the Marine Corps, he attended the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. and later did some home mission work for the Free Will Baptist denomination in Greensboro. It was at this point that his ministry began. His conversion had occurred in Washington, D.C. in 1949 while serving on temporary duty there with the Marines.

The family resides at 1107 Draper St. in the northeastern section of Asheboro, near Central Falls, and the Rev. Mr. Branning is the operator of the Tip Top Thrift Store on North Fayetteville St.

On last Sunday attendance at the new church was 51 and the offering was \$96.79. A formal organization of the church will take place at a later date. Herbert Hayes is the superintendent of the Sunday School and Frank Hanna is the song leader.

## **Randleman Girl Scouts Nearer Now To Europe**

Feb. 26, 1973 – Only \$1,800 more to go and members of Senior Girl Scout Troop No. 18 in Randleman will be assured of a trip to Europe in June.

Since Sept. 1971, the 14 troop members have worked unceasingly towards securing the \$12,750 which they need for their trip.

They have held cookouts at the Shell station in uptown Randleman, their mothers sponsored a ham and turkey supper, and they have received funds from three barbecue suppers and a country-style supper.

Twice they have decorated wreaths at Christmas and received a sizeable amount for their labors. For nearly a year and a half they have expended their efforts towards the goal which awaits them.

Perhaps their biggest project to secure the needed funds will be the pancake supper which they are co-sponsoring with the Randleman Rotary Club at the Randleman Elementary School Cafeteria on Mar. 10, from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m.

At this supper the girl scouts will wait on tables and they'll be selling tickets to the supper beforehand. Adult tickets will sell for \$1.50 and children under 12 for one dollar. Sponsors of the supper say provisions have been made for "all you can eat for the price of the tickets."

Members of the Scout Troop No. 18 are Vicki Gray, troop leader; Bridget Ferguson, treasurer; Angie Byerly, troop scribe; Temi Moffitt, patrol leader; Cathy Cashatt, assistant patrol leader; and Sherry Bishop, Jan Pugh, Janie Wilkins,

Janice York, Sharon Allred, Sharon Shirley, Pam Farlow, Camellia Harris, Beverly Farlow, and Carol Davis.

The troop will be away for about six weeks and if they go by boat they will leave June 14. If they go by air, they will leave June 16.

In addition to being accompanied by Vicki Gray, their registered adult leader, they will also be accompanied by Mrs. Joyce Dwiggins, of Greensboro, who will be the troop consultant and a second adult leader to chaperone the girls.

They will first spend about eight days at Our Chalet International Girl Scout House in the Swiss Alps, joining about 150 girl scouts from various countries at the international scout center in Switzerland. They will be the only American troop there at the time of their stay.

After they leave Switzerland they plan to visit Paris, Rome, Venice, Amsterdam, Germany, and London, and perhaps other points of interest.

Miss Gray, as a member of former Girl Scout Troop No. 18, toured Europe in the summer of 1969 along with their leader, Mrs. Sandra Long, and members of the troop as it was then constituted. Mrs. Dwiggins also accompanied the girl scouts on this trip.

Members of Troop No. 18, which is sponsored by First Methodist Church in Randleman, have participated in various community services and other aspects of scouting besides raising money for their coveted trip to Europe.

The Randleman girl scouts say they will try to represent the average American teenager traveling abroad, and looking at their open countenances and fresh appearances they will undoubtedly do just that.

## **Party Held For Mrs. Cox**

Mar. 5, 1973 – Mrs. Sarah Adell (Sallie) Cox, Rt. 3, Randleman, was honored on her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, Mar. 4.

Alert and physically active, four of her children and other relatives held a birthday party for Mrs. Cox in the fellowship area of the United Church of Christ in Randleman.

Mrs. Cox was born near Level Cross, the daughter of George and Velna Daniels Berry. She was reared in the vicinity of the Providence Friends Meeting where she attended the Wayside School. She was married to Cleston Cox, who died 11 years ago.

One of her sons, Bill Cox, died last Aug. Her living children are Robert Lee Cox, Mrs. Fred (Louise) Lowdermilk, Jr., and Mrs. Warren (Mae) May, Greensboro, Kenneth Cox, Rt. 2, Sophia, and Charles W. Cox, Asheboro. She has 17 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

"I am amazed at myself," said Mrs. Cox as she discussed the excellent physical condition which she maintains despite her advanced age.

"I do my own work," she said. "I go to the store to buy my groceries" and asked about cultivating a garden, she said "I have already got it plowed."

She worked on a farm before and after her marriage. She remembers cutting wood, hauling hay and doing other jobs of a strenuous nature. She contends that she "worked like a man on the farm."

Several years ago she moved to Randleman and went to work in the cotton mill which was operated by Cone Mills in the Naomi section. She was still working when the mill suspended operations when she was 67.

After a short while a new management took over the mill and she asked for her old position back. But she was told that company policy did not permit her being hired at her age. Mrs. Cox disagreed with this interpretation, saying "I could have worked as good as any of them."

She feels that the hard work she has done throughout her lifetime has not hurt her but instead is one of the things which keeps her going now that she has reached the age of 85.

Peace and tranquility seemed to pervade the life of Mrs. Cox as she basked in the love and fellowship of her family at the observance of her birthday. She received several gifts and enjoyed the occasion immensely.

### **Lanier Couple Honored On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mar. 6, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Lanier, Rt. 2, Denton, who live in the last house before you cross the county line, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Mar. 4.

Their children honored them at a reception in the fellowship rooms at the Canaan United Methodist Church, situated next to their home, just across the line in Davidson County.

The couple were married Mar. 3, 1923 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, who was then pastor of the Davidson Charge.

Frank Lanier, son of Elkanah Lanier and Emma Louetta Stout Lanier, was born and reared in the Handy community in Davidson County. He attended the Lanier Schoolhouse and the family lived in the vicinity of the Lineberry Methodist Church, their burial grounds.

Mrs. Lanier, the former Martha Elma Russell, was born and reared in the westernmost section of Randolph County, the eldest child of J.R. (Bud) Russell and Effie Russell. The family's post office was Penson and they lived between the New Hope community and the Chapel Methodist Church. She attended school at Bell's Grove.

The acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier, who lived about 8 miles apart, began when he was sawmilling on her father's place. He said the first time he saw her she was chopping wood and clearing new ground. Their courting started at a neighborhood party which was held at her uncle's home.

During their year or more of courtship he drove the distance between their homes with horse and buggy but sometimes walked the 8 miles along the dark and narrow road.

His sister, Jean, his cousin, Bertie Lanier, and Henry Lax went with Mr. and Mrs. Lanier to get married and they rode in the 1917 Model T Ford which belonged to Henry Lax's father. Only Jean, now Mrs. Ross Cook, is living among the witnesses at the ceremony.

Mrs. Lanier recalls that she worked clearing off some creek banks on her father's farm the day before her marriage. She had started the job earlier and wanted to finish it before she left home.

"No man has worked as hard as I did," said this hard working woman who also recalled working at her father's sawmill, dragging out crossties and "skinning crossties with a drawing knife," a job which she disliked.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier have lived at various places since their marriage, mostly along the Randolph-Davidson line. They have lived at their present home since 1955.

### **Randolph Native Living In Florida**

Mar. 6, 1973 – Alfred Lyndon (Bud) Bulla, a Randolph County native, and his family are leading busy lives in Plantation, Fla., a suburban town of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. where they formerly lived.

Known to his friends and business associates in Florida as Al Bulla, he is employed as the sales manager of Stress Con International in Miami, Fla., manufacturers of precast concrete products.

He is in attendance this week at the national associational meeting of precast concrete manufacturers in Denver, Colo. where he is assuming a position on the board of directors.

Just recently he was interviewed by the Ft. Lauderdale News and Sun Sentinel concerning the installation of precast concrete slabs in the construction of a five-story, 153-bed hospital in Ft. Lauderdale, for which building he sold the materials.

His family consists of wife, Rose, and four children, Alfred Lyndon (Lyn), Jr., and three daughters, Geri, Kada, and Lisa.

His son, Lyn, a senior at Plantation High School has been accepted for enrollment next fall at the North Carolina State University in Raleigh. His oldest daughter, Geri, is a freshman at Plantation High School while the other two daughters are students in the primary and middle schools in the town.

All of the children participate in the sports activity of the area in which they live, except for Lisa who is a second grade student. Lyn, formerly active in Little League activities, is now a member of the baseball team at his school and was on the basketball team. The two older daughters have played consistently on the softball teams in their respective categories.

Al Bulla, known to Asheboro relatives and former friends as Bud Bulla, formerly coached a Little League football team in the Ft. Lauderdale community and has cooperated in various league activities in which his children have been a part. He will be remembered as having played football at Asheboro High School in the late forties.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy at the time of his graduation from Asheboro High School and after his tenure of service moved to Florida, where he has spent the past 17 years. His wife is a native of New Haven, Conn.

Ralph Bulla visited in the home of his brother and family last week. While away he toured a portion of Disney World, visited in the state capitol at Atlanta, Ga., stopped by the Hophzibah Children's Home in Macon, Ga., and visited with former Asheboro residents, the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Parker at the Wesleyan College in Central, S.C.

### **222 Turn Out For Walk**

Mar. 20, 1973 – Despite the coldness of the day and the strong wind which whipped along the roads on which they walked, 222 people, mostly children and young people, took part in the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon Sat., Mar. 17, in the Archdale-Trinity area.

Many of them, 131, walked the full distance of the 20-mile route which had been marked off for them by the sponsors, Miss Judy English and Mrs. Glenda Whitley, Archdale March of Dimes chairmen.

National Guardsmen of the 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 113<sup>th</sup> Artillery, under the direction of their commanding officer, Lt. Forrest Grimes, patrolled the route and stationed themselves at

various points to assist the walkers and convey those who did not walk the entire route back to the starting point.

Members of the Archdale-Trinity Jaycee Club manned the checking stations along the route, processed the applications at the beginning and compiled the mileage at the end.

It was a cooperative effort of the community throughout. The churches provided sandwiches for the walkers, the business places donated prizes, the Sheriff's Department provided a protective force, Albertson Auction Co. led the way with loud speaker and car, and various other phases of the community life helped with the Walk-A-Thon. The Pepsi Cola Co. in Asheboro furnished the drinks.

Archdale Mayor Henry York, Rev. Earl Black, pastor of Archdale United Methodist Church, and Clendon Richardson, afflicted with polio and prominent in March of Dimes circles, were present to give the walkers a send-off as they left in the bleak coldness early Saturday morning.

Also present to assist with the entire arrangement was Jack E. McGee, Central District Representative of the National Foundation March of Dimes.

Steve Hurley, a Trinity High School senior, and Jack Coltrane, a last year's graduate, were the first to complete the 20-mile walk, coming in together after three and a half hours.

Coming in behind them, after also walking the entire route, were Charles Lawrence, Randy Lanier, Gene Hutchens, Kevin Albertson, Ricky Spencer, Maxie Gaffney, Lee Barnes, Wayne Hill, and Bobby Hicks, listed in the order which they arrived back to the starting point.

Brenda Skeen, Rachel and Mary Ann Rutherford were the first girls to finish the 20-mile route.

One of the youngest walkers was 7-year-old Gene Hurley, 1<sup>st</sup> grade student at Archdale Elementary School, who walked the entire route. Asked how he felt at the completion of the walk, Gene said "pretty tired."

This young walker is a brother of Steve Hurley, one of the Walk-A-Thon leaders. Another brother, Mark Hurley, also walked the 20 miles and was the 17<sup>th</sup> person to arrive back at the starting point.

Buddy Hall and daughter, Pam, 11, comprised a father-daughter duo to walk the 20 miles. Pam was in her stocking feet when they got back to the finish line.

Norman Huffman, president of Crestline Upholstery, was told by friends a few days before the Walk-A-thon they didn't believe he could walk 20 miles. Nevertheless, they sponsored him and Jack Wall, an employee of the company, to the extent of \$1,005 to see if he could.

The two men proved that they could walk the distance, even though they were not among the early arrivals back to the starting place.

Each walker was sponsored by individuals who agreed to pay a certain amount for each mile walked. Walkers will collect the amounts through the certifications which were provided to them when they finished their walk and return to the March of Dimes chairmen in Archdale.

Each participant in the Walk-A-Thon was present with a certificate signifying membership in the March of Dimes Order of the Battered Boot.

This was the first Walk-A-Thon to be held for the March of Dimes in Randolph County. Credit is due Miss English and Mrs. Whitley, the sponsors, who worked to make it a success.

## **Carl B. Spencers Honored At Reception By Children**

Mar. 21, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Carl B. Spencer, 1303 Uwharrie St., were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Mar. 18, at a reception which was held in the fellowship rooms at the Back Creek Friends Meeting House.

Hosts were their two sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Spencer, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. H. Maxton Spencer, both of Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are Randolph County natives but Carl Spencer traveled extensively in the years before his marriage.

Son of the late Gurney Spencer and Nora Bulla Spencer, he was born in the vicinity of Farmer, at the old Alson Kearns homeplace. His parents later moved nearer Asheboro. He first attended the Belvidere School, then Locust Grove, located in the vicinity known as "Gaerren Town."

When he was about 20 years of age, he spent some time in Kansas and went from there to Des Moines, Iowa. He returned home for a year but went back to the latter place where he was living at the time he joined the Navy during World War I. His duty was aboard a destroyer and he spent 18 months overseas.

Mrs. Spencer is the former Lola Elizabeth Allred, daughter of the late Henry Allred and Crissie Voncannon Allred. She was reared at the Allred homeplace on old Highway 49 between Asheboro and Farmer, where her brother, the late Baxter Allred, lived before his death.

She attended the Davis Mountain School and high school at Farmer. While going to school at Farmer she and her brother boarded there during the week, their father taking them back and forth with mule and buggy during the weekends.

Mrs. Spencer was working at the Asheboro Coffin and Casket Co. in Asheboro at the time of her marriage. By that time she had saved \$300. During her childhood and younger womanhood she recalled doing such physical jobs in her father's farm as "binding wheat" and "peeling crossties."

Carl Spencer, who had hauled logs and done other jobs at a sawmill since early boyhood, was working with timber in Guilford County at the time of his marriage. Before that he had acquired a new 1922 Model T Ford Roadster for \$500, one which he had to crank. This car and a new suit of clothes were his possessions when he got married.

They traveled in the Model T Roadster on their wedding day, Mar. 21, 1923, to the home of the officiating minister, Rev. John S. Tillman. It was on a Wednesday evening and after their marriage they had supper and spent the night with his parents.

The next morning the new bridegroom got up and reported for work at 7 o'clock at the sawmill at which he was employed. They lived for several years in the vicinities in which they were reared but came to Asheboro, across the street from where they are living now, in 1942.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Spencer have worked at various industrial plants and business places in Asheboro since moving to town. Although retired now, they are still active. Carl Spencer is 79 years of age, his wife is 76. They have the same birthdates.

They have four grandchildren. Tragedy entered their lives in 1963 when a grandson, Rayvon Spencer, age 6, was killed in an accident.

Friends and relatives greeted them from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Back Creek Friends Meeting House on the afternoon of their anniversary observance. They have been members of this Meeting for many years.

### **Fall Creek Baptist Conducts Note-Burning Service**

Mar. 23, 1973 – Exactly three years from the Sunday of groundbreaking, the congregation of Fall Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Bennett held a note-burning service Sunday, Mar. 18, declaring themselves free from indebtedness.

A note for \$35,000 was signed by church trustees, Roland Brady, Talmadge Smith and Gordon Jones. At the beginning of construction for the new sanctuary there was \$45,000 in the building fund. Total cost of the building was \$98,429.

Rev. Amos Garner, who came to the pastorate of the Fall Creek church 13 years ago last Jan., said the note burning represented "a very special day for us here at Fall Creek." He attributed the success of the project to "cooperation, a good spirit, faith, and the people working together."

In actuality the note-burning commemorated the completion of a \$100,000 project, including the construction of paved walks and the air conditioning of the educational building. This building was also erected since Rev. Mr. Garner came to the church and was completed about five years prior to the erection of the sanctuary.

The new modified Colonial structure stands high on a hillside in southwestern Chatham County, one mile from Moore County and three miles from the Randolph County line. It is the third building on the present site for the church which was organized in 1799.

The first services were held in a log structure at "Meeting House Spring" located a quarter of a mile from the present church site.

A small frame structure was built in 1858 when the church was moved. This was replaced in 1917 by a larger frame building which was torn down to make way for the new structure which was built three years ago.

The new brick building consists of auditorium, nursery, two rest rooms, baptistery, and two dressing rooms which are also used as Sunday School classrooms. The building connects with the educational building which was erected previously.

The sanctuary or auditorium has a plastered interior, painted off-white, and features both an arched ceiling and exposed beams. The side aisles are flanked by a row of columns, the pews have white sides and red upholstered seats, matching the red carpet which covers the entire floor area.

The Rev. Mr. Garner gave God the glory for the erection of the beautiful new building and the clearing of the indebtedness in "three short years." His subject for the morning sermon was "Our Love for Jesus."

Charlie Hill, building fund treasurer, whose grandfather served on the building committee for the 1917 structure, held the paper for the note-burning ceremony which came at the conclusion of the morning service.

The trustees applied the matches while the congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him." Also standing by were

members of the board of deacons and the building committee.

Deacons are Gordon Jones, Wilton Elkins, Clina Brady, Francis Brewer, and Warren Phillips. Building committee members were Francis Brewer, Clarence Phillips, Hunter Brewer, George Estridge, Gordon Jones, and Ross Hill.

Continuing the spirit of fellowship and close cooperation which has characterized the building first of the educational structure and then the beautiful new sanctuary, the congregation went to the fellowship hall after the note-burning ceremony for a buffet meal.

### **Double Birthday Celebration Held**

Mar. 23, 1973 – A double birthday celebration Sunday, Mar. 18, honored Mr. and Mrs. C.H. (Charlie) Strickland, of Rt. 5, Asheboro.

Charlie, as he is known to all of his friends, was 75 years old on Mar. 19, and his wife, Rachel Robbins Strickland, was 73 years old on Mar. 15.

Joining them in the double celebration were their six living children, grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

Their children are Mrs. Keith (Evelyn) Campbell, Mt. Airy, Mrs. Roy (Betty) Wall, Mrs. Ricky (Carolyn) Nelson, Leon Strickland and Junior Strickland, Asheboro, and Lacy Strickland, Gastonia.

Four of their children are deceased. Their immediate family also includes 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Charlie Strickland was born in Montgomery County but came with his parents, Ashley Strickland and Betty Russell Strickland, to the area between Ulah and the West Bend area when he was 8. He attended the West Bend School.

Mrs. Strickland is a native of the West Bend community, the daughter of William (Bud) Robbins and Betty Robbins. She too attended the West Bend School.

The couple, married for 53 years, spent most of that time in the West Bend section. Their children are buried in the cemetery there at the West Bend United Methodist Church. Once they lived for a brief period on the Cox Road.

While living in West Bend, Charlie operated one of the two stores in that vicinity. He still operates a store next to his home on the Mack Road, in which community the family has lived for 23 years.

"I ain't old enough to retire," he said upon being asked about his plans. "I think I'll live longer," he said, and then gave another reason, "I enjoy talking to people."

He also said "I believe I've got a lot of friends." Coincidentally, a man who has known Charlie for all of his life, without knowing about this statement, also said "Charlie has got a lot of friends."

He is a man of many talents, he said himself he had done "a little of everything." He has operated a store for a greater part of his adult life, he has been a farmer, a truck farmer, he has been a carpenter, and he has operated a car lot and auction sale.

Mrs. Strickland, who is more on the quiet side, should be given her share of the credit, especially in the growing of the garden products. It is said that Charlie and his wife always had vegetables before anybody else.

Charlie Strickland has one sister, Mrs. Lona Hurley, Rt. 2, Troy. Mrs. Hurley, about 80, was unable to attend the birthday celebration. But a niece, Mrs. Esther Shaw, Ramseur, daughter of a deceased brother, was among those in attendance.

Mrs. Campbell, the daughter of the Stricklands, is married to a police lieutenant in Mt. Airy.

### **Gillilands Married Twenty-Five Years**

Mar. 27, 1973 – In 1951 Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gilliland came from the mountainous section of North Carolina to make their home in Randolph County.

They had first come in 1949 but didn't stay, coming back two years later to make their permanent home here. They reside on Rt. 5, Asheboro.

On Sunday, Mar. 25, their three children honored them at a surprise wedding anniversary event, in commemoration of the 37<sup>th</sup> year of their marriage.

Mrs. Gilliland went to church as usual Sunday morning, at the Russell's Grove Baptist Church where she is a member. James R. Gilliland, son of the couple, took his father for a ride before going by the church to pick up his mother.

When all three of them arrived back at the Gilliland home, the two daughters of the couple, Mrs. Benny W. (Trula) Rush, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. James Bernard (Ruby) Davis, Rt. 4, Asheboro, were at the home and had the anniversary cake on display.

The two daughters and their brother had collaborated to surprise their parents and needless to say, there were a few tears before the invited guests began to arrive at 2 o'clock.

Bob Gilliland was born in Cosby, Tenn., but moved with his parents to the western part of North Carolina at an early age. He was living in Upward, a small community near Hendersonville at the time of his marriage.

This was the same community in which Mrs. Gilliland, the former Zelfhia Eloise Cox, was born and reared. Their marriage occurred on Mar. 21, 1936, shortly after he moved to that particular community.

Mrs. Gilliland was only 14 years old at the time of the marriage, her husband was 21, but she said "If I had it to do over again, I'd go ahead. I couldn't be more happy."

Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland lived in Henderson and Buncombe Counties and all of their children were born in these counties before they came to Randolph. Two children, Jerry Robert, died in the early years of their lives.

Since early boyhood Bob Gilliland has been a basket maker. Nearly two years ago he was the subject of a feature article in this newspaper, written by Henry King, pertaining to his skill at this occupation. Mrs. Gilliland also began making baskets at the time of her marriage and for many years the couple made their living at this trade. Due to ill health, Gilliland is now mostly retired.

Mrs. Gilliland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Cox, who now live on Rt. 6, Asheboro, preceded the Gillilands to Randolph County in 1941. They were present for the anniversary reception last Sunday, along with one of her brothers, Walter R. Cox, and his wife.

Mrs. B.S. Gilliland, of Asheville, a sister-in-law of Bob Gilliland, was an out-of-town guest at the reception.

Also present were the Rev. Willard Singletary, pastor of Mrs. Gilliland, and Mrs. Singletary.

"I haven't asked for much in life. I just want to be happy," said Mrs. Gilliland in a simple, philosophical view of her life. Referring to their marriage, she said "I hope God will give us many more years."

### **Hancock Couple Honored on Fiftieth Anniversary**

Mar. 29, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Thomas Hancock, Randolph County natives who grew up within a mile and a half of each other, were honored Sunday, Mar. 25, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their foster daughter, Mrs. Randleman Ferree, entertained at an open house for them at her home at 446 E. Pritchard St. Around 100 friends and relatives called between 2 and 5 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock live on Rt. 3, Asheboro.

The couple were married Feb. 25, 1923 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Reuben Brown.

Hugh Hancock was reared in the area between Why Not and Yow's Mill, at the old Lendo Yow place. He was the youngest and last surviving child of Tommy Hancock and Nancy Jane Chriscoe Hancock. He attended the Old Cross Roads School and the school at New Center.

Mrs. Hancock, the former Euna Dale Davis, was reared in the same community, except she lived nearer the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church where the families of both of them attended.

Her parents were Malcom (Sug) Davis and Mary Emma Spencer Davis. She too attended the Old Cross Roads School, at the same time as the one whom she was later to marry. However, their courtship did not begin until he had returned from Army service during World War I.

They were accompanied to their marriage site by her half-sister, Victoria Davis, and Garland Brower, who were married themselves the following year. The two couples rode in a Model T Ford.

During their courtship he walked to her home or rode in a buggy. He worked in High Point before their marriage, coming home by train to Seagrove on weekends, then walking four miles his home before going on to the home of the girl he was to marry.

Seven years after their marriage they took into their home Mrs. Ferree, the former Pearl Spencer, upon the death of her mother. Mrs. Ferree lived with Mr. and Mrs. Hancock until her marriage.

Although their marriage has been childless, many other children besides the one they raised have felt the love and devotion of this couple. Their interest in children who needed their care and attention has been an outstanding characteristic of their lives.

They are members of Richland Baptist Church where Hancock has served as deacon, Sunday School superintendent, and trustee. He has had an almost continuous attendance at Sunday School over the past 25 years.

Hugh Hancock has led a varied life, as far as his employment has been concerned. Reared on a farm, he engaged in sawmilling early in life. He said "I worked on a log wagon and went between the handles of a plow at the age of 12."

Since his marriage he has farmed, worked in furniture factories, operated a store and worked at the R.E.A. Although now 75 years of age, he still works at the Social Services Department as a distributor of food commodities. Mrs. Hancock is 74 years of age.

Among those in attendance at the open house were Mr. Johnny Allen and Mrs. Colon Presnell, Seagrove, and Mrs. Landon Dula, Asheboro, nieces of Hugh Hancock, and Mrs.

Wesley Hayes, Malcom and Clyde Davis, of Rt. 1, Seagrove, half-sister and half brothers of Mrs. Hancock.

## Youth Day Observed At Seagrove Area Church

April 10, 1973 – Clyde Comer, Jr. occupied the pulpit in "Youth Day" observance at Dover Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Sunday morning, April 8.

Comer, 27, spoke on the subject "Listen to, Hear and Do the Will of the Lord." He is a native of the community and grew up in the church. He is assistant choir director at the church and former deacon.

Son of Mrs. Linnie Dunlap Comer and the late Clyde Comer, his paternal grandfather was the late Rev. C.V. (Charlie) Comer, a well-known Baptist preacher and singing school teacher of the area.

Clyde Comer, Jr. is operator of the Plantation Circle Barber Shop in the Steeds community. He also farms, raises cattle and hogs, at the old Henry Williamson place which he now owns and where he and his wife, the former Cheryl Auman, reside. His wife until recently was a nursing supervisor at Montgomery County Hospital at Troy.

He is a 1961 graduate of Westmore High School and attended the Durham Institute of Barbering. After serving his apprenticeship he served with the Army in Vietnam before pursuing his trade.

Van Comer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Comer, served as superintendent of the Sunday School at Dover on the observance of youth day. Youth choir director was Miss Beverly Nall.

Young people assuming the positions of teachers in the Sunday School for the day were Ray Callicutt, Joyce Chriscoe, Gary McNeill, Joyce McNeill, Roy Alcorn, Farrell Davis, Sharon Garner, Linda Freeman, Floyd Kennedy, Jr., Joanna Dunlap, Joyce Ann Moore, Connie Cheek, Ann Cable, Beverly Brewer, and Marie Greene.

Ushers serving for the observance were Darius Green, Gary Cheek, Darrell Dunn, and Eric Dunn.

The Young Inspirations, a popular singing group at the church, composed also of young people, rendered special music under the direction of Mrs. Sandra Davis. A special number was "I saw the Light," a spiritual with Ray Callicutt singing the solo part.

## North Asheboro Couple Celebrate Anniversary

April 17, 1973 – J.C. (John) Pearce, 84 attended church as usual on Sunday morning, April 15, a custom which he has maintained throughout most of his lifetime.

He sat there in the pew which he usually occupies, even though in the afternoon he and Mrs. Pearce would celebrate the sixtieth year of their marriage. It was the Sunday for the new preacher to preach his first sermon but John Pearce would have been there anyway.

Mrs. Pearce is the former Annie Bulla.

The couple were married April 10, 1913, at the home of Magistrate Jimmy Neighbors, in the community in which Mrs. Pearce resided at the time of her marriage. They came next day to their present home at 113 Old Liberty Rd. where they have lived since, except for two brief intervals.

Among the people in attendance at the anniversary celebration was Mrs. Charlie Harrelson, a first cousin of Mrs. Pearce who was present for the marriage 60 years

ago. Mrs. Harrelson, 80, the former Florence Millikan, recalled that she cut across Jimmy Neighbors' meadow to get to the wedding on time.

John Pearce is perhaps one of the most consistent Baptist laymen in Randolph County, if not the most consistent. He was converted and joined the Ramseur Baptist Church at the age of 12. At the age of 27 he was elected and ordained a deacon in the Ramseur church. His continuous service as a deacon in the Baptist church lasted more than 50 years, broken only by a rotation plan which was installed in the church.

Mrs. Pearce's areas of activities have been found in the church, the PTA and, in later years, in home demonstration clubs. At the present time she is a member of the Balfour Homemakers Club. Despite her ailments she made the floor length light blue polyester dress, with a silver trim, which she wore for her sixtieth wedding anniversary. Her corsage was pink carnations.

John Pearce started to work in the cotton mill at Ramseur at the age of 11. This was after his mother, Lucy Ann Teague Pearce, had brought her son and two daughters from their home near Erect following the death of the husband and father, Calvin Windsor Pearce. The move was made so that the family could support themselves by working the mill.

His employment thereafter, before his retirement many years ago, included work in the company store, teaching school, the operation of stores, and employment in the Acme Hosiery Mill for over 25 years.

Mrs. Pearce was born and reared in Back Creek Township and was living at Spero at the time of her marriage. Her parents were Frank L. Bulla and Frances (Fanny) Millikan Bulla.

Four of the couple's five daughters, Mrs. R. E. Heath, Jr. and Mrs. Jimmy Parrish, of Greensboro, and Mrs. Clifford Moody and Mrs. James Burkhart, of the same community as their parents, were on hand for the anniversary celebration.

Their youngest daughter, Mrs. Steve Davenport, serves with her husband as Baptist missionaries in Argentina and was not in attendance. However, Mrs. Davenport was represented by her daughter Miss Cathy Davenport, who is a student at Mars Hill College.

Last year Mrs. Pearce, known to many of her friends as "Miss Annie," paid her daughter in Argentina an extended visit. She was accompanied by her granddaughter, Cathy.

## Mrs. Lyndon is Feted at Surprise Dinner

April 17, 1973 – Mrs. Effie Johnson Lyndon, a native and former resident of New Hope Township, was honored Sunday, April 15, on the occasion of her 80th birthday.

Mrs. Lyndon came to Asheboro four years ago upon the death of her husband, Ottis Lyndon, to reside with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John A. (Hope) Sanders, 309 Legend Drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanders were the hosts for the surprise birthday dinner which was held at the VFW Hut on Albemarle Rd.

Special guests on the occasion were Mrs. Lyndon's sister, Mrs. Paul (Nancy) Davis, Thomasville, and her two brothers, Niven Johnson, also of Thomasville, and John Johnson, of Rt. 3, Denton.

Mrs. Lyndon, her sister and two brothers are the only survivors of the family of the late Harmon Johnson and

Nancy Louella Martin Johnson, who reared their family in the vicinity of Liberty Methodist Church, near the county line on Rt. 3, Denton.

One sister, May, died at the age of 2. The other deceased members of the family are Rufus, Jonah, and Jasper Johnson and Grace Johnson Shaw.

Members of this family attended the schools at New Hope and at Gravel Hill. They attended services at both the Liberty and New Hope churches.

Present for the birthday dinner was a granddaughter of Mrs. Lyndon, Mrs. Ann Steward of Asheboro. Another granddaughter, Mrs. Gail S. Misner, and three great-grandchildren, Allan Jerome, Jason Scott, and Cheryl Ann Misner, of The Presidio of San Francisco, Calif., were unable to be present.

Others in attendance, not already mentioned, were Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Johnson and daughter, Fonda, and Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Johnson, Rt. 3, Denton, Mrs. Lucille Vestal, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Johnson and sons, Keith and Danny, Mrs. Maggie Sanders, Miss Elizabeth Sanders and Jay Mead, Asheboro, Bobby Johnson and mother, Kathleen, Mrs. Niven D. Johnson, and Mrs. Lovie Davis, of Thomasville.

### **York Heads Ramseur Jaycees**

April 30, 1973 – Billy York, a Rt. 2, Ramseur young man, became president of the Ramseur Jaycee Club at an installation and awards banquet Saturday, at the Sir Robert Banquet Room in Asheboro.

An employee of United Telephone Co. in Siler City, he succeeded Harold Waisner as president. Last year he served as state director for the club.

During the presentation of awards the new president received both the Key Man's Award and the Jaycee of the Year Award, the latter award coming to him by a vote of his fellow members.

Other officers installed for the 1973-74 club year were Roger Stout, internal vice president; Mike York, Jr., external vice president; Harold Holmes, state director; Phil Brady, secretary; Garrett Rightsell, treasurer; and Roger Hicks, director.

Installing officer and speaker for the meeting was John Morris, immediate past president of the Siler City Jaycee Club, state vice president-elect, N.C. spark plug of the year, and in 1978 one of five outstanding young men of North Carolina.

He took as the subject of his remarks a line from the Jaycee Creed, "earth's great treasure lies in human personality."

"Our personality is a combination of all things that make us a person," he said, and he referred to "those who make things happen, those who watch things happen, and those who think of things which might happen."

President York praised his predecessor, retiring president Waisner, and said "Harold had the backbone to continue when things got rough, we won't forget what he has done for us."

For himself, he said "I will try to discharge the responsibilities of my office to the credit of those who have placed their confidence in me," asking for the assistance and confidence of the members of the club.

### **FHA Mother-Daughter Banquet At Southwestern**

May 1, 1973 – A fashion show highlighted the mother-daughter banquet of the Future Homemakers of America, Southwestern Randolph Senior High School Chapter last Friday evening.

Three representatives from Tobias, Inc., in Asheboro assisted with the show, Mrs. Ella Layne, fashion coordinator, Mrs. Rhonda Lambeth, current "Miss Tobias" and a fashion model, and Mrs. Maxine Steed.

Mrs. Layne narrated the showing of spring fashions and modeling of the Tobias merchandise was done by Mrs. Lambeth, Mrs. Gene Bumgarner and Mrs. Richard Williamson, mothers of chapter members, and Elaine Farlow, Laresa Smith, Treva King, Rebecca Bittle, and Wanda Cagle, members of the chapter.

The banquet theme was "Spring Into Fashions With FHA."

Treva King, FHA president, extended the welcome with the response coming from her mother, Mrs. Edward King. The invocation was given by Sharon Brower. The meal, served by chapter members, consisted of tossed green salad, roast beef, baked potatoes, green bean casserole, rolls, butter, pineapple cake, tea, and coffee.

Gifts were presented by the chapter to their president, Treva King, and to their advisor, Mrs. Maurilla Ward, home economics teacher at the school. Rena Gale Hoover also presented gifts and recognized the chapter mothers, Mrs. Floyd Caviness, Mrs. Edward King, Mrs. Roger Smith, Mrs. Vance Williams, and Mrs. Richard Williamson.

Miss Patricia Ingold, 1972 chapter president and also FHA'er of that year, was present for remarks and participation in the program. Miss Ingold referred to this banquet as "my fifth and last." She said "I don't miss school but I do miss FHA."

Miss Ingold conferred the state degree on Rebecca Bittle while Pam Yates conferred the chapter degree on various members.

The 1972 president and FHA'er of that year also placed the crown of the head of the 1973 FHA'er of the year, Treva King, who was selected by members of the chapter from the FHA'ers of the month, including also Beverly Bumgarner, Janet Voncannon, Elaine Farlow, Rebecca Bittle, Carol Hoover, and Rena Gale Hoover. Laresa Smith presided over the FHA'er of Year Coronation.

Beverly Bumgarner was installed as new chapter president in a candlelight ceremony presided over by the retiring president. Other officers also installed for the 1973-74 chapter year were Diane Cagle, vice president; Janet Voncannon, secretary; Erma Farlow, treasurer; and Emily Combs, chaplain.

A feature of the banquet was the performance of Van Allen, student comedian, who imitated members of the Southwestern faculty, including G.C. Castelloe, Jr., school principal, who was present as a guest along with his wife.

Special music was presented by Nancy Kindley soloist, and Pat Tesh, pianist.

Serving as ushers were Charles Joyce and Tim Cagle. The closing ceremony was by the new president, Beverly Bumgarner.

### **Hayes Family Holds 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion**

May 4, 1973 – Only one member of the John and Almedia Fesmire Hayes family, Mrs. Cora Gatlin, 80, Rt. 1, Seagrove, was present for the 18<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Hayes clan Sunday, April 29.

The other surviving member of the family, Mrs. Bertie Kiser, also of Rt. 1, Seagrove, was unable to be present. Originally, there were 12 children.

While John Hayes was living (he died in 1940) his family observed his birthday each year by assembling at the old homeplace. For about 15 years after his death the family did not come together in the annual event until the Hayes reunion began.

The family has met annually since that time, still at the old place where John and Almedia Hayes reared ten of their 12 children. Other members of the Hayes family have joined in to comprise an expanded family group.

A twin boy of John and Almedia Hayes died in infancy and a daughter died at the age of 2. Their names were Elvin and Iola.

Besides Cora and Bertie, those growing to maturity before their passing were Estella Caviness, Rachel Needham, Sarah Murray, Lizzie Kiser, and Dora Maness, twin sister of Cora Gatlin who died over 40 years ago, Erastus Hayes, Andrew Hayes (twin brother of Elvin) and Burgess Hayes.

The place where the reunion is held is a beautiful farm site, located off of the main road, resplendent in its natural environment and abounded by green pastures. The place is owned by Mrs. Ossie Hayes, widow of Burgess Hayes, and appreciation was expressed to her for allowing the reunion to meet there each year.

One of the more familiar figures at the reunion this year was the well-known Baptist pastor, Rev. Bennie Maness, son of Dora Hayes Maness. It was the Rev. Mr. Maness who was instrumental in getting the reunion started, resuming the family gatherings which had ceased with the death of John Hayes. Almedia Hayes, wife of John Hayes, died some years before his death.

## **Trogdon Couple Honored On Wedding Anniversary**

May 10, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Northern Trogdon, 946 Lee St., were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, May 6.

Their three children, Joseph Paul Trogdon and Mrs. Henry (Rachel Louise) Lanier, Asheboro, and Ray Lewis Trogdon, Rt. 6, Asheboro, were hosts at open house at the home of their parents from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Lanier and her brother, Ray Lewis, are twins. Mrs. Northern Trogdon also has a twin sister, Mrs. Jesse Oscar Trogdon, whose husband is a brother of Northern Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Trogdon greeted the guests at the anniversary event.

Mr. and Mrs. Northern Trogdon were married May 4, 1925 in the Register of Deeds office at the court house in Asheboro. The late Lee M. Kearns, who was serving as Register of Deeds at that time and who came from the same vicinity as Mrs. Trogdon, secured his minister, Rev. W. H. Willis, to come and perform the ceremony.

Witnesses to the ceremony were Raymond Allred, Frank Chisholm and Miss Iola Lowdermilk. The first two, Allred and Chisholm, came from a barber shop uptown, being invited by Northern Trogdon as he came by on his way to

the court house. Miss Lowdermilk was an employee in the Register of Deeds office.

Northern Trogdon was reared in Cedar Grove Township, the son of Albert Harrison Trogdon and Mary Jane Bean Trogdon. He attended a number of schools, Ridge School, Back Creek, Grey's Cross Roads, and Lebanon Church School.

He recalled that he started at the Ridge School in mid-year, after Russell Ashworth replaced "Num" Thornburg as the teacher. Thornburg got mad and quit after being shut out of the schoolhouse by the students who were trying to get him to promise to "treat" them at Christmas.

Mrs. Trogdon, the former Maisey Lassiter, the daughter of McCager Lassiter and Lida Jane Workman, was reared between Mechanic and Lassiter's Mill. She attended the Fairmount School. It was at this school that she got acquainted with Northern Trogdon when he came there to make pictures.

During their courtship he sometimes walked 12 miles from her home back to his boarding place in Asheboro, where he worked at the Asheboro Chair Co. for two dollars a day or eleven dollars for a five and half day week. But before his marriage he had purchased a Model T-touring car.

The couple were riding in this touring car, one which you had to crank, on their wedding day. They motored to Star following the ceremony to attend the school. Mrs. Trogdon's twin sister, Daisy, attended school at Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon first set up housekeeping in some upstairs rooms at the Stedman Building on Sunset Ave. in Asheboro. They didn't stay there long but Mrs. Trogdon recalls that the nearby city water tank used to overflow during the night and wake them up. They will have lived at their present address for 47 years in July.

Northern Trogdon spent his working years in chair factories and furniture plants but retired in 1956 due to a nearsighted condition of eyes. He seems vigorous and in good shape otherwise. Mrs. Trogdon worked at Asheboro Hosiery Mill for 10 years and Hudson-Belk for 11 years. She retired in 1961. They are members of Rock Hill Primitive Baptist Church.

Besides their three children, Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon have five grandchildren, Karen Trogdon, Janie Trogdon, Eddie Trogdon, Debbie Trogdon, and William Lanier.

On Friday evening, May 4, the actual date of their anniversary, the couple were entertained at dinner at the Village Inn by their children and grandchildren.

## **1923 Ramseur Grads Come Home for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May 10, 1973 – The 1923 graduating class at Ramseur High School, the first to graduate from the brick building, held their first reunion Sunday, May 6, at the building from which they graduated.

Some members of the class had not seen each other since their graduation 50 years ago. One member came as far away as Sun City, Ariz. to attend the reunion.

Fourteen class members attended the reunion, including Pauline McAlister Dorsett, Greensboro, who remained with the class through her junior year, then came back to graduate with another group.

Others who came were Leetis Caviness Jones, Siler City, Virginia Dixon Davis, High Point, Lucille Forrester Cox, Asheboro, Britt Green, Raleigh, James M. (Jim) Green, Rt.



1, Ramseur, Gladys Holt Hudson, Greensboro, Oscar King and wife, Lizzie Parks King, Margaret Lane, and Ethelyn Leonard, Ramseur, Paige Leonard Fuquay, Raleigh, Lillie White Nickle, Sun City, Ariz., and Walter York, Lamberton.

Absent members were Mattie Hicks Allred, Franklinville, Arthur Parks, Portsmouth, Va., Marvin Smith, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Vera Steed Culbreth, Roanoke Rapids.

Deceased members are Elma Burgess, High Campbell, Jesse Craven, Ronald Smith, Paul Whitehead, and Ottis Whitehead. The latter drowned in Deep River in the summer of his junior year attempting to rescue another man who had fallen in the river.

Teachers present were Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Harbison, Concord, and Mrs. Janet Bratton Moffitt, Pleasant Garden, Harbison, who served as principal, said of the reunion, "I don't see why we waited so long." Mrs. Harbison said "we always loved Ramseur" and Mrs. Bratton said "you were the nicest class I ever had."

Jim Green, who was in charge of arrangements for the class reunion, and Britt Green are brothers. They rode to school from their farm in the rural area in a Model T Ford. Paul and Ottis Whitehead were also brothers.

Oscar King and Lizzie Parks were the only class members to marry each other. The reunion was enlivened by the exchange of remarks between Oscar and Lizzie who will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary next April.

Mrs. Moffitt, in speaking of the good times the class had, referred to Oscar King and said "if it had not been for him, we would not have had as much fun."

It was an all day meeting for the class, morning and afternoon sessions at the old school building and lunch in the fellowship hall at Concord United Methodist church in Coleridge. In their first session, each member gave a brief review of the past half century. Several of them taught school for various periods but Miss Margaret Lane had continued her teaching career until two years ago.

During their senior year members of the class had presented a plaque to the school honoring the memory of their fellow classmate, Ottis Whitehead, who gave his life trying to rescue another human being. At their reunion they agreed to ask the school authorities to remove a cabinet which has covered the plaque in recent years or place the plaque in a place where it will be seen.

### **Community Baptist Groundbreaking Held**

May 21, 1973 - Community Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, broke ground for a new building Sunday morning, May 6, with the pastor, Rev. David Chriscoe, and members of the building committee participating.

Members of the committee are James Roy McNeill, chairman, Curtis Chriscoe, Paul Spencer, W.F. Luck, Edward Chriscoe, and Farrell Chriscoe.

A building consisting of sanctuary and Sunday School plant with six rooms is planned at an estimated cost of \$50,000. The building will be of brick construction, both inside and out. Wayne Wright will be the contractor and construction will begin immediately.

The new building will be located on a new site, a short distance from the old one, consisting of a three-acre tract of land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Curtis (Carolyn) Chriscoe.

This tract of land is the former site of the old White Oak School which was discontinued when the Brower School at Erect was opened. David Chriscoe, the Community Baptist pastor, attended the White Oak School.

Less than a month before the groundbreaking for the church building a grave was opened on the new site for the remains of Delores Chriscoe, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Chriscoe. Delores had attended the services at Community Baptist Church for practically all of her young life and her parents felt that it would be fitting to bury her on the site where the new structure would be placed. The Community Baptist Church began 17 years ago or so with classes in child evangelism which were conducted by Miss Beatrice Chriscoe, now Mrs. Wayman Cole, who has taught retarded children in Asheboro for many years.

These classes in child evangelism began in the home of Mrs. Mattie Chriscoe. Later, classes for the adults of the community were held in a tabernacle-type building which was erected on land donated by Henry Chriscoe, father of the present land donor Curtis Chriscoe.

Although this building has served its purpose well during the years which services have been held, it is still dilapidated and unsuitable for the church organization which exists at the present time.

David Chriscoe, a native of the community, is beginning his fourth year as the pastor at Community Baptist Church. Formerly he was pastor of the Southside Baptist Church in Biscoe. Before his coming, Rev. Wilbur Eaton served the community church.

Last year funds received by the church amounted to over \$1,000 a month. A total of \$11,000 is on hand to begin the construction. Church officials feel that contributions will increase once the building is started.

### **Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Pearce Get Life Memberships**

May 17, 1973 - Two long-time members of Sophia United Church of Christ, Mrs. Exie Hall and Mrs. Hazel Pearce, were presented with life memberships in the Women's Fellowship of the church Sunday morning, May 13.

The presentations occurred during the annual Mother's Day service which came at the conclusion of Family Week observance at the church.

Mrs. Pearce, 77 years of age, was also honored as the oldest mother in attendance at the service.

Presenting the life memberships to Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Pearce was Mrs. John T. Fox, president of the Church Women of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

Assisting with the presentations and presiding over this phase of the morning service was Mrs. Leonard Staley, president of the Women's Fellowship at the Sophia Church.

Both Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Pearce were presented with certificates denoting their "years of devoted service" and were given Bibles with their names inscribed therein.

Mrs. Hall, a native of the area between Sophia and Cedar Square, has been a member of the Sophia church for 46 years and has attended services there longer than that.

Mrs. Pearce is a native of Oklahoma but was living in New Mexico when she met and married Rom Pearce, a native of the Sophia area, in 1916. She came to the community some years later and has been a member of the Sophia church for approximately 40 years.

Both ladies have served in many capacities within the Women's Fellowship, which was formerly called the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Pearce is somewhat inactive now but still

manifests an interest in what is going on. Just recently she presented a Kennedy Rocker to the nursery.

Mrs. Hall is as active as ever at the age of 62. She was in charge of procuring the two Kennedy Rockers for the nursery and she provided cup cakes for the bake sale which was held on the day before she was honored with the life membership.

"Just because we gave you a life membership we don't want you to quit," the ladies of the fellowship told Mrs. Hall whose activities have extended beyond the church circles into the home demonstration work of the local area and county.

Presentation of the life memberships was a surprise to both Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Pearce, they had no knowledge of what was going on until called to the front of the church. Mrs. Hall is usually able to say something but this time, as someone remarked, "I have never seen Exie's mouth fly open before without her saying something." But the silence did not last for long.

## **Burleigh Walls Honored At Sunday Reception**

May 22, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Burleigh M. Wall, Rt. 2, Trinity, more familiarly known as Lillie and Burleigh, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, May 20.

Fond memories from the past were recalled as old friends and newer ones converged on the New Market Community Building where Burleigh's half brother and sister-in-law, Mrs. and Mrs. Howard Miller, Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Patton, Rt. 2, Trinity, neighbors of the couple, entertained in their honor at a reception from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Their marriage occurred May 17, 1923, at the Asheboro Street Friends Meetinghouse in Greensboro where Lillie had lived since leaving her home at Edgar at the age of 17.

A newspaper account of the wedding 50 years ago described Lillie as being a lovely young woman of much charm and has won many friends among Greensboro people by her unflinching courtesy and interest in her customers at Ellis-Stone and Company, where she has held a position for several years."

Lillie and Burleigh live a short distance from the old house where she was born, the daughter of Cornelius Sidney (Nealie) Spencer and Hattie Tomlinson Spencer. The house, now unoccupied, was the home of Lillie's grandparents, Isaac and Asenath Powell Spencer.

Lillie's father ran the general store at Edgar, located northwest of Sophia on the railroad track, sold crossties, caskets, cordwood, and served as the Postmaster.

It was a busy little community, the train, including the 12 o'clock "vestibule," came by six times a day. The train went up to High Point at 5 a.m. and the last train came through Edgar on the way back to Asheboro at 9 p.m.

Came to receive their mail, to catch the train and engage in business otherwise at the general store.

Lillie attended the old school at Marlboro and once won a beauty prize at a box supper which was held at the school. Now 78 years of age, she still shows characteristics of the appearance which enabled her to excel in the beauty contest so many years ago.

Burleigh is a native of Rockingham County, near Reidsville. His father died when he was 7 and he moved to Greensboro with his mother upon her remarriage in 1902.

He was employed there with Vick Chemical Co at the time of his marriage to Lillie.

According to the newspaper account of their wedding, the couple left afterwards "by auto for a trip to points in South Carolina." They rode in a 1919 Ford Sedan owned by the bridegrooms' stepfather. Their first stop was Asheboro where they spent their wedding night at the Ashlyn Hotel and they had lunch the next day at Jackson Spring, a resort area in Moore County.

Burleigh and Lillie moved to Pennsylvania at the end of 1923, the year of their marriage, where they lived until 1946. They lived at Lillie's old homeplace for a while before moving into the house where now live. Burleigh, who will soon be 76 retired in 1962 from employment at Hedgecock Lumber Co. in High Point.

They are members of Marlboro Friends Meeting, where Lillie became a birthright member at the time of her birth. Burleigh is a former member of the New Market Civitan Club.

Present for the anniversary celebration were two of Lillie's sisters, Mrs. Sam (Florence) Nease, Columbia, S.C., and Miss Therman Spencer, who lived at the old homeplace until building a new house nearby.

## **Persistent Effort Got Them New Building**

May 22, 1973 – Piney Ridge United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, has started another building fund to improve and implement the church structure which was erected a few years ago.

The stakes are not as high as they were when members of the congregation replaced the old building which had been erected in 1892, following a brush arbor beginning by the original members of the congregation.

When replaced the old building was in a shabby, deteriorated condition and hard to heat. In extremely cold weather Sunday School services had to be called off due to the effect healthwise on the large number of small children who attended the services.

Persistent effort on the part of the small black congregation, assisted by their friends and denominational groups, resulted in a modest but adequate building, debt free, to serve the church and the community.

Since the initial construction the church has continued to make progress with their physical plant. New pews, which they could not afford at the completion of the building, were purchased from funds which were given to them by the Randolph County Methodist Area Mission Society.

Later water was piped into the church, bathroom fixtures were installed, a water fountain was purchased, air conditioning units were purchased and installed, and some landscaping was effected.

New outside guttering is needed to protect the outside area and it is planned to use a portion of the present building fund for this purpose. Other improvements hoped for are an interior covering of the ceiling and paneling of the pulpit area.

Members of the building committee, now serving the congregation, are James Brady, chairman, Mrs. Golda Mae Matthews, Mrs. Treva Ledwell and Carlea Staley. Mrs. Verlia Brady is the building fund treasurer.

At a recent building fund rally, at which members of sister congregations at Pleasant Hill and Stout's Chapel participated, a total of \$250 was raised. The total amount now on hand in the building fund is \$822.64. Rev. John A.

Gray serves as pastor of the Empire Charge, of which Piney Ridge is a part.

### **'Get Involved,' Speaker Urges Improvement Group**

May 22, 1973 – Dan Forney, director of public affairs at WGHP-TV, talked bluntly to members of the Oakland-McCrary Improvement Association of Ramseur at their first annual meeting Thursday evening, May 17, at the Oakland Baptist Church educational building.

He asked "are you going to be contented with having annual meetings or are you going to be willing to reach out?" He said "coming together and eating chicken and potato salad ain't worth a hill of beans."

Formerly associated with the office of Economic Opportunity and the Model Cities program, Forney also asked "how many of you know what the county budget is, how many of you know how many nurses the health department has?"

He urged members to attend the city council and county commissioner meetings, write down what was said and done and report back to the people in the community. He said "I could take the group which is present here tonight and assign people to every decision-making body in the county."

He praised the leadership of Asheboro city officials, feels they are sensitive, and said when no more happens it looks like lack of organization among black people of the community. He told his listeners "don't sit back and say the Lord's going to take care of us, you're going to have to do something yourself."

"This county is not like a lot of counties," he said, "you don't have a lot of hate." But he urged the people to organize and go to the meetings. "You are going to have to broaden your scope and your involvement," he said, and he asked about the money from revenue sharing. "I've heard they are going to put it in the bank."

Urging them to learn how the decision making process works, he said the biggest problem in Randolph County was the budget. "Make them spend some of it," he said.

"If you are going to live in a capitalistic society without some capital, you are in trouble," he pointed out as he related how some minority small business men in High Point had recently secured a government grant to finance a shopping center.

He spoke of the need to learn the sophistication of politics, the need to have the right political coalition, the need of the poorer white people and the blacks to work together for decent health facilities and other improvements. He referred to the infant mortality rate and said "see who is dying."

Touching on current situations, he said they are still fighting in High Point to keep liquor out but that every country club and private club has liquor, "everybody's got liquor but us poor folks."

"What is happening in Washington is sickening, even if you are a Dixiecrat, Republican or Democrat," he said, "but they didn't get excited when Dr. Martin Luther King was wiretapped."

Association officers were installed by Sampson Buie, Jr., community relations specialist. They are Melvin Parks, president; Mrs. Jeanette Cheek, vice president; Mrs. Agnes Foushee, recording secretary; Mrs. Hollis Glover, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Essie Isley, treasurer.

The political action committee, Clayton Marley, chairman, Earl B. Glover, Mrs. Patty Harris, Mrs. Hattie M. Gales, and Junior B. Brown, were commended for their efforts in the voter registration drive. Other achievements included mail boxes and rural carrier service for ten additional blacks and home beautification in the community.

### **Ladies Night at Asheboro Masonic Lodge**

May 25, 1973 - Among those attending the annual banquet and ladies night program of Asheboro Masonic Lodge No. 699 Saturday evening, May 19, at the Masonic Temple on Sunset Ave. were the three couples shown above. Left to right are Mr. and Mrs. Alva Skeen, Mr. and Mrs. Billy C. Tarlton, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Herbert. Tarlton is Master of the lodge, Skeen is Senior Warden, and Mrs. Herbert 24, was honored as the youngest mothering attendance. Mrs. C.A. (Pop) Fagg, 73 was the oldest mother in attendance. Both she and Mrs. Herbert were presented with white Bibles. Rev. G. Howard Allred, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, was keynote speaker at the banquet. Other ministers appearing on the program were Dr. F. A. Lunsford, pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church, and Rev. Don Leonard, pastor of the Evangelical & Reformed Church in Asheboro. Musical entertainment was provided by Lawrence Sours and Mrs. Ralph Humble. Master of ceremonies was Paul A. Smith, Master Mason of the Asheboro Lodge. An arrangements committee consisted of Paul Bailey, chairman, Raeford Gaddis, and Van Weeks.

### **Clear View Baptist Church Dedicates New Sanctuary**

May 25, 1973 – Something over 15 years ago members of a newly organized congregation of Baptist believers northeast of Cedar Falls stood on a hillside underneath some elm trees on land which they had purchased to place their house of worship.

They prayed God's blessing on that which they had undertaken, they asked that the land on which they stood be dedicated to His glory and they named their new church, the Clear View Baptist Church, because they "could see a clear view over on the highway."

A new sanctuary at Clear View was dedicated Sunday morning, May 20. The erection of the new sanctuary, which was completed in July, 1972, followed the construction of the first unit for the church in 1953, the building of a parsonage in 1964, the building of two additional class rooms in 1967, and the purchase of additional land recently to straighten up some existing lines.

The comparatively small congregation of the Clear View Baptist Church has come a long way since the organization of the group at a Saturday night prayer meeting on September 14, 1957. This followed some 3 or 4 months of prayer meetings in the homes of a "few Godfearing people who wanted to do something for the Lord."

On Sunday morning, September 15, 1967 the first Sunday School and worship service was held in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Nance. Twenty eight people were present for Sunday School and the offering amounted to \$25.25.

The services continued in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Nance until they were moved to an old house which was situated on the land which the congregation purchased from Artemas Spencer.

Charter members, many of whom are recognized at the service of dedication, were Rev. and Mrs. Otis Hampton, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Bowers, Mrs. Ruby Maness, Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Nance, Mr. and Mrs. E.J. Swarengen, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Nance, Buddy Nance, Mrs. Sue Nance Cain, Mrs. Linda Nance Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Mack Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton (Click) Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Howard, Mr. and Mrs. James Comart, Mrs. Ruth Jackson, Tommy Jackson, and Henry Jackson.

Rev. Mr. Hampton assisted the group in the organization of the church, he served as pastor during the organizational period until October 26, 1958, and he was with the group who stood on the hillside to invoke God's blessings and to dedicate the tract of land.

A brief memorial for the Rev. Mr. Hampton, who has died since the organization of the church, was held during the dedicatory service. His widow, Mrs. Martha Hampton, was guest at the service.

Other pastors have been Rev. James Moon, Rev. Buel Creason, Rev. Fred Carlton, and the present pastor, Rev. Clyde Stutts, who came to the church December 1, 1972. Supply pastors have been Rev. J.C. Edwards, Rev. Talmage Smith, the Rev. Mr. Stutts, and Rev. Junior Dawkins.

The new sanctuary, which was completed in time for the first service in it on June 16, 1972, was erected at the approximate cost of \$36,000. Additional expenditures for furnishings, piano, chimes, and outside paving, brought the total amount to \$68,595.48.

Contractor for the building was Clifford W. Bowers, the building committee consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Click Nance and Mrs. and Mrs. Steve Nance, and the committee on furnishings included Mr. and Mrs. Hurley Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Smith, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Cooper. Jimmy Smith was the building fund treasurer.

Guest speakers at the service of dedication were Rev. Talmage Smith, associational missionary, and Dr. P.A. Lunsford, pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church. When they had concluded, pastor Clyde Stutts called upon the Clear View people to join him at the altar, to dedicate their lives along with the presentation of the church structure. The unity of spirit, faith, and purpose which had brought the Clear View Baptist Church through these years of achievement continued following the service, as the congregational members and guests enjoyed a fellowship luncheon in the basement of the church parsonage. Open house for the new building was held in the afternoon.

### **Surprise Celebration Fetes Dr. Charles Stout Sunday**

May 29, 1973 - Two reasons for his successful ministry in Asheboro, extending over a period of two decades, were given by the Rev. Charles L. Stout in an interview following a surprise birthday celebration by members of his congregation at Central Wesleyan Church.

He said "I try not to let any grass grow under my feet" and the other one, which has emphasized his ministry in Asheboro, is "you have got to work with the town."

Charles Stout has cooperated with the Asheboro Ministerial Association, he has preached in most of the churches in town, and he has always been a strong advocate of the chaplaincy program at The Randolph Hospital. Sometimes he serves as the assistant chaplain at the latter institution.

This veteran minister, whose 48<sup>th</sup> birthday was observed by members of his congregation, family and other friends, first came to Asheboro in 1940 to become pastor of what was then the Asheboro Pilgrim Holiness Church on Hoover St., only the name has been changed due to a merger of denominations.

He left the church in 1952, 12 years after he came, but came back 13 years later in 1965. While away he served churches in Greensboro, Roanoke, VA., and Winston-Salem.

The local church did not forget the minister who solidified their congregation during this first pastorate. They did not forget his effectiveness with them, and the townspeople and each time they needed a new pastor while he was gone they issued the call to him.

They called him back three times before he came again in 1965. Each time they have called a pastor in the past 32 years, beginning in 1940. They have called the Rev. Charles Lawrence Stout.

He was born in the Holly Spring community, the son of Charles A. Stout and the late Mary (Mamie) Cox Stout. His father is now nearly 96 years of age, his mother has been deceased for four years. The family went to Montana after his birth and upon their return eight years later located west of the Brooklyn section in Ramseur.

At the age of 19 he was seized by conviction while walking along the road late one night and a few nights later was converted at a revival service at the Pilgrim Holiness Church near his home. He began preaching in 1934, immediately after his conversion, in street meetings, tent meetings and brush arbor meetings.

He prepared for the ministry at John Wesley College in Greensboro and at God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served a number of small churches and engaged in evangelistic work before coming to Asheboro for the first time. When he first came to Asheboro he received ten dollars a week as remuneration for his services; the church was only taking in a little more than half that amount weekly. But during his first pastorate the old church building was remodeled and in 1951 was replaced with a new building much larger in size. Land across the street has been purchased during both of his pastorates and since his return in 1965 the interior of the sanctuary has been renovated and a new organ purchased.

Rev. Stout was married nearly 35 years ago to the former Ruth Morgan whom he met while both of them were students at John Wesley College. Mrs. Stout is well known locally as a talented artist and she teaches several art students in this area.

The couple have five children, Evangeline, a nurse's aid at the local hospital, Jim, a real estate man in the Asheboro-Ramseur areas, Mrs. Dennis Heckmen, the former Carolyn Stout, of Bridgeport, Conn, Charles, Jr., a naval officer, and Naomi Grace, an English teacher at the University of Georgia.

The birthday celebration was supposed to be a surprise but the Rev. Mr. Stout, wise to the ways of his congregation, said "I knew they were up to something." The church was filled, the minister was presented with a birthday cake and asked to sit on the platform while the others talked.

Rev. J.B. Stutts, a former local young man who was called to the ministry during the first pastorate of Rev. Stout

at the Hoover St. church, came all the way from Grand Rapids, Mich. to honor his friend and former pastor.

Walter Roberts, Asheboro real estate man, was also on hand to express his appreciation for the minister. Roberts has accompanied the minister on two of three trips which he has conducted to the Holy Land.

Greetings and best wishes came by letter from Rev. R.S. Shelton, his district superintendent from Kernersville, from Rev. John L. Jackson, chaplain at The Randolph Hospital, and from an Asheboro physician by almost the same name, Dr. Charles W. Stout.

Following these testimonials in the church a fellowship luncheon was held in the church annex across the street. Mrs. J.C. Jarrell was in charge of the event.

Charles Stout was the senior minister in Asheboro when he left in 1952 and he again holds that status with the retirement of Rev. R. L. Hughes at the Oakhurst Baptist Church. It was a "natural thing" for him to come back in 1965 and resume his ministry here. Proof that he has reconciled himself to residency in Asheboro is contained in his statement, "I thought I'd buy my burial site here."

## **Blacks Must Get Involved Judge Tells Association**

May 29, 1973 – Superior Court Judge Sammie Chess deplored the lack of black representation on the city school board, the city council, and the county commissioner board in an address before a banquet session of the Asheboro Improvement League Thursday evening.

Judge Chess, the first black named to a Superior Court judgeship in North Carolina, spoke to a banquet session of the league at the Holiday Inn in Asheboro.

As to the school board, he said "There are those who sit on the board and claim to know what your aspirations are but you know that is not the truth the same as I do."

He discussed the futility of talking to the students about obeying rules and regulations of the school when the school board is disobeying the law of the land in trying to circumvent the laws on integration of the schools. He said "no one should be more adamant about the rules on the books than the school board."

He criticized blacks who because of newly found affluence are forgetting about other folks who are less fortunate. "For each of us with affluence there are 20 without," he said. "you cannot afford the luxury of living like other people have lived, you cannot afford the luxury of doing what they have done."

"When you look at the city of Asheboro, the black people it has and no one on the city school board, you are kidding yourself when you say that we have arrived. We have not arrived, we have got a long way to go."

"I get disturbed when I hear about the black community having dirty streets," he said, pointing out that streets in the black community get cleaned once a week as opposed to the streets in the white section getting cleaned daily. "There is no way this community can prosper separately," he said.

Presiding over the meeting was the youthful president, Miss Patricia Harrison, a teacher in the county school system. She listed some of the achievements of the improvement league during the 14 months of its existence.

This included a clean-up campaign, door to door registration of voters, transportation to the polls and assistance in the tallying of the vote, looking into the issue

of housing and the procurement of a staff member and social worker for the housing authority.

Future goals included the election of a black to the city council and the city school board, as later emphasized by the speaker, and the revival of the NAACP in Asheboro which is lagging at the present time. Miss Harrison, who pointed out that legal aid is one of the advantages of having an NAACP chapter in the town, said "anyone who thinks black people are going to stop pressing for civil rights is out of his mind."

Other officers of the Asheboro Improvement League are John N. Foster, vice president, who presented the speaker, Mrs. Linda Isbell, secretary, who presented the guests, James N. Gill, treasurer, and Charles Whitener, parliamentarian.

## **Randolph Mission Society Re-Elects Officers at Meet**

May 30, 1973 – E. Wayne Hughes was re-elected president of the Randolph Area Mission Society of the United Methodist Church for the fourth consecutive year Monday evening, May 21, at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

Also, re-elected at this semi-annual meeting of the society were Earl Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president; Rev. Billy Hunter, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; L. Hilliard Nance, secretary; and Ernest Routh, treasurer.

Rev. Ervin Houser, pastor of Central Falls and Cedar Falls United Methodist Churches, presented the report of the nominating committee which resulted in the election of the officers.

Executive committee members recommended and the general meeting approved of the disbursement of \$9,500 to seven United Methodist Churches in Randolph County. These grants were made on the basis of need for repair, renovation, additional space and new construction.

The churches and amounts designated are Cedar Falls, \$500; Central Falls, \$500; Seagrove, \$1,500; Franklinville, \$2,000; Stout's Chapel, \$500; Grays Chapel, \$3,000; and Mitchel, \$1,500.

Speaker for the meeting was Kenneth Walker, Asheboro Jaycee Club member concerned with North Carolina corrections units and prison reform. He was introduced by Rev. C. Howard Allred, pastor of Central United Methodist Church.

Walker, who stated that he was present "to inform you and to get you involved," told the church people that two out of three prison inmates are not rehabilitated to any extent and that nearly the same ratio returns again to prison.

"When a man has paid his debt to society, his time of punishment must end," said the speaker. "My experience in working with prisoners is that they don't want to return to a life of crime. But what do they find when they get out hostility, suspicion and fear."

"Prisoner reform and rehabilitation is up to us," said this young Jaycee member who spends considerable time working with the prisoners of the local unit. One achievement here has been the establishment of a Jaycee chapter among the prisoners based here. Walker said the North Carolina prison system is one of the most progressive in the United States.

Dr. Eugene Peacock, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church, attended the executive meeting, then put in a brief appearance before

the general meeting and expressed appreciation for the work of the mission in administering the funds to the various churches.

### **Legion Holds Ladies Night; Installs New Officer Slate**

May 30, 1973 – Approximately 200 people attended the annual ladies night and police appreciation night program of Liberty Post No. 81 of the American Legion Friday evening at the post building in Liberty.

This number included legion dignitaries Bruce Honeycutt, of Franklinton, Department Membership Chairman and candidate for state commander, Paul L. Blake, of Winston-Salem, Department Service Officer, and J. Frank Baker, of Charlotte, past Department Commander and present Grand Chef De Gare of the 40 & 8 of North Carolina.

Blake talked about rehabilitation, your programs and various other aspects of legion activity. He criticized the erasure of veterans pensions and other benefits by the government, and said legislation had been started to restore these benefits.

"Veteran hospitals are bursting at the seams," he said, "and it is almost impossible to get a veteran in the hospital." He said the 96,000 beds provided for by Congress had reached a 82,000 level and urged that the older veterans get a place in the hospitals.

New legion officers, installed by the state membership chairman, Bruce Honeycutt, included James B. Shelton, commander; Jesse B. Kirkman, 1<sup>st</sup> vice commander; W. Wallace Teague, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice commander; W. Elbridge Smith, adjutant; Charlie V. Stephens, finance officer; J. Ray Terry, chaplain; Clarence Junior Coble and R. Douglas Gregson, sgts-at-arms; James L. Teague, historian; W. Elbridge Smith, service officer; and Frank Lowe, board of trustees.

40 & 8 officers, installed by J. Frank Baker, were Clark Allred, chef de gare; Benny McDowell, correspondent; Wesley Rogers, garde le porte; and Lon T. Smith, chef de train.

Certificates of appreciation, the first presentation of its kind to the local legion, were given to A. J. McDowell, L. T. Smith, Junior Coble, Weldon Jones, retiring commander, Gene Pugh, and Alfred D. Haithcock.

Legionnaire of the Year award was given to the new commander, Jim Shelton and the award for securing the most memberships went to the retiring commander who secured 32. The adjutant, Elbridge Smith, secured 141 but forfeited the award due to having received it so many times in the past.

A World War I medal, one of those which were recently found in Raleigh, was belatedly awarded to D. P. Lowe, the only World War I veteran in attendance.

Police appreciation awards went to Hurley Hicks of the Randolph County Sheriff's Department and Odell (Shim) Lineberry, of the Liberty Police Department and Charlie E. Martin, Chief of the Liberty Fire Department.

A meritorious award for national service went to President Richard Nixon for ending the Vietnam War and bringing the Prisoners of War home. Other recipients of this award have been Lieutenant Calley and Governor George Wallace. The award will be mailed to President Nixon.

Recognition was extended to Miss Judy Elrod who is undergoing nurses training on a scholarship presented to her by the local 40 & 8 organization.

### **Mrs. Brower Honored At 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Open House**

June 5, 1973 – Mrs. Armp Brower, who went to Liberty as a bride over 50 years ago, was honored on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Thursday, May 31. Her husband, Armystead Jackson (Armp) Brower, had their home built and furnished before their marriage and she has lived there ever since her marriage to the late Mr. Brower.

Armp Brower was a railway mail clerk for 43 years. One of Liberty's best known residents, he died in 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Brower had two children, A.J. Brower, Jr. and Miss Jean Brower, who lives at home with her mother. There are two grandchildren, A.J. III and Ellie.

Mrs. Brower, the former Mary Melinda Parks Brower, is a native of the Parks Cross Roads community, the daughter of Isaac Wellons Parks and Jennie Green Parks.

Her family lived across from the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, which derived its name from the Parks family. She attended the Parks Cross Roads School, a short distance from the church, and later taught the school after attending Elon College.

She taught school for ten years in Randolph and Guilford Counties.

Friends and neighbors called at the Brower home on Thursday afternoon to visit with Mrs. Brower on the occasion of her birthday. Hostesses were her daughter, Miss Jean Brower, and a friend, Mrs. Elizabeth Doggett, of Brown Summit.

### **Friends Meeting Builds Home**

June 6, 1973 – Volunteer labor and the unified effort of the people made possible the construction of the first minister's home at Holly Spring Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Ramseur, where open house was held Sunday afternoon, June 3.

The minister, Archie Creed, who is completing three years of ministry among the people at Holly Spring, said that some 80 members of the Meeting were involved in the building of the house in one way or another.

Groundbreaking for the building was held a year ago but the Holly Spring people were not operating on a deadline. They were not in any particularly hurry – after all the meeting had existed and prospered for over 200 years without a minister's home.

Elvin Craven excavated the dirt for the basement, Jasper Allen, a member of the Meeting, was secured as the chief carpenter and Fred Bray was hired to assist him. They were assisted by volunteers Archie Creed, Francis Byrd, and Sam Phillips. The minister put in over 400 hours.

Timber was donated by John C. Cox, James Byrd, Sam Phillips, Jasper Allen, Burton Macon, Clyde Hinshaw and Franz Macon, who died a short while before the holding of the open house. The timber was cut and planed by Ondrea Stout, Eugene Cox, and Hilton Cox.

Clyde Hinshaw did the major part of the painting, assisted by Norman Craven and Archie Creed. The wiring was done by Burton Macon, James Henry Macon, Ronald Macon, and Lynn Hall. John Maness did the landscaping of the spacious lawn, amidst the growth of trees.

The brick-veneered dwelling has three bedrooms, two full baths, living room, dining room, kitchen and dinette, family room, study, full size basement, utility room and double carport.

The rooms are sheetrocked except for the paneling in the study and family room. Wall paper was placed over the sheetrock in one end of the living room and in the guest bedroom. The house is carpeted throughout, except for the baths. The family room and basement contain fireplaces with upraised hearths.

Orville Piersol, James Byrd, and Burton Macon served as members of the building committee, charged with the selection of the paneling, colors for the painting, the drapes, carpet and furniture for the study, consisted of Judy Craven, Ellie Hinshaw, and Elna Macon.

It is estimated that the new minister's home will cost less than \$30,000 due to the manifold contributions of the people at Holly Spring. Estimated value of the building will exceed its cost perhaps by around \$20,000. Funds to pay for the new structure have come in normally and without a great deal of emphasis placed on fund raising. The indebtedness will be slight. Treasurer of the building fund is W.L. Brown.

Some of the members who were unable to perform labor and donate timber have been very generous in their financial gifts. They have carried their share the same as those who worked and gave the materials. Many of those who worked came at night and on Saturdays.

Many other people and various organizations of the Meeting, not named in this article, comprise the 80 people who were a vital part of the building of the minister's home at Holly Spring. Each of them, in his or her own way, contributed a proportionate part in the new building.

The minister and wife, Archie and Esther Creed, and their 9 year-old son, Gregory Steven, moved in the day after the holding of open house. The minister, speaking for himself, wife and son, expressed appreciation for the completion of the project and said "we love the people and enjoy working with them."

## **Husseys Hold 16<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

June 6, 1973 - The Hussey family moved over into Montgomery County for the 16<sup>th</sup> annual reunion of the clan which was held Sunday, June 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Williams, Rt. 1, Biscoe.

The annual event is usually held in the area between Robbins and the Randolph County line where many of the family members reside.

Mrs. Annie Smith Williams, mother of Bobby Williams, was a sister of Mrs. Milo (Bige) Hussey, from which family the reunion started 16 years ago. However, it soon expanded to include the families of the brothers and sisters of Milo Hussey, the Judah Hussey family, all descendants of Goodin Hussey.

Vernon Brady, who married into the Jonah Hussey family, served in his usual role as master of ceremonies. The devotionals were said by Rev. Jimmy Caviness, pastor of the Troy United Methodist Charge.

Prize winners were the oldest mother, Mrs. Annie Garner Williams, 85, Rt. 1, Biscoe; oldest man, Grady Britt, 77, Rt. 1, Biscoe; youngest married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Rodgers, youngest mother Mrs. Rodgers, and youngest baby, Susanna Rodgers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers, Ellerbe; couple married the longest, 47 year, Mr. and Mrs. S.H. Richardson, Ellerbe; youngest grandmother, Mrs. Polly Hill, 38, Ellerbe; the couple who came the farthest distance, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Milo Dyson, Warrenton, Va., and the person who came the next longest

distance, Miss Kathy Dyson, Gastonia, his daughter, and Mrs. Newton Hussey, Rt. 2, Robbins, mother with most children.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams, hosts for the gathering, were presented with a prize in appreciation for their hospitality, Mrs. Gilbert Hussey served as secretary for the reunion. James Hussey, High Point, talked on the origin and background of Goodin Hussey. Declaration was made to hold the reunion next year at the house of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hussey, who live on Highway 705.

Following the picnic dinner on the lawn, a program of singing was presented by the Gospel Envoys of Wadesboro and the young people from the nearby Flint Hill Christian Church. The children enjoyed rides in the covered wagon of Curtis Hussey and the two-horse wagon of Garvin McNeill.

## **Local Church Of God Sends 80 Youth To Camp**

June 8, 1973 - EIGHTY BOYS and girls, ranging in ages 8-19, will be attending the Church of God Youth Camp in Charlotte through the sponsorship of the Asheboro Church of God, with the first group having left Monday morning, June 6.

Officials of the denomination's state office in Charlotte have notified Rev. Ray E. Loflin, pastor of the local church, that his church will have a larger group attending youth camp than any other town in North Carolina.

The attendance at youth camp stems from the "family training hour," a departmentalized class for all ages, which is held each Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the Asheboro Church of God.

These weekly classes have grown tremendously under the directorship of Cornelius Neal Griffin, Jr. With an average of 322 per week during the month of May, the mid-week classes now average more than the Sunday School Department on Sunday mornings. The local church leads the state in mid-week attendance in the denomination.

The project to attend the youth camp started when a business man who attends the church offered to sponsor the attendance of 10 children to youth camp.

Others followed his example and the camp fund grew larger from contributions given by members of the church, friends, teachers, and other business men. Some children were sponsored by their parents.

Assisting with the project was the Senior High Class and their teachers, Mrs. Max Jarrell, Mrs. Leon Craven, and Mrs. Eugene Craven, who held a hot dog sale, bake sale, and auction sale to raise money to buy items which were needed by the children.

THE LADIES AUZILLARY, headed by Mrs. Ray Loflin, president, Mrs. Clarence Hinshaw, vice president, and Mrs. Olin Lee, treasurer, made provisions for bed linens, pillows, blankets, bath towels, wash cloths, luggage, and other needed clothing for the children.

Timothy Hall, district youth and Christian Education Director and local church bus director, has supervised the sponsorship and selections referred to him. Making personal contacts with the parents of the children riding on churches buses have been the bus captains and secretaries, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Rayborn Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shelton, Mrs. Mary Steelman, Mrs. Peggy Cox, and Mrs. Virginia Bell.

Leaving in the first bus load on last Monday morning were Debbie Andrews, Dianne Freeman, Deana Owens, Reba

Cornelison, Janet King, Neeci Welch, Sharon Chavis, Marty Griffin, Mark Craven, Greg Hunt, Bonnie Burrow, Annette Hall, Annette Davis, Vickie Leonard, Kaye Pasour, Jeanie Lynch, Jane Bell, Eugene Tate, Danny Chavis, Jimmy Hamilton, Sandra Teague, Earl Hobson, Jaco Bell, Morris Alan Bell, Tommy Andrews, Kenny Garner, Brian Cooper, David Johns, Windy Johns, Wanda Maynard, Eddie Berry, Doug Baker, and Jeff Bullins.

Leaving on the following Monday morning will be Penny Lee, Lisa Harrell, Pam Burrell, Jennie Bean, Tena Bullins, Gwen Williams, Geneva Jean May, and Donnie Loftis.

The third group, leaving June 18, includes Kimberly Yow, Linda Gray, Terry Gray, Sharon Cox, Patricia McBride, Rodney Welch, Sidney Lambeth, Wade Trotter, Andrew Cox, Greg Williams, Vivian Cornelison, Phyllis Beane, Bonnie Bullins, Bill Collins, Jeffery Kinney, Jerry Garner, Tim Smith, Lee Duke, Tina Joyce, Kathy Leonard, Vichy Serat, Tinnia Duke, Debbie Chavis, Mary Ann Hobson, Sonya Hamilton, Elizabeth Bell, Kathy Ann May, Dennis Alan May, Danny E. May, Timmy Hasty, Tony Hasty, Mitchell Burriss, Billie Burrow, Buddy Maynard, Tammy Baker, David Coffee, Donald Baker, and Tony Joyce.

Rev. Ray E. Loftis, the Asheboro Church of God pastor, expresses his appreciation to the people who made it possible for this large number of children and young people to attend youth camp, some of whom would not have been able to attend if it had not been for the church sponsors.

### **Civitan's Install Officers**

June 13, 1973 – Grantville Civitan's closed out their 1972-73 club year by receiving district and area awards and installing officers for the new year. Installation of the new officers occurred at a dinner meeting on June 7.

Grayson Byrd assumed the presidency of the club; Paul Tedder became the president-elect; Page Stout the secretary; and L.D. Pritchard the treasurer. Past president Lewis Pritchard served as installing officer.

The club received recognition from the area organization for a membership increase and an award from the district terming them "Lee's Best in the West."

The latter award, described as a "snap-back award," recognized the club's ability to come back from below charter strength to above charter strength, attendance at area and district meetings, the presentation of educational programs, and the selling of a specified amount of fruit cakes.

Locally, Harold James received the award for Civitan of the Year, after having received a similar award as Area Civitan of the Year. Retiring officers, Donald Johnson, president, Paul Tedder, secretary, and Lewis Pritchard, treasurer, received plaques in appreciation for their services for the past year. Past presidents Carl Needham and Zim Hinshaw were in charge of presentation of awards.

Lewis Pritchard, Fred Snow, Page Stout, Paul Tedder, and Donald Johnson received attendance awards for two years perfect attendance; Junior Staley for three years; and Harold James and Zim Hinshaw for perfect attendance since the organization of the club five years ago.

A new award, the first to be granted by the Grantville club, was the president's special award to the first lady, "for being the best assistant," which was awarded to Mrs. Donald Johnson.

Month Smith was initiated as a new member of the Club and Rev. Homer Frye, pastor of the Union Grove United

Church of Christ, was received as a new member of the club on transfer.

Announcement was made of a program to be presented by the chorus from Boy's Home at the community meeting on June 26, with the local Civitan club sponsoring the appearance of the chorus and being in charge of the meeting.

### **Hoover's Grove Parsonage**

June 15, 1973 – Members of Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, Denton, broke ground for a parsonage building Sunday morning, June 10. It will be the first parsonage for the church.

The congregation acting through the chairman of the trustees, Lonnie Garner, also accepted a deed for a tract of land on which the new parsonage will be erected.

The land, which is almost an acre in size, has been donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lee McElreath, who live within sight of the church.

An adequate dwelling of modern construction will be placed on the landscaped tract of land, which is already equipped with water and sewer.

Participating in the acceptance of the land and the breaking of the ground were the church pastor, Rev. Paul Teague, trustees Lonnie Garner, James Brower, and Kenneth Tysinger, board members Hobart Burkhart and Donald Kearns, and church treasurer, Paul McDowell.

Presentation of the land was made by Lee McElreath in behalf of himself and his wife, Eunice. Charged with the responsibility of construction will be a committee comprised of Paul Teague, Paul McDowell, and Lonnie Garner.

Rev. Teague became the pastor of the church in Aug., 1961. During his 12 years there the Sunday School attendance has increased 102 per cent, the church membership 305 per cent. Enrollment in the Sunday School is 142. On the day of the groundbreaking the attendance was 127, on the Sunday before, which was homecoming, the attendance was 150.

REV. DALLAS McDowell, a native of the community, spoke at homecoming and recalled 47 years ago when he came to a church service at Hoover's Grove and found the minister, Rev. Marcelles Elliot, preaching to empty benches.

The body of Rev. Elliot, a veteran minister in the Wesleyan Methodist Conference, was at his request brought back to Hoover's Grove for interment in the cemetery there. He was 83 years old when he died Feb. 9, 1944. Members of the congregation contributed funds for a marker to his grave.

THE HOOVER'S GROVE church came into existence when Willie Ridge died of Diphtheria in 1879 at the age of one year, five months and four days old. The child's grandfather, Adam Hoover, told his daughter, Lucinda Hoover Ridge, if she would bury the child on his land up by the road he would have a church built there.

Since there was no graveyard nearby, the child's mother agreed to the request and soon after the burial.

Adam Hoover had some of the big pines on his land cut to be used in the construction of the church. The church received its name from him.

The people of the community joined together in the construction of the first building, a vertical planked structure. Eighty years later, in 1961 the congregation and



people of the community built the second and present building.

AMONG THOSE who helped on the second construction was former President Herbert Hoover who sent money for the purchase of a pew. The former President's great-great-grandfather Andrew Hoover, is buried in the old Hoover cemetery about a mile from the Hoover's Grove church.

Adam and Catherine Hoover started the church off by giving the land for the beginning 94 years ago. Lee and Eunice McElreath have contributed to the progress of Hoover's Grove by giving land for a home for the minister.

### **New Market Civitans Install Officer Slate**

June 20, 1973 – A successful year for the New Market Civitan Club came to close Friday evening, June 15, with the installation of new officers.

Leo Wyrick, who led the club in a vigorous manner for the past year, was succeeded by a new president, Max Welborn.

Other officers for the 1973-74 Civitan year were installed as follows: Julian Blaylock, president-elect; Marvin Cooper, vice president; Raphael Farlow, secretary; Ogburn Loflin, treasurer; Ben Hurley, chaplain; and Raymond Wall, Sgt.-at-arms.

Aubrey Morris, Kernersville, Lieutenant-Governor of Area Five, N.C. District West, Civitan International, installed the officers, listing each of their duties in detail. He told the new president "your club goes as your president leads."

The retiring president, Leo Wyrick, was named Civitan of the Year by the local club and received a plaque from Martin Overton, chairman of awards. Both Wyrick and the club had previously received plaques recognizing this achievement.

Five new members, Tonnie Loflin, Julian Blaycock, C.W. Rich, Jerry Bishop, and Chris Hinshaw, were inducted into the New Market club last year.

One of the principal projects for the past year, financially speaking, was the sponsorship of a "tractor pull" in conjunction with the Level Cross Fire Department. Over \$5,000 was realized from this event. The club also sponsors two Little League baseball teams.

The New Market club again this year presented plaques to three outstanding students of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the New Market School. LuEllen Loflin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Loflin, Rt. 1, Sophia, was recognized for scholarship and Janet Cooper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cooper, Rt. 1, Sophia, and Yancy King, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reece King, Rt. 2, Sophia, formerly of Rt. 1, Sophia, were recognized for citizenship.

These students were present at the meeting along with their parents. Presentation of the plaques were made by the club's chairman of awards, Milton Overton.

### **Birthday Party Is Featured**

June 20, 1973 – Mrs. Jason Hoover, Rt. 3, Asheboro, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, June 17, at the place where she has lived for 67 years. She is a lifelong resident of Cedar Grove Township.

Present for the observance of her birthday were her six children, Mrs. Wincie Belle Rich, Lonnie Hoover, Mrs. Annie Vada Richardson, and Harold Lloyd Hoover, Rt. 3, Asheboro, Moody Hoover, Rt. 2, Asheboro, and Mrs. Thelma Whatley, Rt. 7, Asheboro and other relatives.

The former Mary Marina Bunting, Mrs. Hoover's husband, Jason Hoover, died three years ago last Apr. At the time of his death, the couple had been married 68 years. They moved to the place at which Mrs. Hoover lives, between the old and new Highway 49, four miles from Asheboro, four years following their marriage.

Mrs. Hoover's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Alson Bunting, who lived near West Chapel Methodist Church, and it was at their home that Mrs. Hoover was married on Jan. 11, 1902. She attended the Long Branch School.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover but only six of them were reared to maturity on the farm to which they came four years after their marriage. Four of their six children still live on a portion of the old place.

Jason Hoover only quit raising wheat and corn a year before the couple observed their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. He was also a noted watermelon grower and people came from all around to purchase them from him.

Among the family members in attendance at the picnic-style meal which featured Mrs. Hoover's birthday was Wade Craven, a grandson-in-law and Minister at Randleman Friends Meeting. He offered the prayer prior to the eating of the meal.

### **Minister Receives Car**

June 21, 1973 – APPRECIATION FOR the ministry of Dr. F. A. Lunsford at the Union Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, was evidenced recently when members of the congregation contributed \$2,207.49 towards the trade-in of his old automobile.

Symbolic presentation of the check and the presentation of the new two-toned Newport Custom Chrysler 4-door Sedan was made Sunday morning, June 17, at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

Alton Garner, chairman of deacons, made the presentation while the other deacons, Kelly Bean, Colon McNeill, church treasurer Talton Cagle, Lacy Beane, Delbert Garner, and Vernon McNeill, and members of the congregation looked on.

The money contributed towards the purchase of the new car was received as a special offering at a recent Sunday morning worship service.

The minister, serving a church on the Randolph-Moore County, had accumulated a lot of mileage on his old automobile, visiting the sick in the hospitals of the carious counties and calling at the homes of his large rural congregation.

SINCE DR. Lunsford came to the church and community six years ago, Union Grove has shown steady progress. Less than two years after he came a new sanctuary was built at the estimated cost of \$130,000.

At least two payments a month have been made on the indebtedness of the structure since the indebtedness was incurred and the end of his obligation is in sight.

Other improvements to the church have been noted during his pastorate including the remodeling of the old sanctuary into Sunday School departments and the renovation of the parsonage building next door.

The spiritual uplift of the congregation is evident also the men of the congregation meet with the pastor for morning prayer prior to the morning worship services, the Sunday School officials met for prayer and devotion during the scheduled Sunday School period and often during the

worship services expression of praise and thanksgiving are heard.

DR. LUNSFORD, a native of western North Carolina, was educated for the ministry at Gardner-Webb College, East Tennessee State University, American Divinity School in Chicago, and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

Since coming to Union Grove he has received the Doctor of Divinity Degree from East Coast University, a graduate school for in-service professionals, and the Neotarian Degree of Ph.D. from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

He was also been awarded a preliminary teachers certificate from Wheaton College.

FATHER'S DAY was observed on the day of the presentation of the new automobile and deacon chairman Alton Garner made the three customary gifts to the fathers on this occasion.

Rufus Beck, 87, got the prize for being the oldest father in attendance, Tom Jordan, 21, got the prize for being the youngest father, and H E (Duck) McNeill, with six of his children in attendance, got the prize for having the most children in attendance.

A prize, reserved in case of a tie, was given to Bobby Maness, choir director, the father of five children.

### **Elder Holland And Wife Honored By Congregation**

June 22, 1973 — Elder Emanuel Holland, pastor of Mt. Zion Holy Church on 328 Greensboro St. for the past ten years is being honored by members of his congregation.

In appreciation for his ministry at the church, the congregation is sending him and his wife Evelyn, on a two weeks vacation to the Bahama Islands. The couple will leave July 2.

Elder Holland is a native of Asheboro and a product of the church which he has served for the past ten years. He attended the Sunday School as a boy, he later became a teacher in the school, he was named a deacon in the church and he served a president of the youth organization.

His call to preach came three years before he assumed the pastorate of the church. He succeeded as pastor the Elder Laura Kearns who organized the church in 1922 and served as its pastor for approximately 40 years.

Emanuel Holland was educated at Central High School, Pittsboro, and was attending school in Welch, West Va. when he called into the Army near the close of World War II. Most of his time in the Army was served overseas.

He has been an employee of Union Carbide in Asheboro for 19 years.

During his ministry he has conducted revival meetings throughout North Carolina, Virginia, Massachusetts, and Florida.

He is a member of the board of directors of the Mt. Sinia Holy Church of America, Inc., the national organization of his church. Eighteen people have joined the Mt. Zion church during his pastorate.

### **Rev. R. L. Hughes Retires**

June 28, 1973 — A close relationship between pastor and people came to an end Sunday, June 24 when after 27 years Rev. R. L. (Bob) Hughes left the pastorate of Oakhurst Baptist Church and retired from the active ministry of the Baptist denomination.

Someone asked the Rev. Mr. Hughes a few years ago where his home in retirement would be and the minister replied "Oh, we'll come back to Asheboro." It just happens he didn't ever leave and the retirement home for Rev. and Mrs. Hughes will be on Lambert Drive, a house which they purchased some time ago.

Oakhurst Baptist Church, to which he came on Apr. 15, 1946, is the only full time pastorate the Rev. Mr. Hughes has had. He served other churches while preparing for the ministry at Mars Hill College, Wake Forest College, and the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary but the local church is the only one he has served since completing his training for the ministry.

He has served his denomination and community in many capacities, including member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, Trustee of Chowan College, Moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association, president of Baptist Pastor's Conference of the Association, chairman of evangelism of Randolph Baptist Association, and chairman of the committee for Bible teaching in the schools.

But it has been the close, personal relationship which has existed between him and members of his congregation and the people of the community in which his church has been situated that has characterized the ministry of Rev. R. L. Hughes at the Oakhurst Baptist Church.

On Wednesday night before his retirement, following prayer service, members of the congregation stood at a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Hughes and spoke with emotion-filled voices of his influence in their lives and their love for him and Mrs. Hughes.

Mrs. Hughes, who has labored quietly in the background, was praised for her service in the nursery these many years. In thinking of her replacement, one member said, "I am glad I'm not on the nursery committee," while another one said, "it'll take seven people to replace her."

Gifts were presented to the couple at the reception, mostly checks, bills of various denominations, and silver. Two years ago, in commemoration of his 25<sup>th</sup> year as pastor of the church, the people had presented him with a new automobile.

The minister responded to the remarks by the members of his congregation, saying "I have thrilled at everyone that stood up." He recalled the times when many of them had accepted Jesus Christ as their savior and he said "I am thankful unto God for the experiences I have had with all of you."

Earlier this year the minister underwent a serious heart operation at the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem but was soon back on the job, ministering to the people as he had these 27 years. His last Sunday at the church was no exception, he worked as usual.

He preached in the morning worship service, he officiated at a wedding in the afternoon, and for the final phase of his pastorate he conducted a baptismal service during the evening service.

Rev. Robert L. Hughes is a native of Old Fort, N.C. After reaching maturity he worked in a tannery and with a grocery chain store enterprise before going into business for himself as an independent grocer.

He was successful in all of these endeavors before surrendering to the call to preach the gospel, at which time he sold his business and entered Mars Hill College as a ministerial student. He was a senior minister in Asheboro at

the time of his retirement and had maintained his status for several years.

### **Hicks Family Gathers For Parents' 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 3, 1973 – The 8 children of Mr. and Mrs. Claude L. Hicks, Rt. 2, Randleman, came home for their parents' 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was the first time they had all come together at the same time since Mr. and Mrs. Hicks celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary 10 years ago.

They came from far and near and it was a happy occasion for all of them, including the in-laws and most of the 21 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

On Sunday afternoon, June 24, friends and other relatives were invited to an open house honoring the couple, which was held at the home place in the Spero section.

The children are Eugene Hicks, Siler City, Hal Hicks, Greenville, S.C., Lt. Col. C.I. Hicks, Jr., Langley AFB, Hampton, Mrs. E.J. (Louise) Steinhof, Fall River, Mass., Winfred Hicks, Greensboro, Mrs. Joe (Jewel) Rich and Mrs. E.J. (Diane) Johnson, Asheboro, and Mrs. Neal (Delette) Self, Rt. 2, Randleman.

Claude Hicks, 85, submitted to an operation on both eyes on June 1. But since the family had planned and looked forward to their get-together, they decided not to alter their plans.

The day before the operation at a High Point hospital, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks accompanied a friend on a visit to some of the old mines at which Hicks had worked and known during his mining days. They toured the areas of several of these mines in Montgomery County.

He was working at the Iola Gold Mine between Candor and Troy at the time of his marriage to the 79 year-old former Ida Lee Maness on June 16, 1913. Mrs. Hicks' father, Hugh Maness, was working at the mine also and Mrs. Hicks and a sister took turns cooking for him, coming from their home near the Big Oak Christian Church 8 miles east of Biscoe. Cooking for her father at the mining camp resulted in the acquaintance, courtship and eventual marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Hicks.

Mr. Hicks, a native of the Fuller's Mill section of western Randolph County, worked in many mines in North Carolina and other states. Mrs. Hicks said one time he worked in a mine in West Virginia and she wrote him every few days, begging him to come home, due to her fear for his safety.

In 1917 the couple moved to the Spero section where they reared their children. Two children died in early childhood. Mrs. Hicks has gained a reputation in the community as being a friendly, neighborly woman who "sews for people and looks after their children."

She was recently featured in Jerry Bledsoe's column in the Greensboro Daily News who wrote concerning her various characteristics.

Among those who called at the Hicks residence during the open house commemorating their anniversary were the couple's pastor, Rev. G.T. Patterson, at Balfour Baptist Church and a former pastor, Rev. T.W. Nelson, and two of Mrs. Hicks' childhood acquaintances, Mrs. Boyd King and Mrs. Maggie Presnell of Seagrove.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Cagle Celebrate Anniversary**

July 3, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Odell B. Cagle were honored Sunday, June 24, by friends and relatives at a reception at their home, Rt. 1, Asheboro, in honor of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hostesses were their daughters, Dianne Fowlkes and Kay Cagle. Guests were greeted at the door by Jim Fowlkes, son-in-law of the couple, Bill Cooley, prospective bridegroom of Kay Cagle.

Mrs. Cagle was given a white orchid and Mr. Cagle was given a white Rosebud boutonniere in honor of the occasion.

Mrs. Rufine Beane and Mrs. Ann Jester were in charge of the guest register as guests left the living room.

Presiding over the refreshment table were Mrs. Artie Spoon, Mrs. Quenelle Loflin, Mrs. Beatrice Wallace and Miss Mehrshid Nazmi Ansari. Assisting in serving were Tammy Hill and Kathy Cagle.

Mrs. Virginia Sides and Mrs. Betty Jean Hill displayed and registered gifts. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Arlen Coble said the goodbyes to the approximately 75 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Cagle were married June 25, 1948 in the home of the late Mrs. C.W. Scott in Asheboro by Dr. H.K. Masteller. Mr. Cagle is owner and manager of Cagle Aluminum Co.

### **Mitchell United Methodist – Small Church With Big Idea**

July 4, 1973 – The congregation of Mitchell United Methodist Church, Rt. 4, Asheboro, is small in number but nevertheless determined to replace the small building in which they have worshipped since 1910.

A gift of \$1,500 has been received from the Randolph Area Mission Society and considered is now being given to the matter of replacing the building which is not in the best of condition.

The one-room frame building, over 60 years old, contains a pine floor of wide planks, unadorned windows, plain, upright benches, and receives its heat from an old heater. The steps are falling down and a portion of the building needs underpinning.

On the outside there is a small bell tower, separate from the church building, a small oil tank, and a shaky picnic table.

Located on the Flag Springs Road, the congregation purchased three acres of land from Pete Richardson and moved to the present site after having its initial beginning a short distance down the road where the old cemetery is situated.

It is not known when the church started but Arlie Lowdermilk, 81, formerly a member of the church and a former resident of the community, said "it was there when I was born." Lowdermilk thinks it must have been there at least a 100 years.

He recalls the old building, a frame structure smaller even than the present one, located across the road which now runs alongside of the old cemetery. However, at the time of its existence, the present site of the road did not exist.

A school by the same name of the church was held in the old church building.

Teachers at the old school included Sidney Beeson, father of some prominent Randolph County residents, who taught the mother of Artie Lowdermilk, Adam Brower, Robert Green and Ruffin Walden.

There was also a brush arbor at the church site and people came to the camp meetings which were held there and sometimes stayed for a week.

Lowdermilk recalls one meeting when big fires were placed on a scaffold and the people marched around the arbor, rejoicing and praising God.

Calvin Ledwell gave the land for the old church and cemetery but when the church was moved the land reverted back to the Ledwell family. There are many graves in the old cemetery, some marked and some not identified. A smaller number of graves is found in the newer cemetery, next to the church which was built in 1910.

Oldest member of the church is James Atlas Caviness, 86, and next is Mrs. Ettie Walden, 84, the oldest member, Mrs. Martha Ann Strickland, 99, died in recent years while Mrs. Emma Foust, former member and well known Asheboro mid-wife, died recently at the age of 91.

People who were active in the church in early years, now deceased, were Rev. Emsley Lowdermilk and Ananias Lowdermilk, grandfather and father of Arlie Lowdermilk, Idabeller Lowdermilk, his mother, and Noah Brower, Branson Strickland, Sherman Spinks, Eli Strickland, Elwood Rush, Maggie Spinks, Wincie Jane Strickland, Sally Ledwell, Eulas Shaw, and Liddie Ellen Shaw.

Present members of the church, in addition to James Atlas Caviness and Mrs. Ettie Walden, are Mrs. Maxie Caviness, Miss Mattie Ledwell, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Foust, Mrs. Alma Ledwell, Mrs. Diana Caviness, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Mosley, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Foust, Gourney Strickland, Elwood Walden, Mrs. Melvenia Spinks, and Howard Strickland.

Anyone desiring to render financial aid to the Mitchell church is asked to get in touch with R.E. (Elwood) Walden, who may be reached at his home on Cox Road or at the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Parrish Have Golden Anniversary**

July 5, 1973 - Nearly 50 years ago, at the parsonage of the Pilgrim Holiness Church on Hoover St., in Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Parrish were married by the church pastor, Rev. Vernie Stanley.

The date was July 3, 1923 and John Parrish was boarding across the street from the church and parsonage. Mrs. Parrish, who was then Miss Myrtis Parks, was boarding across town, near where the radio station is now located.

The prospective bridegroom was engaged at the time of his marriage hauling lumber, his future bride was working at Acme Hosiery Mill. They had got acquainted many years earlier when their fathers had threshed wheat together.

When John's father, Walter Parrish, had quit threshing wheat, John had hired himself out to Myrtis's father, Edgar Parks.

John Parrish was born in Tabernacle Township but when small moved with his family to five miles south of Farmer, on the east side of Uwharrie River. He attended the Fairmount School. His mother was the former Chloe Voncannon.

Mrs. Parrish was born south of the Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse, near Cedar Rock Mountain. She attended

the Hopewell School, near the church. Her mother was the former Martha Luther.

During their courtship, John came five miles or so across the mountain to see the girl he was later to marry; Sometimes he walked, sometimes he rode a horse and once he came in a Model T Ford. An avid fox hunter throughout his lifetime, he knew his way through the wooded areas.

On the Wednesday night of their wedding, they waited outside of the parsonage until the preacher came back from prayer meeting. They had planned to be married quietly and unnoticed by those in the vicinity. But as they came out of the parsonage and went across the street to John's boarding house the people had gathered and threw rice on them.

Their first residence was at the old Cranford homeplace on Uwharrie River where their only child, John Jr., was born and died. They lived for 40 years on the Mack Road but moved four years ago to a new dwelling near the Hopewell Meetinghouse.

Parrish, who is 71, has principally been employed as a painter. Mrs. Parrish, 65, has been employed at various places in Asheboro, Acme, McCrary, Bossong, B.B. Walker Shoe Co., and is currently employed on a partial basis at Becky's of Asheboro, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish are members of Browsers Memorial Wesleyan Church where both of them received plaques denoting ten years of perfect attendance at Sunday School. Since receiving the plaques Mrs. Parrish has acquired three more years of perfect attendance and her husband has attained on more.

The couple were honored at a reception at the Cedar Grove Community Building Sunday afternoon, June 24, on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Elvin Parrish, of Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Parrish of Randleman.

Mrs. Johnson, the former Delores Parks, a niece of Mrs. Parrish, was reared by the couple from the time she was a week old until the time of her marriage.

### **Wallace, Kennedy Kiss, Make Up**

July 9, 1973 - (Editor's note: Courier-Tribune correspondent Ralph Bulla attended the Ted Kennedy-George Wallace meeting in Decatur, Alabama on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and came up with some interesting personal observations. His account follows in full.)

I sat, stood and walked in the water and mud along with 10,000 more people on July 4 for the much publicized meeting of Governor George Wallace and Senator Edward Kennedy in Decatur, Ala.

Point Mallard, where the Spirit of America observance was held, is a beautiful park site on the Tennessee River but two or three hours before the scheduled meeting a heavy downpour flooded the area and a great deal of mud was created due to the large number of people and automobiles.

It was estimated that more than 100 newspaper and television personnel from throughout the United States and three foreign countries were on hand for the occasion, with some of them working at the park site in here feet and with trousers rolled up.

Pre-meeting headquarters were located in the Decatur Inn and representatives of Governor Wallace and Senator

Kennedy came days beforehand to make arrangements for the meeting. It was said by one person that Senator Kennedy's group occupied 40 rooms at the Inn.

Governor Wallace's press secretary, the assistant press secretary, other personnel and many state troopers were also on hand to assist in the arrangements and provide security for the Governor.

Not all of the thousands of spectators came from the Decatur area or other places in Alabama. I talked with some Wallace supporters from Michigan who came in a chartered plane. They said that two bus loads also came from the state.

Some other out of state people with whom I talked were a small town mayor and his wife from Texas, who were accompanied their son and daughter-in-law from Houston. These people were also Wallace supporters.

It was a dramatic moment when the Governor and the Senator came out on the platform together with members of their entourage, after arriving at the park separately. I did not realize that Cornelia Wallace, the Governor's wife, was so beautiful. She reminded me somewhat of Jackie Kennedy, but even more pretty, I thought. Senator Kennedy was accompanied by his sister, Jean Smith.

Mrs. Smith, who was simply dressed, is an unassuming woman who manifested a keen interest in the proceedings at the meeting. I got to know her a little better at the reception which followed the meeting in the park and at one time her sense of humor reminded me of her brother, the late President.

As the Kennedy party was leaving the reception a flustered young man asked Mrs. Smith for her autograph, saying, "I've got everybody else's, so I might as well get yours too. Mrs. Smith, very straight-faced, said "that's not a nice way to put it, would you like to rephrase it?" I assured her he didn't mean it the way it sounded.

A barefooted woman and little girl were leaving the same time I was and the woman said, to no one in particular, "with mud up to my knees, just think looking like this I got to shake his hand." I asked whom and she replied "Senator Kennedy."

Governor Wallace, learning I was from North Carolina, asked me to say hello to the folks back in this state, saying "there are some good people in North Carolina." The Governor still shows the sign of illness but his handshake was firm.

Compliments were exchanged between the Governor and Senator during the meeting and Governor and Mrs. Wallace and the Senator and his sister greeted the people together at the reception. Governor Wallace, speaking of the Kennedy family, said "no family in America has suffered more loss than them for being involved in government and politics." He recalled Senator Kennedy's visit to his bedside in the Maryland hospital and the Senator's prediction that he would walk again.

George Wallace, Jr. and his band, a folk group, entertained the crowd before the speaking and at one point young Wallace said "Wallace and Kennedy together, who would believe it, but I think its great." The young man sang a song which he wrote a few months ago to memory of his mother, the late Lurleen Wallace, who also served as Governor of Alabama. He was introduced as an MGM recording star.

I talked with Senator Kennedy's manager of his Massachusetts office, who also serves as an advance man,

and his press secretary about the Senator's presidential prospects. They were noncommittal but did indicate the Senator would operate quietly this year, accepting only a few engagements on a national basis. They said next year he would be speaking in behalf of candidates in the 1974 mid-term elections and I got the idea his own plans on the national level would emerge after that.

The Wallace people were more outspoken about their plans for the governor. They rejected the idea of Wallace taking second place on a ticket composed of him and Senator Kennedy, with one person saying they would only accept Kennedy on the ticket at Wallace's request.

Other people in Alabama, not particularly supporters of Wallace, say that the Governor is not physically able to make the race for either President or Vice President. However, he did stand at the meeting to accept the annual Audie Murphy Patriotic Award and friends say that he has improved considerably since his latest operation.

It was a warm, cordial meeting between the two men who have been far apart in their philosophy of government. A CBS anchor man from Atlanta, Ga. Recalled that he was present when Governor Wallace stood in the schoolhouse door in Tuscaloosa, Ala. And defied the federal marshals sent there by Attorney General Bobby Kennedy during the administration of President John F. Kennedy. This CBS man also told me he was present when Governor Wallace was shot in Maryland.

It was the feeling that both Governor Wallace and Senator Kennedy have mellowed over the years, due to the tragedies in their lives and the events which have transpired since the encounter of the Governor and the federal marshals several years ago.

Kennedy, who was well received by the Alabama people with no incidents, certainly struck a conciliatory tone at the Decatur meeting and on the platform with the Alabama Governor were all of the black mayors in the state and a black probate judge. One of the mayors presented the Governor with a resolution of respect adopted by his black-dominated city council and another Negro official told me the Governor had taken a 170 turn in his relations with the black population.

One of the speakers at the Decatur meeting, I believe it was Democratic National Chairman Robert Strauss, praised the purpose of the meeting at Point Mallard and said "it gives us reason to believe that we are on a healing course." I felt that he was referring not only to the Democratic Party but perhaps to the nation as a whole.

Just before the meeting got underway, I was surprised to see North Carolina's Commissioner of Insurance, Asheboro's own Johnny Ingram, and his deputy, former Rep. George Marion, arrive on the scene. I learned from Johnny that the two men had come down from Asheville where Ingram had addressed the annual meeting of the Superior Court Judges of North Carolina.

## **Mrs. J.C. Pearce Dies, Services Set Tuesday**

July 23, 1973 - Funeral services for Mrs. J.C. Pearce, 81, of 113 Old Liberty Rd., will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Balfour Baptist Church where she was a charter member.

The church pastor, Rev. G.T. Patterson, will officiate. Burial will follow in the Oak Lawn Cemetery. The body will remain at Pugh Funeral Home until a half hour before the

service at the church. The family will receive friends at the funeral home this evening from 7 to 9.

Mrs. Pearce, the former Annie Bonier Bulla, died Sunday morning about noon at the Randolph Hospital where she had been a patient for over a week.

She was a native of the Spero section and a daughter of Frank I. Bulla and Frances (Frank) Millikan Bulla. Except for two brief intervals, she had lived in the Spero section and the North Asheboro community for all of her life.

She was married to John Calvin Pearce on Apr. 10, 1913 and the couple had spent most of their married life in the home in which they were living at the time of her death, coming there directly following their marriage 60 years ago.

Mrs. Pearce had lived an active life and maintained an interest in various events up until the time of her death. In Apr. she and her husband had received their friends at the time of their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

She was the first president of the Balfour PTA and served in that position at three different times. At the time of her death she was a member of the Balfour Homemakers Club.

She had served in various capacities at the Balfour Baptist Church which she and her husband helped to found. Only last year she was honored by the Baptist Women of the church for her past services as president of the Woman's Missionary Union and in other areas.

Surviving are her husband, J.C. Pearce, a long time Baptist leader in Randolph County, and five daughters, Mrs. R.E. (Edna) Heath, Jr., and Mrs. Jimmy (Lucy) Parrish, Greensboro, Mrs. Clifford (Margaret) Moody and Mrs. James (Frances) Burkhardt, Asheboro, and Mrs. Steve (Bonnie) Davenport, La Plata, Argentina. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. Pearce's death occurred just as the morning worship service at the Balfour Baptist Church was coming to a close, following the partaking of the sacraments. Before the dismissal the pastor led the sorrowing congregation in a special prayer for the family of the deceased.

### **D.R Graves 'Prepares'**

July 25, 1973 – D. R. (Dolphie) Graves, 93, held an auction sale of his personal property Saturday, July 21, at his home on Rt. 1, Seagrove, an occurrence which usually comes after the death of the property owner.

But "Dolphie" Graves, who will be 94 years old on Aug. 5, has been sick now for about five years and he needed to make arrangements. He said "I got disabled to work, I had to have somebody here or go to a home."

His eldest daughter, Martha, and her husband, William Elijah (Luke) Lucas, of Newport News, Va., are retiring and will come back to their native environs to look after Mr. Graves. He has sold the farm at which he has lived for more than 60 years to them. The old dwelling is being remodeled, the sale was held to make way for the renovation.

"Dolphie" Graves has been living alone since the death of his second wife, Della Leach Graves, in 1949. a grandchild has been staying with him recently at nights and he had a nephew, 32-year-old "Pet" King staying with him during the severity of his illness. He will receive expert care now since his daughter is a nurse.

The aged man, who served as a charter member of the Randolph Electric Membership Corp. for 21 years, spoke briefly to the people who came to his auction. He was flanked by his three sons, Ottis, Harwood, and Clyde, and

the auctioneer, Dewitt King. He then retired to his room where he told this reporter "God is the richest thing you can own, money ain't nothing, be prepared to meet God."

He told a friend, Mrs. Boyd King, who came in to greet him, "I'd be better off if the good Lord would call me." In a lighter tone, he said "I told them (his daughter and son-in-law) when they get the house all fixed up, I was going to tell them to get out and I'm going to find me another woman."

Born near Seagrove at the place where his son, Ottis, now lives, he attended the Rock Springs School, a log building with slab benches. His first wife was Delilah Moore and three sons, Ottis, Philmore, and Jesse, were born to this union. Jesse died at the age of 18 months, Philmore a few years ago.

After the death of his first wife, he said "I was left with three little boys and I prayed to God to lead me to some woman who would be good to my little children." His prayer was answered and he married Della Leach who not only looked after his first children as if they were her own but also bore him five additional children.

This second set of children are Harwood, Martha, with whom he will live, and her twin brother, William, who died in infancy, Clyde, and Della Mae, who is married to Clarence Cagle and lives in the same vicinity as her father.

### **Mrs. Barnes Almost Mum On Her 106<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

July 26, 1973 – She was wearing a pretty lavender dress especially made for the occasion and she had a three-tiered birthday cake.

But Mrs. Deborah Lucinda Barnes was not talking on her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday, celebrated Sunday, July 22.

All she would say, upon being asked how she felt, was "I'm pretty good to be as old as I am."

Her reticence was unusual she is usually very vocal. Heretofore, when this reporter had visited on her birthdays she had recited the ballad of Naomi Wise, she had recited various rhymes, and she had asked riddles which this reporter was never able to unravel.

According to her daughter, Mrs. Ben McPherson, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Wayman Barnes, she talked until recently, although her condition has definitely weakened since her last birthday.

A year ago she was her usual self, perceptively sharp and clear on many things, and she did the things mentioned above, in addition to repeating the solemn pledges of the Quaker marriage ceremony and quoting many Mexican phrases which she learned many, many years ago.

Deborah Barnes was reared in the stern upbringing of a Quaker home in the Back Creek Friends Meetinghouse community and throughout her long life has adhered to the practices of this belief. She picked up the Mexican language from a sister who went to Mexico as a missionary in the time of Deborah's early childhood.

It was sad to find this frail woman, who has absorbed so much during the years she has lived, silent on her 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. She spends her time in bed now instead of sitting on the couch on which she has been found on previous birthdays.

She sat on the side of the bed for her birthday picture but this year there was nothing more. In the past years she has held on to this reporter and talked with rapidity, not willing to let go until she had finished with her verses, her rhymes, and her riddles.

Three descendants of contrasting ages were among family members who visited her on her birthday at the Rt. 2, Asheboro home to which she came with her husband, the late Thomas Wilson Barnes, 83 years ago. These were great-grandson, Michael Shane Yow, 6 weeks old, and twin great-great-grandsons, Richard Kent Suits and Brian Keith Suits, 11 months old.

She has another daughter, Mrs. Nellie Smith, and two sons, Wayman Barnes, who lives in the home with her, and Emory Barnes. Six of her children are dead. Mrs. Wayman Barnes has looked after the aged lady for many years.

A neighbor, Miss Ina Poole, sent a flower arrangement, consisting of beautiful white and red gladiolus and other flowers. But Deborah Lucinda Barnes was not noticing flowers, her pretty lavender dress, her birthday cake, or anything else.

Things were just not the way they had been in previous years. We even missed the riddles which she had always trapped us on.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Spargo Honored At Reception**

July 27, 1973 – Rev. and Mrs. Carlos M. King entertained Saturday evening, July 14, at a reception honoring their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Yates Spargo, who were married May 5.

About 125 people called at the King residence on Rt. 1, Asheboro, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Spargo, the former Priscella Ruth King, was teaching at Northeast Guilford Junior High School in Guilford County at the time of her marriage. She formerly taught at North Asheboro Junior High School. She is a graduate of Franklinville High School and Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Okla.

Danny Spargo is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Yates Spargo, 941 Lee St., Asheboro. He is a graduate of Asheboro High School and Methodist College in Fayetteville. At the time of his marriage he was assigned to the Middlegate Air Force Station in Nevada.

The marriage of the couple took place at the First Baptist Church in Fallon, Nevada.

Mrs. Carlos M. King, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Spargo, and Mr. and Mrs. Yates Spargo received the guests at the bridal reception. Rev. King was hospitalized prior to the event and was unable to be present.

Serving the cake was Miss Gail Motsinger, Thomasville.

Presiding at the punch bowl were Mrs. Brian Cauble, Charlotte, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Marti Smith, Sanford.

Assisting with the gifts were Miss Sharon Lewellyn, Virginia Beach, Va., and Miss Kay Moon, High Point. The guests were registered by Miss Barbara Evans, Rt. 1, Asheboro.

Hosts and hostesses, Floyd Hodges, Hendersonville, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Evans, and Mrs. Ray Dezern.

The bridal couple, are making their home in a newly refurbished apartment on the lower level of the King residence.

The bridegroom has accepted a position with the engineering department at the North Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills. The bride plans to teach this coming school year in the Randolph County School System.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Kidd Have Golden Wedding Anniversary**

Aug. 1, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Kidd, long time residents of Coleridge community, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage on July 28.

On July 23 from 3 until 5 o'clock, the couple and their children received friends and relatives at a reception at Florence Hall, located next to the Concord United Methodist Church.

Their children, hosts for the anniversary reception, are Mrs. Clifford (Pauline) Saunders, David Kidd, and Melvin Kidd, Rt. 4, Siler City, Mrs. Benson (Atress) York, Asheboro, Mrs. Bob (Virgie) Trogdon, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Mrs. Everett (Lydia) Cagle, Rt. 1, Star.

Mrs. Kidd, the former Atress Alice York, came to the Coleridge community for the first time as a child bride following her marriage to Herbert Kidd in Greensboro on July 28, 1923.

She is a native of Guilford County, living between Stokesdale and Belew's Creek, the latter place being the site of her postoffice. She attended the Winding Hill School.

Her father William York died when she was quite young and she was reared by her mother, Betty Perdue York.

Herbert Kidd, son of William (Billy) Kidd and Lydia Johnson Kidd, is a native of upper Moore County near High Falls. He attended Purvis School and was living in Coleridge prior to his marriage.

The couple became acquainted when he was engaged in sawmilling operations in the vicinity of her home. The first time she saw him he was visiting her cousin, the next time was at her church, and the third time they were at the same box party where he bought three boxes before he got the right one, hers.

Mr. Kidd recalls the moving of the sawmill equipment into Guilford County and said it took two days to get the wagons and mules up there. A man with quiet humor, he said "I didn't make much money up there but I got a good woman."

After spending one night with her mother and another one with his parents, who were living at that time in the Grays Chapel-Kidd's Mill area, the couple set up housekeeping east of Coleridge where Mr. Kidd already had a house built and furnished for his bride.

Although ten years older than his wife, Mr. Kidd said "I don't believe we could have got along any better." "She has cooked me some good rations," he added, but the secret of their happiness may be contained in this statement, "I always bragged on her."

Two years after their marriage the couple moved to Thomasville for 14 months but came back to their present residence on Rt. 4, Siler City, slightly northeast of Coleridge. They have lived there since 1927, on a knoll overlooking the dirt road, with four large maples providing shade on the east side of the dwelling.

Mr. Kidd grows quite a few flowers, in addition to the garden which is still tended by the family.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kidd have been active members of the Deep River Baptist Church, having joined there 46 years ago when they came back to Coleridge. Mr. Kidd has served as Sunday School Superintendent and for many years as a deacon while Mrs. Kidd has been a teacher, active in the missionary society and in other areas.

As a child in her home church Mrs. Kidd was presented with a Bible for having memorized more scripture verses

than anyone else in the church. She still retains a knowledge of the Biblical verses.

For the anniversary reception Mrs. Kidd was given a corsage of yellow chrysanthemums. Fifty years ago on her wedding day she was dressed in blue organdy.

Grandchildren of the couple are Carl Saunders, Jr., Michael Trogdon, Dawn Trogdon, Mark Kidd, Ritchie Kidd, Angel Kidd, Alice Cagle, and Caroline Cagle.

### **Rev. Albert L. Taylor Deep River Baptist Honor Pastor**

Aug. 2, 1973 - The Deep River Baptist Church was crowded Sunday morning, July 29, for a special program honoring the church pastor, Rev. Albert L. Taylor, who became pastor there five years ago this coming Oct.

The program was a surprise to the pastor and he referred to the large crowd in attendance before he knew what was going on. He said "it is a little unusual and I don't know what is happening. It looks like Memorial Day to me. I thought we already had Memorial Day."

The special event, planned by the youth group of the church, took the form of a "This Is Your Life program." Michael Brown, president of the youth organization, served as master of ceremonies for the program. Serving with him on an arrangements committee were Mrs. Albert Taylor, Bob Brown, Timmy Strider, Doris Brady, Sandra Needham, and Diane Taylor.

Approximately fifty out of town friends and relatives of the Rev. Mr. Taylor were on hand to participate on the program. These included the minister's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Smith, and his twin grandchildren, Michael and Michelle, of High Point, his 81 year-old father, Albert F. Taylor, Pilot Mountain, Mrs. Taylor's mother, Mrs. Viola East, of Mount Airy, also two brothers and two sisters of the Rev. Mr. Taylor and two brothers and a sister of Mrs. Taylor.

Special music was provided by a trio composed of Linda Brady, Jeannie Craven, and Cathy Coble. Song Leader for the occasion was Sidney Coble.

At the conclusion of the program, the master of ceremonies presented the minister with a scrapbook especially compiled for the occasion and a bronze plaque inscribed "The youth of Deep River thank you for your thoughtfulness and guidance." Afterwards a picnic lunch was held on the back lawn of the church grounds.

The youth organization at the church came into existence last Nov. and since that time has become a \*\*\*\* factor in church attitudes. In addition to the special program, for which they \*\*\*\*\* over as extended period of time, the group conducts the services at the church every fifth Sunday. This was the case on July 29 and in the Sunday School; which preceded the special service, every class and office in the school was filled by a young person.

The establishment of a youth organization is one of many accomplishments which have been noted since the coming of Rev. Mr. Taylor to the Deep River church nearly five years ago.

A year ago last Jan. a new parsonage was dedicated, the first to be built in the 79 year-old history of the church. Other improvements include the erection of a steeple, the building of a front porch with four large columns, the placing of a new roof on the building, the construction of a new wall around the cemetery, and the recent installation of air conditioning.

But more than the physical improvements is the "leadership and guidance" which Michael Brown talked about at the special program and the large assemblage which came out on a hot, humid Sunday to honor the minister.

The young master of ceremonies expressed appreciation for the hard work of his committee and others in planning the program and the bringing of the food for the fellowship dinner. He ended it on a humorous note by also "thanking everyone at Deep River who has been able to keep a secret for three months. It will never be done again." He said.

### **Her Personality Still Sparkles Despite Jolt**

Aug. 15, 1973 - Marsha and Mickey Lineberry had been married since last Nov., both of them worked, they had bought a new car, paid for their furniture, and were saving for some land and a home of their own. She is 18, and he is 20.

Then, like a bolt of lightning, Marsha learned that she had leukemia. She stayed in the hospital for four weeks and four days, she will go back in another two weeks and the bills are piling up.

When she left the hospital the bill had reached \$2,987, not counting the bills of the two doctors who attended her. An injection every two weeks is costing \$36.14, one pill for the same period of time is \$^, and the blood she receives every two weeks is \$33.

An insurance policy for health and hospitalization was purchased for Marsha ten days before she knew of her illness. It has not yet been determined if this policy will qualify for payment on hospitalization and other costs of her illness.

Marsha and Mickey live in a rented house in Staley. Their marriage occurred following her graduation in May from Eastern Randolph Senior High School. They had courted three years. Marsha had lived with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William A. Watson, in Liberty for around seven years, Mickey had been reared in the Staley area.

At the time of her illness, Marsha was working in the office of Dr. Glasco in Liberty as a medical assistant. In fact, she discovered the first symptoms of her illness by taking her own "hemo." She was then examined by Dr. Glasco and he referred her to Dr. David Sillmon, a Greensboro blood specialist, for confirmation of her condition.

Marsha said "I wasn't prepared for leukemia." It was diagnosed as acute and was thought to have only existed for ten days prior to her knowledge of it.

Ironically, she submitted to a successful physical examination in May and just before her illness had planned to give of her blood so that someone else might be helped. She said "I always wanted to give blood."

This desire to do something for her fellow human being is typical of Marsha Lineberry, a warm-hearted young woman whose personality still sparkles despite the jolt which she has received. At Eastern Randolph she served as a teacher's aid and was popular among her classmates and the members of the faculty.

Mickey Lineberry works at Beaman's Corp. in Liberty. Before Marsha's illness the couple lived on his income and saved hers for the land and house which would be their own. Now, her income is gone and his pay will not be sufficient for her medical expenses alone, unless the insurance company pays on her policy.



This is not an appeal from Mickey Lineberry for financial help. He plans to take care of his obligation, regardless of how long it takes. But friends are becoming concerned and it is hoped that some community groups and health agencies will render a helping hand to this couple who have received a setback to a future which had previously looked bright.

### **His Spirit Is Still There**

Aug. 17, 1973 – Ten years ago I visited Manley Ashworth at the old family homestead, Rt. 3, Asheboro, just after the old house had been wired for electricity.

The original portion of the house, ceiled and framed with wide planks, was built in 1840, the newer part 60 years later.

Last Saturday afternoon I went again to the old place this time for the public sale of the household furnishings, many of which belonged to the first owners, Joel and Betsy Ashworth, grandparents of Manley Ashworth.

Manley Ashworth, now 82 years of age, left the old home last Jan. for the first time. He was first admitted to The Randolph Hospital, after which he became a patient at Clapp's Nursing Home. He was readmitted to the hospital on Monday after the sale.

Manley would have enjoyed being at the sale, because he loved people and the fellowship with his friends and neighbors. If he had been there you would have heard his laughter resound throughout the crowd.

Ten years ago I described Manley Ashworth as "the simple philosopher, respected by his neighbors and friends, and a man who believes in God and his fellow man."

Since the sale a neighbor, Wade Walker, has described him as being "a man of good principle, a man who has been a blessing to this community." He added, "everybody just loves that man."

THOUGHTS OF this kindly friend and neighbor must have been uppermost in the hearts and minds of those who stood underneath the old cedar trees last Saturday afternoon and heard the cries of the auctioneers, Bob, Burley, and Harold Gallimore, as they sold the possessions which had been a part of the four score and two years of Manley Ashworth's life.

Manley, one of 12 children born to Russell Ashworth, a pioneer school teacher, and Martha Sheridan Ashworth, had remained at the old homeplace after his brothers and sisters had left. He had stayed to care for his mother who died in 1955. He was still there, living alone, last Jan. when he was admitted to the hospital.

He has not been back since and neither has he mentioned going home. This coincides with the neighbor's statement, who also said of Manley, "he is the most contented man I have ever seen," and reflects the unselfish and trusting spirit of this man who is beloved throughout his neighborhood.

The old unpainted house is now bare of its furnishings but the cedars, the big oak between the house and the barn, and the big beech tree near the spring are still there. Also, the cotton bushes, the crepe myrtle, the Formosa bush, the red bud and the spruce pine. The ivy is still on the chimney and the latticed railing still encircle the porches.

The spirit of Manley Ashworth is also still felt among the surroundings where he has spent his life, not only there but also with the people among whom he has lived and gained the respect of everyone who has come in contact with him.

### **Watermelon Grower Carrying On Family Tradition**

Aug. 22, 1973 – Three generations of Nelsons have grown watermelons on the family land on Rt. 1, Sophia, according to Wayne Nelson who is carrying on the family tradition.

He estimates that his family have grown and sold watermelons to the public for at least 75 years.

Wayne himself started off 45 years ago as a boy of 10 helping his father, Shubal Nelson. He recalls his father and grandfather, Rufus Nelson, raising and hauling watermelons to Asheboro and Randleman in a wagon, remembering that he went with them sometimes to the latter place.

HIS FATHER, Shubal Nelson, died 20 years ago but Wayne has continued the practice each year. Back during the days of his grandfather, his uncles Sam, Lewis and Logan Nelson also assisted in the growing of the watermelons.

Only one time in his memory have there been no watermelons, about 17 years ago. They were planted on the creek on the Rufus Nelson homeplace that year, the creek got up and washed them away.

Last year the patch was located away from the house and was raided frequently by children, "big children as well as little ones," according to Wayne. This year the patch is closer to the house.

The season for his melons started about a week ago and already he has pulled some big ones. He sold one last Saturday which weighed 47 pounds and pulled another one which weighed in at 42 pounds. The week-end before he had taken one to an ailing friend, Howard Sawyer, which weighed 40 pounds. Others have been just as large.

HE RAISES cantaloupes also on his farm, located just off the Flint Hill road, sometimes picking as many as 150 daily. But they came on early this year and went out about the time the watermelons came in.

Wayne Nelson has always lived at the place where he now resides. His father lived there before him. At the end of the road on which he lives is his grandfather's old homeplace. Asked about the old scales on which he weighs his large melons, he said "they were here before I ever got here." Wayne is an active member of the Mt. Olive Wesleyan Church, about a mile or so to the east as the crow flies, and an employee of Myrtle Desk Co. in High Point.

A lady he knew came by on Saturday afternoon and brought another woman with her. This other lady purchased some melons and said "I've heard about what good watermelons you've got."

### **Seagrove Church Has Homecoming**

Aug. 23, 1973 – Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, founded in 1813, held its annual homecoming service last Sunday.

Many former residents of the community came back to join the local congregation for the annual service.

The church sanctuary, built in 1926 on the architectural style of that era, provided a lovely setting for the service. The dark mahogany stain of the pews and pulpit furniture and the black altar railing and trim on the doors reflected against the beige walls and high white ceiling.

REV. FRANK Jarvis preached his first homecoming sermon as pastor at Mt. Olivet. He also sang a solo, "The stranger of Galilee," accompanied by Mrs. Claudette Reeder, guest organist from Concord United Methodist Church, on the same charge with Mt. Olivet.

Flowers on the altar were given in memory of Johnny Gatlin by members of his family.

The picnic luncheon was held under the shade trees, near the site of the old two-story Mt. Olivet Academy building which formerly stood on the grounds. Many of those attending the homecoming recalled when they were students at the old school which was discontinued and torn down after the opening of the Brower School at Erect.

Although iced tea and lemonade were served along with the consumption of the heavily laden table of food, a water barrel was located on Frank Deaton's truck as a reminder of such occasions in the years gone by.

WHEN THE Mt. Olivet church was first organized 160 years ago it was located about a mile away from the present church site, in a wooded area off of the road. A cemetery which was established at the original site contains about 200 graves. Rev. Enoch Spinks, a local preacher, was the founder of the church.

In 1874 the church was moved to the present site and a new building erected. However, the cemetery at the new site was not begun until 1913. the second building for the Mt. Olivet congregation, now 99 years old, is still in existence and has been used as Sunday School rooms since the erection of the new sanctuary in 1926.

### **250 People Hear New Folk Group**

Aug. 24, 1973 – THE NEW HOPE Singers, a newly organized Christian folk singing group, presented their 4<sup>th</sup> performance of the season at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church Sunday evening, Aug. 19.

An estimated 250 people heard the youthful singers who came out of four different churches, First Baptist, Ramseur Wesleyan, and Jordan Memorial United Methodist in Ramseur and First Penecostal Holiness in Asheboro.

Other appearances by the group have been at First Baptist Church in Ramseur, Central Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, and Antioch Baptist Church near Taylorsville, with capacity crowds also at the first two churches named.

On Saturday, before their appearance at the Wesleyan church, the group motored to Charlotte where they made a record of their presentation. This record will be available for distribution in about six weeks.

Organizer and director of the group was Gene Boatwright, summer youth director at First Baptist Church in Ramseur.

A senior and a music major at Mars Hill College, his intent in organizing a musical group from the various church was to coordinate their efforts and involve their lives in a closer contact with one central figure, the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RAMSEUR community has been stirred by the dedicated performance of the new Hope Singers, lives have been touched and commitments made stronger.

A touch of rock music in the presentation was derived from the sound of the various instruments, intermingling with the youthful voices.

But the spirit settled down, peace and tranquility prevailed as the performance neared its end. "I Believe" preceded the time honored hymn "Just As I Am Without One Plea."

Then, "The moment of truth is here for you, This moment will never come again," and finally "I'll shout it from the

mountain top, I want my world to know, The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on."

As the latter words were sung the singers moved swiftly up and down the aisles, grasping hands, rejoicing in the spirit, and conveying to others the knowledge which had come to them.

CHOIR MEMBERS included Kevin Allen, Judy Ammons, Sylvia Ammons, Dianne Caviness, Mike Caviness, Ricky Caviness, Jeffrey Curtis, Chris Dorsett, Cynthia Hogan, James Hogan, Kathy Hollins, Sammie Kimrey, Sara Kimrey, Jackie Kinton, Anne Leonard, Lyn Leonard, and Kay Luther.

Also, Kim Luther, Frances McGee, Martha McKeel, Mary McKeel, Jerry McNeil, Betty Overman, David Overman, Rosa Overman, Tony Overman, Gwen Roberts, Sandra Roberts, Paula Scott, Ricky Stour, Ricky Ward, June Thurston, Ricky Dehart, Terry Perkins, Randy Foster, and Penny Williamson.

### **Shiloh Christian Church Reaches Milestone**

Aug. 30, 1973 – A new milestone in the history of Shiloh Christian Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, occurred Sunday morning, Aug. 27, with the dedication of a new two-story addition, consisting of a fellowship hall on the lower level and seven Sunday School rooms upstairs.

Dedicatory speaker for the special observance was Dr. Donald Drake, president of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, from which institution the Shiloh pastor, Rev. Leon Wood, graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree.

Following the morning service members of the congregation and outside visitors enjoyed a buffet luncheon in the new fellowship hall. Meals at Shiloh in the past have been served in the old Shiloh Academy building which is located on the church grounds.

The new building, with a brick exterior and an interior construction of paneling throughout, is attached to the rear of the older building by a hallway. Included in the construction is a kitchen area, utility room, and two rest rooms.

Builder for the new unit was Allen Craven. Those charged with the responsibility of construction, in addition to the pastor, were the trustees, Dwight Craven, Nicholas Brooks, and Junior Staley, and the deacons, Beeson Craven, June Staley, Graham Moffitt, Terry Moffitt, and Bill Craven.

Organization for the Shiloh church took place in 1943. the older part of the existing church building was built in 1899, replacing the one which was built 130 years ago. The 1899 building was brick-veneered in 1950 and Sunday School rooms added.

The present minister, Rev. Leon Wood, assumed the pastorate of the church on a parttime basis in July, 1969. a short time later he assumed full time duties and became the first minister in the history of the church to move into the community and become a resident pastor.

### **Mt. Olivet Wesleyan New Church Addition Progresses**

Aug. 31, 1973 – Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, continues the progress which has been manifested in recent years, starting a new addition which was enclosed three weeks after it was started.

The new facility, which will be attached to the rear of the existing building, will consist of three Sunday School rooms and two rest rooms.

Increased activity at the Mt. Olivet church has particularly been noticeable since the Rev. T.R. York came back to his native county to become the pastor of the church.

A year after he came the indebtedness on additional space erected three years prior to that time was cleared. Other physical improvements have included new pews, remodeling and carpeting of the sanctuary, and the building of a garage and utility room at the parsonage.

A veteran of more than fifty years in the ministry he has coordinated the efforts of the Mt. Olivet congregation and has accomplished much the past few years. In addition to the physical improvements, there have been many innovating programs which have aroused the interest of the people in the church as well as those in the community.

Folding partitions will divide the three new rooms of the new building, which upon being removed will provide a large assembly space. The outside part of the building will be erected out of prime siding. The interior construction will consist of either paneling or sheetrock.

Building committee for the new construction are W.W. Julian, chairman, Fid Coward, Buck Pugh, Floyd Pugh, Sil Burgess, and Joe Ferguson.

The men of the church and community, along with the pastor, have been doing the work on the new construction. Some of the men are experienced in carpentry work while Fid Coward, one of the committee members is a plumber.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Brown Have 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Sept. 5, 1973 – A Rt. 1, Bennett couple, still comparatively young in both appearance and age, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stacy Brown were honored by their six daughters and five sons at the home where they have lived a greater part of their married life. Friends called from 2 until 5 o'clock.

They were married Sept. 3, 1923 in Chatham, Va. Mrs. Brown, the former Ethel Mae Cox, lacked four months or so of being 15 years of age. Her young bridegroom of fifty years ago was not yet 18 at the time of their marriage.

Mrs. Brown was raised a short distance up the road from where the couple are now living, the daughter of Robert (Bob) Cox and Mossie Phillips Cox. Albert Brown lived across the community in the edge of Browntown, the son of John R. Brown and Tellia Lowdermilk Brown.

Both of them attended the Pleasant Grove school and church. Pleasant Grove Christian Church is still a strong factor in the life of the community. The school was disbanded many years ago.

Albert, in speaking of his wife, said "I have known her all of her life."

Mr. and Mrs. Brown drove to their marriage site in the adjoining state in a Model T Ford, accompanied by Jason Leonard and Janie Leonard, also residents of the community in which the couple lived.

Their marriage plans were not generally known either by the people of the community or their relatives. Mrs. Brown was attending a prayer meeting near Cheek's Mill when Albert came by to pick her up for the trip to Virginia.

Their children are Glenn Brown, Mrs. Ruby Branson, and Ronnie Brown, Greensboro, Marvin Brown, Graham, Mrs.

Velma Welch, Bennett, Mrs. Catherine Baxter, Albert Brown, Jr., and Mrs. Brenda Albright, Rt. 1, Bennett, Mrs. Irene McNeill and Mrs. Linda Freeman, Asheboro, and Larry Brown, Rt. 3, Randleman.

The two youngest daughters, Linda and Brenda, are twins. There are 18 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

A grandson and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Welch, greeted guests at the open house event honoring Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

Registering the guests were two granddaughters, Mrs. William Saunders and Mrs. Jimmy Brown.

Serving refreshments were daughters-in-law, Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Marvin Brown, Mrs. Albert Brown, Jr., Mrs. Larry Brown, and Mrs. Ronnie Brown.

Assisting at the gift table were granddaughters, Penny Brown, Donna Branson, and Brenda Baxter.

Two grandsons, Gary Brown and Johnny Baxter, said the goodbyes.

At the conclusion of the open house Mr. and Mrs. Brown were further honored as guests of their children at a supper held at Brewer's Restaurant at Harper's Cross Roads.

### **First Baptist Church Ramseur Area Crusade Scheduled Sept. 9 - 14**

Sept. 5, 1973 – A Ramseur Area Crusade, sponsored by the Ramseur Ministerial Association, will be held Sept. 9-14 at the First Baptist Church in Ramseur.

Services will be held each evening, Sunday through Friday, beginning at 7:30. A nursery will be provided for infants.

Speakers will be the pastors of the area churches, with a different speaker each evening. The song evangelist will be the Rev. J.W. Stiles, a Wesleyan pastor from Cherryville. A combined community choir will also render music each evening.

The schedule of speakers are as follows: Sunday, Rev. Homer Frye, pastor of First United Church of Christ; Monday, Rev. C.B. Smith, pastor of Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ; Tuesday, Rev. Justus McKeel, pastor of First Baptist Church; Wednesday, Rev. T.R. York, pastor of Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church; Thursday, Rev. George Culbreth, pastor of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church; and Friday, Rev. Leon Thompson, pastor of Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

On Sunday morning, Sept. 9, prior to the beginning of the crusade that evening, the ministers will exchange pulpits for the morning worship services in the area churches.

THIS SCHEDULE is as follows: Rev. Mr. Frye, Ramseur Wesleyan Church; Rev. Mr. Smith, first Baptist Church; Rev. Mr. McKeel, Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ; Rev. Mr. York, Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church; Rev. Mr. Culbreth, Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church; and Rev. Mr. Thompson, First United Church of Christ.

This will be the second crusade sponsored by the Ramseur Ministerial Association. However, the first one a few years ago scheduled an outside speaker.

### **First 'Singing On The Mountain' Slated In County This Saturday**

Sept. 6, 1973 – Randolph County's version of "singing on the mountain" will be held Saturday, Sept. 8, beginning at 7 p.m.

It will take place on Purgatory Mountain at the site of the Zoo, in the vicinity of the headquarters of the N.C. Zoological Authority on Cox Rd.

Arrangement for this first "singing on the mountain" in Randolph County are being made by the singing twins, Ray and Clay Davis, who will appear along with Clay's wife, Barbara, and their bass player, Carl (Bud) Greene.

Other well known singing groups will appear on the program are Christian Life Trio, Deep River Quartet, and the Atwood Singers.

A free will offering will be received at the singing for Marsha Lineberry, 18-year-old Staley resident, who recently became ill with leukemia.

SINCE THEN Marsha's medical and hospital bills have accumulated at a rapid pace and the illness has only just begun. It is more than her 20-year-old husband, Mickey Lineberry, will be able to bear. The young couple were only married last Nov.

The public is invited to the singing and urged to remain as it continues through the evening hours. The only requirement, if you want to sit down, is to bring your folding chair or something to sit on. The area in the vicinity of the singing will be lighted.

Ray and Clay Davis, 32-year-old natives of the area between Erect and Seagrove, have been singing for practically all of their lives. They accompany themselves on their guitars.

Even before they reached maturity and served in the U.S. Army they were singing on radio programs and in churches. Their musical ability was inherited, since their parents, Wesley (Wes) and Ethel Voncannon Davis, are also musically inclined.

After their Army days their talents were directed into the field of country music but for the past year or so they have confined their efforts to gospel singing and have appeared only before religious and civic groups.

Ray and his wife, the former Joyce Allred, of the Westmoore community, attended the Richland Baptist Church where a singing is held the last Saturday night of every month. Clay and Barbara, who was a member of the large Oscar Smith family on Rt. 1, Asheboro, attend the Asbury Baptist Church.

THE SINGING at the Zoo will be a first for gospel singing in Randolph County, an area where gospel singing has been popular for many years.

Take this opportunity to visit the Zoo site, enjoy the singing and bring an offering for Marsha and Mickey Lineberry whose lives have been wrought with stress and illness so soon after their marriage.

### **81-Year-Old Spends Busy Summer**

Sept. 6, 1973 - Mrs. C.C. Harrelson, 717 N. Fayetteville St., who celebrated her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday Tuesday, Sept. 4, has had a busy summer.

She has tended a very successful garden, some of which she dug up by hand. She cultivated the garden space, gathered the produce, put it up in cans and froze it.

She assisted in mowing the yard, especially when her husband was ailing. Recently she also painted all of the porch furniture and outside chairs.

This latter improvement came just before she served as hostess to the "cousins reunion," consisting of the grandchildren of Daniel and Ann Cross Millikan, for which she did some extra cooking.

The reunion was held last Sunday, two days before Mrs. Harrelson's birthday, and joining Mrs. Harrelson on this occasion were her cousins, Margaret Granger, Isley Lewallen, Annie Cox, Jessie Menius, J.B. Ward, Ollie Harrelson, Ruth York, Mary Nixon, Kathleen Layton, Virginia Garner, Wanda Bunting, and Ada Hepler.

ALSO PRESENT were other family members, including Mrs. Lula Nixon, stepsister of Mrs. Harrelson, at whose home the reunion will be held next year.

Mrs. Harrelson, the former Florence Millikan, has worked throughout her lifetime. She thinks this is what has kept her in the good physical condition which she has enjoyed and still maintains.

Her mother died when she was nine years old and until the remarriage of her father she assumed the responsibility of the household and the care of a younger brother. Later, while still young, she worked in the mill at Worthville.

Until her marriage to Charlie Harrelson she stayed at various times in the homes of her relatives. She was living with an aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Cox, on N. Church St. at the time of her marriage Apr. 3, 1915.

She and her husband have lived in Asheboro for all of their married life. They have lived at their present residence 54 years. She is a familiar sight to the passer-by on N. Fayetteville St. as she sits on the spacious porch of the house overlooking the street, after her household duties and the caring of her yard and garden have been completed for the day.

For over fifty years she and her husband have been members of First Baptist Church in Asheboro. She is a part of this institution the same as she has been a part of Asheboro there many years.

Her friends here, accumulated over a long period of time, join with this correspondent in wishing her well on the occasion of her birthday and trust her good health and happiness will continue.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Overton Honored With Reception**

Sept. 10, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Martin Overton, Rt. 1, Sophia, were honored on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 2, at a reception at the New Market Community Building.

Hostess for the occasion was their daughter, Miss Rhonda Overton, a sophomore at Appalachian State University at Boone. About 100 friends and relatives called from 2 o'clock until 4.

Family members of both Mr. and Mrs. Overton assisted in the reception, along with Mrs. John Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Overton were married Sept. 4, 1948 in the parsonage of the Glenola Baptist Church. Mrs. Overton is the former Carolyn Beeson.

Among those in attendance at the reception were Mrs. Flossie Overton, Rt. 1, Sophia, mother of Martin Overton, and Mrs. Pauline Beeson, Rt. 1, Randleman, mother of Mrs. Overton.

Martin Overton has been active in the New Market Civitan Club and other areas of the community life. He is a past president of the Civitan Club.

### **'Punkin Man' Switches To Gourds And Catfish**

Sept. 10, 1973 – Bascom Craven, who gained fame a few years ago as the "punkin man," has switched over to gourds and catfish.

People are now stopping by his rustic farmhouse on Rt. 1, Seagrove to see the large array of long handle dipper gourds, growing underneath a neatly-built scaffold by the roadside.

There are 100 or more gourds underneath this scaffold, over 30 of them real large ones. The largest measures four feet and nine inches in length and others are about as large. There are other gourds also growing on the premises.

Although not visible from the road, the large, the large catfish in the pond east of the house are attracting people daily.

There are over 30 large ones, from five to eight pounds, and they scramble up to the trough when the feed is thrown in.

The growing of catfish is becoming a profitable enterprise in some sections of the state and Mr. Craven is off to a good start.

A few years ago Mr. Craven's speciality was pumpkins and he won many prizes on his exhibits. His largest one, which weighed 260 pounds, was grown in 1962. Another one grown later weighed 240 pounds.

The people came in such large numbers to see his pumpkins he erected a sign "Pumpkin Road, 1/4 mile, largest in USA."

But the wet seasons came and Mr. Craven's pumpkins rotted. No longer did he grow the prize specimens. He turned to other things, there was a season or so of Bohemian Squash and then came the catfish and the gourds.

Known far and wide for his knowledge of plant culture, Mr. Craven's farm abound with the various types, the improved versions, and the plants on which he has practiced cross-breeding and other experiments.

His family, the descendents of his parents, Isaac Franklin and Rocity Garner Craven met in reunion at the old unpainted residence Sunday, Sept. 2, and Mr. Craven had plenty to show his kinspeople. Among those present were a sister, Mrs. Eula Craven Purvis, and a brother, Banks Craven.

But back to the gourds, the grower of those long handles is accepting orders for \$1.50 each.

## **Gospel Sing Benefits Staley Leukemia Victim**

Sept. 11, 1973 – Fifteen singers and musicians sung and played for hours on Purgatory Mountain Saturday night and a young Staley woman, Marsha Lineberry, ill with leukemia, benefited from the free will offering which amounted to \$1,101.25.

It was the first singing to be held at the Zoo site on Purgatory and it was a resounding success. An early estimate of the crowd was 500 but the folks kept coming, parking on the main road, sitting in their cars and in the shadows, and it is felt that many more than the estimated figure was there.

As the sun went down beyond the western horizon the atmosphere cooled and the people sat in comfort on the hillside, in the folding chairs which they had brought from their homes and some on the ground. The children ran and played on the grassy site and both young and old peered

through the wire enclosure, trying to see the giant turtles in the dim twilight.

Four singing groups, the Davis Brothers and Carolyn, the Atwood Singers, the Gospelairens, and the Christian Life Trio, were composed of the following people, Ray and Clay Davis, twins, Carolyn Davis, Bud Greene, Jerry and Kaye Atwood, Joe and Linda Moran, Cleo Cain, Nowell Brown, Sydney and Cathy Coble, Ronnie York, and Everett and Brenda Walker.

Others helped with the auxiliary duties, Bill Wright had his catering trucks on hand, Clifton's Masonry furnished the sanitary facilities, Larry Davis provided the piano, the Zoo Authority had an attendant, Terry Shirley, on hand to assist, and others rendering individual assistance were Phyllis Marley, Everett and Mabel Cooper, Robert and Doris Cooper, Joyce Davis, Betty Greene, and Mary Lynn Eubanks.

Garland Cooper was master of ceremonies. The groups sang from Mack Priest's long low-bed truck and loud speaker systems carried the music and singing throughout the countryside. Even at the end of the fourth hour many of the people were still on hand and only left when the notes of the last song had faded beyond the darkness of the Zoo area.

Marsha Lineberry, the recipient of the benefit singing, her husband Mickey and a friend Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith came over on Sunday afternoon to meet with the singers, receive the free-will offering from them, and to express their heartfelt thanks for the compassion which had been rendered unto them.

## **Ramseur Couple Feted For 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Sept. 12, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Edgar (Ed) Scott, Rt. 1, Ramseur, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 9, in the fellowship hall at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church, where they have been members for 47 years.

Their courtship began at the Columbia Manufacturing Co., where both of them were employed, and their marriage followed soon thereafter on Sept. 8, 1923.

The marriage vows were spoken before Rev. A. K. Scotten at his home in Coleridge. They were taken to the minister's home by Price Pugh in his Model T Ford and were accompanied by George Kivett and Ethel Kivett.

Ed Scott, 72, was born in the Erect area, the son of Frank (Bud) Scott and Ina Woodell Scott. He came with his family to Ramseur at the age of 12 to work in the mill. He attended the school at Mt. Olivet, below Erect, and later the school in Ramseur.

Mrs. Scott, 70, was the daughter of Millard and Nancy (Nannie) Gardner Hammer. She is a native of Chatham County but was reared in the Union Grove Christian Church area, across the creek from Kemp's Mill.

She attended the community school there but came to Ramseur at the age of 16 to work in the mill, boarding at the home of her grandfather, the Rev. Manley Hammer, a retired Christian minister.

Born the second child in a family of 12, Mrs. Scott has eight brothers and sisters still living.

Ed Scott was an employee of Columbia Manufacturing Co. for 50 years before operations were discontinued. He has worked on a part time basis at Randolph Mill at Franklinville for five years.

Mrs. Scott, who has been afflicted with arthritis for several years, was an employee at the plant in Ramseur for 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott are the parents of three children, Mrs. John (Margaret) Williams, Rt. 1, Garland, Mrs. Fred (Eva Mae) Burgess, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Paul Wade Scott, Asheboro, who were hosts for the open house observance honoring the couple on their golden wedding anniversary. There are also seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Scott was stylishly dressed for her wedding fifty years ago in blue satin. She also wore a blue dress for her anniversary reception.

The couple have lived in the same house in the Brooklyn section of Ramseur for 46 years. This is the same area where Mrs. Scott lived with her grandfather for four years before her marriage.

Ed and Blanche Scott are widely respected in Brooklyn and in the church where they have held their membership many years. In addition to the regard of the people of the entire Ramseur area, some of whom have known them throughout their married life and before.

### **Routh Family Holds Reunion**

Sept. 14, 1973 – Descendants of the Joshua Marion Routh family met Sunday, Sept. 9, at their annual reunion at the Bethany United Methodist Church north of Millboro. It is said there are 1,000 descendants of Joshua Marion Routh and his wife, Sallie Hannah Julian Routh, but only a small percentage of them, about 175 attended the reunion, according to Mrs. Joyce Routh Fagg, reunion secretary.

A family member of special significance in attendance this year was Miss Robyn Lisbeth Allred, the new reigning Queen of Randolph County. Miss Allred, whose mother is the former Blanche Rough, is a great-great granddaughter of the family founders, Joshua Marion and Sallie Hannah Julian Routh.

The new Queen of Randolph sang for the family gathering, accompanying herself at the piano. She also played the organ during the memorial service which was conducted by Allene Routh Troxler.

Also attracting a great deal of interest was newly married couple, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hopingardner, of Houston, Texas. The couple, only married for the past two months, received a trophy for this distinction and also for having traveled the farthest, 1,254 miles, to the reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopingardner are not young newly-weds. Both had been married to previous mates, now deceased, for 40 years before their own recent marriage. Mrs. Hopingardner, daughter of Clarence Cuberson Routh and granddaughter of the reunion founders, left the vicinity of the reunion site with her family shortly after the turn of the century.

James Franklin (Jim) Pugh, 79, received the trophy for being the oldest family member in attendance and he and his wife, the former Urilla Routh, received the trophy for having been married the longest, 54 years. Mrs. Pugh, nearly 77, is the oldest living grandchild of Joshua Marion Routh.

The youngest member of the family present was Cory Michael Routh, 4 months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Routh, of Randleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Routh with 8 out of their 10 children in attendance received the trophy for having the largest family present.

Odell Routh, president, and Wayne Ward, vice-president, were re-elected to their respective office in the business session but Lauretta Routh Redmon was named secretary to succeed Mrs. Fagg, who declined reelection.

### **Columnist, Wife Celebrate 67<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Sept. 17, 1973 – Vaughn Marley, Courier-Tribune columnist, and his wife, Nannie, observed the 67<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage earlier this month but let the day go by without any fanfare.

Both are ailing and Mr. Marley said "we didn't do anything about it, we just let it go." Vaughn let his driving license expire on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday last June 18 and the couple hardly ever leaves their home on Highway 64 East of Ramseur anymore.

But the day of their marriage on Sept. 5, 1906 is still very clear in their minds, especially Vaughn's, who said "we walked down to the parsonage and had the preacher tie the knot."

He was working at the Ramseur Store Co., otherwise known as the company store, and had worked hard the day of the wedding "unloading 200 bags of salt in the hot sun." His employer told him later "if I had known you were going to get married, I wouldn't have worked you so hard."

Nevertheless, the couple walked together that evening from Nannie's home about 200 yards from the Methodist Episcopal parsonage next to the Masonic Building downtown for the solemnizing of their marriage vows, which have lasted almost the number of years which were Biblically allotted to man and woman.

Nannie, now 87 years of age, wore a dress of white taffeta for the wedding and Vaughn was dressed in a blue serge suit. Standing up with them were Nannie's sister, Pearl Ferree, and the man whom she would marry a year later, Herbert Brady.

VAUGHN reported back at the store the next morning but evidently not to work because he was wearing his wedding outfit of the night before, the blue serge suit and a plug hat. Anyway, he was let off from work and after borrowing his father's buggy and two horses he and his new bride spent the day riding. He said "we went all the way to Franklinville and back."

The couple got acquainted at the Ramseur School, after Vaughn had come from his native area of Coleridge at the age of 18 to attend the school at Ramseur and to find employment at the company store. He doesn't recall the exact point of their meeting but thinks it was when "we got to using the same cat paddle", in a game which was played at the school.

But he was working at the store where he started off at \$20 a month, at the time of their marriage. When he quit after seven years of employment he was making \$35 a month. His first job was in Coleridge at the age of 16 when he started carrying the U.S. Mail from Coleridge to Ore Hill in Chatham county for 72 cents a day, with him furnishing the mule and two-wheel cart which was his means of conveyance.

He recalls that sometimes on the mail route he got so cold he covered himself with a lap robe and put a lighted lantern between his legs to keep warm.

Vaughn's parents, William Harris Marley and Celia Whitehead Marley, moved to Ramseur after he came, Nannie's parents, the Mebane Causey Ferrees were

residents there, making Nannie a native and lifelong resident.

Mrs. Marley's father was a machinist at the Columbia Manufacturing Co. and Vaughn remembers that Mr. Ferree was standing on a stepladder when he went to ask for Nannie's hand in marriage. Vaughn said "I want you to give me Nannie for my wife" and Mr. Ferree responded "well, I reckon I'll have to let you have her, take good care of her."

When he quit working at the company store in Ramseur Vaughn Marley and a brother-in-law, Sol Caviness, started a mercantile establishment on Liberty St., where Vaughn stayed for 48 years, quitting this business in 1959. His wife was also associated with the store, he said "she worked with me, right by my side."

Some years after the marriage of Vaughn and Nannie Marley they took into their home Vaughn's nephew, Vaughn Hampton Dorsett, who was two years old when he came into their home. Son of Vaughn's sister, Ina Dorsett, who died in 1923, he was reared to maturity in the Marley home and for many years has lived with his family beside of their present residence.

In 1937 Vaughn Marley began writing his popular column, "Trash N' Whittlings," in The Randolph Tribune during the early tenure of the late Roy Cox, Sr., editor and publisher. However, he had written the Ramseur news for many years before that for The Courier before that paper merged with The Randolph Tribune.

One of Randolph County's best known humorists, he said "I always had my fun." He said also that his father had a lot of wit about him. He still writes his column, although it is not as extensive as it was when he was able to drive around over the countryside. Describing his column, he said "I've tried to publish the town all I could and I've tried to get a lot of folks acquainted with the town."

Vaughn Marley gets plenty of offers to take him to church and to go other places. But while his beloved Nannie is not well, he prefers for the most part to stay home and watch over her. Tape recordings of the services at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, where Vaughn has worshipped since coming to Ramseur in 1904, are brought to his home for his enjoyment and comfort.

Until about two years ago his involvement in his church had lasted as long as his membership there. His life had also touched many other areas of community life, including the Lions Club and the Masonic Order where a membership has existed over a half of a century.

But for this time of writing we are putting aside many of the achievements of Vaughn Cleveland Marley to place uppermost his marriage of 67 years to Nannie Folsom Ferree Marley. Their marriage has been one of equal partnership and extreme devotion. The latter is strongly evidenced as the slightly-built, quiet-spoken, bespectacled humorist sits in the home on Highway 64 East and watched after the woman with whom he walked to the M.E. parsonage on that night over 67 years ago.

## **Asbury Baptist Open House For New Sanctuary Is Held**

Sept. 19, 1973 - Open house for a new sanctuary at Asbury Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, was held Sunday afternoon.

Occupancy of the building, which cost \$103,739.41, took place the last Sunday in June, in time to enjoy the benefits

of the air-conditioning system installed in the new contemporary structure.

Overall cost of the entire building project, including excavation, furnishings, and other aspects of building, amounted to \$131,359.27.

Besides the sanctuary area with a seating capacity of 425, including the dual choir area, the new building contains the pastor's study, mechanical room, four rest rooms, baptistry and dressing areas.

The construction is brick, both exterior and interior, except for birth paneling in the chancel and choir areas and pecan paneling in the pastor's study.

Exposed beams of Southern yellow pine support the high ceiling which was built of white pine from the west coast sections. Lighting comes from 29 drops fixtures of bronze glow with stained glass inserts, affording diffused lighting for the vast sanctuary area.

The soft blends of the new cradle-lever type pews with upholstered seats and backs, merge with the overall appearance of the sanctuary, including the rustic carpeting of orlon and nylon which covers the entire area of the new structure, except for the brick pavers in the vestibule or foyer entrance.

NARROW stain-glass memorial windows feature either side of the sanctuary and contain names familiar to Asbury Baptist Church history. Windows were given in memory of the Rev. C.M. Strickland, Philmore Graves, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ashworth, the Rev. Bascombe King, Charlie Odom, W. Clyde Russell, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Hunt, and Remus Hancock.

The Rev. Bascombe King was the first minister to be ordained by the church after its organization in 1926 while the Rev. C.M. Strickland served as pastor of the Asbury church for 26 years before the coming of the present pastor, the Rev. Bennie L. Maness, who was called as pastor in Jan., 1963.

Contractor for the new sanctuary was S.E. Trogdon and Sons, of Asheboro, the architect was Fred L. Williams, Lexington. The building committee from the church consisted of J.M. (Junior) Hancock, chairman, Albert Brewer, Arnold (Red) Hancock, Thomas Cooper, and Clovis Hare. Brewer, treasurer of the church, also served as treasurer of the building fund.

Buildings previously erected at the church will be used for Sunday School facilities and a small assembly area. The original one-room wood building, later brick-veneered, which existed when the church was organized is included among the buildings which existed prior to the construction of the new sanctuary.

The original building on the church site was first used by the Asbury United Methodist Episcopal Church, organized by Dr. T.E. Asbury around 1880 but which did not exist at the time of the organization by the Baptists. This accounts for a Baptist Church which has a name usually associated with the Methodists.

## **Pentecostal Holiness Franklinville Church Dedicated**

Sept. 21, 1973 - Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church congregation is now occupying a complete new church plant, situated within sight of the old church structure which was located on old Highway 64 west of Franklinville.

The transfer from the old building to the new one occurred when dedication service and open house was held. More than 300 people were on hand for the occasion.

Dedicatory speaker was Bishop J. Floyd Williams, Franklin Springs, Ga., general superintendent of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Among those in attendance were four former pastors, Rev. Clyde Herndon, Rev. W. H. Hough, Rev. Paul Jones, and Rev. Albert Mills.

Present pastor of the church is the Rev. James E. Laws, who came to the church in Oct., 1971. The next year plans for the new structure began. Actual construction was started last Oct.

The sanctuary of the new building is of brick construction both inside and out. The educational plant has a brick exterior and an interior construction of paneling, Colonial pecan. In addition to the sanctuary the building consists of 11 Sunday School rooms, a nursery, two small assembly rooms, church office and library, pastor's study, two rest rooms and two storage rooms.

The pulpit and choir area in the sanctuary covered with natural birch paneling with pine stripping and the overhead in the sanctuary is finished in natural pine with exposed beams the same finish as the pulpit paneling. The new pews and pulpit furniture are oald and the entire church plant is carpeted. Windows in the sanctuary are stained glass. A large basement area, to be used by the Women's Auxiliary and the Men's Fellowship, will be finished later.

Cost of the building was \$88,000. Clegg Pritchard was the general contractor. The building committee from the church group consisted of Rev. James E. Laws, chairman, Lloyd Smith, Robert Stewart, Virgil Sexton, Herbert Johnson, Louise Kinney, Dorothy Spivey, Clyde Thomas, and Bill Davis, all of them except two being members of the church board and the board of trustees.

Names on the stained glass windows honored Rev. and Mrs. James E. Laws, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Kinney, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Moore, Sr. while those memorialized were Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Ragsdale, S.L. Patterson, Aaron E. Cranford, Randy Harvel, and Mrs. Dippie Kinney. Mrs. Kinney, a charter in the early years of its organization. The window in her memory was given by the Women's Auxiliary.

The present pastor of the church was reared in Danville, Va. and has been a minister since 1959. This is his third pastoral assignment, having previously served a church in Danville for five years and a church in Gibsonville for seven years.

### **Church Honors Pastor Mangrum**

Sept. 24, 1973 – Central Falls Baptist Church honore their pastor, Rev. John C. Mangrum, on successive Sundays, Sept. 9 and 16.

The first Sunday the church met in conference, with the pastor absent, and voted to give him a new automobile. The following Sunday he was honored at a surprise "This Is Your Life Program."

Both Sundays the minister had prepared to preach but did not get the opportunity because of the ensuing events. He was so overwhelmed and gratified by the honors which had come to him, he said on the second Sunday "this day and last Sunday is about all one person can take."

The honors which came to the minister were timed to coincide with the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Rev. Mr. Mangrum at

the Central Falls church, he having become the pastor there on Sept. 12, 1963.

W. M. (Mack) Strider, Minister of Youth and choir director, assumed charge of the service on the second Sunday morning and was master of ceremonies for the "This Is Your Life Program." He prefaced his remarks by saying "I hope you'll forgive us for taking over your service again this morning."

The Sunday morning before, when the voting on the new car occurred, Zeb W. Davis, chairman of deacons, had asked permission to conduct the conference without the minister being present.

Also appearing on the program were the minister's wife, the former Edith Walden, like the minister a native of Union County, their daughter and son-in-law, and two grandchildren. Also a sister of the minister, Mrs. Essie Phillips, and a nephew, Warren Phillips, of Hamlet.

REPRESENTATIVES from three former churches which Rev. Mangrum had pastored were on hand to join in the program honoring their former minister. These were the Miami Baptist Church in Cabarrus County, Wyatts Grove Baptist Church in Rowan County, and Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

Two of the representatives from these churches included the chairmen of deacons at the time of the tenure of service of Rev. Mangrum at those churches.

Afterwards, a luncheon was held in the following building. Attending were out of town guests and members of the congregation.

### **Cedar Falls Churches Hold 'Community Happening'**

Sept. 26, 1973 - Cedar Falls churches held their second "community happening" last Saturday afternoon and evening with a variety of events.

Started last year to "show the community that we care," sponsors this year were the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church, the Cedar Falls Baptist Church, and the Clear View Baptist Church.

The first two churches initiated the observance last year, attended by 200 or more people, but this year the Clear View people, their friends from across the river, were invited to participate.

There was something for everyone, if you didn't take part in any of the games or athletic events, you could prepare yourself a hot dog with all of the fixings and enjoy an iced soft drink.

The men and women, as well as the children and the young people, joined in the activities.

There were horseshoe tournaments for both men and women, also volley ball and an egg throwing contest.

Biggest attraction for the children of some size was perhaps the greasy pole, with many attempting to reach the money at the top of the pole. Also for the smaller children jumping the rope and the treasure pit, a pit or sand in which had been placed 300 pennies.

Site for the festivities was a grassy slope which connects the Baptist and the Methodist churches. Things get underway at about 4 o'clock and continued until the darkness came in the evening hour.

Many of those present participated in the various activities but others chose to sit or stand around and visit with their neighbors and enjoy the fellowship of the combined



gathering. One older citizen of the community said "this is good to have a little get-together of the churches."

Preparation for this "community happening" included 1,200 soft drinks and the fixings for 600 hot dogs. It is estimated that more than 200 people were on hand again this year.

### **Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrated by Couple**

Sept. 27, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Henry Lambeth, Rt. 2, Asheboro, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, with their children holding a reception in their honor at the Tabernacle School cafeteria.

The couple, both of whom are 79 years of age, were married Sept. 22, 1923 at the home of a sister of Alvin Lambeth, Mrs. Jim Younts. Wilmont Jester, Justice of the Peace, performed the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth had both been married prior to their marriage 50 years ago. Mrs. Lambeth's first husband died in the flu epidemic during World War I and Mr. Lambeth's wife-(can't read end of paragraph)

Alvin Lambeth has a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Simpson, Thomasville, by his first marriage while Lee Loflin, Rt. 1, Trinity, is Mrs. Lambeth's son by her first marriage.

The children by their marriage to each other are Mrs. Sam (Irene) Staley and Arthur Lambeth, both of Rt. 2, Asheboro.

Mrs. Lambeth, the former Louisa Elizabeth (Lula) Kindley, was born and reared in western Randolph County, this side of Uwharrie River, the daughter of General Kindley and Charity Gallimore Kindley.

Alvin Lambeth was reared in the Silver Valley section of Davidson County, about a mile from Randolph County. Son of Lemuel and Mary Hunt Lambeth, he attended the Plummer School.

Even though they were reared in the same general area, the couple did not know each other until shortly before their marriage. Mrs. Lambeth was working in High Point and they were introduced by a mutual friend, Dave Hoover, in fact, Lambeth had asked his friend to find someone for him.

Grandchildren and in-law assumed the various duties at the golden anniversary reception which was attended by more than 200 people.

These included in-laws, Flarrie Lambeth, Helen Loflin, and Sam Staley; grandchildren, Betty Holt, Larry Lambeth, Linda Hill, Miss Bonnie Loflin, Nancy Murphy, Judy Varner, Dallas Lambeth, Jerry Lambeth and Roger Lambeth and great-grandchildren, Sharon Murphy and Chris Holt.

Other grandchildren are Bobby and Ricky Simpson and other great-grandchildren are Michelle Simpson, Rodney and Bryan Lambeth, Frank and Brent Hill, and Dewayne Holt.

### **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary For Seagrove Couple**

Sept. 27, 1973 - Mr. and Mrs. Rufus W. Beck, Rt. 1, Seagrove, observed their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 18. A family celebration was held Sept. 23. Rufus Beck, 87, was born at the place where he and Mrs. Beck, 87, was born at the place where he and Mrs. Beck presently reside, located in the area known as "Beck Town."

Mrs. Beck, 85, the former Barbara Cockman, is a native of Moore County. She is the last surviving member of her family, a brother having been buried the day before her

family gathered to commemorate the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Beck are members of the Union Grove Baptist Church.

### **81<sup>st</sup> Birthday Ramseur Resident Honored**

Oct. 2, 1973 - Jeffrey Barker, Rt. 2, Ramseur resident, observed his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday on Sept. 28. Two days later, on Sunday, Sept. 30, his children honored him with a birthday dinner at the Kildee Wesleyan Church.

One daughter, Mrs. Johnny Salsman, Clayton, Ind., was not present for the occasion honoring her father. However, she had spent a week at home in July due to the illness of a brother.

The other children, who were present, are Mrs. Leonard Craven, Mrs. Pelger Leviner, and Mrs. Oris Carmae, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Mrs. Cletus Cheek, Rt. 1, Staley, Frank Barker, Ramseur, and Floyd Barker, Liberty, Mrs. Salsman and Frank Barker are twins.

Mr. Barker lives with Mrs. Craven and her husband at their home located near the old residence at which Mr. Barker and his wife reared their seven children. Mrs. Barker died in Apr., 1967 and Mr. Barker left the old homeplace the following Dec., along with Mr. and Mrs. Craven who lived with the Barkers prior to that time.

Part of the old home, which is now unoccupied, dates back to the Civil War period and contains wide boards which are hand-hewn. Mr. and Mrs. Barker came to the place, which is not far from the place Mrs. Barker was born, three year following their marriage on Nov. 22, 1914.

Jeffrey Barker is a native of the Providence area in northeastern Randolph County and was living there, near the Providence Meeting House, at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Barker. The Rev. Gary Waisner, pastor of the Kildee Church, and his wife were present for the birthday dinner honoring Mr. Barker and the minister paid tribute to the one who was being honored at the time he expressed thanks for the bountiful meal which was served to those in attendance.

Others in attendance included sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

### **Faith Temple Baptist Unique Church 'Rolls' To New Home**

Oct. 3, 1973 - Faith Temple Baptist Church, formerly located at the home of the minister, Rev. Richard J. Trogdon, on Rt. 1, Franklinville, is now worshipping at a permanent site on a paved road just north of Millboro.

Twin trailers which were used at the temporary location have been joined together in a neat arrangement at the new site, connected by a large vestibule which will later be extended to form a sanctuary area.

Situated on a knoll overlooking the 3-acre tract, the white mobile units are striking with the large black crosses and trim, matching the black trim of the construction which joins them together, the latter built with a cathedral roof and also painted with a matching white.

The parking space in front of the place of worship is graveled and the area on the north side is cleanly mown. It is planned to construct foundations underneath the trailers and sow grass around the structures.

Space in the new arrangements on the permanent site, in addition to the newly erected vestibule which connects the

mobile units, include sanctuary, five class rooms, nursery, library, pastor's study, and rest rooms.

The minister organized the church as the Faith Temple Baptist Mission over two years ago and progress has been steady since that time. There are now 95 members and an average attendance of more than 100 in Sunday School.

A native of the community in which he preaches, Trogdon's ministry prior to starting the faith Temple work consisted of preaching in various churches and conducting a tent ministry. At the time of his conversion, he was on the verge of becoming an alcoholic.

He stated that his ministry is currently attracting people who were also addicted to dope and alcohol and estimated that the financial assets of the Faith Temple church had increased from \$1.25 in the beginning to the presently estimated assets of \$25,000.

This past week-end a Bible Conference at the church featured Abraham A. Rones, a Jewish historian and minister, a converted Jew and director of Shalom International, Inc.

### **Belated Surprise For Rev. Kindschi**

Oct. 5, 1973 - When Rev. R. H. Kindschi, pastor at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church saw his children from out of town assembling for the morning worship service last Sunday morning, he wondered what was going on. He did not know that they were coming.

Since he had observed his birthday the day before, he finally figured they had come to celebrate the occasion with him at the parsonage next door, perhaps as sort of a surprise.

But after the service he was asked to come down to the fellowship building, he thought to see about the air conditioning which had been giving some trouble.

He opened the door and was greeted by about 150 members of his congregation, singing "Happy Birthday." Only then did he know what it was all about.

The entire group enjoyed a buffet luncheon, including a birthday cake; and the minister was presented with money for a new suit.

Rev. Mr. Kindschi, a native of S. Dak., is serving the second year of his pastorate at the Neighbors Grove Church. Previous pastorates in North Carolina have been at Brevard, Canton, and Gastonia.

Family members present for the surprise birthday party included Mrs. Kindschi, five daughters, Mrs. Alvin Reel and Mrs. Tony Baker, Gastonia, Mrs. William Kincaid, II Raleigh, Mrs. Rick Blackledge, just back in the states from Stuttgart, Germany, and Miss Robin Kindschi, of the home, and a son, Sgt. Stephen Kindschi, a member of a aerospace surveillance team enroute to Thailand.

Also present were three of the four sons-in-law and six grandchildren.

### **Randolph County Landmark Falls, Crumbles To Ground**

Oct. 10, 1973 - A landmark in western Randolph County, the old Parker's Mill on Rt. 2, Denton, has fallen, crumbled in a heap to the ground.

Situated on the banks of the Uwharrie River, the large two-story structure was rebuilt in 1911. The mill was originally started in 1779, nearly 300 years ago.

The old mill, which was closed down in 1965, outlasted its owners, Mr. and Mrs. Victor (Vick) Parker. Mr. Parker, who operated the mill for 33 years, died in 1969 but Mrs. Parker lived until last July.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker were married June 4, 1911 and left the next morning for Kansas where they spent the summer with relatives. Upon their return they started rebuilding the mill and two years later built their home on the hill from the mill.

Before Vick Parker rebuilt the mill in 1911, which was then 132 years old, his grandfather had at one time operated the mill as head miller and later his father was the owner and operator.

After the Parkers closed the mill down in 1945 they began the operation of a store across the road from the mill, leaving their big house on the top of the hill and living in the store building until their deaths.

Mrs. Margaret Snider, daughter of the Parkers, said the old mill fell a portion at a time over a period of weeks, with the roller mill falling through the floor first. The last portion to collapse was two weeks ago.

Many fond memories of the old mill site are held by Mrs. Snider, who recalls playing in the mill and jumping on the sacks of wheat. "Nothing has hurt me worse in a material way," she said, than the collapse of the old mill. She and her small daughter, Anita, cried bitterly as they came along and viewed the destruction of the old building which had been such a vital part of her childhood.

The river is low now and Mrs. Snider indicated that the family hopes to dispose of some of the old timbers before the water rises again and washes the lumber down the river.

Vick Parker, the long time operator of the mill, was a vital part of the mill site and other surroundings of the countryside. He was a historian and a genealogist, especially as it related to the Hoover family. For many years before he died it was a consuming desire to restore and perpetuate the burial site of Andrew Hoover, great-great-great-grandfather of President Herbert Hoover, in the old Hoover cemetery which is located in the vicinity of the old mill site.

### **Evangelistic Crusade At New Hope**

Oct. 12, 1973 - A southwest Randolph evangelistic crusade will be held at the New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Denton, beginning Oct. 14 and continuing through Oct. 20. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

Eleven churches in Randolph County and upper Montgomery County will participate in the evangelistic crusade, with most of the preaching being done by the local pastors.

The sponsoring churches are the Farmer, New Hope, Salem and Oak Grove United Methodist Churches of the Farmer Charge, the Eleazer, Liberty, Center and Macedonia United Methodist Churches of the Eldorado Charge, Gravel Hill Baptist Church, Farmer Baptist Church, and Calvary Gospel Church.

Local pastors will speak in the services as follows: Sunday, Rev. Leonard Voncannon, pastor of the Farmer Charge; Monday, Rev. F. E. Baucom, the Gravel Hill pastor; Tuesday, Rev. Tony Jordan, pastor of the Eldorado Charge; Wednesday, Rev. Claudie Harrison, Farmer Baptist pastor; and Thursday, Rev. Frank Barrett, pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church.

Outside speakers will appear for the last two services, Rev. Coy Privette, pastor of North Kannapolis Baptist Church and president of the state organization of the Christian Action League, will speak on Friday evening and Rev. G. Howard Allred, pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro, will speak at the final service on Saturday evening.

"Youth Night" will be observed on Tuesday evening, for which service the 20-year-old pastor of the Eldorado Charge, Rev. Tony Jordan, will be the speaker. Assisting him will be Kyles Wallace, ministerial student at Pfeiffer College who is also assigned to the Eldorado Charge.

Music for the crusade will be provided by a combined choir from the participating churches under the direction of Paul Cagle, of the Gravel Hill Church. Services each evening will be preceded by a prayer service at 7:15. All of the churches are from Randolph County except for Center and Macedonia which are in Montgomery County.

### **Preacher Ben Honored On His 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Oct. 17, 1973 - "Preacher Ben" McPherson was honored by his congregation at Richland Baptist Church last Saturday evening, one day before his 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

One hundred and sixty one members of the congregation, fellow ministers and other friends were present at a dinner which was held at Camp Mundo Vista. His wife, children, and brothers and sisters were also on hand for the occasion.

It was a joyous occasion for both the minister and the congregation. The minister, usually referred to by his members as "Preacher Ben" or "Brother Ben," organized the Richland church in 1951 and has served continuously as pastor since that time.

The Rev. Talmage Smith, associational field worker, led a group of other Baptist ministers in paying tribute to the Rev. Ben McPherson on the occasion of his birthday. The Rev. Mr. Smith came to Randolph County about the time of the organization of the Richland Church.

Other ministers present and speaking also were the Rev. Bennie Maness, the Rev. Fred Richardson, the Rev. Garland Hall, the Rev. Darrell Brown, the Rev. Albert Taylor, the Rev. Bryant Dark, and the Rev. Wilbur Eaton.

IN SPEAKING of the honored minister, the Rev. Mr. Smith paraphrased a verse of scripture, saying "There was a man sent from God whose name was Ben McPherson." He said that Ben McPherson, like the Biblical John, had a streak of boldness which caused him to organize the church at Richland.

"I believe God called him to Richland Baptist Church," the speaker stated, and "so long as Richland Baptist Church stands, it will stand as a monument to the life and works of Ben McPherson." He also referred to the honored minister as a man of prayer, faith, and perseverance.

About two years before the organization of the Richland church McPherson held a ten revival near the site where the church was eventually located. At the time of organization 15 people became charter members, five of them were present at the birthday celebration last Saturday night. The organizing minister himself is a native of the community in which the church is located, in the Humble's Mill area, having been born about three quarters of a mile away.

Presiding at the birthday celebration was J.A. (Josh) Eubanks, Jr., chairman of deacons at the Richland Church, who joined the visiting ministers in paying tribute to the veteran pastor. Mrs. Joyce Davis and Mrs. Mabel Cooper, teachers in the Sunday School, presented books of remembrance to the Rev. Mr. McPherson. One book was designated "A Man Called Ben," the other one "God's Man - Preacher Ben."

Special music was provided by two groups from the church, a trio composed of Ray, Clay and Barbara Davis and the Christian Life Trio. Mrs. James Dyson, daughter of one of the charter members, sang the minister's favorite song, "The Stranger of Galilee."

Sponsors of the event took up a love offering for their pastor, passing around his hat for the collection of the money. The minister, touched by tributes and the gifts, said "I wasn't worthy of any of it." Then, speaking to the others present, he said of his congregation, "They could get a better preacher than I am but they'll never get one that loves them any better than I do."

### **Cong. Andrews Attends 33<sup>rd</sup> Auman Family Reunion**

Oct. 18, 1973 -- Fourth District Congressman Ike Andrews mingled with members of the Auman family Sunday as the 33<sup>rd</sup> annual reunion of the Andrew Auman family was held at the old Fair Grove Methodist Church building at Whynot, now discontinued for regular worship services.

The national legislator spoke informally to the assembled family group on a variety of subjects, he paid tribute to the origin of the family before whom he appeared, he spoke of his experiences as a freshman Congressman, he gave his views on religion, his faith and belief, and he commended the services of Robert Auman, a family member and one of his administrative assistants.

He also told of his privilege in sitting with the House leadership group during the discussion period involving the selection of a vice presidential nominee to succeed former Vice President Agnew.

The Congressman was introduced by State Representative T. Clyde Auman, his former colleague in Raleigh and father of Robert and Watts Auman, the latter serving this year as president of the reunion organization.

Prizes were awarded to Clinton Auman, 83, oldest man; Mrs. Maude Rich, also 83, oldest woman; Clyde Ellis Corner, III, five-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. (Cheryl Auman) Corner, Jr., youngest child; Bertie Auman, Orlando, Fla., who traveled the farthest; and Mrs. Ray Caudill (Marie Auman), who had the most children in attendance.

Items from Seagrove Pottery were donated by Walter and Dorothy Auman to three of the prize winners and were also presented to Congressman Andrews as a token of his visit to the family event.

A short verse attached to each piece of pottery proved enjoyable to those attending the reunion. The gift to the oldest man, a shaving mug and brush, read "to keep you neat the old timey way," the foot warmer to the oldest woman, "to keep your feet warm and cozy until next year," to the youngest child, a savings bank, "start saving young is an Auman tradition," and to the one who came the farthest, a candle and holder, "to light your way back to the Auman reunion again." Mrs. Hubert Auman collaborated with Mrs. Dorothy Auman in compiling the verses.

Decreased members of the family were honored in the annual memorial service. Those who had died during the past year included William Franklin Hughes, Leslie Wade Auman, Percy L. Bostic, Claude Hicks, Jessie Hicks, Joseph Aaron Auman, Delmar Birch Auman, Austin Cone (Bud) Trogdon, Lora Yow Auman, William Ran Hall, Jacob Freeman, Leacy Naomi Cornelison, Callie Barnes Auman, Cecil C. Cagle, Ethel Biggs Trogdon, Cassie Lucas Bullard, Mrs. Leslie (Vera) Auman, and Carl Casper Auman.

Howard Auman was elected to the presidency of the reunion for the next two years. Colon Auman was named as the new vice president. Mrs. Mae Caudill Auman was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Referring to the latter officer, Watts Auman, the retiring president, said "we are held together by Mae Auman."

The visiting Congressman resumed his mingling with family members as the bountiful meal was spread on the tables at the rear of the church building, after which younger elements of the family and community provided music for those who cared to stay a little longer.

## **Missionaries Hopeful Of Return To Mission Post In New Guinea**

Oct. 19, 1973 - A Rt. 2, Sophia native and former resident, full of dedication and purpose, is seeking to return to the mission post in New Guinea in which he served for over four years.

To do so, however, James Eugene (Jim) Rich must raise the funds for transportation for himself and family, in addition to maintaining support after they get back to the mission field.

The Evangelical Bible Mission Board, an independent mission organization under whose auspices he went to New Guinea, operates on faith alone and there is no money to pay expenses for him and his family.

When Jim Rich, his wife Beulah and their son Nathaniel, who will be 5 in November, went to New Guinea in March, 1969, 12,800 miles away by the flight of the airplane which carried them there, the mission board wanted them to have \$240 monthly pledged to their support, they had only \$10 a month.

But, as he said, "the Lord supplied all of our needs," even though two more children, Jill Marie, 3, and Randall Floyd, who will be 2 in November, were born during their sojourn in New Guinea.

It was difficult to provide a livelihood until the family secured a milk cow, planted a garden, and secured some chickens, turkeys, and ducks. The lowest amount of money they received while gone was \$75 one month. The money they received came mainly from family members, friends, and from a few church groups.

This Randolph County native, who was manager of the mission post to which he was assigned, went to the mission field as a teacher. He was assisted on the post by his wife, a licensed practical nurse, and one other missionary. This scarcity of workers brought about a variety of duties and Jim said "you do whatever it falls on you to do."

He is not a licensed minister but still conducted religious services on the mission post and also at other places in the surrounding vicinities. A church was established at the mission station after he arrived, first it was a brush building and then a semi-permanent structure with metal roof and trusses.

Parts of New Guinea, particularly in the vicinity of the missionary stations, are uncivilized, inhabited by cannibals, and where white men have never been. The missionary said in those areas live some of the wildest human beings in the world.

When the family first reached their station they had no means of transportation. The government post and airstrip were seven miles away. The nearest town, where they shopped and where Mrs. Rich went to have her babies, was 80 miles away.

Until they secured a Toyota land cruiser they walked the seven miles to the airstrip and from there flew to the town for their needs. Now they can make the trip to the town in the land cruiser in six hours. There are no paved roads except in the large towns.

Jim Rich graduated from Randleman High School in 1958. His religious training was secured at a Bible College in Hobe Sound, Fla., at which place he met his wife. He taught at a Bible College in Pennsylvania and worked with the Navaho Indians in Arizona before going to the mission field. He also worked at Laughlin Hosiery Mill in Randleman. He is the son of Mrs. Mae Allred Rich and the late Walter Rich.

The family returned home due to the illness of Mrs. Rich's father, a resident of English, W. Va., in June. They are now raising money to defray their expenses back to the field which they served for over four years, hoping to go back next June or July. It will take approximately \$3,500 for transportation back to New Guinea. Jim is presently employed as a teacher in a Christian school in Salisbury, coming back to the home of his mother on the week-ends.

He is available for appearances at churches or before other groups. The showing of slides and film go along with his talks about the mission field to which he hopes to return. He may be contacted at the home of his mother, Mrs. Walter B. Rich, Phone 88-498-9632.

A JIM RICH Missionary Fund has been established by the South Plainfield Friends Meeting, located in the vicinity in which he was born and the church of his childhood. Contributions to this fund from churches or individuals may be made at the Northgate Shopping Center Branch of Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. or mailed to the bank at P.O. Box 909, c-o Mrs. Sarah B. McCain, manager of the branch bank who is also treasurer of the South Plainfield Meeting. Checks need to be made out to South Plainfield Friends Meeting.

More than an ordinary sense of purpose possess Jim Rich and his wife Beulah as they plan to take their three small children and return to the far-off land where they have already spent more than four years of their lives. They not only leave their friends and their homeland but they go without the financial backing of a solvent missionary organization. You question Jim Rich about this undertaking and he repeats "the Lord has promised to supply all of our needs."

## **Scotten Home, Furnishings Sold At Auction**

Oct. 26, 1973 - Rev. A. K. Scotten was a minister in Coleridge who is still remembered by many people, despite the fact he died nearly 39 years ago. His wife, Decie Craven Scotten, died nearly 25 years ago.

Their home and household furnishings had remained intact since their deaths, "it had been kept open for the

family," according to a daughter, Mrs. Ornice Scotten Kaldoff of Greensboro. "We paid a light bill for 25 years," she said.

But on Saturday, October 20, the Scotten house and its furnishings were sold at a public auction, closing out the home where Rev. Scotten and his wife had reared nine of their ten children. Mrs. Kaldoff had owned the property since the death of her mother.

Mrs. Kaldoff regretted having to sell the property but said "I can't keep it up any longer." Her husband, John Alfred Kaldoff, a renowned musician, died two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Kaldoff, who had lived with and cared for her mother after the death of the Rev. Scotten, had hoped to come back sometimes and live at the old place.

Besides Mrs. Kaldoff only two of the Scotten children are still living, Mrs. Alma Stout, Burlington, and S. E. Scotten, Jacksonville, Fla., neither of whom were able to attend the sale which disposed of the old homeplace.

Deceased children of Rev. and Mrs. Scotten were Mrs. Hattie Stout, Mrs. Donna Cox, Mrs. Maude Cox, Miss Bessie Vivian Scotten, Albert Benton Scotten, Clester R. Scotten, and Dwight L. Scotten. Albert Benton died at the age of 16 months while the family lived at a Methodist parsonage in Albemarle.

Rev. A. K. Scotten was a well-known minister. Many couples in the Coleridge area who have celebrated their golden wedding anniversaries in recent years were married by him, usually at the home which was sold last Saturday.

He was also a surveyor, a school teacher, Justice of the Peace, notary public, and postmaster. For a time the postoffice was located in his home. He served as the county surveyor for 16 years.

Land on which the Scotten home is located came from Mrs. Scotten's grandfather, Isham Craven. Her father, Haywood Marshall Craven, was killed on the battlefield in the Civil War the day after his daughter's first birthday.

Louvine Kivett Craven, widow of Haywood Marshall Craven, reared her daughter at another house on the Craven Island and once carried the mail on horseback to Faust's Mill, now the town of Ramseur. The old side-saddle which she used was sold in the auction sale of the Scotten property.

An unfortunate incident occurred on the day before the sale. One of the chicken houses on the property burned, in which was stored some of the household furnishings. One of the items burned was the old walnut desk which Rev. Scotten used in the operation of the Coleridge Post Office.

Also, during the sale Ramseur banker Garland Allen found two old guns (muskets) lying on the premises in a rusted and rotted condition. One of the guns was sold by the auctioneer, Jim Frazier, but Mrs. Kaldoff withheld the other gun from the auction sale.

Purchaser of the old homesite, including the house and one acre of land, was James E. (Cotton) Raines, county tax collector.

### **Organizational Meeting Held**

Oct. 26, 1973 - An organizational meeting for a Lawrence family reunion was held Sunday at the old Fair Grove Methodist Church building at Whynot, with about 75 members of the family present for the initial meeting.

This first meeting, which had been discussed for some time, revolved around the descendants of Rev. John Stanford Lawrence, a well-known minister of the Christian

denomination who lived in the area between Whynot and Erect.

Nine children were born to the Rev. Lawrence and his wife; Annie Eliza Covington Lawrence; namely, Thomas Wilburn Lawrence, Elizabeth Pereniar Auman, Helon Vashti Lowdermilk, John Isley Lawrence, Lawson Copage and Lorenzo Isaac Lawrence, twins, Oscar DeWitt Lawrence, and Annie Lee Beck. The twins died soon after birth.

Thomas, Elizabeth, and Oscar remained in the vicinity of their birthplace, Annie Lee went to Greensboro, Helon and her husband served as missionaries to the Indians in the west, Walter became a professor at Elon College, and John Isley went to Texas. All of them are deceased.

Six grandchildren of the Rev. John S. Lawrence were present at this first reunion of his family to form a connecting link with the succeeding generations. These included Mrs. Jim (Lizzie Lawrence) Farlow, Asheboro, daughter of Oscar Lawrence; Clinton Auman; son of Elizabeth Lawrence Auman; Mrs. Corbett (Faye Lawrence) Scott, Asheboro, and Emmett Lawrence; Lexington; children of Thomas Lawrence, and Mrs. Lois Beck Tate, Greensboro, daughters of Annie Lee Beck.

Although these older members of the family were in attendance at the initial meeting, the reins of the newly formed organization were put in the hands of four great-great grandchildren of the founder, the Rev. John S. Lawrence. These included Benny Lawrence; Archdale; president; Miss Carol Lawrence, Atlanta, Ga., vice president; and Mrs. Pat Lawrence, Archdale, treasurer. The latter named officer is a great-great-granddaughter-in-law.

But it was a family member farther down the line of genealogy that received the prize for being the youngest person in attendance. This was Tanay Renee Trogdon, 12-weeks-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam (Carol Sikes) Trogdon; Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Great-great-great-great-granddaughter of Rev. John S. Lawrence.

Clinton Auman, 83, one of the six grandchildren in attendance; won the prize for being the oldest person present. The John S. Lawrence family from Atlanta, Ga. was given the prize for having traveled the farthest.

Facts concerning the life of the Rev. John S. Lawrence brought out at the reunion revealed that he was born in 1833, called to preach at the age of 25 at the old Christian Union Church, organized the New Center Christian Church in 1872, served as its pastor three different times, and served as conference president twice. He died in 1899.

Andy Brown, associated with Radio Station WGWR and an outstanding lay leader of First United Methodist Church, was guest speaker at the family meeting. He was introduced by Mrs. Paul Auman. The newly elected vice president and secretary; Carol Lawrence and Donna Lawrence Staley, were responsible for the planning of the meeting.

A picnic luncheon was held after the meeting on the outside of the old church building. The reunion will be held again next year on the fourth Sunday in September.

### **Business Opened In 1921 Closes Doors In Liberty**

Oct. 26, 1973 - A public auction in Liberty on Saturday, October 13, closed out a business which began in 1921, over a half of a century ago.

When the sale ended, as the sun was sinking fast beyond the western horizon, only the building in the heart of

downtown Liberty remained, except for the inscription "R. P. Smith" on both of the front windows. Later the building itself will be sold.

It was somewhat of a sad occasion, the passing of this familiar landmark, not only for the people of the town but for those who also lived in the countryside. It was exceeded only by the death of R. P. (Perry Rossie) Smith last February 6, which broke up the also familiar duo, Perry and Mae Smith.

Perry and Mae lived for 34 years in the four rooms in the back of the store which they operated in downtown Liberty but their fame was known far and near. Well known musicians, since their marriage they had sung in 400 churches, had spent three months out of 23 years of the latter part of Perry's life attending camp meetings in Florida, and Perry's picture had been made by Mae in front of every courthouse in North Carolina.

"Perry did not push business the last 29 years of his life," according to Mae. But they still kept the store open, mostly for the old friends who continued to drop by and visit with Perry and Mae while seated in the old rocking chairs around the potbellied stove.

But the old stove, the rolled top desk of oak construction, the old safe in the corner, the shoe last, the spool cabinet, Mae's piano and the stool with the glass knobs, a box of song books, and four boxes of calendars which went back to 1920, along with other various and sundry items, went on the auctioneer's block. An era in the town had come to an end.

Mae was sad; not only because she was separated from Perry for the first time since their marriage in 1936 but also because she missed being uptown and the friends dropping by. She moved into an apartment after Perry's death. It is only a block or so away but it's still not the same. It's not the same for others either, as one old friend saw Mae the other day and told her, "I just miss coming in there."

Perry opened up his business in Liberty in 1921 in the same building at which the sale was held. He later moved into a place down the street but came back to the original building where his name had been on the windows for the past 35 years.

Carl Goerch, former editor of State Magazine, visited his store one time and later wrote "he has got everything in there, from red undershirts to locomotive engines." He was the first merchant in Liberty to sell home appliances. In the last years, when his business didn't amount to much, he still sold Bloom's Almanacs every year.

Both Perry and Mae had always been involved with music and in the earlier years of their married life attended Stamps-Baxter Singing Schools in Chattanooga, Tenn., Birmingham, Ala., and Dallas, Texas. Formerly Perry also sponsored Fiddler's Conventions in Liberty.

Mae was reared between Liberty and Staley. Her father, Tommy Andrew, was a well-known Friends Minister, serving as Minister at Rocky River for 35 years. It was at the latter place that Mae met Perry, who was reared in the edge of Alamance County, near Smithwood.

Both Perry and Mae were endowed with humor, Mae's came to light again as she talked about the first time she met Perry. She asked her mother, "who is that fellow, I like his looks?" Her mother replied, "He goes with all of the girls and don't care anything about any of them." Their courtship lasted four years, as Mae expressed it, "it took me four years to get him."

Perry always seemed in command, with Mae the obedient one. But Mae admits now that she was the boss sometimes when he thought he was bossing. She also says now that she made a Quaker and a Republican out of him, the Smiths having been Methodists and Democrats.

But they were a close couple, you never thought of one without the other, and they were established fixtures not only in their home community but elsewhere. They always sang as a duet, with Mae also accompanying on the piano. It seems strange now to see Mae without Perry, especially at the auction sale when the things which had surrounded them so many years were sold.

## **Retired Postmasters Honored**

October 29, 1973 – Mrs. Bess W. Finch, who retired as Asheboro's Postmaster on June 30, was honored at a banquet at Holiday Inn South in Greensboro Saturday evening, along with four other Postmasters who retired at the same time as Mrs. Finch.

Hosts were the Postmasters of the area comprising the Greensboro Sectional Center but in attendance were Postmasters and postal officials from throughout the state. Among the 150 people present were Henry B. Fountain, Sectional Center Manager-Postmaster, Greensboro, and two former Regional Directors.

Honored along with Mrs. Finch were James T. (Jimmy) Martin, Liberty, Ivan Chrismon, High Point, Mrs. Bea Richardson, Pleasant Garden, and Miss Pearl Linville, Oak Ridge, each of whom was presented with a bronze plaque.

A telegram from Congressman Ike Andrews was read at the banquet as follows: "Our Fourth Congressional District will be trying to recover for a long time from the retirement of Bess Finch and Jimmy Martin. My sincere good wishes to them and to the other retirees, all of whom have devoted their careers to serving the public good." Former United States Senator B. Everett Jordan also sent greetings.

When Bess Finch retired as Postmaster on June 30, after 34 years of service at the local postoffice, she received a letter from LeRoy V. Greene, Director, Communications and Public Affairs, Southern Region. He expressed dismay that she had retired and said "The postal service will never be the same without you. You were a postmaster who was one in a million."

Many people in Asheboro and on the rural routes shared this feeling about Bess Finch. Her appointment as Postmaster of the Asheboro Office by the late President John F. Kennedy in March, 1961 was popularly received here.

During her tenure of service Asheboro was the largest Postoffice in the old Atlanta Regional District served by a woman. This probably resulted in her invitation and attendance at the first Equal Employment Opportunity Conference in Washington, D. C. following the establishment of that governmental agency.

She compiled an enviable record during her 12 years as Postmaster at the Asheboro office. Frequently she was used by the Postoffice Department as a "training Postmaster," being sent by the department to other postoffices throughout the state for assistance in office procedures. She was also designated as the Liaison Postmaster for other offices in Randolph County.

Bess's retirement, as far as vacation and leisure time is concerned, hasn't really begun yet. After June 30 she assisted in the transfer of duties at the local Postoffice and

was immediately recruited as the chairman of the residential division of the United Appeal of Greater Asheboro.

### **"Got The Preacher Up" Anniversary Memory**

Oct. 31, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Snider, Rt. 3, Denton, were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, October 28, exactly 50 years from the day they were married.

Open house was held at their home near the Davidson county line. Hosts were their children, Mrs. Paul (Willa Dean) Cagle and Ralph Snider, Rt. 3, Denton, Raeford Snider, Rt. 2, Denton, Mrs. Ray Gallimore, Richard Snider and Mrs. Donald Skeen, Denton, Burrell Snider, Yadkinville, and Mrs. Leon Cook, Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Snider were married on a Sabbath morning 50 years ago at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. E. W. Jones, pastor of the High Pine Wesleyan Methodist Church, and Mr. Snider recalled "we got the old preacher up before daylight."

They were accompanied by Jim Voncannon, her second cousin, Miss Bessie Parks, her niece, Miss Ruth Latham, and Miss Sula Elliott.

After their marriage vows they motored down to Hoke County in a 1917 Model T to the home of her sister. Since their marriage had met with some displeasure at home they remained in Hoke County for two weeks until they got "a letter to come back home."

CLYDE CORNELIUS Snider was born in Davidson County, near the Siloam Methodist Church. Son of Wilson Snider and Ordie Lee Nance Snider, he attended the Gravel Hill School near the Gravel Hill Baptist Church where both Mr. and Mrs. Snider have been members for many years.

Mrs. Snider, the former Hazel May Latham, was born near the Gravel Hill church, the daughter of Lorenza Dowell (Bud) Latham and Nancy Seabolt Latham.

Mr. Snider has engaged in farming, sawmilling, carpentry and worked briefly with the highway department. Especially skilled in carpentry, he built the house in which they have lived since 1928 and has renovated it extensively since that time. Many cabinets in the kitchen and dining area attest to his skill.

Mrs. Snider had a corsage of yellow roses for the open house commemorating her anniversary and her husband wore a yellow rosebud.

Sixteen grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren comprise their immediate family, in addition to their children.

Guests at the open house were greeted by Bobby and Maynard Snider and registered in the guest book by Donna Lowe. Also assisting were La Vae Allen, Karen Snider, Glenda Outen and Sissy Snider and goodbyes were said by Joyce McDowell, Nathan Cagle, and Kevin Snider, all grandchildren of the couple. Serving were daughters-in-law Judy Leona, Janice, and Joyce Snider.

### **New Market Club, Churches Hold Benefit Supper For Leo Wyrick**

Oct. 31, 1973 – It was "good neighbor night" at New Market Saturday night and a friend and neighbor benefited from a great outpouring of community spirit and cooperation.

The New Market Civitan Club and the six churches of the community held a benefit supper for Leo Wyrick, immediate past president of the Civitan club who was critically injured in an automobile accident around two months ago.

Max Welborn, current president of the Civitan club, supported by the other members of the club, initiated the idea of the supper, some of the churches wanted to help and later, before the completion of the plans, all of them joined in the giant undertaking.

Churches assisting the Civitan club in holding the chicken pie supper were Sophia United Church of Christ, Sophia Baptist Church, Old Union United Methodist Church, Marlboro Friends meeting, South Plainfield Friends Meeting, and Cedar Square Friends Meeting.

The Civitan club killed and dressed 170 big fat hens and provided 300 pounds of flour. Marlboro and Cedar Square cooked the chicken pie, Old Union provided the beans, South Plainfield the potato salad, Sophia Baptist the slaw, and Sophia United Church of Christ the dessert. All of the churches brought 20 or more gallons of tea.

The supper was held simultaneously in both the community building and the school cafeteria. A report session on how many plates were sold will be held next Monday night. But the sponsors planned for 2,000 people and according to the amount of food which was consumed it is felt that probably that many people were there or received take-home plates.

Some of the estimated quantities of food, beside the 170 hens, included 200 quarts of beans which were not sufficient, 500 pounds of potato salad, 400 pounds of cabbage for the slaw, and there were cakes all over the two sites where the supper was held. One of the participants, Mrs. Sarah McCain, sold in excess of \$400 of tickets.

Civitan president, Max Welborn, was lavish in his praise of those who worked to make the supper such a tremendous success. He said "it shows you what people can do when they get together and want to do something."

He also paid tribute to the stricken member of the New Market Civitan Club, referred to his strength and will power and said the outcome might have been worse if it had happened to another person who was not as strong and determined as Leo Wyrick.

The afflicted man, who is chairman of the board of deacons at the Sophia United Church of Christ, is well known in the community because of his identity with the church and the Civitan club. He spent six weeks in the hospital, part of that time in the intensive care unit, and has been recuperating at his home in Sophia for the past two weeks. Both of his legs and one arm were broken in the accident.

A joyous spirit prevailed at the supper among the waiters and servers as well as the hundreds of people who came from all over to partake of the delicious meal. This feeling existed not only because of the benefit which Leo Wyrick would derive from the event but because the people from the various parts of the community and the different churches had come together with a mutual purpose and they themselves had profited more than anyone else.

### **Group Holds Annual Ham Supper**

Nov. 5, 1973 – The country ham supper at Mount Olivet United Methodist Church at Erect, held annually for the past 15 years was held last Saturday.

Although sponsored by the Mary Deaton Class, all members of this small congregation, located on Rt. 1, Seagrove, close to the Moore County line, pitch in to make it the outstanding success it usually is.

In addition to the country ham, the menu also included eggs, grits, home-made biscuits, red-eye gravy, country butter, jelly, coffee and cold drinks. Around 275 pounds of ham was purchased for the supper.

Sponsorship of the annual ham supper began before the death of Mrs. Mary Tysor Deaton, teacher of the class, in 1959. The class was named in her honor prior to her death.

Jack Sugg is present teacher of the class, Lewis Teague is the assistant. Other members are Mrs. Jack Sugg, Mrs. Lewis Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deaton, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gillispie, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hill, Miss Pat Sugg, and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Yow.

Proceeds from the annual supper are used for various projects to improve the church property. The original portion of the existing church structure was built in 1874, the newer part in 1926. The fellowship hall, where the ham supper will be held, was built in 1960. The church itself was organized in 1813 at the site of the old Mount Olivet cemetery two miles away.

### **Couple Honored Sunday With Afternoon Reception**

Nov. 6, 1973 – IN COMMEMORATION of their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Ima King, Rt. 2, Seagrove, were honored by their children at a reception at the Asbury Baptist Church Hut Sunday afternoon, Nov. 4.

Surrounded by their children, 8 grandchildren, two great-grandsons, and brothers and sisters of Mrs. King, the couple received their friends and fellow members of the Asbury church from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Hosts were James Ima King, Rockingham, Mrs. Ralph Williamson, Rt. 4, Asheboro, Mrs. Gilbert Cooper, Mrs. Howard Lemonds, Maryville, Mo. and Mrs. Tracy Freeman, Collinsville, Va.

Mrs. King, the former Carrie Bean, was the last of the daughters of Oliver Duckery Bean to get married and for their marriage on Nov. 9, 1923 in Bennettsville, S. C., the couple was accompanied by her father. Her mother died before she was 7 years old.

Mr. and Mrs. King live in the extreme lower part of Randolph County. The county line separates them from the place in Montgomery County where Mr. King was raised. He was one of the children born to Cummins King and Margaret Dean King.

As young boy Ima King walked four miles across the woods to the Blaylock School, near Maple Springs Baptist Church. He recalls that his father operated Sugg's Mill, on the east side of Little River.

Mrs. King, who attended the Piney Grove School, lived on the other side of Little River. Ima King said he was often in the community in which she lived, at parties and corn shuckings.

Mrs. King was given a corsage of yellow roses for the anniversary event. Her daughters, daughters-in-law and sisters wore corsages of yellow mums and Ima King's boutonniere was a yellow rosebud.

### **Reunion Ups Building Fund**

Nov. 12, 1973 – The building fund at Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, is \$1,000 richer because of funds raised by the children of John Wesley Waddell and Martha Chestnut Waddell at their third reunion at the church last Sunday.

The Waddell children, all 12 of them, were reared a short distance north of the church which they attended throughout their childhood and later years. Some of them still affiliate with the church but all of them come back at the time of reunion and homecoming.

Only one of the 10 living children, Lester, of Niagara Fall, N.Y., was absent from the family reunion. The oldest child, Thelma Foust, and the youngest child, Maria Davis, are deceased.

The others are Ernest Waddell and Mrs. Ethel Goldston, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Leona Cheek, Ramseur, Boyd and Fred Waddell, Asheboro, Mrs. Connie Clapp and Mrs. Ester Hamilton, Greensboro, Mrs. Essie Isley, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and John Diffie Waddell, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

The Waddell children were reared on their father's farm and learned to work early in their lives. They attended a little one-teacher school just below the church. The school has long since been discontinued but the building still stands.

A new building at Stout's Chapel has replaced the old structure in which the Waddells worshipped in their earlier years. But the old building has been preserved and moved to an area near the new building. It was the indebtedness on the newer structure that the Waddell family collected the money for at their reunion. The goal of \$1,000 was not quite reached on the day of the reunion but supplementary funds afterwards brought the amount up.

The family also collected money at their two previous reunions. The first year they raised \$402.40 and last year the amount was \$700.

The Rev. J.A. Gray, a former pastor at Stout's Chapel, was speaker at the reunion. Miss Doretha Joan Goldston, a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Waddell, gave a brief history of the family. Mrs. Connie Clapp, one of the daughters, was mistress of ceremonies. Afterwards, the church full of family members and friends enjoyed a picnic luncheon on the grounds.

John Wesley Waddell died in 1956, his wife a year and half later. They are buried in the cemetery at Stout's Chapel.

### **Church Plans To 'Get Back On Their Feet'**

Nov. 14, 1973 – A small church group in Ramseur, plagued with financial difficulties and outwitted by an unscrupulous contractor, hopes to start getting back on their feet at a building fund rally Sunday.

For years McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church, a Negro congregation, had saved their money and planned for improvements to their church structure, including an addition.

Most of their funds had come from the annual harvest rally, which will be held again at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoon and is an event for which the members of the small congregation work diligently each year.

They solicit from among their families and friends, including their white friends downtown, and some make items to sell, such as quilt tops, and the sale of cakes and pies, using the money to apply to harvest rally.



Some two or three years ago they had saved enough money to start the improvements to their building which was in a bad condition. They engaged a contractor who started the work and was buying up materials.

Having confidence in the man whom they had hired to do the job they advanced him money, amounting to several thousands of dollars, for the purchase of materials. The man absconded, leaving them to even pay for some of the materials which he had bought. Their loss was approximately seven or eight thousand dollars.

The district conference and the Randolph Area Mission Society stepped in to help the distressed church pay for the materials which had been bought and not paid for. Also, they assisted in securing another contractor to close the building in so worship services could be held. The building had been left open and services could not be held in cold or inclement weather.

But the money had run out again and that is why the building fund rally or harvest rally Sunday becomes increasingly important. If the church can raise \$2,000 the conference or area mission society will match this amount and the congregation will be back in business. The second contractor can continue with the task of completing the improvements and the church can secure a normal loan which they will be able to pay back over a period of time.

Rev. J. A. Gray will be the speaker at the harvest rally and the program will include special singing. The rally will be concluded with the serving of a meal to every one present.

### **Area Residents Concerned Over Rash Of Break-ins**

Nov. 22, 1973 – A rash of house break-ins several miles east of Asheboro has brought concern to the residents of the areas in which the break-ins occurred.

One of the robberies has been reported at the home of Page Stout, Rt. 1, Asheboro, east of the Gold Mine Acres development, which occurred Thursday, November 15.

A thief or thieves entered the house during the day by breaking a pane glass in the door coming in from the carport. The telephone line was also severed.

Taken were an automatic rifle and two shotguns, one of which was also automatic. Also taken were some silver dollars, Indian Head pennies and a small amount of other money.

Nothing else was discovered missing even though the house was left in a disorderly condition. Cushions in chairs and couches were pulled up, drawers were pulled out, suitcases were opened, and some vulgar language was typed out on the typewriter.

The intruders evidently left by the back door which had been unlocked from the inside and left open.

Two other robberies, similar to the break-in at the Stout residence are reported to have occurred on Rt. 1, Ramseur, in the approximate vicinity of the one on Rt. 1, Asheboro. Sheriff's deputies are investigating all three robberies.

### **First 3 Coleridge Classes Have Reunion**

Dec. 3, 1973 – The first three classes to graduate from Coleridge High School held a reunion at Florence Hall recently.

The first group, the class of 1936, only included three people, Mrs. Colen Smith, Asheboro, the former Carol June Cox, Mrs. Mark Johnson, Rt. 2 Ramseur, the former

Bernice Cain, and Jackson (Jack) Brown, Rt. 2, Hamptonville, all of whom were present for the reunion.

This was the first and last class to graduate from the old frame building which was located on the hillside, near the present building. Consolidation of schools in Randolph County took place in that year, 1936, and the new brick building was ready for the graduating class of 1937.

Members of that class present for the reunion of the three classes were Mrs. Johnnie (Eloise Davis) Poole, Brewster Macon, Lester Moffitt, Mrs. J. D. (Irene Marley) Johnson, and Mrs. Ralph (Ruby Albright) Hayes. Other members of this class are Mrs. Clyde (Margaret Craven) Blackwell and Henry Needham.

Two members of the 1937 class, Mrs. Lillie Cox Burgess and Thomas Brower, are deceased, both of them having been killed in automobile accidents.

Members of the 1938 graduating class present for the reunion included Ralph C. Hayes, Everett T. Cox, Mrs. Claude (Stella Mae Brown) Ireland, and Mrs. James W. (Elizabeth Flippin) Caviness. Other class members are Roy Boroughs, Harvey Marley, Alton Cox, Mrs. Frank (Faye Hannon) Brower, Herbert T. Rogers, and Mrs. Celso (Elsa Poole) Cain.

Mrs. J. D. Johnson came from Carolina Beach for the reunion, Jack Brown and his sister, Mrs. Ireland, came from Yadkin County, the others came from Coleridge and surrounding vicinities, including one from Chatham County and one from Guilford County. Absent members Faye Hennon Brower and Herbert T. Rogers live in the respective states of Arizona and Idaho.

C. A. (Cecil) Cox was principal of the school when all three of the classes graduated. He was present for the reunion along with his wife who later taught at the school. Also present was Mrs. Esther Caviness Hodgin, English and French teacher for the classes. Greeting were received from absent faculty members, the Rev. Seth B. Hinshaw and Lacy Poole.

Seth B. Hinshaw, former Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting and new Minister at Rocky River Friends Meeting, came back to the school to preach the baccalaureate sermon for the 1938 graduating class, having left the school prior to that time.

### **Retired Dairyman, Wife Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

Dec. 10, 1973 – A reception in the house in which they have lived for 49 years commemorated the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carl (France) Williams, Rt. 1, Liberty, on December 2.

Hosts for the occasion were their children, Arlie and Ben Williams, Rt. 1, Liberty; Hoyt Williams, Rt. 1, Staley; Mrs. John H. (Lucy) Kivett and Mrs. Williams (Delette) Lineberry, Asheboro; and Mrs. Archie (Faye) Saunders, Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden.

One hundred and seventy guests called at the Williams residence from 2 o'clock until 5.

France Williams was born on the land on which he has lived for all of his life; his old homeplace was about a half of a mile away from the couple's present residence which they built a year after their marriage. They first lived with his widowed mother, Mrs. Carrie (Sis) Kivett Williams. His father was Jim Williams.

A retired dairy farmer, he has spend his life tilling the soil except for some sawmill work which he received 50 cents a

day. He recalls that before his marriage he saved \$800 and purchased a 1921 Model T Ford. This was the vehicle in which the couple rode to the home of Magistrate Jesse Lee Jordan, near Shiloh church, for their marriage December 1, 1923.

Mrs. Williams is the former Cora Frances Campbell, daughter of William Campbell and Amanda Pike Campbell. She was reared in the Rocky River section of Chatham County but got acquainted with her husband when she visited her grandmother near the home in which he was reared.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams ran their dairy for many years but the 77-cow unit is being managed now by their youngest son, Ben. However, Mr. Williams says he can still ride a tractor and usually looks in on the milking about every night.

Taking advantage of their retirement from the active management of the dairy farm, Mr. and Mrs. Williams took a 7,300-mile trip to Bend, Oregon, last year to visit Mrs. Williams' brother, William D. Campbell. They were away for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been members of the Bethany United Methodist Church near Liberty for more than 37 years.

## **Reception Pays Honor To Caudle Couple Sunday**

Dec. 19, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Richard Caudle, Rt. 4, were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon.

The couple are both natives of Mount Airy but did not know each other until their families moved to Randolph County.

Before coming to this county both families left Mount Airy and moved to Dobson but still the acquaintance did not begin. However, their fathers, John Franklin Caudle and J. Winston Kirkman, were employed together in granite works in Surry County.

Both families moved to the area south of Randleman about 1½ miles apart, the Caudles, when Richard was 16 and the Kirkmans, a year later when Bertha was 17. Their acquaintance began and after a courtship of five months their marriage occurred on December 19, 1923.

They were married by Justice of the Peace L.R. Hughes at his home. Accompanying them were his sister, Lottie, and Everett Boling. They traveled in the latter's Model-T Ford.

Two years following their marriage the couple moved to the North Asheboro community where they lived until 1939. While in that area they were active members of the Balfour Baptist Church. Bertha was a charter member of this church while Richard served for many years as secretary of the Sunday School. For a greater part of the time since moving to their present residence, they have been active members of the Oakhurst Baptist Church.

It was in the fellowship hall of Oakhurst that their children honored them at a reception which commemorated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Friends were invited to call beginning at 2:30 p.m.

Their children are Mrs. Garland (Lola) Knott and Mrs. Clyde (Betty) Hurley, Fayetteville; Mrs. Lewis (Helen) Cook, Cary; and Charles Caudle, Greensboro. Their family also includes 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild, Cathy Knott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Knott, Fayetteville.

Richard worked at Acme Hosiery Mills for 19 years following his marriage but spent the latter years of his employment in construction. He retired about 12 years ago due to a heart ailment. Both Mr. and Mrs. Caudle are 70 years of age.

## **The Bennie Ridges Recall Wedding Day**

Dec. 28, 1973 – It was a long trip for Bennie Ridge and his bride-to-be, Etta Tysinger when they drove from High Point to Asheboro on December 21, 1923, to speak their marriage vows in the Court House at Asheboro.

They drove down the mountain in a borrowed 1919 Model T touring car, accompanied by Bennie's father, Alson Lewallan Ridge, and when they reached the Walter Routh residence near the old county homeplace their car got stuck in the mud and an axle was broken.

The axle was replaced without Bennie soiling his new wedding suit and they proceeded on to the Court House where they secured their license and were married at 4:15 p.m. But they had left home that morning at 6 o'clock.

A cousin of Bennie, who worked in the Court House, secured a minister to perform the ceremony in Register of Deeds Lee M. Kearns' office and by the time he got there a crowd had gathered, crowding the hallway and sitting in the windows. Bennie's father came along on the trip in order to sign for his son who was only 19½ years old.

Mr. and Mrs. Ridge live next to Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church on Rt. 2, Denton, a place where they have close ties. Mrs. Ridge was reared across the way, the daughter of Sam Tysinger and Martha McDowell Tysinger, Bennie's mother, Delphina Pierce Ridge, died when he was four years old and for a time he lived with his grandmother Lucinda Hoover Ridge, to the rear of the church site.

After Bennie's mother died his father married Melissa Moody and upon her death Minnie Moore. He was living with his father and second stepmother in Trinity and working in High Point at the time of his marriage. Mrs. Ridge was also employed in High Point.

After their marriage they lived in various places until coming to their residence beside Hoover's Grove in 1950. Bennie was employed with Snow Lumber Co. in High Point for 19 years. For four years after coming back to Hoover's Grove he operated a store. Due to a heart ailment he has been retired for several years.

But he is a skilled machinist and has not remained idle. In recent years he has made approximately 200 windmills, with a few of them still on hand.

He is a part of the same Hoover family from which former President Herbert Hoover originated and the Ridge residence is situated in the vicinity of the old Hoover graveyard where Herbert Hoover's ancestors are interred. Before the former President's death Bennie Ridge communicated with him and secured a donation for the Hoover's Grove church.

The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ridge was observed at a family gathering on Sunday, December 23, attended by their two daughters Mrs. Richard (Ruby) Fields, who lives next to her parents, and Mrs. Claude J. (Ruth) Stone Jr., Winston-Salem, and their families, including sons-in-law, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

**Reception Commemorates 50<sup>th</sup> Year For Kings**

Dec. 28, 1973 – A Rt. 2, Seagrove couple Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Nixon King were married the day before Christmas in 1923. On Sunday afternoon, December 23, their children honored them at reception commemorating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The open house even was held from 2 o'clock until 5 at the home of the couple located in Montgomery County, about a mile from the Randolph County line. Although the couple moved 27 times during the depression years in the earlier part of their marriage, they have lived at their present residence for around 37 years.

Ervin King was born west of Seagrove, the son of Williams Claudie King and Ada Williamson King. He attended the Blaylock School and went to work at a sawmill at the age of 14 for five cents an hour or 50 cents a day.

His family moved around, doing sawmill work, and it was in Ellerbe that he first met and went to school with the girl whom he would later marry, Susie Louetta Greene, daughter of James Anderson Greene and Maggie Pinion Greene.

However, the couple did not begin their courtship until after Ervin had started working in High Point in 1921. He drove down every two weeks to see her or as he explained it, "every time I got a pay day." One time he went down on the train.

Their marriage took place in the Court House in Bennettsville, S.C., to which place they traveled in her father's 1922 Model T Ford, accompanied by her brother and his brother-in-law. Their first ten years of marriage were spent in High Point.

Nine children have been born to their marriage, of which two are deceased. A son, Morris Junior King, died in February of this year; a daughter, Clara, died in infancy.

Their other children are Williams Clyde King, Seagrove, Paul David King, Rt. 4, Asheboro; Mrs. Pauline Linthacum and Mrs. Ruby Williamson, Rt. 2, Seagrove, James Ray King, Archdale; Mrs. Lena Maness, Rt. 1, Ramseur; and Mrs. Beulah Wright, Efland. There are 48 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Ervin King is 71 years of age; Mrs. King is 70. He has been an employee of Seagrove Lumber Co. for 29 years.

**Bulla Pair Celebrates Golden Anniversary**

Dec. 28, 1973 – Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henry Bulla Rt. 2, Sophia, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday, December 23, at the ancestral home of the Bulla family in Back Creek Township where they have lived for the past 34 years.

Henry's grandfather, Squire Alfred Bulla, and his great-grandfather, Daniel Bulla, reared their families at the old place which was 200 years old when the present occupants moved there.

The three sons and daughters-in-law of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Bulla, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Bulla, and Mrs. and Mrs. Reece Bulla, were hosts at the open house which commemorated the couple's anniversary. Assisting were some of their nine grandchildren.

Henry Bulla, the son of Tildon Vance (Sly) Bulla and Mattie Voncannon Bulla, was reared in Back Creek Township and attended the Charlotte School. He went to work in Asheboro at an early age, being employed briefly at

the roller mill and Home Building, Inc. before starting to work at Acme Hosiery Mill where his entire employment covered 35 years.

It was at the latter place of employment that he met the woman whom he would later marry, Elva Rodema Farlow, a native of the Sophia area and daughter of Shubal Farlow and Sybil Davis Farlow. She attended the old school at Marlboro before coming to work in Asheboro where she boarded with a sister.

The couple was married by Magistrate J. A. (Jimmy) Neighbors on December 22, 1923.

Mr. and Mrs. Bulla are members of Plainfield Friends Meeting where Henry formerly served as Sunday School Superintendent and Mrs. Bulla as pianist. The Meeting presented them with an arrangement of yellow mums for their anniversary.

Henry was married on his 19th birthday, his anniversary was celebrated a day after his 69<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. Bulla's birthday occurs on December 21, a day before her husband's birthday.

**1974****Dimes Drive Organization Kicks Off 1974 Campaign**

Jan. 4, 1974 – The 1974 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County was kicked off at a supper Saturday evening held in the youth building at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Gary Thompson, campaign director, presided over the meeting. Rev. Clyde Stutts, pastor of Clear View Baptist Church, offered the invocation.

Discussing various aspects of the drive and outlining the program of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes were Ralph Bulla, chapter chairman, Joe Church, treasurer, Jack McGee, Central District Representative for the organization, and drive personnel Wayne Hughes, Hillard Nance, and Mike Engle.

Community chairmen named to conduct the drive in Jan. are Archdale, Miss Judy English and Mrs. Glenda Whitley; Asheboro, Neal Hughes; Brower-Erect, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welborn; Cedar Falls, Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Stutts; Cedar Grove, and Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh; Cedar Square-Glenola, Rev. Ben A. Hurley; Coleridge, Elvin Murray; Farmer-Jackson Creek, Mrs. George C. Cole; Franklinville, Mrs. Robert Darrell Beane and Mrs. Frank Chaney; Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd; Grays Chapel, Glenn Coley; Level Cross, George Stanton; Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martin; and Hew Hope, Rev. Frank Barrett.

New Market-Hillsville, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Blalock; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek; Pisgah-Union, Mrs. Mack Greene; Pleasant Grove, Leon Brady and Raymond Brady; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Ed Keams and Mrs. Margaret Brower; Pleasant Ridge-Holly Spring, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Allen; Ramseur, Phillip Brady; Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Foust; Staley, Mrs. Lana Hart and Mrs. Paul Headen; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow; Trinity, Mrs. John Skeen; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Union Grove, Dr. F. A. Lunsford; and Worthville, Earl Clay Jordan.

Provision for the meal at the kick-off supper was through the courtesy and assistance of Leon Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dawson. Mr. and Mrs. Leon Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Dawson, Mrs. Bessie McPherson, Mrs. Helen

Ragsdale, Mrs. Essie Isley, Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith, and Mrs. Charlie Butler.

## **Hughes Pair Celebrates Golden Anniversary**

Jan. 4, 1974 – Over 300 friends and relatives came to honor Mr. and Mrs. Grady L. Hughes Rt. 2, Sophia, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, at a reception which observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

The event took place at the fellowship hall of the Sawyersville Wesleyan Church. Hosts were the children of the couple, Bernard Hughes of Bladensburg, Md.; Lloyd Hughes, Maggie Valley; and Mrs. Jack (Bertha) Wrenn, Jamestown. Also receiving the honored couple were their granddaughter, Mrs. Sammy (Louise) Nixon, daughter of the late Mrs. Frances Rich, deceased daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes.

Among those assisting at the reception were Rev. D.R. Saunders, the couple's pastor, and Mrs. Saunders, Rev. M.M. Holmes, a former pastor, and Mrs. Holmes, and former Asheboro Postmaster Mrs. Bess Walker Finch and Mrs. Frances Walker Smith, friends of Mrs. Hughes since childhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married Dec. 27, 1923, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Vernie Stanley, in Asheboro. Mrs. Hughes, the former Annie Trotter, is a native of the area west of Asheboro, to which community Grady Hughes came some years before their marriage.

Mrs. Hughes retired last May from the management of Asheboro Florist where she spent 19 years. Just recently she returned from a 10-day trip to the Holy Land, in company with her daughter and a granddaughter.

Grady Hughes, a former hosiery mill employee, retired several years ago but has worked on a part-time basis at Camp Caraway near the Hughes residence since that time.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes have been active members of the Sawyersville church since 1934. Until recently Grady served as superintendent of the Sunday School, a position which he held for about 33 years. Mrs. Hughes was a teacher in the Sunday School for many years.

The large assemblage of people who converged on the fellowship hall at Sawyersville the day of their anniversary reception included friends and associates of their childhood days along with those whose acquaintance they have acquired throughout the years of their marriage.

## **Pine Grove Has Note-burning**

Jan. 18, 1974 – Pine Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Eagle Springs, burned the note on their church building Sunday morning, Jan. 6, 14 and a half years before it became due.

The church, located south of Spies, is pastured by the Rev. Hayes Ritter, a well known minister in lower Randolph County and upper Moore and Montgomery Counties. He became the pastor of the Pine Grove church a year ago.

The new structure was occupied by the congregation of the church in Feb., 1969. A total of \$24,000 was borrowed on the building for a period of 20 years. It was paid off in five and a half years.

Before the new building was erected the congregation worshipped in the old building which first served as the meeting place after the organization of the church in 1889. It is said that the building, which was later remodeled

contained a row of poets down the center of the interior of the building.

A former pastor, Rev. Arlie Starnes, who served the church on two different occasions, was present for the note-burning ceremony. He said he asked God why he was called back the second time and received this answer "I want you to build the church at Pine Grove." Groundbreaking for the new building and actual construction occurred during his second pastorate.

He told one of the members, as they walked on the grounds after he came back the second time, "God has already condemned your church building: it is leaning towards the cemetery."

After he came to the church Rev. Hayes Ritter suggested to the congregation they increase their monthly building fund offering. The monthly goal was set at \$600 and the final \$2400 was paid off in four months.

## **Dimes Benefit Slated Saturday**

Jan. 18, 1974 – Ten years ago Clendon Richardson became the March of Dimes drive chairman for the rural community of Ulah-Flag Springs. This followed the severe attack of polio which struck him in 1953 when he was 14 years of age.

Over the past ten years he has raised \$25,357.12 for the March of Dimes drive in Randolph County. Most of this money has been raised at a supper and auction sale which has been held for the past nine years.

The 10<sup>th</sup> supper and sale will be held Saturday evening at the National Guard Armory on South Fayetteville St. in Asheboro. The supper will begin at 5 o'clock and continue until everyone has been served, the sale will begin at 6 o'clock.

For the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year Dewitt King will serve as the auctioneer and E.P. Dula will again furnish the steaks for the supper. Plates will sale for \$2 for adults and \$1 for children. Take home plates will be available.

Several items will be given away during the auction sale, including a 12-gauge Winchester Shot Gun, a quilt, and other merchandise.

## **New Amvets Chapter Seeking Members**

Jan. 20, 1974 – The Asheboro Chapter of American Disabled Veterans, organized a year ago, is seeking to make itself known locally and extend its membership roll to all Randolph County veterans who are eligible to join.

Formed last Feb. and chartered by the national organization of disabled veterans, the local unit started off with 26 charter members. Meetings are held the first Tuesday evening in each month at 7:30 in the assembly room at Peoples Saving and Loan Association building.

Officers of the new organization are anxious that disabled veterans in Asheboro and Randolph County learn of its formation here and extend to them the opportunity of joining it. A severe disability is not necessary for eligibility, veterans who received the Purple Heart and underwent periods of hospitalization are qualified to join.

Within the organization are National Service Officers to assist veterans with disability benefits, pensions, social security problems and other needs. This service applies not only to veterans but also to their wives and children.

The local organization reports the receipt of a flag recently which has flown over the capitol of the United States. This

national emblem came through the services of the office of Congressman Ike Andrews.

Officers of the Asheboro Chapter of American Disabled Veterans are M-Sgt. Ernest E. Hooker, Commander; Carl I. Byrd, Senior Vice Commander; Ronald L. Antrim, Adjutant; William H. Spoon, Treasurer; William Moran, Executive Committee Member; and Garfield Moran, Legislative Committee Member.

Disabled veterans are desiring further information about the organization may call Commander Hooker at 625-3740 or Treasurer Spoon at 629-2642.

### **Mount Vernon Conducts Note-Burning Ceremonies**

Jan. 23, 1974 – The sanctuary of Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Trinity, a contemporary structure situated amidst traditional surroundings, was dedicated free from indebtedness last Sunday morning.

It was an impressive service of dedication with Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. and District Superintendent Dr. Eugene Peacock on hand to assist the pastor, Rev. Mitchell C. Murrow. A former pastor, Rev. Marsden Kitley, was also present. The sermon of dedication was delivered by Bishop Hunt.

Officiating at the note-burning ceremony were Paul Maness, retiring chairman of the trustee board, and Darrell Peace, the incoming chairman, with the former presenting the sanctuary for the act of dedication.

The sanctuary, which has a clear glass front protected by an extension of the main roof, is the second unit of the entire church structure. The first unit, an educational building was occupied in Oct., 1963. After its dedication, free from indebtedness, less than three years later, the congregation made plans to build the new sanctuary which was dedicated at last Sunday's service.

One of the speakers at the service of dedication described the occasion as "a day of historical significance when we remember those who have gone on before with a debt of gratitude." Minds must have reverted at this moment to the cemetery alongside a traditional rural graveyard which contains the bodies of the people who nurtured the Mount Vernon church during the earlier of its existence.

The first church building at Mount Vernon was built in **????** after the consolidation of two congregations who were holding services in the Glenco and Caraway School houses. Two more buildings erected in 1907 and 1924 were used as places of worship before the building of the present church complex.

Although the congregation is enjoying their new areas of worship and is proud of what they have been able to accomplish, a movement is underway to regain at least a portion of their past years. They want to hang back the old bell which resounded fourth from the previous building and place it into operation in the new structure. A fund has been established for that purpose.

Another part of the past was brought into service at the service of dedication, with congregational members and guests enjoying a fellowship luncheon in the old Caraway School building at the conclusion of the service. This building was purchased by the church several years ago and is now used as a fellowship hall.

### **Aunt Julian's 91<sup>st</sup> Year Celebrated At Her Church**

Feb. 6, 1974 – "Aunt Julian" Brooks' 91<sup>st</sup> birthday was observed by the congregation of Oliver's Chapel AME Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley, Jan. 27. Mrs. Brooks is a plain-speaking but respected member of the black community in which she lives. Sever of her 11 children are living. She has 45 grandchildren, 107 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

This was the fourth consecutive year the church has honored the birthday of Aunt Julian, the oldest member of the church and the oldest resident of the community.

Rev. Ocie Matthews Brown, pastor of the church for several years, spoke to the large number of relatives and friends on the subject of "love." Referring to the birthday outpouring, she said "I see love in action today."

The minister, who was reared in the community recalled incidents of her childhood in which the disciplinary measures of Aunt Julian figured. She said "here lately Aunt Julian and I have got very close" but she admitted "I used to despise her."

"If she speaks hateful to you," the minister told the people, "she's old enough to do it, I think it helps her to keep going." She praised Aunt Julian's loyalty to the church, "this lady in her old age presses her way to church on Sunday, we can see her hobbling along, if she should die tomorrow, I believe God would say well done."

The honored lady's favorite song, "Nearer My God To Thee," was sung, her favorite scripture, the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, was read and the junior choir rendered several selections in song. Mrs. Vera Matthews sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old" and the congregation joined spontaneously in the refrain.

A corsage and a birthday cake were presented and the Rev. Mrs. Brown asked for a gift offering of a dollar for each year Aunt Julian had lived. The offering amounted to \$100.35. Mrs. J.C. Gray was the officiating mistress of ceremonies.

A dinner, to which everyone present was invited, was held in the fellowship hall following the program in the main sanctuary.

### **Anniversary Reception Pays Honor York Couple**

Feb. 14, 1974 – RAMSEUR – Mr. and Mrs. James Virgil York were married on a cold Sunday afternoon, Feb. 19, 1924, at the home of the officiating Magistrate W.D. Frazier.

Their fiftieth wedding anniversary was celebrated on the same day 50 years later at a reception at the Ramseur Christian Church. Friends and relatives greeted the couple from 2 to 4 p.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Hosts at the reception were their son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Diane) Cagle, Greensboro. Their grandchildren are Craig, 11, and Betsy, 3.

Mr. and Mrs. York have resided in Ramseur since Sept., 1924, seven months after their marriage. Mr. York has been on the payroll at the Ramseur Broom Works for 52 years but retired from active employment in 1967. His first job in Ramseur was at a knob shop operated by his uncle, Dave Curtis.

He is a native of the White's Chapel Community, having attended the tiny, one-room White's Chapel Schoolhouse which is still situated on the grounds at the White's Chapel

United Methodist Church. His parents were Philmore and Myrtle Kivett York.

Mrs. York, the former Leora Langley, was born and reared in the Shady Grove community, about four miles away, one of the 14 children of Jerry and Emma Kivett Langley. She attended the Shady Grove School which began as a one-room building with open fireplace.

Mrs. York retired from active employment at the Ramseur Plant of Acme-McCrary Corp. in 1971, after about 20 years of employment. Prior to that time she worked at Asheboro Hosiery Mill for 33 years.

Mr. and Mrs. York keep busy even though they have retired from active employment. For the past several summers they have joined a tour of various parts of the United States and Canada. They attend the Ramseur Christian Church.

Approximately 275 people attended the reception which honored Mr. and Mrs. York. Friends and relatives who assisted with the reception included Mr. and Mrs. Brower Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry King, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin York, Mrs. Virginia Frazier, Mrs. Edna Trogdon, Mrs. C.W. Craven, Mrs. Vera Bulla, Mrs. Doris Stout, Mrs. Marie Mescham, Mrs. Ruth Haithcock, Miss Lisa York, Miss Susan Mescham, Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, and Mrs. Norman Kinney.

### **Church Observes Scout Sunday**

Feb. 14, 1974 – Scout Sunday at First Baptist Church was highlighted by the presentation of the Eagle Award to 15 year-old Eric Beck, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam W. (Jack) Beck, 713 Cliff Rd.

The same ceremony occurred a year ago on Scout Sunday at First Baptist Church when Mark Beck, older brother of Eric, also received the highest award in scouting.

Mark served as escort for his parents as they were brought forward for the Eagle presentation to their younger son, a responsibility which was performed by Eric a year ago. The Eagle recipient was escorted to the front by Eagle Scout Dee Bulla, a former senior patrol leader for Scout Troop No. 524 in which all three Scouts are members.

Members of the troop sat together for the impressive ceremony which followed the presentation of the colors by members of the troop. Cliff Richardson, Scoutmaster for the troop and recently designated as a Silver Beaver Award recipient, presented the Eagle Award to Scout Eric Beck. The charge to the new Eagle Scout was made by Neal Blevins, assistant Scoutmaster for the troop.

Scout Eric Beck has been identified with Boy Scouts for about four years, before that he was a Cub Scout. Last year he attended the National Jamboree of Scouts at Morain State Park in Pennsylvania. He is a sophomore at Asheboro High School and a member of the Beta Club. He formerly sang with the youth choir at First Baptist Church and accompanied the choir on a tour to Vermont.

First Baptist Church sponsors Scout Troop No. 524 in which the new Eagle Scout received his training and advanced through the ranks to receive the highest award in scouting.

### **Troop 524 Has Father-Son Breakfast**

Feb. 15, 1974 – Country ham, eggs and grits and universal approval of Cliff Richardson's Silver Beaver Award in Scouting emphasized the fellowship of the annual father-

son breakfast at father-son breakfast at First Baptist Church recently.

Held for many years by Scout Troop No. 524 which is sponsored by First Baptist Church, the breakfast brings together troop members and their fathers along with others identified with scouting.

Slides were shown of the troop's activities over the past year, which were many and varied. For two years straight, a member of the troop has received the Eagle Award in a ceremony during the worship service later in the morning.

This year it was Eric Beck last year it was his brother Mark. Another member of the troop, Dee Bulla, received his Eagle Award also this year in a ceremony at Central United Methodist Church.

Cliff Richardson, Scoutmaster of Troop No. 524 for nearly 8 years, took cognizance of the Silver Beaver Award which he had received on the preceding Tuesday evening at the Scout Recognition Banquet in Greensboro. At the age of 39, he is one of the youngest Scout leaders in this area to ever receive this coveted award in scouting, the highest a volunteer can receive.

He modestly disclaimed credit for his own outstanding achievements but instead lavished his praise upon First Baptist Church, the troop's sponsor, and cited others from whom he and members of the troop had benefited.

He singled out his assistant Scoutmaster Neal Blevins, the institutional representative, Jack Beck, and a young man long identified with scouting, Steve Glass, who like Cliff Richardson had "grown up in old Troop No. 524" at First Baptist Church.

He spoke of the work of Alan Reavis and Ike Robinson, former Scoutmasters who now make their contribution by cooking the annual father-son breakfast each year and he spoke of the inspiration which he receives from W.C. O'Brien, an Asheboro scout leader who was present for the breakfast.

Richardson also mentioned the triangle in scouting which is necessary for the function of the troop, the fathers, their sons and the scouting leadership, the Scoutmasters.

Introduced at the meeting were the Randolph District Scout Executives, Ed Hardister and Bill Reed, the former having only come to the district last Dec.

### **Five Scouts Get Eagles**

Feb. 18, 1974 – Five members of Scout Troop 506, two of them brothers, received the Eagle Scout Award in a mass ceremony at Central United Methodist Church Sunday morning.

Receiving this highest award in scouting were John and Jim Askew, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Askew, Steve Franquemont, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Franquemont, Jim Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wilcox, and Jerry Burke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bradie Burke.

The presentations occurred during the morning worship service at the church. Scouts Charlie Miller, Jr., Mark Trollinger, David Link, Tommy Moore, and Mitch Johnson assisted the pastor, Rev. G. Howard Allred in the preliminaries prior to the message which has entitled "Straight Gates and Broad Ways."

Charles G. Lewis, Scoutmaster for Troop No. 506 presided over the awards ceremony and making the presentations were assistant Scoutmasters Hassell Patterson and Jim King Escorts for the new Eagle Scouts

and their parents were Eagle Scouts Tommy Moose and Mitch Johnson.

John and Jim Askew and Steve Franquemont are students at Asheboro Junior High School and are members of the Central Church. Jim Wilcox is an honor student at Asheboro High School while Jerry Burke is a student at North Carolina State University and on the dean's list at that school. Both Jim Wilcox and Jerry Burke are members of First United Methodist Church. The Askew brothers are members of the Beta Club at the school they attend.

John Askew has served Troop 506 as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, quartermaster, librarian, and den chief. He and his brother along with Steve Franquemont and Jerry Burke have attended the National Scout Jamboree at Morain State Park in Pennsylvania, Steve Franquemont, the fourth son in his family to earn the Eagle rank, is currently serving Troop 506 as senior patrol leader. Jim Wilcox has served as a staff member at Boy Scout Camp Wenasa and in the position of Scoutcraft Director at the camp.

He has been assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, and quartermaster for Troop 506 and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Jerry Burke is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, has made two 50 mile hikes in the Great Smoky Mountains and participated in a 10-day canoe trip through the lakes and streams of Minnesota and Canada.

Since enrolling in college he has continued his interest in scouting as a member of the "College Reserve for Scouters," an organization which provides leadership assistance to various scout troops in the Raleigh area.

All of the five new Eagle Scouts have participated in the athletic programs of the schools they attend or have attended and one of them, Jim Wilcox, is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

### **Mr. and Mrs. V.L. Jones – Retired Barber, Wife Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

Feb. 20, 1974 – A retired Asheboro barber and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. V. L. (Lee) Jones, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, at their home at 925 Cliff Rd.

Their daughter, Mrs. Betty Hutchens, was hostess at a reception in their honor, assisted by the couple's grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hutchens, Miss Ann Hutchens and Ronny Hutchens, and Mrs. LaRue Brown, Mrs. Bellma Allred, and Mrs. Marie Cox.

Also on hand was the couple's only great-grandchild, Charlotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenny Hutchens. Friends called from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones came to Asheboro in 1927 from Ellerbe, of which Mr. Jones is a native. Mrs. Jones, the former Evelyn Maddox, is a native of Marlboro County, S.C., but was living in Gibson, just across the state line at the time of her marriage to Mr. Jones.

The couple was married Feb. 17, 1924, in Bennettsville, S.C. and lived in Gibson until they moved to Ellerbe where they lived before coming to Asheboro. They moved to North Asheboro in 1941 coming back to Asheboro 47 years ago.

Mr. Jones started barbering profession after coming to Asheboro where he was first associated with Service Barber Shop and then with Asheboro Barber Shop. He also owned the Service Beauty Shop in Asheboro before starting the Jones Barber Shop in North Asheboro, which

later became the Jones-Kivett Barber Shop. He quit active barbering six years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were active for many years in the Balfour Baptist Church where Mr. Jones served as a deacon and as head of the ushers. Because of a physical disability Mrs. Jones has been unable to attend church in several years. They joined First Baptist Church upon coming to Asheboro but transferred to the Balfour Church after moving into that community.

This coming Aug. Mr. Jones will complete 49 years as a Mason, first joining the Ellerbe Masonic Lodge in 1925. His present membership is with Balfour Masonic Lodge No. 188.

Mrs. Jones was working as an operator for Southern Bell Telephone Co. in Gibson when she met Mr. Jones who was barbering in a shop next door. After coming to Asheboro Mrs. Jones worked as a seamer at McCrary Hosiery Mill and later at Bossong Hosiery Mill.

### **Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Powers – Powers Couple Honored On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Feb. 28, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Huey Monroe Powers, 1809 McDermott St., were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon by their son and five daughters.

Their children, hosts at a reception at the General Electric Club House from 2 until 4, are Mrs. Monroe (Bernadine) Reins, Spring Lake, Mrs. Jack (Iris Jean) Poole, Concord, Mrs. Elswick (Louise) Smith, Greensboro, Mrs. Lynn (Martha) Priest, Joel Powers, and Mrs. Glenn (Joanne) Sanders, Asheboro.

The first two children of Mr. and Mrs. Powers, Iris Jean and Bernadine, and the last two, Joel and Joanna, are twins. Their family also includes 14 grandchildren.

The couple was married Feb. 24, 1924, at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church in Asheboro. Performing the ceremony was the church pastor, the Rev. James Rose. Mr. and Mrs. Powers recalled that their marriage, which occurred in the evening, was preceded by a snow in the earlier part of the day.

Huey Powers, who retired six years ago from Acme Hosiery Mill after 43 years of service, was born and reared in the vicinity of the Beulah Baptist Church, near the Randolph-Moore County line. Son of Joseph Wesley Powers and Sarah Lambert Powers, he went to school at Phillips' Schoolhouse and came to Asheboro to work in early manhood.

Mrs. Powers, the former Myrtle West, was born and reared in the vicinity between Franklinville and Patterson Grove Christian Church, the daughter of William Henry West and Esther Way West. She attended Patterson Grove School and at the age of 14 she and her sister, Ila, came to Franklinville to work in the mill, boarding there with a great-uncle, Jode Ellison.

Her mother died when she was nine and later, after her father's remarriage, the family moved to Asheboro. Her father was killed on the coast of North Carolina during Hurricane Hazel in 1954, Mrs. Powers worked at Acme Hosiery Mill, at which place she met her husband, for 15 years. She was also employed at Klopman Mills for 13 years but retired three years ago from Stedman Manufacturing Co. where she had worked six years.

Mr. and Mrs. Powers formerly lived in North Asheboro, near Balfour School, but have lived at their present

residence for 11 years. They are members of First Baptist Church, from which congregation many came to honor them at the observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

### **McGills' Anniversary Observed By Ramblers**

Mar. 1, 1974 – The fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. (Scott) McGill, 310 Northwood Drive, was observed by the Randolph Ramblers at their meeting at the town hall in Ramseur Saturday evening, Feb. 23.

Mr. and Mrs. McGill are charter members of the local camping club, which is an affiliate of the N.C. Association of National Campers and Hikers Association, Inc.

At the conclusion of the supper meeting the McGills were presented with a gift from the camping club. The wedding anniversary cake was then cut and served with punch.

The next evening, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. McGill were dinner guests of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Van McGill, at Brewer's Restaurant at Harper's Cross Roads. Mrs. Fern Eldridge, sister of Mrs. McGill, was also a guest at the dinner meeting at Harper's Cross Roads.

Present for the meeting which honored the McGills in Ramseur were their other son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. (Scott) McGill, and Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Grose. Mrs. Grose, the former Alma Davis, is a niece of Mrs. McGill and lived with the couple for a greater part of the years before her marriage.

C.S. McGill served first as maintenance supervisor and then as Superintendent of Transportation for the Randolph County School System for over 33 years, retiring from the latter position on Nov. 30, 1961.

A native of Dell Rapids, S.D., he came with his folks to Williamsburg, Va., at an early age. He left home when he was quite young to engage in construction work. He was helping to pave Highway 311 from Archdale towards Asheboro when he first met Mrs. McGill, the former Lillian White.

The road, which was being paved for the first time, came by the home of Mrs. McGill's parents, Robert L. and Martitia White, in Glenola, in which place she was born and reared and attended the Glenola School, now non-existent.

The couple was married Feb. 24, 1924 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J.E. Woosley in Trinity. Accompanied by James and Lucy Davis Shipton the two couples rode in a borrowed Model T. touring car, due to the prospective bridegroom having burnt the bearings out of his automobile the day before while looking up the preacher to make the wedding arrangements.

It was snowing real hard on that wedding night of 50 years ago and there was difficulty in keeping the windshield on the automobile cleared of snow, since there was no such thing as a windshield wiper in that day and time. However, the curtains on the car were up even though they were not entirely snow-proof.

The McGills have lived in the Asheboro vicinity since 1928 when Mr. McGill assumed the position with the county school system.

### **Family And Friends Honor Flippin On 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mar. 1, 1974 – Robert J. (Bob) Flippin Rt. 1, Bennett, was honored at a birthday celebration last Sunday at the

fellowship hall at Pleasant Grove Christian Church. He was 85 on Feb. 27.

Family members and a few friends were on hand to celebrate with the Surry County native who came to the vicinity in 1919. Earlier in the morning service at the church the congregation took note of his birthday.

Mr. Flippin is still an active member of the church, having attended a district fellowship meeting there on Saturday evening, a local fellowship breakfast on Sunday morning, then the morning worship service and the birthday dinner which followed.

Two of Mr. Flippin's three children Mrs. James W. (Elizabeth) Caviness, Star Route, Siler City, and Ivory Alfred Flippin, Rt. 1, Bennett, were present for their father's birthday celebration. His other son, Robert L. Flippin, of Linwood, who visited his father a few days previously, was unable to be present.

Mr. Flippin, who was born near Westfield married Rosa Chilton in 1914 in Stokes County where they lived until coming to Randolph County. They first settled on the Bob Moffitt farm near Coleridge before buying the home on Rt. 1, Bennett, at which place Mr. Flippin still resides. His wife died nearly four years ago.

Mr. Flippin, his wife and older son, who was born in Stokes County, came to the Coleridge-Bennett area about the same time many other families came, including Mrs. Flippin's parents and eight brothers and sisters

According to Mr. Flippin and others the people left their mountain homes and came to Randolph County because there was no land for sale in the places from which they came, most of the land being owned by a few very big landowners whose wealth came from tenants producing tobacco. It is thought that these "mountain people" moving to Randolph County brought with them the beginning of the area's tobacco productions.

Despite his age, Mr. Flippin's memory is good and he still drives his car to town to buy medicine and groceries, also to church and to go visiting around the neighborhood. He served for many years as an ASC Committeeman he has farmed and done carpenter work.

At the birthday dinner a few remarks were made by Harvey Brady, Sunday School Superintendent at the Pleasant Grove Church, who also offered the prayer of thanks not only for the food but for the life and influence of Robert J. (Bob) Flippin in the Pleasant Grove community.

### **Liberty Minister McCleave In Personalities Of South**

Mar. 1, 1974 – A Liberty minister, who has sought to upgrade and improve conditions in his community and render a service to mankind, has been selected to appear in the 1973 edition of Personalities of the South.

Dr. Mansel Philip McCleave's name will appear in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of Personalities of the South, which is compiled by the American Biographical Institute and contains more than 7,000 outstanding Southerners, including the Governors, Senators, and Representatives from the southern states.

Individuals whose names appear in the edition were honored for past achievements, outstanding ability, and service to community and state.

Dr. McCleave, a resident of Greensboro, has been pastor of the Edwards Grove Baptist Church in Liberty since 1957. Since 1953 he has been an instructor of Horticulture at North Carolina A & T State University.



When he first came to Liberty the section now known as West Liberty, in which his church is located, was generally called "pig foot" or "colored town." To change this name and image was "a first order of business" for the Rev. Mr. McCleave. It took him, along with the cooperation of the black citizens of the community and the people uptown, more than ten years to accomplish the change.

First the "Citizens for Democratic Action" was organized, then the "Interracial Community Council," followed by the "Liberty Improvement Association," and finally the "West Liberty Improvement Association."

The results which followed brought about the annexation of West Liberty and the laying of water and sewer mains for that part of town; the establishment of the Paul Henry Smith Memorial Park to serve West Liberty as a playground and recreational area; the starting of adult basic education classes with instructors from Randolph Technical Institute; and various other improvements to the section formerly known as "pig foot."

Besides his church in Liberty he also partnered for 15 years the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church in Siler City. In recognition of his outstanding religious, civic and community leadership, and his efforts in the area of church building, he was awarded the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Friendship College, Rock Hill, S.C., on May 7, 1970.

A native of Rock Hill, S.C., he came to North Carolina before the age of one year with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. A.F. McCleave, retired minister and public school teachers. He was educated in the public schools of Chatham County, attended Hampton Institute for one year and is a graduate of the New York School of Floral Designing. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree and the Master of Science Degree from North Carolina A & T College, and has done further study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

He accepted the call to the gospel ministry and was licensed to preach on Feb. 6, 1957. He was later ordained by the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association which organization he now serves as vice moderator. He is also a member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Dr. McCleave is a writer of note, both religiously and plant-wise. He has also written a book on the "sit-in" movement which occurred several years ago in Greensboro. He serves on many committees and is identified with a long list of organizations, locally, statewide, and national in scope.

A testimonial dinner recognizing his many services was held in 1972 at the Holiday Inn Four Seasons in Greensboro. Two hundred people, including those in distinctive positions throughout the state were present. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, Chancellor of North Carolina A & T State University. Also present to speak was Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw University. State Representative Joy J. Johnson was toastmaster for the meeting.

Dr. McCleave feels that the honor which has come to him must be shared by the masses of the people with whom he has worked and without whose cooperation his efforts would have been in vain.

## **High Pines Wesleyan Observes Old-Fashioned Day**

Apr. 5, 1974 - "Old-Fashioned Day" and spring rally day were observed at High Pine Wesleyan Church, Rt. 5, Asheboro, and last Sunday.

As the Sunday School hour approached, the people came in the attire of yesteryear, some walking and others riding in the mode of travel of four or five decades ago.

The minister Rev. Ralph Day mixed his more conventional dress with a black bow tie and a pair of red suspenders, Governor Gene Talmadge style. The minister is a native of Governor Talmadge's state of Georgia. Mrs. Day's dress went back farther than the bow tie and suspenders of her husband.

The Sunday School Superintendent, David Luther, came in overalls and a black hat which belonged to his grandfather, Jonas Luther who died in 1921.

Mrs. Betty Loflin wore a black bonnet, a long black dress said to be more than 140 years old and high-top shoes to win the prize for the oldest and most unusual attire during the observance.

Mrs. Chloe Nance wore a bonnet and carried a snuff box in her bag, not altogether appropriate for a Wesleyan church but perhaps permissible on "Old-Fashioned Day."

Julian York and Jerry Leonard were both driving 1927 Model T Ford touring cars for the oldest mode of travel. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Callicutt and daughter, Susan were riding in a 1947 Ford Coach while Robert's brothers Ralph and Everett were riding in a "hopped up" 1933 Ford B Model pick-up truck.

The congregation sang "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" and "When the Saints Go Marching In." The Sunday School Superintendent said the purpose of the occasion was "not to make fun of anything that is past." He said "we appreciate our past generation; many of them are walking on streets of gold."

The special observance was concluded with a fellowship dinner in the youth building.

## **Back Creek Quaker Men Sponsor "Fund" Supper**

Apr. 5, 1974 - The "Good Neighbor Fund" of the Quaker Men at Back Creek Friends Meeting will be helped by a barbeque supper which the group will sponsor on Saturday, Apr. 6, at the cedar Grove Community Building.

The fund, which was originated to aid families who have suffered from an unfortunate mishap or sustained a severe illness, had its beginning in Nov., 1972 at a supper which was similar to the one being held Apr. 6.

A profit of \$618.15 was realized from that first barbeque supper and this provided a base amount from which to operate the "Good Neighbor Fund." An auction sale the following year brought in an additional \$1,293.20.

Two projects are planned for 1974, the barbeque supper on Saturday night and the planting this spring of eight acres of corn. Lindsay Walker has donated the use of the land and Walker, Sam Lowe, Jr., Olen Lambeth, Robert Ridge, Zoola Freeman, and Milton Ives have given the money for the purchase of the fertilizer and the seed. The Quaker Men themselves will do the planting. Proceeds from the sale of the corn will go into the "Good Neighbor Fund."

Before the establishment of the fund an offering would be taken in the Meeting if a family was burned out or if an individual sustained a long and serious illness. It was felt that building a reserve fund would provide a more efficient and more equitable way of helping those who might need

assistance. Disbursements from the fund are not limited to members of the congregation at Back Creek. Less than half of the 14 families who have been helped since the fund was started came from the Meeting.

Participation in the fund has not been limited to members of the Quaker Men organization. Sometimes on a project the whole Meeting is involved. The minister, George McDowell, mentioned particularly one phase of this involvement and said "without the help of the women, I don't know what we would do." Some of the men who contributed to the corn project are not members of Quaker Men.

Quaker Men, composed of 19 members, meet on the third Sunday night every other month. Maxton Spencer is the president of the group and Wale Nance is the treasurer of the "Good Neighbor Fund" which disbursed through a committee composed of Carol Stout, Lindsay Walker, and Norman Miller.

The supper on Apr. 6 will be held from 5 until 8 p.m. Plates will sell for \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 13. Extra servings will be made at no additional cost. Take-home plates will be available.

### **Afflicted Mother In Need Of Help**

Mar. 8, 1974 – Mrs. Jean Garner Jones, a young Rt. 2, Robbins mother with four dependent children, has recently learned that she is afflicted with a rare disease, the nerves which control her body muscles are dying. Already her right hand and knee are affected.

A former employee of Acme-McCrary Corp. in Asheboro, she has applied for Social Security disability payments but will not be able to receive benefits until six months have elapsed. Family members and friends are beginning to move in to fill the gap.

Her husband, Alex Clifton Jones, disappeared shortly before Easter last year and has not been heard of since. Before he left he disposed of most of the couple's worldly goods. Mrs. Jones and her four children are living at the old home site of her maternal grandparents, Thomas and Mary Emily Williams, in the Needham's Grove Church area, about two miles from the Randolph County line.

Mrs. Jones' physical troubles began last Aug. when her hands started "drawing" and she had difficulty walking. She was working at that time at Ramseur Interlock Knitting Co. and was living in the vicinity. At the time she had to quit work on Feb. 15 she was employed at Robbins Manufacturing Co., the Ithica Plant.

The diagnosis of her illness came when she was admitted to the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill on Feb. 20. She had received emergency treatment at this hospital twice before. She stayed there for two days and at least 15 doctors examined her.

Their verdict was "nothing could be done." She was asked to come back once a month for tests, a projection of needles to see how fast the nerves were deteriorating. Mrs. Jones remains calm despite this gloomy report and philosophically said when someone spoke of the impending disability payments, "I may not be able to spend it."

Her children are Dennis, 13, Darrel, 12, Rita, 10, and Danny, 7. They are all students at Westmoore Elementary School. For the benefit of Mrs. Jones and her children her fellow employees at the Ithica Plant have given her a "pounding," a collection of money, food and other necessary supplies. As this reporter visited her a group of

men were busy cutting wood for the small wood heater which heats the old house in which they are living.

The house is located on the property of Johnny Williams, her cousin, and mail to her may be sent in care of him, Rt. 2, Robbins. It is urged that the people of the area in which they live and friends elsewhere respond to their need until financial assistance comes from the disability payments for which she has applied.

### **Mrs. Jessup: 89<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Apr. 9, 1974 – Mrs. E.V. (Jennie) Jessup, Rt. 2, Sophia, observed her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday at a family gathering at the New Market Community Building Sunday, Mar. 31. Seventy-eight people were in attendance, all family members except four.

Arrangements for the birthday celebration, which is an annual affair, were made by Mrs. Jessup's granddaughter, Mrs. Jack (Pat) Luck, who along with her brother, James Roy Johnson, were reared by their grandmother following the death of their mother, Mrs. Bessie Jessup Johnson, when Pat was one and James Roy, two years of age.

Living children of Mrs. Jessup, all of whom were present for the birthday celebration, were Aldie Jessup and Mrs. Clara Davis, Worthville, Rev. Lefford Jessup, South Hill, Va., and Mrs. Essie Allred, Randleman.

Other deceased children are Lester Howard Jessup, who was killed in World War II, Earlie Ray Jessup, who died at the age of 20, and two children who died in infancy.

Mrs. Jessup, the former Nancy Jane Lynch, of Surry County, came to Randolph County with her husband and children in 1923. Her husband is deceased. Her grandchildren number 21 and she has 52 great-grandchildren.

She wore a bonnet at her birthday celebration and she said proudly, referring to her next birthday, "I'm turned into 90."

Her minister son spoke briefly prior to the birthday meal and offered prayer.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Brooks – Fiftieth Anniversary Observed By Brooks**

Apr. 10, 1974 – Friend and relatives gathered for the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ivory William Brooks, Rt. 1, Staley, Sunday afternoon, Mar. 31, at the home of the couple.

An unusual occurrence for an occasion of this kind was the presence of Mrs. Julian Brooks, 91, who is the mother of the 72-year-old Ivory Brooks.

Also present were the couple's eight living children who were hosts at the reception which honored Mr. and Mrs. Brooks. They are Worth Brooks, Lacy Brooks, Miss Margie Brooks, Frank Brooks, and Mrs. Nancy Glover, Rt. 1, Staley, Burley Brooks, Tokoma Park, Md., Mrs. Velma Dark, Rt. 4, Siler City, and Mrs. Shelia Faye Frazier, Rt. 3, Siler City.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks were married Mar. 27, 1924 at the home of the officiating Justice of the Peace Ed McMasters. They have spent their married life in the area in which Ivory Brooks was born and reared. Mrs. Brooks, the former Myrtle Ethel Staley, was born on the other side of Staley, near the Shady Grove Baptist Church, and attended the "Old Burnt-Up Schoolhouse," located near her home.

Included in the family of the honored couple are 21 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ten children were born to their marriage but two are deceased. Ivory Brooks is in partial retirement from Stout's Chair Co. in Liberty where he has been employed for 30 years. The couple is members of Oliver's Chapel AME Zion Church. Among friends present for the anniversary reception was Rev. Ocie Brown, the Oliver's Chapel pastor.

### **Stacy Asbills Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary**

Apr. 10, 1974 - It was a happy occasion when the large family of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Asbill, Rt. 1, Seagrove, honored the couple on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 7.

The family is a closely-knit group, with which much fellowship and unity existing among them. Their closeness was never more evident when a few years ago one of the sons needed a kidney transplant. All were willing but eventually it came from the next oldest brother of the one needing the transplant.

Their children, hosts for the anniversary reception which honored their parents, are Clyde Asbill, Wade Asbill, Mrs. Floyd (Edna) Hayes, Mrs. Bobby (Elsie) Kiser, Mrs. Bobby (Betty) Macon, Paul Asbill, and Donald Asbill and Harold Asbill, of Asheboro, and Mrs. Winford (Jeanette) Reeder, Rt. 8, Asheboro.

One daughter, Wilma, died at the age of 18 months. The close family group also includes six daughters-in-law, four sons-in-law, 29 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Asbill were married Apr. 7, 1924 in Chesterfield, S.C. They had planned to get married in Bennettsville but the 1920 Model T car which they were riding broke down when they reached Chesterfield. A brother-in-law and a sister of Mr. Asbill had accompanied them, in case they had car trouble, and sure enough the crankshaft broke in their vehicle.

Mrs. Asbill, the former Ruth Susan Moran, was 16 years of age at the time and did not tell her parents, William and Mary Joyce Moran, she was going to get married. She and Stacy left the Sunday School service at the Antioch Christian Church for the site of their wedding, leaving a brother of Mrs. Asbill who had accompanied her to Sunday School to go back to their home alone.

Although Mrs. Asbill regrets now going to get married without telling her parents, everything worked out fine upon their return and she and her husband were welcomed back by her family. In the final years of her life Mrs. Asbill's mother lived in the Asbill home and was cared for by her daughter and son-in-law.

Stacy Asbill has always lived in the community of the Antioch Christian Church. He was reared on the farm where his brother Clinton lives, the son of Quincy and Bessie Fox Asbill. He attended the Antioch School, a log building with a large fireplace, located next to the church. Mrs. Asbill, a native of Stokes County, came to the community at the age of 11 and also attended the log school.

Their first housekeeping following their marriage in South Carolina began at the same place at which they are still living, in a three-room house which is still situated there, a short distance from the house in which they reside. They have a sentimental affection for the old house, in which their first seven children were born, and they have no plans for tearing the old building down.

Stacy Asbill, who was 73 years old the day after his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, has turned most of his farming activities over to his sons Paul and Donald. But he still helps them and said "me and Paul have done most of the (spring) breaking." He also has his own cows.

Around 200 relatives, friends and neighbors called at the Asbill home from 2 until 5 p.m. to congratulate the couple on the occasion of their anniversary. As the conclusion of the open house, their children and in-laws entertained them further at a supper at Brewer's restaurant.

### **Telephone Call Brings Smiles**

Apr. 10, 1974 - A trans-Pacific telephone call halfway around the world brought smiles all around to an assembled congregation in the fellowship hall at Central United Methodist Church recently.

Joy and Esther Judy, daughters of missionaries Dr. and Mrs. Carl Judy, talked over the phone to their parents at their mission station in Korea, 10,000 miles away. The Judy family is well known to the people at the Central Church.

Arrangements for the special equipment for the transmission of the call were made by the church. The call followed a fellowship meal and occurred during a missionary conference which is being held at the church each Wednesday evening this month.

Mrs. Judy, mother of the two young ladies making the call, is the former Margaret Brannon who served as director of music and Christian Education at the Central church prior to her marriage to Dr. Judy.

The midweek congregation of approximately 200 people, the pastor, Rev. G. Howard Allred, the two girls and the visiting missionaries, Rev. and Mrs. J.D. Turner waited with bated breath for the call to go through. In between the attempts to make the connection, the Rev. and Mrs. Turner and his wife outlined their work with child evangelism in India and the South Pacific.

Finally, the connection was made and Joy and Esther talked with their parents as if they were in an adjoining town instead of being in the country so far away. Mrs. Judy then addressed the waiting congregation, many who remembered her as a member of the church staff before her marriage, with Dr. Judy following her with a progress report on the mission field before their daughters came back on the line for a final word before the call ended.

Dr. and Mrs. Judy have served as missionaries to Korea since 1948. Esther, the youngest of their four children, has spent 14 years of her life in Korea. Presently a senior at Pfeiffer College, she visited her parents in Korea last summer.

Joy, next to the youngest, only returned from visited her parents last week, her first visit to Korea in five years. She had thought when the call was made she would have been on the other end of the line. A graduate of Baron College in Kentucky, she plans to enter graduate school this fall. She has spent 12 years of her life in Korea.

The other two children of Dr. and Mrs. Judy are Wesley, a Methodist minister and pastor of two churches in Salisbury. He and his wife are expecting their first child and this coming event naturally found its place in the trans-Pacific call Wednesday evening.

The oldest daughter, Carlene, resides in Riverside, Calif. where she is employed with Project Hope. Injured in a tragic automobile accident in 1967 she is paralyzed to the extent she cannot use her arms or legs. However, since the

accident she has graduated from the University of California at Riverside and has received her Master's Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

### **It's Been a Busy Year at Meadowbrook Rd. Church**

Apr. 12, 1974 – Things have been happening at the First Assembly of God Church on Meadowbrook Road in Asheboro since the first of Jan., at which time a new pastor, Rev. Clifton W. Jernigan, assumed his duties.

A youth director, Noel H. (Butch) Cookman, followed closely the coming of the new pastor and is currently involved in the young people in the various schools in Asheboro and Randolph County.

Then last Sunday afternoon, on a grassy hillside behind the church, the small Assembly of God congregation broke ground and dedicated a site on which they will build a parsonage for their minister.

Participating in the groundbreaking were the pastor and youth director, the secretary and treasurer of the District Assemblies of God in North Carolina, Charles Kelly, the church trustee, Cecil Smith, and the contractor for the new parsonage, Bill Boyd.

Bearer bonds in the amount of \$27,000 have been issued by the church to pay for the new building and at the time of writing only \$3,000 of this amount remained to be sold. Additional land was purchased for the construction and now the church owns a total of 3.6 acres, totally free of debt.

The First Assembly of God Church was begun in Asheboro in June, 1970 in a rented hall. The sanctuary and educational facilities were built and dedicated on the present site in Oct., 1971. First pastor of the church was the Rev. Doyle Crane.

The new pastor, Rev. Mr. Jernigan is a native of Plainview, Texas. Before accepting pastoral duties in Houston, Texas, El Paso, Texas, and Jayton, Texas, he attended West Texas University and Southwestern Assemblies of God College in Texas. He has also spent 14 years in fulltime evangelistic work among Assemblies of God churches.

He and his wife, Nelda, and children, Jana and Patrick, have conducted evangelistic campaigns throughout the United States and into Central America, with Rev. and Mrs. Jernigan singing to the accompanist of sound track music from recording sessions in Nashville, Tenn.

The new youth director, Butch Cookman, came to Asheboro from Dunn, where he was active as a youth director with the Glad Tidings Assembly of God. He is a graduate of Southeastern Bible College in Lakeland, Fla. He is 23 years of age and he and his wife, Belinda Gay, are expecting their first child in July.

### **New Hope Church Dedicated**

Mar. 14, 1974 – The small congregation of New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Denton, breathed a sigh of relief as they dedicated their church structure Sunday afternoon, a little less than five years after they entered the building on June 15, 1969.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Bishop for the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, was present to lead the litany of dedication and to deliver the message for the occasion. He was introduced by Rev.

George Rudisill, Superintendent of the Thomasville District, who preached for the congregation at their morning worship service.

Rev. Leonard Voncannon, who became the pastor of the church in June, 1971, presided over both the morning and afternoon services. The church owed approximately \$18,000 on their building when the Rev. Voncannon came nearly three years ago. Last June, under his leadership, a concentrated effort was made to pay off the indebtedness of \$8,000 which remained at that time. The last payment was made in Nov.

In Dec. provision for the air conditioning of the church was made by Aaron L. Cranford and family in memory of Mrs. Cranford, the former Genevieve Lanier. Offering plates, also in memory of Mrs. Cranford, have been given by her mother, sister, and brothers.

Other memorial gifts, given to the church since its occupancy in 1969, include an altar set given in memory of Donniss and Myrtle Russell Miller by Mrs. Miller's parents; Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Russell, and a baptismal bowl, also in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Miller, by the Denton Jaycee Club. Parchment cloths have been given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Luther by their children.

Introduced by the Rev. Rudisill as one who "loves the little church," Bishop Hunt said "I have been deeply and significantly interested in small churches," stating it was from the small churches that many of the denomination's preachers, missionaries and other Christian workers came.

He said "I wanted to come to the New Hope United Methodist Church more than I can tell you. I am pleased I can celebrate with you today. Some of the people who helped make this possible have outdistanced you in the race for the Kingdom of God. But I believe they are watching over us this afternoon as we dedicate this building free of indebtedness."

A log building served as the first place of worship for the New Hope church which dates back to 1830. A one-room frame structure replaced the log building in 1880 and this building was remodeled and increased in size at various times until the erection of the present structure in 1968-69.

A relic of the past is the old church bell which was donated by the charter members of the church in 1886. The bell has been placed on a tower erected on the site of the old church building by the grandchildren of the Rev. Jessie Franklin Lyndon as a memorial to the deceased members of the church.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Routh Celebrate 60<sup>th</sup> Year**

Apr. 17, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Claude Routh, Rt. 2, Randleman, were honored on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a family gathering Monday evening, Apr. 8, at the Circle Inn, which they founded in 1947 and which is located next to their home.

Eight of their twelve children were in attendance, along with grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives. Two more children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Routh but died in early childhood.

Claude Routh is a native of the Bethany United Methodist Church community and is one of thirteen children born to J.F. (Bud) Routh and Lula Prevost Routh. He realized his ambition to father one more child than his father.

Mrs. Routh, the former Eutha Jean Trotter, is the daughter of Ross Trotter and Angeline Miller Trotter and a native of the Caraway community west of Asheboro. Also as

member of a large family, she had eight brothers and sisters.

After the rearing of their large family and their retirement from the various interests which had occupied them through many years of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Routh traveled extensively throughout the United States and Canada and spent a great deal of time buying and selling antiques. They are both 81 years of age.

### **Officers Installed, Awards Given At Franklinville TOPS Club Meet**

Apr. 17, 1974 – Installation of officers and the first annual awards night of the TOPS Club, Inc., Franklinville Chapter No. 891, was held last week in the fellowship hall at the Bethany United Methodist Church.

TOPS is an abbreviated designation for "Taking Off Pounds Sensibly," and organization designed "to help all the overweight who are sincerely interested in losing pounds sensibly."

An advanced degree for a TOPS member is becoming a KOPS, "Keeping Off Pounds Sensibly." Before becoming a KOPS, a TOPS member must first acquire a written, dated statement from a qualified physician prescribing his or her normal weight.

Although not organized for the full year in 1973, the Franklinville Chapter came out second in North Carolina for average pounds lost per member for the year. Total number of pounds lost by the Franklinville Chapter, which was organized in May, 1973, was 289.

The meeting Monday evening was graduation night for Edith Little who, in the words of the presiding officer, "came in here looking not so little." She graduated to the status of KOPS, after having remained as a "KTW" or KOPS In Waiting in a probationary period. She was capped and presented with the certificate of graduation, along with a treasure chest of money from the other members with which to buy a new outfit.

"The battle of the bulge is never easy," said Marilyn Routh, retiring leader of the chapter, as she placed the cap on the head of the new graduate. Other KOPS In Waiting are Hazel Coble, Elsie Johnson, and Peggy Coble.

In addition to the newly graduated KOP, other KOPS in the chapter are Marjorie Routh and Fawnie Poupere. The latter was winner in the Queen Contest, having lost the most pounds to achieve that distinction. The traditional crown was placed on her head and the robe around her shoulders. Runner-up in the Queen Contest was Marjorie Routh.

Division winners were Martha Sink, Pat Katalinic, and Hazel Coble and each of them was presented with a certificate. Leaders of the month in 1973 were presented with humorous gifts as follows: Janice Gaines, celery, snack crackers and a rattle; Hazel Coble, carrots; Edith Little, a pacifier; and Pat Katalinic, a can of baby formula.

New officers installed in a candlelight ceremony were Hazel Coble, leader; Marjorie Routh, co-leader, re-elected; Rose Inman, secretary; Blanche Trodgon, treasurer, re-elected; and Pat Katalinic, weight recorder, re-elected. Retiring officers are Marilyn Routh, leader and Elsie Johnson, secretary.

Other chapter members are Emma Routh, Ann Trodgon, Peggy Hinshaw, Dottie Cross, Elizabeth Hylton, Lynn Reynolds, and Joan Hall.

Anyone interested in joining the Franklinville Chapter of the TOPS Club, Inc. is invited to contact Hazel Coble, Phone No. 498-9621.

### **County Oil Dealers Honor Richardson**

Apr. 18, 1974 – The recipient of the first "Outstanding Oil Dealer of the Year" award presented by the Randolph Oil Dealers association has a record of community achievement separate from his accomplishments in the Oil Dealers Association.

Walter Richardson, Rt. 6, Asheboro, is chairman of the advisory committee at the Franklinville School, he is a deacon at the Franklinville Baptist Church where he served as superintendent of the Sunday School for six years and where he is a member of the choir. He has been identified in the Little League Activities and he has played with a string band.

He has been associated with the oil business since he started driving a truck with Southern Oil Co. in Asheboro in 1951. He went with the Pugh Oil Co. in 1952 and continued with that company until, serving many years as the plant manager. Before assuming the ownership Econo Petroleum Corp. in Franklinville recently, he was associated with Vernon Poole and Econo Oil Co. for four years.

Last year Walter Richardson served as president of the Randolph Oil Dealers Association which voted him their first outstanding dealer's award at their meeting last month. Harold Briles in the current president of the association which was formed in 1960.

It was decided to present the award to create more interest in the association and to emphasize the more favorable aspects of the association's activities, to perhaps counteract some of the liabilities suffered by oil dealers during the recent gasoline shortage.

Richardson, the first recipient of the award, is a native of Ramseur, being reared in the area between Brooklyn and Pleasant Ridge. His first job was at the cotton mill in Ramseur, the Columbia Manufacturing Co., and he entered the Army in. He is married to the former Wilma Grose, of Franklinville, and they are the parents of two children, Michael, an 18-year-old graduate of Eastern Randolph Senior High School who is working as a salesman in his father's business, and Susan, 14, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Franklinville School.

### **Sunday Reception Fetes Rev. And Mrs. Lamar**

Apr. 24, 1974 – Rev. and Mrs. Charlie Lamar, a well-known couple of the Asheboro vicinity, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at a reception at the Asheboro Friends Meeting Sunday afternoon, Apr. 21.

Their daughters, Mrs. Dan (Clara) Dyche, Orlando, Fla., and Mrs. Allen (Peggy) Shomaker, Lenoir, and their grandchildren were hosts in the fellowship hall at the meeting. Approximately 300 people called to greet the couple during the appointed hours.

Their grandchildren are Patricia Ann Allred, Charles Ammen, Kayla Shomaker, and Collett Shomaker, and they have one great-grandchild, Shannon Allred.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Lamar are natives of the Asheboro area and both of them worked in uptown Asheboro the last years before their retirement. Charlie was associated with the Asheboro Drug Co. for about 12 years and Mrs. Lamar

was manager of the ladies ready-to-wear department in Moore's Department Store for around 20 years.

Charlie Lamar was born on Cox Rd. near Asheboro, the son of A.L. (Sherman) Lamar and Carolina Foster Lamar. His first job at the age of 12 or thereabouts was at the old Redding Chair Factory, beginning at 25 cents a day for 10 hours of work but was later raised to 50 cents a day. Later he went to work at the Acme Hosiery Mill turning stockings for 75 cents a day.

Mrs. Lamar, the former Nellie (Nell) Burns, was reared in the area southeast of Asheboro, the daughter of Alson Burns and Chattie Spoon Burns. She was living with her grandmother, Mrs. Jennie Spoon, in Franklinville at the time of her marriage.

The couple were married Apr. 26, 1924, which was Mrs. Lamar's birthday, at the parsonage of the Asheboro Pilgrim Holiness Church on Hoover St. The church pastor, Rev. V.B. Stanley, was the officiating minister. Witnesses to the ceremony were Mrs. Tom Lamar and Mrs. Shelly Hunsucker.

Shortly after their marriage Charlie attended the Gold Hill Bible School in Rowan County. He later became the first minister to be recorded by the Asheboro Friends Meeting. During his ministerial career he served the Meetings at Hopewell, Science Hill, and Cedar Square in Randolph County and Spring in Alamance County.

For many years before and after his retirement Charlie Lamar has operated a radio and television repair shop at his home. He still retains his status in the North Carolina Society of Friends and often fills in as a supply minister in various churches.

### **Nance Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary**

Apr. 24, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Nance celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at open hours at their home Rt. 3, Asheboro, Sunday afternoon, Apr. 14, from 2 until 4.

Hosts for the anniversary observance were their daughter Mrs. S.D. (Evelyn) Stout, Rt. 3, Asheboro, and their five sons, two of whom came from a long distance to the event honoring their parents.

The sons are Everett Nance, Jr., engaged on construction work in Liberia, Dempsey Nance, Asheboro, Ira Nance, Los Angeles, Calif., Clinton Nance and Truman Nance, Rt. 3, Asheboro. Everett Nance, Jr., who had not been home in two years, arranged his vacation so that he could be with his parents on their anniversary and Ira Nance, who was home last Sept., came back especially for the occasion.

Assisting with the arrangements for the open house were the couple's son-in-law and daughters-in-law, and seven of their ten grandchildren, Judy Nance, Michelle Stout, Ruby Nance, Carol Nance, Lynn Nance, Van Stout, and Joanne Stout.

The other grandchildren are Bobby Nance, Anissa Nance, and Kathy Nance. Also assisting were Mr. Nance's sister, Mrs. Emory Loflin, and Mr. Loflin.

The anniversary gift to Mr. and Mrs. Nance from their children was a silver tea service, the floral centerpiece on the table was a tribute to them from their grandchildren. Recognition on the occasion was also extended to Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Nance, son and daughter-in-law of the honored couple, who were celebrating their 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett H. Nance were married Apr. 15, 1924 by the Rev. J.D. Bulla who was pastor of the Flag Springs Methodist Church.

Mrs. Nance is the former Chloe Callicutt and was reared in Robbins, then the town of Hemp. Her people, however, came from the Pisgah area, near the High Pine Wesleyan Church where she is a member and recently participated in the "Old Fashioned Day" observance at the church. Mr. Nance grew up in the area between Asheboro and the community in which the couple now reside and he is an active member of the Hopewell Friends Meeting.

### **Brown Couple Honored on Golden Anniversary**

Apr. 25, 1974 – Rev. and Mrs. Robert J. Brown, Rt. 3, High Point, left the Dover Baptist Church community, located in the upper Moore-Montgomery County area, three years after their marriage and moved to High Point.

They moved to their present residence in Randolph County in 1938, from which their six children have gone out into homes of their own. These children, who honored their parents on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 21, are Mrs. Clarence (Virginia) Davis, Rt. 2, Trinity; Rev. Clinton Brown and Ray Brown, Rt. 4, High Point; Harvey Brown, Rt. 3, High Point; Mrs. John (Barbara) Woodell, Cedar Falls; and Mrs. Dwight (Brenda) Ayers, Rt. 2, Randleman.

The fellowship hall at the Glenola Baptist Church, where the Rev. and Mrs. Brown are members, was the site of the couple's anniversary celebration, with friends and relatives calling from 2 until 4. The immediate family also includes 16 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Brown, the former Ethel Maie Rose, was born in Montgomery County, the daughter of John Rose and Lydia Davis Rose. She lived in the Dover community until her marriage and attended the Poplar Springs School.

Rev. Brown was born in Marlboro County, S.C., of which place his mother, Martha Ann Peele Brown, was a native. But his father, Spencer Brown, brought his family to his native Moore County when his son was a year or so old. Rev. Brown attended the Dover School; he was working in a lumber plant at Star at the time of his marriage.

The marriage of the couple occurred Apr. 29, 1924, at the home of the Dover pastor, Rev. J.R. Comer, and witnesses were Rufus Dunn, Carson Rose (her brother) and Joseph Comer, son of the minister. Mrs. Brown was a member of the Dover Baptist Church when the couple was married but Mr. Brown was baptized shortly after their marriage along with 41 others in Williams' Creek.

Since first moving to High Point Mr. Brown has worked in the various furniture plants of that city and is still working part-time in one of them. In 1945 he accepted the "call to preach" and in 1948 was licensed by the Glenola Baptist Church. He was ordained by the same church in 1955 and afterwards as pastor of the Panther Creek and Sophia Churches.

Before becoming a pastor he held tent meetings for six years.

### **Fiftieth Anniversary Reception For Browns**

Mar. 27, 1974 – Six sisters and a sister-in-law of Mrs. Elmer Brown, Rt. 1, Bennett, honored Mrs. Brown and her

husband last Sunday on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hostesses for the open house from 2 until 5 p.m. at the home of the couple were Mrs. Nannie Brown, Mrs. Daisy Brown, and Mrs. Kate Brown, Rt. 1, Bennett; Mrs. Blanche Coble, Rt. 1, Climax; Mrs. Grace Joyce, Rt. 2, Ramseur; and Mrs. Ruby Gilliland, Rt. 2, Siler City, (sisters of Mrs. Brown,) and Mrs. Myrtle Coble, also of Rt. 1, Bennett, her sister-in-law and widow of Denson Coble, only brother of the seven sisters.

Mrs. Elmer Brown is the former Callie Coble, the oldest of the sisters. She and her husband grew up in the community in which they now live, known to people in that area as "Brown Town." They attended the White Oak School together and worked together in the fields. Their fathers swapped farm work and Elmer Brown also worked on her father's farm.

They were married Mar. 29, 1924, in Reidsville. He was almost 18 years of age at the time of their marriage and she was almost 17.

Ten years after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved to Guilford County where they resided on Rt. 1, Climax. Mrs. Brown first worked at the Blue Bell Manufacturing Co. for 12 years and then with Cameo Hosiery mill for 26 years. She retired on June 30, 1972, the day she became 65.

Elmer Brown became afflicted with the crippling disease of rheumatoid arthritis three years after their marriage and has been disabled since that time. He has been bedfast for five years.

In May, 1936, Mr. and Mrs. Brown moved into a home of their own in Guilford County and lived there until coming back to their home community in Oct., 1972. The unusual feature of their move back is they are living in the same house in which they had lived for over 36 years in Guilford County. When they came back they had their house placed on a truck designed for moving and brought it with them, placing it on a site next to Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Nannie Brown.

They still own the land and old log house on the Randolph-Chatham line in which they lived before moving to Guilford County. But the road to the site has been closed for a long time, therefore the decision to locate next to Mrs. Brown's sister.

Three of Mrs. Elmer Brown's sisters, Nannie, Daisy, and Kate married three brothers, Fletcher, Clyde and Harvey Brown, of which Fletcher and Clyde are deceased. Elmer Brown is a cousin of these three brothers and also a cousin of Myrtle Brown Coble, widow of Denson Coble, the only brother of the seven sisters.

"Brown Town," located on the Randolph-Chatham line, is a community where many of the families are inter-related and the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brown brought many of them together.

Although they left many friends in Guilford County, Mr. and Mrs. Brown are happy to be back among the folks whom they grew up with, even though John Madison Brown and Bob Flippin, both in their eighties, are the only older citizens left.

## **Community Baptist Church Dedicates New Structure**

Mar. 29, 1974 – Community Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, is a church which has grown by degrees.

First it was the annual memorial service at the Chriscoe cemetery, then a children's service in a home in the community, followed by a brush arbor and a building which was once referred to as a "cracker-box."

But things are different now.

On a Sunday morning, Mar. 24, a beautiful new structure, built and furnished at a cost of approximately \$75,000, was dedicated by the pastor and congregation. Rev. Talmage Smith, field worker for the Randolph Baptist Association, preached the sermon of dedication.

Congregational members, who left the old building down the road the last Sunday night in Jan., were told by the field worker that a building cannot be dedicated, a church can only be dedicated through the dedication of the lives of its members. He further said "when you have the church members disperse, only the building will still be here."

Rev. David Chriscoe, pastor of the church and a native of the area in which it is located, said the first services were held at the Chriscoe Cemetery, located half of a mile down a woods road behind the new church building. There are over 80 graves in this old graveyard which was started when a slave belonging to hardy Chriscoe died and was buried there. The last burial occurred about five years ago.

Rev. M.D. Chriscoe, now deceased, was one of the last preachers to preach at the old graveyard. His sister, Miss Beatrice Chriscoe, now Mrs. Waymon Cole, started holding services for the children in the community at the home of Mrs. Mattie Chriscoe, mother of Rev. David Chriscoe, for the more immediate beginning of Community Baptist Church. Services in the brush arbor and the old building were followed by the organization of the church.

The new building, consisting of sanctuary, seven Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms, and pastor's study is constructed of brick both inside and out. The interior construction of brick is complemented by paneling in the choir and pulpit area and at the rear of the sanctuary. The overhead ceiling of pine decking is supported by exposed beams, stained to match the ceiling. The Sunday School rooms are paneled and the floors of the building are carpeted, wall to wall. The new pews are upholstered both in the seats and backs.

The bell in the old building has been replaced by a much larger bell which was formerly used in the old Christian Church building at Bennett, now being torn down. If services are not held in the old Community Baptist Church building for a year, the land on which it is situated will revert back to the heirs of the late Henry Chriscoe, donor of the land. The site for the new building was donated by Curtis Chriscoe, son of Henry Chriscoe.

A singing will be held in the new building on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 31, beginning at 2 o'clock. The annual memorial service for the Chriscoe Graveyard will be held at the church on Sunday, Apr. 7, beginning at 11 o'clock and followed by an hour in the afternoon. Revival services will be held this week with the Rev. James Ritter as the visiting evangelist.

## **Browns Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary**

May 1, 1974 – A Rt. 1, Bennett couple, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Hardy Brown, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 28, in the fellowship hall at Fall Creek Baptist Church where Mrs. Brown has been a member since she was a young girl.

The couple has spent their entire married life in the old home in which Eli Brown was reared. His mother, Mrs. Lanie Kidd Brown, lives in the house with them and on May 10 will observe her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. His father, William Brown, died when he was 12.

The house, estimated to be 100 years old, has never been painted. The walls and ceilings were constructed out of wide boards, hand dressed, and the studding is mortised and pegged.

Mrs. Brown, the former Eva Pearl Brewer, was reared in the Fall Creek section, southeast of Bennett. Her parents were Eli Brewer and Della Welch Brewer. The couple was married by the Rev. G.R. Underwood at his home near the Pleasant Grove Christian Church which he pastored, located in the vicinity where Eli Brown spent his boyhood and where the couple has spent the 50 years of their marriage.

Two people, Mrs. Myrtle Brewer Purvis, a sister of Mrs. Brown, and Mrs. Esther Cheek Brown, were present for both their wedding of fifth years ago and the anniversary celebration last Sunday.

Hosts for the reception which honored Mr. and Mrs. Brown in the fellowship building at Fall Creek were their two children and in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Brown, Rt. 1, Bennett, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Nancy Lee) Needham, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Robie (Susan Brown) Gray, David Brown, Vivian, Tammy, Joey, and Lori Needham. There is also one great-grandchild, Robie Gray, II.

Over 250 friends and relatives called from 2:30 until 5 to greet the couple and visit with them on the occasion of the couple who live in the vicinity.

Three other nieces of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Fleeta Hale and Mrs. Mary Jane Watkins of Mineral Wells, Texas, and Mrs. Nell Goff of Albany, Texas, placed a floral arrangement in the Fall Creek church for the Sunday morning worship service honoring Mr. and Mrs. Brown on their anniversary. These ladies are daughters of the late Willie Brewer, a half brother of Mrs. Brown who went to Texas in 1948.

At the conclusion of the reception Mr. and Mrs. Brown were guests of their family at a supper at Brewer's Restaurant at Harper's Cross Roads.

### **Holmes Jaycee Of Year**

May 2, 1974 – The Ramseur Jaycees held their annual installation banquet at a Siler City restaurant last week and presented awards to various members for outstanding achievement.

Harold Holmes, Randolph County Manager and former president of the Jaycee club, received the Jaycee of the Year Award. This will be his last year for active status in the club due to age.

Harold Waisner, who served as president of the club for the 1972-74 year, was presented with the Kay Man Award. He was selected to receive this award by his successor, Billy W. York, who also relinquished the gavel at the banquet.

Phil Brady, retiring secretary of the club, was cited for his successful efforts in raising money for the March of Dimes drive in Ramseur, which has been sponsored by the Jaycee club for several years. Under his leadership a record breaking amount of \$1,435 was realized.

Other activities during the past year including participation in an athletic program for the youth of Ramseur, assistance

in the bond election which approved additional water facilities for the town of Ramseur, a paper drive which resulted in the acquirement of 2,440 pounds of paper, and monetary contributions to various projects sponsored by North Carolina Jaycees.

New officers installed were Roger Stout, president; Garrett Rightsell, external vice president; Phil Brady, internal vice president; Neal Hudson, secretary; Clark Young, treasurer; Billy W. York, state director; Mike York Jr. and Harold Holmes, directors, and Harold Waisner, chaplain.

Fred Morgan, former president of the club and an original member, served as the installing officer. His wife was also a guest, along with Ramseur Mayor and Mrs. June Beane. Following the installation Mayor Beane addressed the club members and their wives who were also guests for the occasion.

March of Dimes chairman Phil Brady stated that key people working with him during the drive included Roger Hicks, co-chairman, Mrs. Patsy Cheek, Mothers' March chairman, Mrs. Ruth Newell, in charge of the Brooklyn area, and Rev. Gary Waisner, in charge of the Kildee area.

### **Polio Victim Presents County With \$1,438.35 'Dimes' Check**

May 14, 1974 – The amazing story of polio-afflicted H. Clendon Richardson, successful money-raiser for the March of Dimes, continued to unfold as he presented a check for \$15,438.35 to the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation – March of Dimes at a program recently at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church.

Of the above amount, \$10,956.95 came from the Zooland Walkathon for the March of Dimes which Clendon sponsored on Mar. 9. The remainder of the amount came from a supper, auction sale, and gospel singing. Clendon has been serving as the March of Dimes drive chairman for the Ulah-Flag Springs area for the past ten years but during this period has extended the drive far beyond the borders of the small rural area in which he lives.

His efforts prior to this year had continued to expand through the sponsorship of the gospel singing, supper and auction sale and he had been raising for the past few years around \$5,000 each year. But the check which he presented Ralph Bulla, local chapter chairman, at the Walkathon Awards program at the Flag Springs church more than tripled the previous yearly amounts he had raised. This was his first sponsorship of a walkathon.

Awards presented to the winners of the Zooland Walkathon included Audie McLaughlin, 19-year-old Southwestern Senior High School senior, first to complete the 20-mile route; Diane Dawkins, first girl to return to the starting point; Waldo Durham, Asheboro printing executive, oldest person to complete the walk; Jeff Jones, age 7, youngest person to return back; Mrs. Eileene Lynch, who brought in more many than any other girl or woman; and Les Meiers, a production supervisor at General Electric, who brought in more money than any other boy or man.

Eleven-year-old Diane Dawkins, a student at Lindley Park Elementary School, said upon receiving her prize that while she walked the long route she thought of her younger sister, Shelia, who was born with dislocated hips and is retarded. She felt by walking she would be able to help others so afflicted.

Mrs. Lynch, the wife of Bernard Lynch, a B.B. Walker Co. salesman, flew in from her home in Charleston, W. Va. to



participate in the walkathon. She was joined the next day by her husband who accompanied her back to their home.

About two weeks later, Mr. Lynch died during a business trip in the state of Pennsylvania. This saddened Clendon Richardson, the sponsor of the walkathon, and the other people in this vicinity who had known and admired Mr. and Mrs. Lynch on their previous visits here.

But Mrs. Lynch, full of faith and courage, came back to participate in the awards program and to receive her prize for having brought in the most money. She was also the next to the oldest person to complete the walk. She was smiling as the awards were given out, she spoke with assurance and expressed the feeling that her husband looking down on the glad occasion "is more happy than I am."

Recognition was also extended to Lee Brim, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Brim, who was the youngest person to participate in the walkathon who walked for a distance of 13 miles. Four-people, Arza Brown, Everett Brim, Rev. John Andrew, and Jack Fagg, were noted for having brought in more than \$200, following closely the two prize winners.

Four hundred and fifty people took part in the walkathon, with 243 going the entire distance. Finishing behind the front runner Audie McLaughlin, were Arza Brown, Les Meiers, Dr. Marion Griffin and Paul Kutz. Two older brothers of Jeff Jones, the 7-year-old winner, also entered the walkathon and walked the entire distance but neither of them, Stephne, 9, and Dwaine, 11, was as fast as their younger brother.

Gilbert Brim presided over the awards program and recognized Clendon's mother, Mrs. H.L. Richardson, his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Richardson, and his nephew, Colon Richardson, for their assistance in making arrangements for the walkathon. Colon assisted in the presentation of the awards and the large-size check to the local chapter.

### **Brookshire Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

May 15, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Cletus R. Brookshire, a couple with close ties to the town where they have lived for most of their lives, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, May 12.

Their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. (Bob) Brookshire of Southern Pines and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Azel (Joe) Brookshire of Randleman, entertained in honor of the couple at their home at 242, S. Main St. in Randleman.

Other members of their immediate family are four grandchildren, Kim Brookshire, Mrs. Karen Richardson, Tommie Jane Brookshire, and Gary Lynn Brookshire. There is one great-grandchild, Brent Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Karen) Richardson.

Tommie Jane and Gary Lynn Brookshire are children of the late Thomas A. (Tommy) Brookshire, middle son of Mr. and Mrs. Brookshire who died May 29, 1966.

Mrs. Brookshire, the former Willie Louise (Bill) Millikan was reared in the large two-story house in the uptown Randleman where she and her husband have spent most of their married life and where they reared their sons. She is the daughter of the late Arch C. Millikan and Ethel Clapp Millikan.

Her father died when she was young and her mother opened her home to roomers and boarders in order to earn

a livelihood for herself and three daughters. She built the second story on the house for additional space and the home became well-known for the meals which were served there. Many of the out-of-town salesmen ate there as well as others.

Helping with the meals and the operation of the rooming house were Mrs. Brookshire and her two sisters, the late Mrs. Alese Millikan Ward, long time Register of Deeds in Randolph County, and Mrs. Henrianna Millikan Bouldin.

Cletus Brookshire, son of Thomas A. (Tommy) Brookshire and Bird Bulla Brookshire, grew up in the area between Plainfield and Sophia and in Sophia where his father ran the roller mill but was living in Randleman at the time of his marriage. Her father was a former jailer of Randolph County.

Mr. and Mrs. Brookshire were married May 14, 1924 by the Rev. J.E. Woosley, pastor of the Randolph Circuit at his home in Trinity. They were accompanied by her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. Leonard Ward, Jr., and Earl F. Johnson.

Except for one year's residence in Liberty they have lived in Randleman. Mr. Brookshire retired in 1971 after 40 years of association with Brookshire brothers Garage in the southern part of Randleman.

For Mrs. Brookshire their home in Randleman holds many memories of family life, both of her childhood and later years, and of the town in which she has spent her life. It is a lovely old home reminiscent of the architecture and furnishing of an earlier period. Here she crochets afghans of beautiful designs and along with her husband plays with her husband plays with their dachshund, "Hello Dolly."

It is a vastly different life from earlier days when the old house was alive with the coming and going of people, the serving of the delicious meals for which the place was noted and the involvement in the town in which it is somewhat a landmark.

### **Mrs. Lanie Purvis May Be Only 100-Year-Old In Randolph County**

May 15, 1974 – Eight years ago on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday Mrs. Lanie Purvis was told she might live to be 100 years old and her reply, unhesitatingly was "I hope I'll live as long as the Lord is willing."

On Sunday, May 12, at her home on Rt. 1, Bennett, the observance of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday was held with family members, friends, and neighbors in attendance.

Two weeks before the observance of her birthday her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eli H. Brown, with whom she lives observed their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Purvis was born Nancy Celanie Kidd on May 10, 1874, near the Randolph-Chatham line, in the vicinity of Beulah Baptist Church. She married William Brown and came to the old place, where she still resides, around 1896. After the death of her first husband she married Garrett Purvis who died about 48 years ago.

A daughter, Mrs. Annie Purvis Morris, is the only surviving child of her marriage to Mr. Purvis and she was present along with members of her family from the Fayetteville vicinity for the birthday celebration.

The old house in which the family lives, located about three quarters of a mile from the river, is over 100 years old. Her son, Eli Brown, is 76 years of age. He said "she has been here the biggest part of her life and I've been here the biggest part of my life."

Although the Lord has permitted "Aunt Lanie" to reach the century mark of her existence, the last five years have been spent in bed and without much knowledge of what was going on in the world around her. But her family wanted to recognize her birthday and honor her for the contributions which she has made over the past 100 years.

Cooking was her pride and joy and she participated in this phase of the household until her illness of five years ago. Her son recalled that years ago she used to go to the river and work in the fields, then come home and cook dinner for the family.

Her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Eva Brown, who came into the home fifty years ago last Apr. 27, has high praise and devotion for her mother-in-law and said "she has been a wonderful patient to wait on." Mrs. Purvis has been equally devoted to her daughter-in-law and often said to people "I want you to be good to Eva because she has been so good to me."

Her granddaughter and namesake, Mrs. Nancy Needham, who lived in the home until her marriage, also paid tribute to her grandmother and said "it would not have been home without her." A neighbor, Eli Seawell, spoke of his respect for Mrs. Purvis and in his prayer asked for a "special blessing on Aunt Lanie, may her last days be her sweetest ones."

A granddaughter, Mrs. Alma McLaughlin of Moore, Okla., wired flowers for her grandmother's birthday and a step-granddaughter, Mrs. Harold Kiser, brought red roses for the occasion. A granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Judy Morris, baked the large birthday cake with the numeral "100" placed on the top.

A humbleness of spirit, in relation to her family and to her fellow human being, has characterized the life of Mrs. Lanie Purvis, along with submissiveness to the will of her Lord. She did not ask to live until she was 100-years-old but He has permitted her this rare privilege.

### **Trinity Class Holds Reunion**

May 21, 1974 - Eighteen members of the 1934 senior class of Trinity High School, half of the entire class, met in reunion at a Thomasville restaurant recently.

Some members of the class had not seen each other since their graduation 40 years ago and some were not recognized by their classmates of so long ago.

One teacher, Mrs. Louise Collett Easter, was present for the reunion, along with the following members, Mabel Kearns Pugh, Vaden Harris, Mabel Younts Mull, Clara Mae Vestal Todd, Rachel Pierce Cox, Ruth Hill Blair, Lester Smith, Bickett Crawson, and Mary Belle Royals Wood.

Also, Winnie G. Williams Willard, Walter Voncannon, Margory Redding Pugh, R. Edison Lovette, Annie L. Hepler Hughes, Ruth Coltrane Redding, Duke Davis, Bernice Brooks Long, and Evelyn Blair Winslow.

Living members of the class not in attendance were Coke Miller, Floyd Steed, Sam Davis, Clara Cain Couzin, Beatrice Frazier Brown, Clea Frazier, Ancy Hinshaw Pearsall, Willie Hemming Miller, Virginia Lohr Flanders, Mary Maness Wesley, Alson Robbins Hinkle, Margaret Shelton Fulp, Lucille Sechrest Aldridge, and Dezree Younts Dowdy.

Four lighted candles at the dinner meeting memorialized the lives of the four deceased members of the class, Curtis Brooks, Don Hill, William Wood, and Wyche Rice.

The class history was ready read by Rachel Pierce Cox. The tables were decorated with sweet peas, the class flower, and yellow mums. A large satin ribbon across the wall, inscribed with the year of graduation, brought out the class color, the rainbow.

Class members happily went their separate ways at the conclusion of the meeting, their hearts filled with the enjoyment of their class reunion and resolving to meet again in the near future to talk and review the experiences of their days at Trinity High School.

### **After 34 Years**

May 23, 1974 - Then was a multitude of forms Mabel Bray, retiring first grade teacher at Coleridge school, at a dinner in her honor at a Siler City restaurant last week.

Mrs. Bray is retiring at the end of the school year of serving in the county school system. She is the wife of William B. Bray, and the couple resides on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Leading the testimonials in her behalf were two assistant county superintendant, W.K. Farlow, the present principals, C.A. Cox, Malcolm Reeder, Harold Davis.

Speaking of her service at Coleridge School, Mr. Day said "Mrs. Bray has done a real wonderful job." John Lawrence, county superintendent, sent a message conveying "my appreciation for your splendid service to the Randolph County School System." Also on the program was Mrs. Mary K. Ellis, supervisor of elementary education.

However, many people at the dinner separate from the school officials and former principals arose during the meeting to make spontaneous tributes to Mrs. Bray and speak words of praise for her years of teaching at the school.

Miss Marcelle Murray a former student and now a member of the faculty, confided to having received her first whipping at school from Mrs. Bray. But she said "Mabel was my friend, she still is. I love her and appreciate her. It was wonderful to go back to Coleridge and fine my first grade teacher across the hall."

Among those at the dinner were faculty members at the Coleridge School, former members of the faculty, other school personnel, their husbands and wives. Previously retired faculty members on hand were Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Cox, Mrs. Author Presnell, Mrs. Lena Bortner, and Don Gates. Miss Geneva Gordon, of West End, who started teaching at Coleridge the same year as Mrs. Bray, was present also for the dinner meeting.

Mrs. Bray, the former Mabel Moore, daughter of Mrs. Ernest Moore, Rt. 2, Liberty, and the late Mr. Moore, taught 31 years at Coleridge, having started there in the fall of 1937. After two years she taught for a year before returning to Appalachian State Teachers College to complete the requirements for her degree.

She went back to Seagrove for another year and then operated the Bookmobile for the Randolph County Library System for two years before returning to Coleridge where she has remained until the present time. Since coming back to Coleridge she, has taught the first grade continuously except for one year. Eight silver goblets were presented to Mrs. Bray at the dinner meeting, coming from her colleagues and associates at the Coleridge School as a remembrance of their love and appreciation for her. Making this gift in behalf of the school personnel was Mrs. Marie Stout, a long time colleague of Mrs. Bray.

Family members in attendance were her husband, Wilton B. Bray, and sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hinshaw.

### **Their Target: The Welfare Of Those Afflicted Hemophila Group Bans Together Aid State's Hemophiliacs**

May 23, 1974 - A small band of people, concerned with the plight of those people who are afflicted with hemophilia, met in Asheboro Sunday afternoon and formed a provisional organization which they are going to call the Hemophilia Association of North Carolina.

Some of those present were afflicted with hereditary disease, commonly known as bleeders, the others were parents of children who have the disease. The new organization would like to involve all other hemophiliacs in the cause which they are pursuing.

Hosting the meeting which was held at First Peoples Savings and Loan building was Mrs. Wanda Reeder, Rt. 5, Asheboro, a young woman who has concerned herself with the welfare of hemophiliacs for a long time, due to a son and a brother having died due to a similar affliction.

Something over 20 more people joined Mrs. Reeder at the meeting and they came from Fayetteville, Goldston, Coleridge, Mocksville, Durham, Winston Salem, Chapel Hill, and Charlotte.

The provisional group may affiliate themselves later with the National Hemophilia Foundation but for the time being they are planning to operate independently. Officers elected at the Sunday afternoon meeting were George McCoy, Chapel Hill, president; Charles Register, Durham, vice president; Mrs. Blanche Goldston, of Goldston secretary; and Miss Mary Harris, Chapel Hill, treasurer.

Several matters of vital interest to their needs were discussed by the hemophiliac group at the organization meeting. They talked about the use of frozen blood components as a clotting factor, no longer needing to rely on fresh blood to stop the bleeding.

They discussed the expense of treatments and the need for the establishment of special clinics for the treatment of hemophiliacs. They cited the need for local doctors to familiarize themselves with the treatment of the disease and plans were made for the distribution of information to doctors who would be involved in the treatment of those afflicted, in many cases now. The patient has to be rushed to the Chapel Hill hospital or some place with similar facilities.

A film from the National Hemophilia Foundation was shown during the meeting, bringing out various phases of the disease. One person in 10,000 is afflicted, it is the internal bleeding which is most damaging, more than the bleeding which comes from a cut or bruise, and hemophilia is not something you have, it's something you lack, the anti-clotting factor in your blood.

### **First Services Held In New Church**

May 29, 1974 - First service in the new \$260,000 office of the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, RT, 1 Franklinville, was held last Saturday evening with the pastor, Rev. James P. Clodfelter, Jr. preaching the first sermon in the new building.

He said "I feel like I want to praise the Lord rather than preach. It is really a miracle, we couldn't have done it on

our own. There was no way." It is something God has given us." He continued as he began the service by kneeling at the altar of the new structure, followed by others to express thanks for what had been accomplished.

In one of the scriptures he read at the first service, Job spoke to the Lord and said "I know that thou canst do everything." The Rev. Mr. Clodfelter told his congregation "what I've seen here at Gray's Chapel in the past two years I have seen that God is able to do anything."

The amount of \$185,000 has already been raised towards the payment of the building with surfactant pledges from the congregation and Duke Endowment to pay off the entire amount by the end of the year. Glenn Coley, chairman of evangelism, must have had this in mind as he opened the first service by saying "we come rejoicing in our hearts."

The service on Saturday evening preceded the annual Memorial Day observance at the church on the next day. A throng of people from far and near began arriving early to place flowers on the graves in the large cemetery and to find their places in the new sanctuary where they heard an address by Dr. Wilson Nesbitt, director of Rural Church Endowment, of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

The new brick and block edifice, of contemporary design, consists of the sanctuary with a seating capacity of 300 and the educational plant, consisting of Sunday School rooms, church office, pastor's study, library, and a multipurpose room for the choir and other small assembly groups. The building is heated electrically and is air conditioned.

An outside bell tower and illuminated cross at its top rises to a height of 54 feet. Floodlights project the tower at night and multi-colored panels of stained glass in the sanctuary front, the same type of glass as in the windows in the sanctuary. Concrete walks have been laid to the six entrances, both to front and rear of the building.

The interior of the sanctuary constructed of brick, features an upraised ceiling supported by exposed beams or wooden trusses against pine decking. The choir and pulpit area was constructed of oak paneling the same as the rear of the sanctuary. Straw brown, plush wall to wall carpeting covers the sanctuary floor while commercial carpeting of the same color is laid in the educational plant. The new pews and pulpit furniture in the sanctuary were made with a warm Maple like finish with gold upholstery.

Architect for the building was Vernon E. Lewis, Burlington, and contractors were S.E. Trogdon and Sons, Asheboro. Members of the building committee were Curtis Coble, chairman, Bruce Pugh, Mrs. Jack Pugh, Mrs. Sylvia Routh, Dwight Hall, Herbert Pugh, Howard Kern and Eugene Shives, working in conjunction with pastor, the Rev. Mr. Clodfelter.

Organization of the Grays Chapel church occurred in 1835. The building which was replaced by the new structure was erected in 1910. L.K. Routh, Sr. was present for the first service in the building which was erected in 1910, he was present for the last service in that building on Sunday, Apr. 7 before it was torn down, and he was present for the first service in the new building on Saturday evening, May 25. Mrs. Roy Davis thinks she was also present for the first service in 1910 building.

Music for the first service and the Memorial Day service was provided by the church choir under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia Routh and a trio composed of Mrs. Martha Sue

McQueen, Mrs. Ann Lambert and Mrs. Bernice Kerns, Mrs. McQueen was soloist for the first service, singing "Bless this House." Eugene Shives, chairman of the administrative board, also participated in the service along with pastor and Glenn Coley.

### **400 People Honor Westmoore Retiring Principal Phillip**

May 29, 1974 - Approximately 400 people came to the Westmoore Elementary School, Rt2 Seagrove, last Sunday afternoon to honor the school principal, Julius Caesar Phillips, who is retiring Thursday after 42 years in the field of public education.

A formal program and presentation of gifts was held in the school auditorium, flowed by a reception in the cafeteria. A portrait of Mr. Phillips, which will be hung at the school, was presented by PTA and the community, a Grandfather Clock which was made by J.B. Trogdon, Jr., Rt 6, Asheboro, was presented to Mr. Phillips from the faculty members and the staff.

Many former students of Mr. Phillips who had known him as a teacher and principal over the past 34 years at Westmoore came back to renew their association with him and to wish him well in his retirement. He came to Westmoore school in 1940 as the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and became the principal of the school five years later.

Jerry Beane, once a student and later a faculty member, spoke for the former students and discussed particularly his experiences in the history class which was taught by the principal, the class reliving the past events through the special method of instructions derived from their teacher. J.C. Phillips. Beane said "he is one of the first I have ever met and he was the most dedicated of any man I've met."

Miss Dequilla Johnson represented present students and speaking for former teachers was Mrs. John L. Frye, who is currently serving as Chairman of the Moore county Board of Education. Mrs. Frye said "he has a great record of service as a teacher and principal," she spoke of his faithfulness, his understanding, his sympathy, and his ability to promote harmony. She said "we shall not soon forget him standing in the door at Westmoore."

Others appearing on the program were his minister, Rev. Lester Bissett; Jimmy Garner, who presented his family Mrs. Phillips, the former Edith Howard and their two children, Gloria and Julius; Jack Cole, advisory board chairman, and Alvin Fry, teacher, who made the presentations of the portrait and clock; and Bobby Hussey, who presented a plaque in behalf of the class of 1958. Music was provided by soloists, Mrs. Donald Morphis and Jimmy Garner, and the school chorus under the directions of Mrs. Ann Edwards.

J.C. Phillips is a native of Bennett and received his elementary education in the school there and his high school education at Sandhill Farm Life School near Vass. He only attended college for one year but later received his B.S. degree from Appalachian and his graduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro through extension courses.

A man of quiet honor he spoke of his name, Julius Caesar, said that his daddy went to the academies and they must have given him "a dome of Latin." But he questioned being named for a Roman warrior since he was born as a birthright Quaker, a religious sect known for their peaceful ways.

His first year as a teacher was at the Plank Road School near Robbins school where he stayed for one year, this being the school year of 1930-31. He stayed away from teaching for two years, before teaching at Bennett for two years. He then spent five years teaching in Randolph County, first at Pisgah for three years and a year each at the Shiloh and Trogdon schools before coming to Westmoore.

Unselfish and unassuming in his retirement the same as he has been throughout the years of his service, he chose not to talk about his achievements at the time of retirement but only wanted to talk about the people in the community where he had served for so many years. He said "give my best regards to the people of this community; they have been patient and kind."

He acknowledged mistakes but said they had been errors of the head and not of the heart and he repeated again that some good words he said about the people of the community. "I have the highest regard for the people here," he said.

The printed program stated it was "A J.C. Phillips afternoon" and the people of Westmoore community, parents, students, former students, and school officials made the most of it. But the humble man, for whom the affair was staged, would not speak for himself, he wanted rather to talk about the friends and the people of the Westmoore community where he had spent the greater part of his long and distinguished career.

### **31<sup>st</sup> Marlboro Memorial Service Draws Big Crowd**

May 29, 1974 - The annual memorial service at Marlboro Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Sophia, schedule on the Sunday in May each year, was held last Sunday afternoon with a capacity crowd in attendance.

This was the 31<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Marlboro Memorial Association which was organized May 16, 1945. The two-fold purpose of the association is to offer a memorial tribute to deceased members and raise funds for the upkeep of the large rural cemetery.

Preceding the service in the afternoon was the morning worship service conducted by the Minister, Merrill W. Winslow, and a buffet dinner in the fellowship hall of the new Meeting House.

Dennis Farlow, president of the memorial association, presided over the annual memorial service. Other officers include vice presidents Byron Farlow and Wayne Loflin, secretary, Peggy Redding, treasure, Wanda Shackelford, hospitality committee, Eva Mae Asburn and Irene Peace, and auditing committee, Louise Lofling, Tassie Bulla, Elmer Beeson.

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Deceased members interred in the Marlboro cemetery and honored in the memorial service, included Ervin Melvin Allred, Pauline Hinshaw Beeson, Robert Nickey Brann, Edith Sawyer Coffin, Robert Lewis Coffin, David Martin Davis, Nena Elizabeth Davis, Dallas Colon Farlow, James Garfield Farlow, Lucy Gertrude Farlow, William Gordon

Jackson, Alva Edison Loflin, Ogbura Cletus Loflin, Clarence Mayo Prince, Esther Stout Rich, Isaac McCain Russell, Frances Carden Spencer, and Mattie Loflin Wall. Members interred in other cemeteries were N. Vernon Spencer, Bess J. Hudson, and Sam Holland.

The Marlboro Memorial Association is a youthful organization compared to the Monthly Meeting which was organized in 1816. The beginning of Services and the organization of the Meeting goes back to the request of the group to hold their own Monthly Meeting.

Funds for the upkeep of the cemetery are raised mainly from dues which are assigned to members of the memorial association. Approximately 250 cards were mailed to members prior to the meeting of the association, to many of them a single card to both husband and wife, indicating many more members than the number of cards mailed out.

### **Burks Couple Honored On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 5 1974 - Six sons and a daughter honored Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Burks, Franklinville, at a reception Sunday afternoon June 2, Commemorating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Friends and relative greeted the couple in the community room at the fire station in Franklinville from 2 until 4 o'clock. The couple was married June 7, 1924 in the court house at Halifax, Va.

Their sons and daughter are Percell Burks, Mrs. Thelma Trent and Alvin L. Burks, Lynchburg Va., Edward C. Burks, Franklinville, Robert L Burks, Va., Junior Lofton Burks, Manassas, Va., and Frank W. Burks, Asheboro. They have 16 grandchildren.

Mr. Burks brought part of his family to Franklinville in 1959 where he accepted employment at the Randolph Mills. He is still working part time at the mill even though he retired from active employment some years ago.

He worked for many years at the Lane Furniture Co. in Hurt, Va., of which town both he and Mrs. Burks are natives. He recalls of being laid off from the plant during the depression years, during which time he hired himself out to a farm where he was paid \$30 a month. This was after the marriage of the couple and the birth of their first two children. He said "when Roosevelt was elected they called me back to work."

The couple rode some distance from their home in Hurt, Va. to secure their marriage license at the Halifax County Court House and after getting their license according to Mr. Burks, "decided to get married there and have it over with." Mrs. Burks is the former Bessie Bell King.

Mr. and Mrs. Burks, who are both 70 years of age, are members of the Ramseur Church of God of Prophecy. At one time Mr. Burks offered himself as a candidate for the town board in Franklinville.

Many friends and relatives from various parts of Virginia attended the anniversary reception, with many of them gathering later at the Burks home located at the end of Oak Ave. in Franklinville. The couple go back often to the state from which they came and have a lot of friends still living quite satisfied with their residence there.

### **Old Church Site Of homecoming**

June 7, 1974 - Homecoming at Ebal was held Sunday, June 2, at the site of the old church building, situated in a

beautiful wooded setting three miles east of Denton and less than a mile from the Randolph County Line.

Services in the old church have long since been discontinued but each year, on the first Sunday in June, the people still come back for the annual service which is conducted by the Mt. Ebal Memorial Association.

Some of those who come back formerly attended the services at the church, the others are descendants of the early members of the church. John Sexton, president of the association, is a great-great-grandson of William Sexton on whose farm the forerunner of the church, Sexton's Schoolhouse, was located in 1861.

Reorganized as the Mt. Ebal Church in 1871, the founders of the church are recognized on a large monument erected on the church grounds. They were William Sexton and wife, Mary Morris, William Morris and wife, Sallie Hicks, Richard Cranford and wife, Emily Morris, A. Harris Johnson and wife, Elizabeth Kearns, Daniel Sexton and wife, Bashebe Elliott, William Gibson and wife, Martha Thompson.

Also, Leonard Cranford and wife, Bethena Moore, James Sexton and wife, Martha Hopkins, Wash Harris and wife, Eliza Kearns, John C. Morris and wife, Sarah Thompson, Thomas Morris, and wife, Rebecca Elliot, Jonathan Tucker and wife, Rinda Halton, Allen Morris, and wife, Mary Spence, Lewis Moore.

The first church building was a log structure which was replaced in 1883 by the present building, a small one-room building with two front doors. The interior of the building is unpainted and constructed of boards hand-dressed the same as the old wood pews. Never wired for electricity, a lamp holder is still fastened on one of the walls.

The outside area, containing the cemetery, is well kept and the grass was cleanly mown for the homecoming service. Upkeep of the building, the grounds and the cemetery is maintained by the memorial association, for which an offering was taken up on Sunday to help pay expenses.

Formerly camp meetings were held on the grounds in an arbor, which was lighted by large pine knots which were kept in pillars of stone on the camp grounds. One of these pillars still stands just outside of the present church building.

Reason for discontinuance of services at Mt. Ebal was mainly due to the relocating of roads which formerly led to the meeting grounds. Once five roads converged on the site but after relocations of roads in the area only one small road provided access to the church. After regular services at the church had ceased, many of the people started attending services at the church in Denton. This church formerly suspended the service on the first Sunday in June and the people all came back to Mt. Ebal for the annual homecoming service.

Mt Ebal was affiliated with the Methodist Protestant denomination and preaching the homecoming sermon on this first Sunday in June was retired minister, Rev. C.E. Ridge, who will be 84 years of age next month. The Rev. Mr. Ridge recalled that his parents brought him to Mt. Ebal when he was a lad and said "it was in the old church in 1911 that I met the girl of my dreams," whom he later married and lived with for 56 years before her death.

At the conclusion of the service in the old building, lunch was held, picnic style, with tables placed underneath the shade of a huge oak tree. This concluded the activity until the first Sunday in June next year. The people, after a

period of reunion, reminiscence and fellowship, left the old site to its solitude and its isolation until the annual homecoming day in 1975.

### **Faculty Luncheon Honors Retiring School Teachers**

June 12, 1974 - The first grade teachers in the Farmer School who are retiring at the end of this school year, Mrs. Ola Underwood Bisher and Mrs. Faedene Ridge Kirk, were honored during a faculty luncheon in the cafeteria Friday, June 7.

Mrs. Bisher is retiring after 31 years of teaching, Mrs. Kirk has taught for a total of 28 years. Both ladies reside on Rt. 2, Denton.

Hosting the luncheon at which the two teachers were honored was W. Mike York, Jr. principal of the school. He was assisted by his brother, John York, in cooking the delicious steaks for the meal. The cafeteria staff prepared the remainder of the meal.

Two former principals at the school, G.C. Castelloe, Jr. and Worth Hatley, joined York in speaking words of praise for the retiring teachers. Also present and commending them for their years of service were county superintendent John Lawrence, assistant superintendent W.K. Cromartie, and elementary supervisor, Mrs. Mary K. Ellis.

Mrs. Ellis, assisted by Mrs. Mabel Smith, a teacher at the school pinned corsages on Mrs. Bisher and Mrs. Kirk and later Mrs. Smith presented gifts to them in behalf of other members of the faculty.

Other retired teachers at the school who came back for the occasion included Mrs. Alton Kearns, Mrs. Eugene Walker, Mrs. Percy Morgan, Miss Leah Hammond, and Allen Prevost. Mrs. Bisher's husband, Val Bisher, was also a guest at the luncheon.

Mrs. Bisher began her teaching career at Plummer, a one-teacher school in Davidson County. Other schools at which she taught before coming to Farmer lasted for 12 years.

Mrs. Kirk, whose father, R.B. Ridge, was a native of the Farmer area, taught first at Farmer for a period of four years and then ended up her career at the same school, teaching there the second time for a period of nine years. In between these two times of teaching at Farmer, she taught at Staley, in Davidson County, Atlanta, GA, Raleigh, Asheboro, in Wisconsin, and again in Asheboro before coming back to Farmer.

At a recent meeting of the school PTA those present for the meeting gave both ladies a standing ovation when Principal York announced their retirement.

However, the honor which was extended to them at the luncheon was kept a secret, even though both of them suspect that something was going on, other than the luncheon to which all faculty members had been invited. Their suspicions were somewhat verified the day before the luncheon when according to Mrs. Bisher and Mrs. Kirk, "finally they told us to dress up for the luncheon."

### **Miss Wrenn Ends 43 Years Of Teaching In Randolph**

June 13, 1974 - Miss May Wrenn, a teacher for 43 consecutive years, has retired from the faculty of Seagrove School where she has taught for 41 years. Her official duties will end Friday. During the period of gas rationing in the World War II years she taught for two years at the

Brower School in her home community of Erect, the other years have been at Seagrove.

Miss Wrenn started teaching at Seagrove in 1931 following her graduation from Flora MacDonald College where she received an A.B. degree in French and History. However, due to a surplus of teachers, she started off teaching the 6<sup>th</sup> grade and has taught the 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades since that time. She changed her certificate later from High School A to Grammar School A.

She was born and reared at the same site at which she still resides, Rt. 2, Seagrove, and she attended the Mt. Olivet Elementary School, walking three and a half miles a day without missing a day. Since there were no high school facilities in her community she attended and graduated from the Elise Boarding School at Hemp, now known as Robbins.

When she first went to the Seagrove school there were only nine teachers, three of them being high school teachers. There was only one building which burned three years later. There was an outdoor basketball court and four buses. Since she was the only woman teacher who played basketball she was asked to coach the girls high school team which she did for three years without additional compensation.

On an afternoon reception by the other faculty members in the cafeteria. Tributes were paid to her by Gerald Braswell, the current principal at Seagrove, and by J.M. Green, her first principal at Seagrove, who came there the same year she did. When she had left Seagrove the first time, after 11 years of service, Mr. Green had commended her for her "dependability, willingness, and cooperation."

Words similar to those were still being used in reference to her at the time of retirement. Many people in discussing her impending retirement described her as "hard working, dedicated, loyal, and very professional." Also paying tribute to her at the reception were four of her former 4<sup>th</sup> grade students at Seagrove and now members of the faculty there, Peggy Fogleman, Cathy Baiden, Judy Cole, and Janice Fouts. Her retirement gift was a silver tea service.

She has been a member throughout her career of the national, state and local teachers organization and in 1951-52 served as the woman president of the Randolph County Unit. She has been an active member and has held many official positions in the Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, the Weatherly Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, at Ramseur, and the Seagrove Grange.

During the summer months she has traveled in the United States, Canada, and in seven countries of Europe. Last summer she spent her vacation in Hawaii visiting several of the islands.

Looking back over her 43 years of teaching, she recalls more joys than sorrows but remembers her greatest sorrow was learning that six of her first pupils lost their lives during World War II. Her greatest joys have come from seeing the ones she taught grow up into successful and useful citizens, and feeling that she had a small part in helping them in the process.

Tokens of appreciation, such as the dedication of the school annual to her twice, have brought to her untold joys. She recalled also having taught all nine members in one family at Seagrove. She attended the high school graduation of the last member of this family and upon going to her car at the close of the graduation exercise she found a gift of appreciation from the entire family.

Miss May Wrenn has not only been a capable and dedicated teacher but she has also been able to maintain the respect and affection of her students and the people in the school community for more than four decades. May she find happiness and contentment in a well deserved retirement.

### **100 Years Young Is 'Living Right'**

June 13, 1974 - S.L (Samuel Leard) Barber, who lives with his daughter, Mrs. Gladys Moody, 306 Old Liberty Rd, was not unduly concerned or excited over his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday which occurred recently. In fact, he was usually calm.

"I think it is foolish, spoiling a lot of good rations," he said, referring to the preparing of the food for the family gathering which was held to commemorate the occasion.

He gave another calm answer to a question which is usually asked, to what do you attribute your long life, and he said "living right, I reckon."

He is still fairly active and on the day after his birthday attended a lunch in Sanford celebrating the centennial observance of that town. Until he came to live with his daughter about two years ago he stayed for eight years with a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. S.L Barber, in Sanford, who celebrated their golden wedding anniversary last May, a year ago.

Samuel Leard Barber was reared in Cleveland County, about 12 miles from Shelby. He knew both Governors Gardner and Hoey and remembered Hoey at a plow in probably a campaign picture but said "I don't think he ever plowed."

Mr. Barber left Cleveland family with his wife and children and lived in the Reidsville for about eight years before coming to the North Asheboro community in 1935, where Mrs. Barber the former Alice Laughridge, died two years later. Since that time Mr. Barber has lived principally with Mrs. Moody.

He has one daughter Mrs. Martha Rutherford, of Dayton Beach Fla. Five sons, Ralph, M.G. Lawrence, Hastle, and Cecil, are dead, only Barber, the son of Sanford is living. He has 12 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, Lisa Hall, 4 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dough Hall, Cedar Falls.

Times were awfully hard when he was growing up in Cleveland County, recalled the century-old -man. Butter sold for 10 cents a pound, a man's wages was 60 cents a day, a woman got 40 cents a day, But all of that is behind this aged man who is being cared for by his daughter Mrs. Moody said " he is really good to wait on." As for Mr. Barber, speaking of his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, he said "this will be the last rounds."

Birthday greetings were received from President Nixon and Governor Holshouser denoting the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday observance.

### **Wally Byam Caravan Club Holds Monthly Meet Here**

June 13, 1974 - With flags flying and under their Air Stream aluminum mobile units glistening in the sunshine, the Carolina Unit of the Wally Byam Caravan Club set up camp at the Zooland Campgrounds this past week-end.

It was monthly meeting time for the club which meets at a different location in the state each month. Memberships in the club, over 450 of them, come from Brevard in the

western part of the state to Morehead City in the east section.

Eight-three units were on hand for meeting at the Zooland Campgrounds, using the facilities of this new camping site which includes swimming pool, playground, various games, club house, and a store for supplies and soft drinks.

Wally Byam, now deceased, was the founder of the Air Stream Corp., manufacture of the aluminum mobile units. The corporation is now a division of Beatrice Foods. There are some 30,000 members of the international organization of the Wally Byam.

The purpose of the club, according to the officers of the Carolina Unit who attended the meeting at Zooland Campgrounds, is to have fun, fellowship and to explore points of local interest. While in Randolph the group visited the county potteries, the zoo site, and covered bridge near Pisgah.

Officers of the club, most of whom were, present for the local meeting, are Harry Collins, Winston Salem, president; Myron Lyerly, Charlotte, 1st vice president; Alex Lineberger, Charlotte, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president; Harold Lemons, Winston-Salem. Treasure; Mrs. Sandra Dowler, King, recording secretary; Mrs. Betty Austins, Kanapolis, membership secretary; and Frank Harris, Mooresville, chairman of the board.

Zooland Campgrounds, bordering Little River, opened about six weeks ago on the Pisgah Road, between Ulah and Pisgah. Another camping organization, the Montgomery Moonlighters, were guests at the campground the same weekend as the Wally Byam Caravan Club. The Randolph Ramblers, a local camping outfit, were also guests around two weeks ago. Both the Montgomery and Randolph groups are members of the National Association of Campers and Hikers, of which R.J Doss, Rt. 1, Asheboro, is the state president.

### **Senior Citizens Honored**

June 13, 1974 - Twenty-seven senior citizens of the Cedar Grove Community were honored recently at annual supper sponsored by the Cedar Grove Community Development Club.

Eleven of them, whose combined ages presented a total of 850 years, were 80 years of age older. They were Worth Lowe, 92, oldest man. Mrs. Lydia Barnes, 80, Mrs. Hannah Thayer, 85, Mrs. Effie Miller, 82, Carl Spencer, 80, Bob Sykes, 87, S.A. Lowe, 92, Mrs. Annie Shuping, 84, Mrs. Daisy Varner, 91, oldest woman, Mrs. Ella Thornburg, 88, and her husband, Milt Thornburg, also 83.

Other senior citizens in attendance were Mrs. Emma Spencer, Clegg Rush, Mrs. Allene Ashworth, Mrs. Lola Spencer, Mrs. Chleo Cagle, Mrs. Alice Brown, Clifford Lassiter, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Jenkins, Mrs. Jennie Hammond, Howard Thornburg, Calvia Hoover, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kearns, Gayle Hussey, and Mrs. Virginia Bingham.

Prizes were awarded to the oldest man and woman and entertainment was provided by George Pegram, noted banjo player, the Country Echoes, the Shallow Creek Boys, Malcolm (Mack) Strider, soloist, and the Lewis Holt family.

### **He Recalls Asheboro of The Past**

June 17, 1974 - Frank Byrd, recently elected Director Eremites of First People Savings and Loan Association after 65 years service as an active director, was formerly a

familiar figure in uptown Asheboro and known by a lot of people.

He has been a resident at Sylvia's Home at 933 E. Salisbury St. since last June. But he is keenly aware of what has transpired during his lifetime, he is 91 years of age, and is perhaps the best living authority of the town's history since he came here in 1906.

"There was not a foot of concrete on sidewalk or street when I first came to Asheboro," he said "it was a mud loblolly." Rocks were used as stepping stones to cross the street and there were no cars, according to this respected citizen who has seen Asheboro "grow from a muddy cross roads."

When he first came to town the Courthouse was still located at the corner of Old Main and East Salisbury Streets in an "old timey" building, the post office and some stores were also located in that area. But this changed with the coming of the railroad and the business section moved to what is now known as Sunset Ave, then known as Depot St.

This was the first street in Asheboro to be paved, said Mr. Byrd, and he recalled when the train came in everybody would run out to the railroad station to see who was on it. Brick buildings were also being built at that time, there was one on Sunset Ave. formerly occupied by Moore's Department Store, another one was the building now occupied by Radio Station WGWR and there was perhaps another one. "Most of the store buildings were just wood shacks," according to his description.

Industry when he came to town consisted of a lumber plant and the wheelbarrow factory. The first year he was here he worked in his daddy's little racket store," this being actually a 5 and 10 cent store.

Frank Emmett Byrd was born in Cedar Falls, the son of Tom Byrd and Emma Leach Byrd, but was reared in the community of Erect, where he hoed and plowed corn, picked cotton, and attended the Mt. Olivet Academy. Later his family moved to High Point where he graduated from high school.

His first job in Asheboro, following the work in his father's store, was at the Bank of Randolph with the late W.J. Armfield, Jr. and J.D. Ross.

"I was a green country boy and didn't know much," he said, so in 1909 along with Sulon Stedman he enrolled at Eastman College in Poughkeepsie, NY, a business commercial and secretarial school from which he graduated in six months.

He returned to the bank where he worked for 14 or 15 years. Then he worked with his uncle, Eli Leach, in the timber business and during World War I he worked in the Post office with Postmaster R.R. Ross. The last years of his business activity was in real estate, being associated with the late A.I. Ferree, prominent Asheboro attorney.

He was first elected a director in the savings and loan institution while he was employed at the Bank of Randolph. It was then known as the Peoples Building and Loan Association and was located in a drug store building next to the bank. However, the board meetings were held in the director's room at the bank.

Relating how he became a director in the association, came out of a meeting one day and told him he had been elected a director. He attributed his election to the fact they needed a quorum.

His election as a director, which occurred shortly after his return from Eastman College, took place on Sept. 6, 1909. He was the youngest person to go on the board. The association itself was organized in 1904. His service of 65 years has established a state record and is a record which will never be broken, since directors are now forced to retire at the age 70.

Mr. Byrd is proud of his service with the savings and loan. He said "I liked it and never missed many meetings." He especially liked working with the appraisal committee on which he served for 50 years. His experience with real estate was a valuable asset on this committee.

He spoke of old friends, "They are gone and been gone for several years, only Sulon Stedman and Carl Page are left," he said. He also mentioned that a contemporary and old friend, Mrs. Ada Hayworth, had recently died at the same age as him.

Recalling people of an earlier period, he said Col. McAlister, Col. Wood, and Col. Walker were the leading men in Asheboro when he first came. As time went on he came into contact with other leading men of the town, naming Tom Redding, Oscar Redding, Frank Redding and D.B. McCrary.

Frank Byrd was not able to attend the dinner at the Asheboro Country Club to receive a copy of the framed resolution which had been adopted by the First Peoples Saving and Loan Association board honoring him and three other directors who were named Director Emeritus. He was represented there by Mrs. Martha Hall, widow of his nephew Gordon Hall. His sister, Mrs. Mae Byrd Hall. A former resident of Asheboro, is presently residing at the Baptist Home in Albemarle.

## Scouts Honored In Ceremony

June 19, 1974 – Six members of Boy Scout Troop No. 527 received their God and Country Awards in a presentation ceremony Sunday during the morning worship service at First United Methodist Church, sponsor of the troop.

Making the presentations was the Rev. John Andrews, associate minister, who guided the scouts through a nine-month program which qualified them for the award.

Parents and other family members sat with the scouts during the service and accompanied them to the chancel for the mass presentations.

Those receiving the award were Jonathon Christopher Bridges, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Bridges, Michael Vincent Carter, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carter, Robert Bruce Moffitt, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. R.R. Moffitt, Jr., Charles Michael Stout, 12, son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Stout, Alex Byron Strayhorn, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Strayhorn and Tyre Wayne Thompson, 15, son of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Thompson.

Recognition was also extended to Ferree (Archie) Burkhead, scoutmaster, and Sam Bass, Bill Heafner, and R.E. (Bob) Moffitt, assistant scoutmasters. This was the first time in seven years the God and Country Award has been presented to a member of Scout Troop No. 527.

During the extended period of activity which preceded the receiving of the award, the scouts acquired a general knowledge of governmental structure, they wrote letters to their Congressman, they communicated with the Congressional Chaplain, and then visited Washington, D.C. where they toured the halls of Congress, called on their Congressman, and visited other places of historical interest.



Other aspects of training brought about participation in community service projects and prior to the determination of the award all of the candidates appeared singly before the official board of the church for a review of their activities and their qualifications for the award.

All of the scouts receiving the God and Country Award served as cub scouts before becoming boy scouts. Chris Bridges, Bruce Moffitt, and Mike Stout are second class scouts while Mike Carter, Alex Strayhorn, and Tyre Thompson are Eagle Scouts, with Alex Strayhorn holding the Bronze Palm. Bruce Moffitt, Mike Stout, Mike Carter, Alex Strayhorn and Tyre Thompson have attended Camp Nikwasi and Chris, Mike Stout, Mike Carter, Alex and Tyre have attended the National Jamboree.

Mike Carter has attended junior leaders camp, has served his troop as assistant patrol leader, is presently serving as patrol leader and is a member of the Order of the Arrow. Bruce Moffitt and Mike Stout are presently serving as assistant patrol leaders.

Alex Strayhorn is a member of the Order of the Arrow, has been a den chief, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and is now serving as senior patrol leader. Tyre Thompson, a member of the Order of the Arrow, has attended junior leaders camp, is a den chief, has served his troop as assistant patrol leader and is now serving as patrol leader.

In addition to make the God and Country Award presentations, the Rev. Mr. Andrews also delivered the sermon for the morning service. This was his last Sunday as the associate minister of the church, having accepted a position as a drug counselor with the Mental Health Council.

### **A First Reunion For Some For Trinity Class of '24**

June 21, 1974 – It was an exciting time for members of the 1924 senior class of Trinity High School as they met last Saturday, June 15, for their first reunion since graduation.

Twelve members from the class of 50 years ago were present for the reunion, two were unable to attend and seven are deceased. Some of them had not seen each other since their graduation.

Mrs. Ruby Payne Shoaf, Archdale, was hostess for the luncheon which was held for the former graduates in the Lions Club building, as she had previously taken the initiative in getting the members of her class together for their first reunion.

Other members of the class in attendance were Mrs. Bernice Myers Lambeth, also of Archdale, Mrs. Gladys Jordan Hutchins and Mrs. Mildred Albertson Maner, Trinity, Allen Prevost, Rt. 1, Trinity, Mrs. Myrtle Hughes Myers, Luther Hepler, and Miss Elsie White, Thomasville, Mrs. Lola Belle Welborn Parks, Rt. 4, Thomasville, Mrs. Euia Richardson Osborne, Greensboro, Mrs. Troy Sapp Boose, Winston-Salem, and Elwood McDowell, Portsmouth, VA.

Absent members were Bill Downs, Aurora, Mo. and Mrs. Blanche Younts Hartgrove, High Point. Deceased members are Jessie Millikan, who died soon after graduation, Lelia McDowell Enochs, Ray Parrish, Moir Ferguson, John Andrews, Ransom Harris and Wilber Hall.

Members of the class recalled that they were unable to graduate from the old Trinity College building in which they attended school from the first grade until the time of graduation. During the presentation of their senior play one of the pillars of the old auditorium fell down, therefore, the

building was condemned for the graduation exercise which was held outdoors.

The entire school building, a three story structure of auditorium and class rooms, was torn down soon after graduation and the building which is presently located at the site was erected. Pictures of the building, which was an imposing structure in its better days, were on display at the class reunion.

Also passed around at the reunion were programs for the junior-senior banquet, the senior play and the graduation exercises. A report card was brought by one of the graduates of 50 years ago while another one brought the diploma which she received at the graduation. This diploma, larger than present day diplomas, measured 16 by 21 inches.

In contrast to the 11 people who graduated from Trinity High School in 1924 there were 204 diplomas awarded at the graduation exercise at the new Trinity Senior High School year, located across the way from the site of the graduation of a half-century ago.

The building which replaced the old college building is now being used for the under classes of the Trinity school system.

A memorial service for the seven deceased members of the 1924 class was incorporated in the reunion session and an offering was received towards a scholarship fund which has been established at Wilkes Community College in memory of T. E. Story who was the principal at Trinity at the time the 1924 class graduated. Story later represented Wilkes.

### **Grantville Civitan Club Installs New Officers**

June 26, 1974 – Grantville Civitan members installed new officers at their meeting recently and honored a veteran member who died two weeks previous to their installation meeting and awards night.

Harold R. James' body was lying in state at his home in the Grantville community at the last meeting of the club. After meeting briefly at the community building, his fellow Civitans went to the home to honor the memory of the deceased member and to pay their respects to his family.

It had already been determined before his death that Harold James would be named Civitan of the Year for the Grantville club, the same distinction which he had received at two other times. His son, Harold R. (Bobby) James, Jr., came to the awards night meeting to receive the plaque in behalf of his father.

Harold James was a charter member of the Grantville Civitan Club, becoming a Civitan member in Feb. 1968, and he had compiled six years of perfect attendance at the time of his death. Last year he received the Area 5 Civitan of the Year award and the year before that received the Lieutenant Governor's Award for outstanding service to Area 5 of Civitan International.

This past year some of his achievements which led to his receiving the Civitan of the Year award included the selling of 600 boxes of nuts, 1,435 pounds of fruitcake, and the collection of over 50,000 pounds of paper. In the pursuance of these projects he drove approximately 3,500 miles and worked approximately 1,700 hours collecting and bundling the paper and selling the nuts and cakes.

His community activities had not been confined to Civitan projects, he had been active in the Union Grove United

Church of Christ, the Coleridge PTA and had served in the various charity drives in the community.

He had also been identified with the laymen's fellowship of his denomination on the conference level, he had helped to secure land and build the Grantville Community Building, he had served as a committeeman for the Boy Scout troop and he had collected thousands of stamps and coupons that had been sent to the Elon Home for Children.

Officers installed at the meeting included Paul Tedder, president; Darrell Smith, president-elect; Page Stout, secretary; Zim Hinshaw, treasurer; and Hubert Wright, director.

Among the attendance awards was one received by Zim Hinshaw for the entire time since the organization of the club.

### **Mr. and Mrs. C.S. Hardister Honored on 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 28, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Hardister Route 2, Troy, were honored by their children on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday. A reception was held for them in the Eleazer Community Building from 3 to 5 p.m.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. David Walker, Denton, Miss Lynn Hardister and Randy Hardister. Mrs. Walker is the former Gail Hardister.

Others assisting at the reception were Mrs. Hardister's mother and sister Mrs. Moody Gallimore and Mrs. Ann Snider and Charles Hardister's sisters, Mrs. Madeline Simmons, and Mrs. Roger Richardson, and Mr. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardister were married June 24, 1949 here. Mrs. Hardister, the former Imogene Gallimore, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moody Gallimore, Denton. Mr. Hardister, a native of the Eleazer community in which the couple have lived since their marriage, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy A. Hardister.

Both parents of the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore and Mr. and Mrs. Hardister, were present at the reception, as was Jeff Lamb, fiancé of Miss Lynn Hardister.

The celebrated couple are active members of the Eleazer United Methodist Church and participated in establishing the community building in which the reception was held. Mr. Hardister is a building contractor; Mrs. Hardister operates Imogene's Beauty Shop in her home.

Although the couple have a Montgomery County address they reside in Randolph County, in the vicinity of both the Montgomery and Davidson County lines.

### **The Rev. Smallwood Leaves for Ohio**

June 28, 1974 - Rev. Ralph E. Smallwood will conclude a ministry of five years at Bethel Friends Meeting, Route 1 Sunday, delivering his last sermon as minister there at the morning worship service at 11 a.m.

After a brief vacation, he will become pastor of the Damascus Friends Church, Damascus, Ohio, headquarters of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Although serving in the jurisdiction of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, Rev. Smallwood has retained his membership in the Ohio Yearly Meeting where he formerly pastored. He will function in this larger pastorate, assisted by a full time secretary and minister of education.

An expanded ministry has been noted in the Bethel Meeting since he came here five years ago. Services are

now being held every Sunday morning and night, as well as Wednesday evening. In addition, a young people's organization and services for youth have come into existence.

Among physical improvements made have been installation of air conditioning and a public address system as well as erection of a new parsonage, first in the history of the Meeting.

A native of Roanoke, Va., Rev. Smallwood grew up in the Wesleyan Methodist Church and attended the denominational school at Central, S.C. where he began theological studies. He received a Bachelor of Theology degree at the American Bible College, Chicago, Ill., and did graduate work at Guilford College.

He transferred to the Ohio Yearly Meeting in 1949 and served pastorates in Michigan, Ohio, Virginia and at the Hunter Hill Friends Meeting in Greensboro before coming to the Bethel Meeting.

When first in Ohio, he edited the church magazine of the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, "The Evangelical Friend" for six and a half years.

### **Former Randolph County Pair Celebrates 50 Years Together**

July 9, 1974 Thomasville – Former Randolph County residents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam C. Elliott, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday afternoon in the fellowship hall at Unity United Methodist Church.

The couple were married in Asheboro on July 3, 1924 at the parsonage of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, with the Minister, Rev. C.L. Gregory, officiating. Witnesses to the ceremony were Luella Cole, Lillie Belle Robbins and J.M. Hinshaw.

Mrs. Elliott, the former Kate Thornburg, grew up in the Lassiter's Mill section of Randolph County, the daughter of Tom Thornburg and Minnie Murdock Thornburg. Formerly the mill was operated by her ancestors.

She graduated from Farmer High School and taught school for two years, at Bell's Grove and Eleazer. Her graduation at Farmer occurred just before the ole two-story frame building burned down, being replaced by the present brick structure there.

Sam C. Elliott, the son of Nelson (Nelse) Elliott and Ella Cranford Elliott, is a native of Montgomery County but grew up in the Denton and Asheboro areas. The couple were living in Asheboro at the time of their marriage, continuing to live there for about three months until moving here.

Assisting at the reception which honored the couple were nieces of the couple, Mrs. Bonnie Parks, Mrs. Kay Hammond, Mrs. Loreen Barry, Mrs. Luna Gray Summers, Mrs. Lena Gray Rockett, Mrs. Rosa Boyd, Miss Reba Thornburg, Mrs. Irene Ward, and Mrs. Bonnie Luck. Mr. and Mrs. Hollis Black said the goodbyes. Flowers for the occasion were provided by Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Jasperse.

Sam C. Elliott is a retired employee of the Heritage Furniture Company in High Point. The couple are members of the Unity church where the reception was held.

### **Awards Night Observed By New Market Civitans**

July 10, 1974 – Awards night was observed by the New Market Civitan Club recently as the club got off to a busy

beginning under the leadership of the new president Julian Blalock.

Retiring president Max Welborn received the Civitan of the Year Award while the annual citizenship and scholarship awards were presented to three New Market School students who have completed the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at the school.

Debbie Elaine Farlow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Farlow, and Philip O'Neill Ridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ridge, were presented with the citizenship awards while Shelly Fay Morris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Morris, received the scholarship award. Parents of the award recipients were guests at the meeting.

Mimeographed copies outlining the duties of committee members were placed by their plates at the bi-monthly dinner meeting of the club. When the meal had been finished, the new president wasted no time getting down to business by announcing that four of the committees would meet immediately following the adjournment of the meeting. A meeting of the board of directors had been held previously.

The cost of installing a fence between the school yard and the ball field was approved and plans for an all-star ballgame, a tractor pull, a family picnic outing and the mowing and cleaning off the ball field were made. The business of the meeting was dispatched quickly to make way for the committees which would hold their individual meetings afterwards. After repeating in unison of the Civitan Creed the first overall meeting of the New Market Civitan Club for the new year was over.

## **Grave Vandalism Here Brings Back Memories**

July 16, 1974 – Concern for the desecration and possible desecration of graves containing loved ones and the revival of memories which had grown dim characterized the vandalism of graves at the old site of Davis' Chapel Church, located between the Spero and White Hall areas.

The fifty or so graves at the old church site contains the remains of people who lived in the Spero and North Asheboro areas and folks who lived in a Davis settlement southwest of White Hall.

Of the two graves molested, the greater damage was done to the burial plot of Thomas Pritchard, a Civil War veteran who lived with his wife, Parkey, east of Highway 220 in North Asheboro, near the present site of the city's water treatment plant in that area.

A brother of Benoni Pritchard, from whom a large family descended in the North Asheboro area, Thomas Pritchard's wife and daughter-in-law, Nancy Pritchard, and a grandchild are also buried in the Davis Chapel cemetery. Nancy was the wife of John Pritchard who lived in the same community as his father and is buried along with his second wife, Luella Jordan, at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

The other grave which was opened contained the remains of Malana Victoria Webb who died July 29, 1889, at the age of 24. The mother of the late Mrs. J.E. (Gertrude) Hill, well known member of the Neighbors Grove church, Victoria died when her daughter was two years old and was buried at Davis' Chapel in a plot which later contained eight other members of her family, including her parents, William and Miranda Clapp, all of whom lived in the Spero section. Her

daughter, known locally as Gertie, was reared by her Grandmother Clapp.

It had been planned to bury Victoria (Vick) Webb, who was the first of her family to die, in the cemetery at Giles Chapel but it rained excessively and the creek to that cemetery could not be crossed, so the less hazardous route to Davis' Chapel was taken. Her family, the Clapps, were among those who were instrumental in the organization of the Neighbors Grove church but at that time the cemetery had not been started there.

Members of another family with well known ties in the Asheboro area, Thomas F. (Frank) Lamb, his wife Nannie and son Joe, who lived between Spero and the Davis' Chapel Church, are buried in a plot on the outer edge of the old graveyard. Joe was not quite 18 years of age at the time of his death. He was killed while working for a telephone company in Tifton, Ga., on July 4, 1918.

He and another young man from Spero, Willie Clapp, grandson of William and Miranda Clapp mentioned above, had joined up to work for the telephone company a short while before Joe's untimely death. Ironically, Willie Clapp, who had continued to work for the company, was badly burned in an Atlanta, Ga., hotel fire many years later and died on May 24, 1936. He was brought back for burial at the Neighbors Grove church where his parents, A.S. and Mollie Clapp, are interred.

Part of the Clarkson Trotter family, also of Spero, were buried at Davis' Chapel. Including Clark, his wife Luzena, a son Ivey, a daughter Jennie, and a grandchild. They lived up the railroad north of the train stop. It was the erection of a monument to the graves of Jennie and her daughter, Ann, recently which called attention to the damage to the graves in the cemetery.

It is said that Adison Davis' first wife, Rossie Millikan, was the first person to be buried in the cemetery, this would have been before 1899, the year of Victoria Webb's burial. According to Mrs. Mary Davis Lamb, Rt., 2, Randleman, daughter of Adison Davis by his second wife Callie York, her mother was next to the last person buried in the cemetery in 1939, the last person being the second wife of John York who was buried a month later in the same year. Adison Davis himself was buried there in 1937.

Mrs. Mary Lamb said that many denominations came in and out of Davis' Chapel Church but the last group there belonged to the Congregational faith. She recalled when large crowds attended the meetings there. Roy Millikan, son of the late Randolph County Sheriff Bennie Millikan, also recalls attending both Sunday School and preaching services at the church. He is a great-grandson of William and Miranda Clapp who are buried there, his grandmother Jane Clapp Millikan having been their daughter and a sister of Victoria Clapp Webb.

Roy's wife, the former Mildred Rich, is a granddaughter of Isiah and Lucy Davis Rich who are buried in the cemetery along with other members of the Rich family. Lucy Davis Rich was a sister of Adison Davis, the donor of the land for the second church building and cemetery, and the Riches lived in the Davis settlement near the old church site. Another member of the Davis family buried in the cemetery is Hanora Davis Millikan, first wife of J.M. (Mannie) Millikan, a brother of the late Sheriff Bennie Millikan. She was a daughter of Yancy Davis, the first land donor who was not buried in the cemetery.

Speaking of the old Civil War veteran Thomas Pritchard whose grave was entered, Mrs. Esther Pritchard Hinshaw, one of his great-nieces, recalls hearing him sing his old war songs in the quietness of the evenings even though she lived some distance away. Harrison Davis, whose wife was a relative, also remembered hearing the old man singing as he sat on the front porch of his dwelling. Davis said he "helped to lay Mr. Pritchard out," a service now performed by undertakers, at the time of the old man's death.

### 'Miracle Church' Becomes A Reality

July 18, 1974 – Two months and three days after they started clearing the site, the congregation of the Friendship Baptist Church entered their new building located on Spero Road, a mile and a half west of Highway 220 by-pass.

It has been called the "miracle church" and perhaps this designation is appropriate, especially since most of the work on the new building has been done by members of the congregation working in the evenings and on Saturdays. Some of the members spent their vacations working on the new structure.

The church has been fortunate, however, to have within their group, carpenters, masons, plumbers, painters, electricians, and carpet layers. On their new building they have paid only for the installation of the air-conditioning unit and for some of the plumbing.

Their dedicated efforts in getting the building ready for occupancy kept them working late Saturday night before they moved in on Sunday morning, July 14, for their first Sunday School session and morning worship service in the new building.

But it was a happy and satisfied group of people who came 139 strong to set a record attendance for Sunday School, their previous high had been 132. They were happy even though the pastor, Rev. Dewey Almond, called another working session for Monday evening to complete some items which have not yet been finished.

The church was only organized last Jan. 9 when they met in the basement of one of the members and elected their officers. Their first worship service was held in the same basement on Sunday, Jan. 13 with 83 people in attendance. In addition to worshipping in the basement, they held their services in two other church buildings before entering their new building last Sunday. Their average attendance since organization has been 116.

Their first building is a fellowship hall which will serve temporarily for worship services until a sanctuary and Sunday School rooms are built. It is a 32 by 80 block building which upon completion will be air-conditioned, heated by electric heat, and carpeted.

It has been provided with rest rooms and kitchen space which will be used for the time being as a nursery. The present assembly space will seat approximately 250 people.

The congregation borrowed money to pay for the beautiful tract of land, consisting of 6.7 acres, on which their building is located. But they plan to clear their indebtedness within the period of a year and they are grateful for the contributions which they have received. Since they didn't have anything to begin with, they give God the praise for their accomplishments and "attribute all they have done to His goodness and grace."

### 86<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration Held

July 26, 1974 – Duckery (Duck) Smith, a former Randolph County resident, was honored on the occasion of his birthday Sunday, at the Grantville Community Building. He will be 86 years old on July 29.

Twice a year, on his birthday and at Christmas, his family comes together at the Grantville Community Building. Mr. Smith, a native of Davidson County, lives now with his second wife in Graham but all of his children reside in Randolph County.

They are Mrs. Martha Parrish, Randleman, Willie Smith, Junie Smith, and Mrs. Carlyle Brown, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Worth Richardson, Rt. 1, Sophia, Mrs. Lester Byrd, Rt. 4, and John Smith.

Mr. Smith brought his family to Randolph County around 1940. His first wife, the former Minnie Coggins, died 28 years ago and is buried at the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, located in Davidson County, near the Randolph County line.

After his marriage to the former Ila Hicks Crutchfield 25 years ago he has lived in Graham where his wife, a native of New Hope Township in Randolph County, was living at the time of their marriage.

Five generations were present for the annual birthday dinner at Grantville. Mr. Smith, his daughter, Mrs. Parrish, his grandson, Goley Parrish, his great-grandson, James Parrish, and his great-great-grandson, James Colon Parrish, age nine weeks.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrated

July 30, 1974 – A retired Baptist minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Lawyer J. Rainey, 668 Maple Ave., observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, July 28, at the First Baptist Church.

Their children, four daughters and a son, entertained at a reception in their honor which was held in the church parlor. Friends called from 3 – 5 p.m.

Hosts were Mrs. T.F. Moran, Mrs. Frances Rogers, High Point, Mrs. O.B. Welborn, Trinity, Mrs. F.L. Thorne, Cary, and James Edward Rainey, Franklin, Va. Other members of the couple's immediate family include 16 grandchildren.

The Rev. and Mrs. Rainey came to Asheboro in 1967 after a ministry which had existed throughout the years of their marriage and which had extended across the state of North Carolina.

On Sunday, Sept. 15, they will return to the Mt. Harmony Baptist Church in Person County where a celebration of Rev. Rainey's fiftieth year in the ministry will be held. This was one of their earlier pastorates and they remained there for 14 years. Their last active pastorate was also in Person County, at the Montwood Baptist Church in Roxboro.

However, since active retirement Rev. Rainey has served many interim and supply pastorates, including Gravel Hill, West Asheboro, Shady Grove and Mt. Pleasant in Randolph County. At one time during his active ministry he also served briefly the church in Trinity.

The first 20 years of his ministry was spent in the development of rural churches in a radius of four counties: Durham, Wake, Grantville and Person. Nine years were spent in western North Carolina, ten years in eastern North Carolina, four years at Saluda in Polk County and a brief pastorate at the North Main Street Baptist Church in High Point.

Lawyer James Rainey is a native of Brunswick County, Va., but his father brought his family to Granville County,

N.C., when he was four. Later, upon the death of his mother, he came with his father to Durham where he completed his education, including graduation from Duke University and Duke Divinity School.

His call to the ministry came when he was a teen-age boy, he stated he knew he was going to be a minister when he started to grade school.

Mrs. Rainey, the former Irene Hurst, is a native of Durham. She met her future husband at a Baptist Young Peoples Union meeting at First Baptist Church in Durham where both of them were members. At that time both were planning to enroll in the fall at Duke University.

They married on July 27, 1924 while sophomores at the university and lived in an apartment near the school until graduation. Mrs. Rainey said "those were very good years," despite Mr. Rainey having worked his way through high school, college and seminary.

After fifty years of marriage, rearing five children, and providing an education for them, periods of illness and serving country churches, some without electricity in the first years, Mrs. Rainey looked back and reflected "I wouldn't change it," she said. Her husband, the minister who has devoted his life to his calling and to his family, didn't say anything but his face shone with radiance as he talked about the past and prepared to join his wife in the observance of their anniversary.

### **Celebrated 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 2, 1974 - A packed Meetinghouse observed the fiftieth anniversary of Archdale Friends Monthly Meeting Sunday morning, with luncheon picnic style, served on the spacious front lawn following the historic observance.

It was fifty years ago, lacking two days, on July 30, 1924 that the Monthly Meeting for Archdale Friends was set aside from the Springfield Friends Monthly Meeting and given the authority to proceed with business of their own.

Services for Quakers had been held in the community for many years previous to that time, even when the village was known as Bush Hill, but the people had remained as members of the Springfield Monthly Meeting of Friends and worshipped under the jurisdiction of that Meeting.

On June 18, 1924, 74 members of the Springfield Meeting living in Archdale requested that the Springfield Monthly Meeting take such action as was needed to establish a Monthly meeting in Archdale. The Springfield Monthly Meeting referred the matter to the Deep River Quarterly Meeting and a committee was appointed to set up a new Monthly Meeting for the Archdale Friends.

The only living member of that committee, Ethel Newton, was present to participate in the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of the Archdale Monthly Meeting. She said "if I had not been around to see Archdale grow, I would not have known that I was in Archdale today," pointing out that good roads and electric lights did not exist at the time the Monthly Meeting was organized.

Also present to participate in the observance was Sarah R. Haworth who served as Recording Clerk of the Deep River Quarterly Meeting which authorized the setting up of the Archdale Monthly Meeting of Friends.

She recalled that opposition developed in the Springfield Meeting when the Archdale Monthly Meeting was petitioned. It seems that most of the men in the Meeting lived in the Archdale area and the Springfield people said "you're going to take all of the men." The Archdale people

answered back saying "surely God will raise up some men."

Other reflections of the past came from Hazel Hancock, chairman of the anniversary committee, who also served as the Recording Clerk of the Archdale Meeting for a period of ten years. She traced the history of the worship of the Archdale Friends Meeting since its beginning.

Joe Gamble, choir director, read the names of the 23 charter members who are still living from the 73 people who were transferred from Springfield on July 20, 1924. Charter members present for the anniversary observance were Albion English, Jr., Elsie White, Gilbert Marsh, Lalah Hassell Purvis, Nina Hill Whittington, Beulah Hassell Rogers, Herb Andrews, Mary Allen Hill Lewis, and Horace Ragan, Jr.

Robert L. Blair, Jr., also a former Recording Clerk for the Archdale Monthly Meeting, gave a "glimpse of the present" to the large assemblage. He reviewed the progress of the Meeting from July 7, 1937 to the present, this period covering the pastorates of the last two Ministers, Clifton Pearson and Isaac Harris.

Pearson, who conducted the devotions for the anniversary observance, served as Minister from July 7, 1937 until May 5, 1952. Accomplishments during his fifteen years included a gain of 152 members, the addition of two Bible School classrooms, the redecorating and remodeling of the Meeting Room and other improvements.

The Meeting under the guidance of Isaac Harris who has served since Sept. 1, 1952, has seen progress in increase of membership and the acquirement of land and new facilities. The membership has gone from 239 to 614, the average of 259 in Meeting for worship last year was the second highest in the Yearly Meeting, and new additions and other physical improvements have been made at a cost of \$185,000. All indebtedness has been paid off, except for \$13,000.

The anniversary observance within the Meetinghouse came to a close with the inspirational remarks of the Minister, Isaac Harris, whose tenure of service has lasted nearly 22 years. He said "on this historic day we rededicate ourselves to the Rock of Ages. This is the essential and glorious task to which we have been called.

### **Farmer Class Honors Late Class Members**

Aug. 7, 1974 - The 1954 graduating class of Farmer High School held a reunion at the school Sunday afternoon and memorialized the lives of two members who had died since graduation.

A conference table and four chairs constructed out of quality material, was presented to the school "in loving memory of Betty Shears Baldwin and Harold Gunter."

Harold Gunter, who served as president of the student council during his high school career, was killed in an automobile accident in early 1955, the year after his graduation, and Betty Shears Baldwin died in a mobile home fire in Greensboro on Jan. 2, 1967.

The table and chairs, which will be used by the present student council and future student groups, was selected by a committee from the class, composed of Carolyn Lanier Luther, Alton Delk, Shelby Luther Morris and Bobby Poole, working in conjunction with W. Mike York, Jr., principal at the school.

York accepted the gift from the class in memory of their fellow students at their reunion on July 21. Presentation of the gift was made by Pat Adams, president of the 1954 class. Members of the class had held their first reunion two years ago and at that time had made plans for the presentation of the gift and named the committee to work out the details.

Other members of the class present at the reunion, other than those mentioned above, were Hugh Bradham, Kathleen Lewallen Brabham, Wade Barker, Martha Hunt Luther, Harold Hammond, Betty Shaw Reeder, Nancy Shaw Jennings and Jacqueline Surratt Dennis.

Other members of the 1954 class, not present for the reunion, were Nancy Crowell Villeneuve, Caroline Hussey Creech, Nancy Jean Kearns Jewett, Ronnie Jenkins, Larry Hardin, Bobby Ledwell, Barbara Luck Hayes, Max Shaw, James Yates, Hal Winslow, Billy Yates, and Johnny Lowe.

Charles Surratt, a member of the class prior to graduation, was also present for the reunion and participated in the presentation of the memorial to his former classmates.

Family members of Betty Shears Baldwin present for the presentation were her three children, Kenneth, Keith and Gay, her mother. Mrs. Beatrice Shears, her sister, Mrs. Frances Shears Baldwin, and Mrs. Baldwin's daughter, Celia.

The three children of Betty Shears Baldwin are being reared by their aunt, Mrs. Frances Baldwin, and have been living with her since the death of their father a year and a half after the tragic death of their mother.

### **Lions Honor Cox At Banquet Here**

Aug. 7, 1974 – Harold L. Cox, a member of the Franklinville Lions Club, who has assumed duties as Governor of District 31-D of the International Association of Lions Clubs, was honored at the 1974-75 District Governor's Banquet and installation ceremonies at Sir Robert Banquet Room in Asheboro Saturday evening.

Cox was elected Governor at a district caucus at the state convention of Lions Clubs in Charlotte in June and was installed into his present position at the international meeting of Lions Clubs in San Francisco later.

His cabinet, composed of deputy district governors, zone chairman, and district committee chairmen, were installed at the banquet Saturday evening, at which Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., former Governor for District 31-D, candidate for international director, and a present member of the Raleigh (Host) Lions Club, was speaker and installing officer.

Members of the Franklinville Lions Club, of which the new District Governor Cox is a past president, served as master of ceremonies. Others participating on the program were John F. Brower, Clyde L. Williams, and Otus C. Thomas, who will serve as the cabinet secretary and treasurer.

Other Randolph County Lions, in addition to Otus Thomas, who will serve in the cabinet will be William G. Lane, deputy district governor of Region 6, Causey T. McDaniel, chairman of Zone 9, Sylvan R. Routh, chairman of Zone 10, Marvin J. Gatlin, chairman of statewide committee for Blind, D. Edgar Stevens, boys home, E.S. Thomas, Jr., Leo Clubs, Q.G. McKeel, district hospitality, and Venson W. Loflin, care committee.

Presnell, a former Asheboro resident and member of the local Lions club, was introduced by D. Edgar Stevens, also a past District Governor and a man prominent in Lion

circles throughout the state and nation. The speaker reminisced about his former association with local Lions and District 31-D and recalled installing Harold Cox some years ago as the third vice president of the Franklinville club.

Cox, a native of Coleridge, has been a member of the Franklinville club for five years and during that time has had perfect attendance. He has served as chairman of several committees, vice president, president, chairman of Zone 10, and as deputy district governor of Region 6. He and his wife, the former Ann Burrow, reside on Rt. 6, Asheboro.

### **Missionary Couple On Return Trip To Station In New Guinea Jungles**

Aug. 9, 1974 – Jim Rich, a Rt. 2, Sophia native, his wife, Beulah, and their three small children, left his mother's home Tuesday, for a 12,000-mile return trip to New Guinea where they will begin their second four-year term as missionaries.

Operating on a mission of faith, with no guaranteed funds, a Jim Rich Missionary Fund was established last fall by the South Plainfield Friends Meeting for the purpose of providing transportation for the return trip.

At that time the amount of \$3,500 was requested but the trip back will actually cost \$3,672.60 for plane fare, plus the expense of hiring a vehicle to take them seven miles into the jungle from the last air strip on which they will land.

Questioned as to the sufficiency of the funds which were raised, the modest young missionary said "very good, I knew that God would supply our needs but I didn't realize He would supply our wants also." More than the needed amount was raised through the fund which had as its treasurer, Mrs. Sarah B. McCain, who is also treasurer of the Plainfield Meeting.

Jim and Beulah are serving as missionaries from the Evangelical Bible Mission Board, with the headquarters in Summerfield, Fla., but they receive no pay from this independent mission board. Their needs and operating expenses come entirely from contributions which are given for their benefit. It has been decided to retain the fund sponsored by the Plainfield Meeting and further donations to this fund may be made to Mrs. McCain, whose address is Box 14, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

The Riches had planned to return to New Guinea by freighter but the delay in receiving their visas and the cancellation of their original sailing caused them to change their plans and return by air, which was their mode of transportation there and back for their first term of duty.

Jim Rich, anxious to get back to the mission station which he left a year ago last June, could not wait for another month or so to secure passage on another ship which would have taken three weeks to reach the desired destination. He said "I've been anxious to get back since I got here."

On Sunday, before the couple and their three children, Nathaniel (Nate), Jill, and Randall, left for New Guinea, family members and friends gathered at the Rt. 2, Sophia, home of Jim's mother, Mrs. Mae Alred Rich, for a farewell meeting with the missionary family whom they will probably not see for another four years, unless circumstances in the Congo should force their return before the expiration of their second tour of duty.

Although the couple was anxious to return to their mission station in the jungle, they left with heartfelt thanks and

words of appreciation to the various individuals and church groups who had helped pay their transportation back.

### **Even On Her Birthday Mrs. Brown Fishes**

Aug. 13, 1974 – Mrs. Ora Nance Brown, Rt. 7, celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Aug. 7. She continues her fishing and other activities despite the installation of a pacemaker this year to regulate her heart. She does her fishing in Long Beach, Badin and in various places in Randolph County. She has been to Long Beach three times since her operation and plans to go back again soon.

She said "I don't like to sit around, that's what makes you get old." Always an adventurous person, she said "if I was in my forties, I'd go to the moon."

Her birthday was formally observed on Sunday, Aug. 4, at the home of a granddaughter, Mrs. Reid Howell, in the Linwood Lakes estates in Guilford County, with children, grandchildren and a few others in attendance. Since it was a family gathering and her granddaughter's home was situated on a lake, she went fishing, even though it was on the Sabbath, and caught 13 fish.

Born in the Canaan United Methodist Church section on the Randolph-Montgomery County line, she has been married three times, to Raeford Brown, Harrison Bell and Emmett Brown, all of whom are deceased. Her children are Mrs. Colean Brown Leonard, Greensboro, James Brown, High Point, Wilbur Brown, Howard Bell, and Max Bell, Rt. 7, Asheboro. She has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She moved to Asheboro with her parents, Isom Nance and Sarah (Lou) Hoover Nance when she was 13. She first attended the Salem School in the vicinity where she was born. She recalls going to work at the Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro "when it was just a little place stuck there on the corner."

She has lived and worked in High Point and upon coming back to Asheboro was employed at McLaurin Hosiery Mill. About five years ago she and her son, Max Bell, who lives with her, moved into a new home across the road from the old place in which they had lived for so many years.

She has attended 15 consecutive Miss Randolph County pageants, she is an enthusiast of the zoo, and she says "I don't meet many people I don't like." She retains her membership of 65 years in the Canaan United Methodist Church but attends the Hopewell Friends Meeting in the vicinity in which she lives.

### **Mrs. Frank Varner Honored On Reaching 92nd Birthday**

Aug. 14, 1974 – Mrs. Frank Varner, Rt. 3, celebrated her 92nd birthday last week and recalled her life in Asheboro as a young girl. She was born Aug. 8, 1882 as Daisy Almata Davidson, daughter of Everett and Nancy Robbins Davidson.

She remembered the old Plank Road which came through Asheboro, now known as Fayetteville Street, and she said there were no streets then, only roads which got muddy when it rained. She also said there weren't many houses in town at that time. Before she was six, her family moved from her birthplace on the old Farmer road and located at the present site of the Holiday Inn. She first attended the Asheboro School but was later transferred to the Long

Branch School, situated at the present location of the J.H. Wrape home.

As a young girl of about 12 years, she stayed in different homes in Asheboro and helped with the housework. Her duties consisted of washing, ironing, cooking, cleaning house and various other jobs. At one time she helped prepare the meat of a hog which had been killed.

For her services she was paid 75 cents a week and sometimes more but she said, "I hardly ever got a dollar." She had to stay the entire week, sometimes remaining to cook the Sunday morning breakfast before walking the mile or so to her home.

Some of the people with whom she stayed were Arthur Ross, Dr. Henley, Dr. Boyette, Agnes Bulla, Mrs. Frances Porter, and Allie Worth. She recalled that one of her duties at the Worth home, near the Court House, was washing lamps, filling them with oil, and carrying them to the upstairs part of the house. Mrs. Porter's daughters married Dr. Moore, who practiced in Asheboro, and Dr. Hubbard, who practiced in Worthville and Farmer. Dr. Boyette, she remembered pulled teeth along with his practice of medicine. She said he filled some for her.

She remembered Asheboro when the Court House was down on Old Main St. and there were only a few stores operated by Wood and Moring, W.D. Stedman, and Jasper Auman. Including those she said she went to school with Sulon Stedman. Among the houses she remembered was Col. McAlister's house.

Daisy was married on Aug. 4, 1901 to Frank Varner whom she remembered the first time when he rode behind her on a mule on an Easter Sunday. She didn't know who he was and thinking he was going to catch up with her when she left the road, crossed a fence and walked through a field to her home. But he followed her home anyway for her folks knew him. Asked how long they were married, she said, "A right smart while."

Frank Varner died in 1959 and two sons, Everett and Clarence, died after they reached maturity. Her living children are Mrs. Hazel Copper, with whom she lives, Mrs. Cora Myrtle Maness, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Andy and Howard Varner. She has 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

### **Hames Couple Honored On Their 50th Anniversary**

Aug. 16, 1974 – Their four sons and daughters-in-law honored Mr. and Mrs. Carvus Hames, Sr., 809 Oakland Ave., at a reception in the fellowship hall at Fayetteville Street Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, in observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Friends called from 2:30 until 4:30.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Carvus Hames, Jr.; Mr. and Mrs. Broadus Hames; and, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hames, Asheboro; and Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Hames, Holly Hill, Fla. The couple has 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hames were married Aug. 10, 1924 in Chesnee, S.C., near which both were living in the State Line Community. Mrs. Hames, the former Minnie Nanney, was living on the South Carolina side while her future husband lived on the North Carolina side. They continued to live in that community until moving to Asheboro in 1950.

Mr. Hames, a cotton farmer before moving to Asheboro, was asked what brought them to this vicinity. He said, "Dry

weather and the boll weevil." It seems their last year there only resulted in the producing of three bales. Also, one of their sons was working in Asheboro at the time of their arrival.

A native of Rutherford County, Mr. Hames and his wife got acquainted while attending the State Line Baptist Church. She was a native of Old Fortin Buncombe County. Both of them are presently members of the Friendship Baptist Church which recently located on the Spero Road.

Since coming to Asheboro Mr. and Mrs. Hames have worked at Acme Hosiery Mill, from which place Mrs. Hames retired. He was working at Klopman Mills when he retired.

### **Biannual York Reunion In Staley**

Aug. 19, 1974 – The biannual session of the George Mike York Reunion was held recently at the old homeplace on Rt. 1, Staley, now occupied by the youngest son of the family, Vaughn York.

A get together by the family on Saturday evening, prior to the Sunday session, occurred at the Zooland Family Campground, operated by Herb and Linda York Harton.

Members of the family of George Mike York and his wife, Lou Veliam Routh York, met informally for several years even before the death of their parents. But it was not until two years ago that the family organized into the George Mike York Reunion and decided to meet biannually on even years on the second Saturday and Sunday of Aug.

George Mike York and wife, Lou Veliam, lived together for 59 years and became the parents of nine children: Sally Ward, Raymond, Toy, Aytch, Mike, Pearl Fowler, Mozelle Lane, Louvelia Jane Goldston, and Vaughn. Mrs. Fowler died this year before the meeting of the biannual session.

One of the highlights of the reunion this year, the same as it was two years ago, was the attendance of family members at the Shady Grove Baptist Church, the place of worship during their childhood years and the burial site for their parents and their deceased sister. Following the worship service at the church the York family members paid their tributes of respect at the gravesites before coming back to the old homeplace where they were born and reared.

Their late sister's husband, the Rev. Joe Fowler, came from this home in Gary, Ind. To join his wife's family in their reunion meeting. Other members of the family who came from outside of the community were: Raymond, Pawley's Island, S.C.; Aytch, Atlanta, Ga.; Mozelle, Asheboro; and Louvelia Jane, Leesville, S.C.

President of the reunion is Dennis Raymond York, Jr., who has been working for the past five years on the compilation of a book, "The History of the York Family." The first volume of this book, which will be published next year by the George Mike York Association, will include the York family of Randolph County, the descendants of Nathaniel York.

Nathaniel York, great-grandfather of George Mike York, was born Apr. 22, 1774 and died May 25, 1837. His ten children were Larkin, Andrew, John, William, Semore, Mary York Marley, Joab, Hiram, Nathaniel, Jr., and Culbertson. The lineage of Nathaniel York, a third generation of the York family in America, is brought down to the George Michael York family through Andrew Jackson York and Dennis Culbertson York.

Memorials to deceased members of the family at the biannual reunion included the tributes to Ben Stephenson, Randolph Ward, Robert York and Pearl York Fowler.

### **Presentation Honors Church Leader**

Aug. 19, 1974 – An American flag was presented to Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, in honor of James Weldon (Fid) Coward, who is the new Sunday School Superintendent at the church.

The flag came from the Ramseur V.F.W. Post No. 9335 and making the presentation to the church in the name of Mr. Coward was the post commander, W. L. (Bill) Rinehardt. Coward is a member of the V.F.W. post and a past commander.

A member of the post since 1962, he has dedicated himself to the interests of the organization in such a manner that his fellow members wanted to honor him by making some type of contribution to his church.

Fid Coward is generally known in his home community of Ramseur as a man who involved himself in the affairs of the community and is usually on hand to help when volunteers are needed. In the V. F. W. post since becoming a member he has installed a ladies rest room, built cabinets in the kitchen area, and has proved useful in various ways.

Besides the presentation of the flag the Ramseur V. F. W. post made a contribution of money to the church pastor, the Rev. T. R. York, to be used towards the purchase of a Christian flag also.

W. W. Julian, retiring Sunday School Superintendent at Mt. Olivet, also paid tribute to Fid Coward, saying, "I appreciate what he has meant to the church and I appreciate his life."

An honor guard of past commanders and other officials accompanying Commander Rinehardt to Mt. Olivet for the ceremonies included Robert Henley, David Webb, John Brooks, Ray Kirkman, Page Craven, and Ray Gilliland.

For many years, the Ramseur post have lived up to their purpose of "honoring our dead by helping and serving the living" and their mission to Mt. Olivet last Sunday morning was no exception.

### **Rev. and Mrs. Loftis, Family Leave Asheboro**

Aug. 23, 1974 – The Rev. Ray E. Loftis has left the Asheboro Church of God, located at North McCrary St. and Sunset Ave., after notable achievements during the five and one half years of his pastorate there. His last services at the local church were on Sunday, Aug. 18, and moving day for the pastor and his family was on Tuesday.

Before leaving, the latest acquirement of church property, the purchase of the former 14-room Kemp rooming house next to the existing church property, was dedicated to the pastor and his wife. The plaque read, "This fellowship hall is dedicated in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Ray E. Loftis for untiring service and devotion to the Asheboro Church of God."

Other physical improvements and purchases of property during the pastorate of Rev. Loftis have been the erection of a new sanctuary and renovation of the original sanctuary and Sunday School, the purchase of additional property on Sunset Ave. and the purchase of the property of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoover which was located next to the property on North McCrary St.



In addition to owning sizeable frontage on Sunset Ave., the church now owns all of the land between Sunset Ave. and West Salisbury St. except for two small tracts.

Membership at the church during the Loftis pastorate has increased by approximately 160. The Rev. Loftis recalled that 26 people were present for his first Wednesday night service five and one half years ago. The Wednesday night before he left there were 368 present.

He has been assigned to the South Gastonia Church of God in Gastonia, one of the largest churches of that denomination in North Carolina. Leaving with him for the new assignment were his wife, Ruth, and their twin sons, Ronnie and Donnie. Another son, Tony, is a ministerial student at Lee College, Cleveland, Tenn.

Open house honoring the minister and his family was held at the new fellowship facility on Sunday afternoon, the last day of his active pastorate in Asheboro. Refreshments were served and gifts were presented to the departing minister and his family. Renovation of the lower floor of the old Kemp dwelling was effected by the Rev. Mr. Loftis before he left, with the minister doing much of the work himself.

The new pastor at the Asheboro Church of God will be the Rev. John Gilbert, who comes to the local church from the Gaston Avenue Church of God in Gastonia.

### **Students Hold 12th Reunion**

Sept. 4, 1974 – Former Belvidere School students returned to the old school site for their 12th reunion Sunday afternoon. This was the first time they had met there since the beginning of their annual reunion.

Located seven miles west of Asheboro on the line dividing Back Creek and Cedar Grove townships, the old one room school building has long since deteriorated and rotted away. The site is now owned by Worth Briles, a former Belvidere student who was present at the 12th reunion.

The former students, 65 of them, were real excited over coming back to the old site where they had studied and played. Only the rock pillars of the old foundation and the brick in the old chimney remained, except for the blade of an old mowing scythe which was found by Wilbur Kearns, one of the more energetic former students.

The brick which could still be salvaged was carried away by some of the students who wanted to make souvenirs out of them.

Mrs. Frances Walker Smith presided over the session and was re-elected as president of the reunion gathering. Mrs. Lucinda Hoover Ball served as secretary and treasurer but declined re-election. Mrs. Ruth Kearns Lawrence succeeded her to that position. Mrs. Bess Walker Finch was re-elected vice president.

Mrs. Finch delivered a memorial tribute to the lives of four former students who had died since the holding of the last reunion, namely, Albert Trotter, Lewis Hoover, Charlie Bulla, and Edith Briles Normand.

Recognition was extended to Mrs. Kate Hoover Hinshaw, 86, oldest former student in attendance, to Fred Walker, of Norfolk, Va., who traveled the farthest to attend the reunion, and to the seven members of the Roland Kearns family, the largest family group present. These family members included Pearl Davis, Dora Lowdermilk, Clara Walker, Eugene Kearns, Lester Kearns, Claude Kearns, and Wilbur Kearns.

Four former teachers were present: Minnie Briles Kennedy, Ruth Kearns Lawrence, Faye Walker English,

Nell Spencer Jackson, and Clara Kearns Walker, the latter three having also been students at the school.

It was decided to hold the reunion at the old school site again next year on the last Saturday in Aug., featuring a cook-out for those who come.

According to the old records Belvidere started as a subscription school in 1886, with Samuel E. Purdie as the first teacher. The school was discontinued at the end of the 1931-32 school year.

### **March of Dimes Drive Sets Record in Randolph County**

Sept. 5, 1974 – The 1974 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County amounted to \$33,208.87, according to information relayed by officials of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

This exceeded by \$9,311.39 the total amount of \$23,897.48 which was raised in the 1973 drive in Randolph County. The amounts for the past two drives have exceeded previous amounts which have been raised in March of Dimes drives in the county.

The net amount this year was \$31,462.38, forty percent of which or \$12,584.95 will remain in Randolph County to be used for the care and treatment of children born with birth defects and those persons who were afflicted with polio during the earlier years of the March of Dimes.

The remainder of \$18,877.43 has been sent to the national headquarters of the March of Dimes organization for use in their programs which include scientific research into the cause and prevention of birth defects.

Clendon Richardson, the Ulah-Flag Springs community chairman for the past ten years, turned in \$15,438.35 as his receipts for the 1974 March of Dimes drive to lead all other community chairman in this year's drive. Over \$10,000 of this amount came from a walkathon which Clendon sponsored, even though since 1953, at the age of 13, he has been unable to walk due to an attack of polio.

Other communities reporting for the 1974 drive and the amounts they turned in include Coleridge, Elvin Murray, 269; Union Grove, Dr. F. A. Lunsford, 133.10; Holly Spring-Pleasant Ridge, Tom Allen, 68.40; Franklinville, Margaret Beane, 264.74; Union-Pisgah, Carrie Greene, 318.13; Asheboro, Neal Hughes, 2,963.27; Hillsville-Sophia, Mrs. Julian Blalock, 307.05; Cedar Falls, Rev. Clyde Stutts, 386.74; Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Fouts, 208.56; Brower-Erect, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Welborn, 539.84; Grays Chapel-Red Cross, Glenn Coley, Jr., 177.18; Level Cross, George Stanton, 70; and Pleasant Grove, Leon Brady, 483.18.

Also, Liberty, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Martin, 1,855.96; Staley, Mrs. James Hart, 193.60; Farmer Grange, Mrs. Gene Hogan, 35; Cedar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Marsh, 190.03; Ramseur, Philip H. Brady, 1435; Bethel-Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd, 273.21; Trinity, Mrs. John H. Skeen, 848.03; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Edwin Kearns, 238; Worthville, Earl C. Jordan, 141.38; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek, 418; First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Elder J. E. Ewings and Oliver Ray Barnes, 50.55; New Hope, Rev. Frank Barrett, 111.63; Archdale, Judy English and Glenda Whitley, 5000; and Northwest Piedmont Telerama, sponsored by the Asheboro organization, 797.01.

Garry Thompson served as director of the 1974 drive. Ralph Bulla has served as chairman of the Randolph

County Chapter since the 1960 drive and Joe W. Church has been the drive treasure for a greater part of the time since 1960.

### **Note-Burning Ceremony Held**

Sept. 6, 1974 – Flint Hill Christian Church, Rt. 1, Biscoe, was dedicated free from indebtedness Sunday evening. A note-burning ceremony occurred at the conclusion of the dedicatory service. The church is located just inside the Moore County line on Highway 27.

The Rev. Hayes Ritter, pastor, led the congregation in the service of dedication. Rev. James C. (Jimmy) Caviness, who came to the church at the age of 18 for his first pastorate, preached the dedicatory sermon. Now pastor of the Troy Circuit of the United Methodist, the Rev. Caviness was pastor at Flint Hill when the new church building was erected. The Rev. E. Carl Brady, another former pastor, also participated in the service.

Lumber used in the first church structure came from the old Flint Hill Baptist Church building near Robbins where a new structure had been built. But before having been used in the erection of the Flint Hill Baptist Church in 1885 the lumber had first been used in the erection of the Mechanics Hill Baptist Church in the area now known as Robbins.

Evidently the Flint Hill Christian Church derived its name from the church from which it procured the lumber to build its first structure. The first pulpit in the church was built from the old pillars which formerly stood in the center aisle of the old Flint Hill Baptist Church. For the beginning of services in the Flint Hill Christian Church benches were made to replace those which had been used in the arbor and a stove pipe was stuck out of a hole in the wall until a chimney was built in 1935.

The Rev. W. C. Martin was the organizing minister and served as the first pastor.

The church voted to build the new structure in July, 1962, the building on which the indebtedness was cleared in July of this year.

Gary Lynn Britt, an outstanding young musician, was killed in an automobile accident around three years ago but his life and memory in the church and community has been perpetuated by the establishment in the Flint Hill Church of the Gary Lynn Britt Memorial Scholarship Fund for the aid of other young people in the area where he was best known.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony along with the pastor and visiting ministers were the church deacons, Fred Bailey, chairman, Paul Britt, and Quinton Britt. Indebtedness on the building, which had been completed the latter part of 1964, was paid off in July of this year. Treasurer of the building fund and also secretary and treasurer of the church is Jason Britt. Sunday School superintendent is Fred Bailey.

### **Senior Citizens Enjoy Picnic**

Sept. 12, 1974 – The 7th annual picnic outing at the Randolph Rest Home Sunday brought happiness and much pleasure to the residents who live therein. Many special things happen to them throughout the year but the picnic is the highlight of the entire year.

They were joined in their outing by members of their families, special guests and entertainers. Guests included Pat Adams and Judy Brookshire, RTI instructors who conduct special classes at the home, and Rev. Mike Engle,

Harvey Horner and H. C. Ammonds, who conduct religious services with the residents at the home.

Providing musical entertainment at the picnic outing which was held underneath the shade trees in front of the rest home complex were Clay and Barbara Davis, the Asbury Quartet, the Sunshine Trio and the Shining Light Singers.

Lou Wilson and her husband, David, have been managers of the home for the past eight years. The picnic dinners have been held each year except last year when Lou was studying at the Randolph Technical Institute to become a Licensed Practical Nurse. However, Lou has lived at the home since she was 14, since her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Burrow, were managers there for 11 years.

For the dinner Lou and her assistant, Betty West, prepared two large hams, chicken and dressing, cranberry sauce, potato salad, green beans, peas and corn, chocolate cake, apple pie and other good things to eat. Each one of the residents was given flowers to wear for the occasion.

Besides holding classes in reading, math and crafts, the two RTI instructors, Pat Adams and Judy Brookshire, emphasize the recreational aspect and often take residents of the home on field trips. On Friday night, they took some of them to the Jaycee sponsored agricultural fair and while there, rings were presented to them at one of the midway booths.

### **Their 50th Year Noted by Burrows**

Sept. 13, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Virgil A. Burrows, 713 Highland St., were honored Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Hosts at a reception in Rollins Hall at the Asheboro Friends Meeting were their children and grandchildren. Friends called from 3 to 5 p.m.

Their children are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond (Melva Grey) Williams, Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Elaine) Cox, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Burrows, Rt. 3, Randleman.

Their grandchildren are Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jenkins and Mr. and Mrs. Randy Cox, Monroe, Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, Syracuse, N.Y., Ryvon, Lisa and Lorelei Cox, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Ton and Dale Burrows, Rt. 3, Randleman. Their two great-grandchildren are Annette and Debbie Jenkins. All of their grandchildren were present for their anniversary reception except Mr. and Mrs. Don Cox, who had visited them a short time previously.

Assisting the children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Burrows at the reception in their honor were the ladies at the Asheboro Friends Meeting where the couple have held their membership for many years. Mr. Burrows has been the teacher of the Baraca Class in the Sunday School department for 38 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Burrows were married Sept. 3, 1924. Mrs. Burrows is the former Ethel Lee West, daughter of the late J. Millard West and Berta Baldwin West. She is a Randolph County native. Mr. Burrows, a native of the Asheboro area, is the son of the late John Milton Burrows and Alice Pritchard Burrows. His father was a former Postmaster of Asheboro and a member of the legislature.

Mr. Burrows retired in 1969 from Acme Hosiery Mill where he worked for 41 years. Since that time he has been assisting his wife in the operation of Faith Book and Nook, and Gospel Book Store, which she has owned and operated for the past twenty years.

At the conclusion of the reception in their honor, Mr. and Mrs. Burrows, their immediate family and other family members enjoyed an evening meal at the Burrows home on Highland St.

### **Open House Held At New Parsonage**

Sept. 13, 1974 – Open house at the new parsonage of the Midway Wesleyan Church was held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 8, from 2:30 until 5:30. The church and parsonage are located between Randleman and Worthville.

This was another major achievement in the history and progress of the Midway church which two years ago burned the note on the new church edifice erected in 1963. The note on the church building was obligated for fifteen years, but was paid off in eight and a half years.

The church family, consisting of Rev. and Mrs. John G. Harris and sons, Kenneth and Michael, and Mrs. Harris' mother, Mrs. Myrtle Kidd, moved into the new parsonage on July 8. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Harris, is beginning the fourth year of his pastorate at Midway.

The new brick-veneered structure consists of four bedrooms, den, living room, formal dining room, kitchen-dinette combination, utility room, three and a half baths, a full basement and a glassed-in back porch. Including the basement, the square footage of the house is 4,600.

Interior of the house is constructed with sheetrock except the den which is paneled and the kitchen-dinette and hall which are wainscoted. The floors are carpeted throughout except for the kitchen-dinette and utility room.

Actual cost of the land and building is \$57,000. However, church officials estimate the valuation at a higher figure and have insured it for more. Contractor for the building was Harvey Adams of the Level Cross area. Building committee charged with the responsibility of construction were Miss Mildred Sawyer, chairman, Mrs. Viola Reeder, Bobby Rumbley, Lee Groce, and Bradford Slack, with the pastor as an ex-officio member of the committee.

The original church building and the old parsonage are located between the new church edifice and the new home for the minister and are still retained under the ownership of the church body. The old church building is being used as a place for fellowship. The Midway church was organized in the early part of 1936.

### **Record Crowd Attends Demo Rally In Liberty**

Sept. 17, 1974 – A successful Democratic rally was held at the Ruritan Hut in Liberty Saturday evening, with the small building not being able to contain those who came. A veteran politician said it was the largest crowd ever to attend a Democratic meeting in Liberty.

Appearing and speaking briefly were the following candidates: Carl Moore, sheriff; Charles White, clerk of court; W. D. Bowman, Frank Auman, and Logan White, commissioner; Russel Walker and Charles Vickery, state senate; and L. Frank Faggart, district judge. They were introduced by Pete Oldham, Democratic chairman.

Dr. Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., Raleigh, talked in behalf of Rufus Edmisten, candidate for Attorney-General. Dr. Presnell, former superintendent of the Randolph County School System and now affiliated with the state school system, received his doctorate in Apr. Speaking for the candidacy of

Fourth District Congressman Ike Andrews was Sam Rees of Siler City.

Also making remarks was Guilford County State Representative Tom Gilmore, who formerly lived in the area of Randolph County. Liberty Mayor Joe Griffith extended the welcome and also speaking from Liberty was Elvin Marley.

The one-dollar barbecued chicken meal, which sponsors said was their answer to the inflationary prices of the Republican administration, proved popular, even to the extent of some people coming for take home plates.

Some of those eating early had to move out of the way for those coming later while some ate on tables on the outside of the building. The meeting started early at 5 p.m. and the people continued to come to eat even throughout the duration of the program.

The chicken was barbecued early Saturday morning at a cabin on Brush Creek in Pleasant Grove Township by J. Robert Cox and brought to Liberty for serving at the rally. Chicken was prepared sufficient for 200 people and was entirely consumed, with some of the late arrivals not being able to get any.

Green beans, potato salad, slaw, beet and cucumber pickles, pound cake, coffee and cold drinks comprised the remainder of the meal and was provided by Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith, Mrs. Van Hutchins, Mrs. Vallie Ray, Mrs. Charlie Butler, Mrs. Louise Davis, Mrs. Linda Andrews, Mrs. Fields Parks, and Mrs. Beulah Ward, of the Liberty-Staley area, and Mrs. Bessie McPherson, of Rt. 3, Trinity.

### **Dunlap Reunion Held At New Site**

Sept. 20, 1974 – The Dunlap reunion was held recently in the new building at Bascomb's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Robbins, where the reunion founder, Daniel Dunlap, worshipped throughout his lifetime and where he is buried.

For a time it appeared the church, which was organized in 1858, might disband and discontinue its services. But Dan Dunlap and a few others persevered and on the third Sunday in July of this year, Memorial, the congregation moved into the new brick and block structure which contrasts vastly with the old building still standing.

Evidently built at the time of its organization, the old church, a one-room structure, has rock pillars, a tin roof and a front porch with banisters. The sills and rafters are hand hewn. But sadly, the old building has been sold and will soon be torn down and moved away.

The new building, which prominently displays in the bell towers the old bell which was taken from the original building is constructed of brick on the outside and also in the interior of the sanctuary which features a ceiling of exposed beams against pine decking.

A fellowship hall is separated from the small sanctuary by a folding partition, which allows it to be used as an extension of the main auditorium. Three classrooms, two rest rooms and a kitchen area comprise the remainder of the building and this portion has a block interior.

The Dunlap reunion began in 1927 and was held at the Dunlap home place until his death in 1970. Since the beginning of the reunion the families of his two brothers, Jim and John Dunlap, have become a part of the reunion gathering and also some other Dunlap connections have become a part of the annual event.

The three Dunlap brothers, Dan, Jim and John, were sons of John Washington Dunlap, who died in 1974, and his wife, Mary Jane Cole Dunlap, who died in 1920. They are buried in a family cemetery near the old Dunlap home place, which was located back of the place where Dan Dunlap's widow, Mrs. Nora Dunlap, resides and the land on which Dan Dunlap's youngest son, Max Dunlap, also lives with his family.

Other children of Dan Dunlap are Dan, Jr., Bill, Mrs. Clyde Comer, Sr., Mrs. June Cockman and Mrs. Lonnie Brewer.

## **Youth Group to Sponsor Nicky Cruz Visit Here**

Sept. 20, 1974 – Nicky Cruz, a former New York City gang leader, will make two appearances in Asheboro on Saturday, Oct. 12, and Sunday afternoon, Oct. 13, sponsored by a Christian youth Organization of southern Randolph County.

The first appearance will be Saturday evening at 7:30 in the Asheboro High School auditorium, the second one will come the next afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Lee J. Stone Stadium. The public is invited to attend both meetings.

The idea of a youth crusade for the southern part of the county was initiated by Steve Sugg, a youth leader in First Baptist Church of Seagrove, even before it was learned that Cruz, one-time street fighter and former leader of the infamous Mau Maus, would be able to appear.

Sugg's purpose is to introduce the young people of the county area to Jesus Christ and his first move in the proposed crusade was to make contact with the pastors and youth leaders of the various churches.

A general committee was formed at a meeting of representatives from the churches with Steve Sugg being named the general chairman. Committees with the following chairmen were named, correspondence, Mrs. L. Sue Hayes; finance, Don Leach; program, Mike Davis, counseling and follow-up, Mrs. Gladys Johnson; staging, C.L. Tedder; and usher and parking, Doug Dickinson.

Since the organization of the youth group money raising projects to help with the expenses of the crusade have included gospel singings, hot dog suppers, bake sales, and car washes. Free will offerings and individual offerings have also been received. Assistance has also been received from the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International organization on the local level.

As a prelude to the crusade and as another means of raising money for its expenses the Nicky Cruz film, "The Cross and the Switchblade," has been shown at the Sunset Theater in Asheboro and at various other places in the southern part of the county and at North Moore High School in Moore County.

Nicky Cruz, once the leader of New York's most brutal and feared street gangs, now heads the nationally acclaimed Outreach Centers. He lives with his wife and daughters in Raleigh, N.C., but travels extensively, making speaking appearances and supervising the Outreach youth Centers and opening new ones. He made an appearance in the local high school auditorium a few years ago, an appearance which packed the building well beyond its seating capacity.

## **'Singing on the Mountain' Saturday**

Sept. 20, 1974 – Randolph County's second singing on the mountain at the Zoo site will take place on Saturday, Sept. 21, beginning at 7 p.m.

The first singing on Purgatory Mountain occurred slightly over a year ago and was declared an overwhelming success. Hundreds of people sat on the hillside on the warm Sept. evening and heard four local singing groups, Davis Brothers and Barbara, Christian Life Trio, Deep River Quartet, and Atwood Singers.

It was the singing twins, Ray and Clay Davis, who initiated the singing and who will be taking the lead again this year. Another group coming back for a return visit will be the Christian Life Trio. They will be joined by two other well known Randolph County gospel singing groups, the Hunt Family Singers and the Miller Family Singers, with the Atwoods who sang separately a year ago.

Last year the free will offering which was taken went for the benefit of Marsha Lineberry, a young leukemia patient, and her husband, Mickey. The offering amounted to \$1,101.25. This year the free will offering will go for the benefit of the Melvin Woodell and John Huston Luck families. Both Melvin Woodell and John Huston Luck have undergone serious illness and have sustained large medical and hospital expenses without the benefit of any insurance to help pay the bills.

Another large crowd is expected at the singing again this year. Sponsors of the singing have established a goal of 2,000. Just recently they received a letter from a Goldsboro woman stating she was coming and bringing her Sunday School class with her.

Refreshments will be available on the grounds and public restrooms will be in use. Those coming are requested to bring lawn chairs or other facilities on which to sit. There will be no admission charge, just the free will offering.

Robert Copper, a resident of the Zoo site, is assisting with the sponsorship of the singing, the same as he did last year. Bobby Franklin, an announcer for Radio Station WCSE Stereo FM, will serve as master of ceremonies.

## **Rev. W.C. Bulla Honored at Homecoming Services**

Sept. 27, 1974 – The Rev. W.C. Bulla, a former pastor at Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, was honored at the annual homecoming service at the church Sunday morning.

Now pastor of Trinity Wesleyan Church, Eden, he served the Mt. Olivet church in 1950-51 and 1957-59. He was living in the community and serving as the superintendent of the Sunday School when he received the call to the ministry. He was licensed to preach by the Mt. Olivet church on Dec. 7, 1941.

The pulpit stand in the renovated sanctuary at Mt. Olivet was dedicated in honor of Rev. Bulla and one of the pews was dedicated in memory of his late wife, Mrs. Edna Danson Bulla, a native of the Ramseur area.

Rev. R.S. Shelton, district superintendent who occupied the pulpit for the homecoming service, praised the Rev. Mr. Bulla, saying, "My district runs from Elizabeth City to Bryson City and there is no man loved or respected more than Carey Bulla. I don't know of any man that people respect more," he said further.

Present for the service was the Rev. Bulla's present wife, whom he married following the death of his first wife. Also two of his four children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs.

Donald R. Bulla and son, Keither, of Hickory, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnell (Pat) Cleary, of Mocksville. The other two children are sons, Bill, from Charlotte, and David, of Mocksville.

### **Bennett Fire Department Slates Supper Saturday**

Oct. 2, 1974 – The semi-annual supper sponsored by the Bennett Fire Department will be held Saturday in the Bennett School cafeteria, beginning at 4 p.m. and continuing until everyone has been served.

The menu will consist of fried chicken, cooked by Leon Brady, French fries, slaw, dessert and drinks. Plates will sell for \$2 and you can eat all you want. Take home plates will be available.

Held for the past several years, the semi-annual chicken supper is the major fundraising project sponsored by the Bennett Fire Department. Usually 1,000 or more people are served at the suppers.

The department, which serves a radius including portions of Chatham, Randolph and Moore Counties, was incorporated on June 7, 1967 and began fighting fires the following Nov. when the first truck was acquired. Another truck has since been acquired and it is hoped to secure a brush truck.

The volunteer fire department moved into their new building about four years ago. This brick and block structure consists of three truck bays, a kitchen and meeting area, rest room with showers and utility space. About \$1,800 is owed on the building. The building will be used in Nov. for the holding of the election.

Bernard Parvis is the chief of the fire department; Earl Routh is the assistant chief. Other firemen are Joe Binkey, Jack Brady, Harold Brady, Allen Brady, Wade Brewer, Tommy Brown, Ray Jones, Dwight Jones, Wayne Jones, Henry Kidd, Leon Moffitt, Harvey Oldham, Harvey Brady, Russell Seawell, Hoyt Weaver, Wayne Welch, and James Willett.

The business of the department is conducted by a board of directors consisting of Wayne Phillips, president, Wayne Jones, vice president, and Ted Welch, secretary.

### **Former County Residents Celebrate 50 Years Together**

Oct. 7, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Claud D. Tedder, who left Randolph County in 1926, two years following their marriage in Asheboro, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at their home in the Guilford college section of Greensboro.

The couple was married Oct. 1, 1924 at the Methodist Protestant Parsonage, with the Rev. H. F. Fogleman officiating. In attendance were her sister and brother, Lela Bulla Jackson and Dan Bulla; and her cousin, Ben Bulla and Nell Spencer Jackson.

Mrs. Tedder, the former Mille Bulla, is the daughter of the late Dr. Alfred M. Bulla and Elizabeth Spencer Bulla. She was reared in Back Creek Township and taught school for eight years at Flint Hill, Sophia, Mt. View, Redberry, and Shiloh. It was the latter place that she met the man whom she married.

Claud Tedder is a native of Stokes County but was reared in Forsyth County where he lived until at the age of 18 he came to Randolph County with his parents, the late Mr. and

Mrs. Philip Sidney (Sid) Tedder, who settled in the Kemp Mill section.

After their marriage the couple both taught at the Shiloh School for a year before moving to Greensboro where Mr. Tedder had planned to work for Vick Chemical. But soon afterwards he became identified with the ownership of the Greensboro Marble and Tile Co., from which he retired in 1970.

Their children are Mrs. J. B. (Anna) Williams, Mrs. Douglas (Frances) Ramseur, Claud Dale Tedder, Jr. and Max Spencer Tedder, Greensboro, and Mrs. Bobby (Jane) Marriner, Burlington. They have 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### **Ground Breaking Service Held**

Oct. 4, 1974 – Forrest Park Baptist Church, located near Randolph Memorial Park, broke ground for a new sanctuary Sunday, at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

Begun 25 years ago last May as a mission of the Balfour Baptist Church, the congregation held its first services in a small house on the south side of the cemetery.

Construction of the new building, which will be erected between the existing structure and the highway, will begin in the near future. Additional space, other than the sanctuary, will provide for offices, rest rooms, a fellowship and kitchen area.

Contractors will be Larry Lambert, a member of the church, and his brother, John Lambert. The building and planning committee is composed of Paul Bouldin, chairman, Carl King, Larry Lambert, Edward Brown, Reed Parris, Mrs. Wade Snider, Mrs. C. R. Williams, and Mrs. Douglas McKee. Pastor of the church is the Rev. William E. (Bill) Slate.

One of the happiest persons at the groundbreaking was Carl King, who was sent out from the Balfour Baptist Church 15 years ago to serve as the superintendent of the new mission project and to assist in the beginning of the work.

Others from the Balfour Church assigned to work with him in starting the mission work were Wade Snider, J. C. Pearce, and Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Memory, along with a pianist, Mrs. Mamie Ruth Willett. Mr. Snider, a member of the board of deacons at Forrest Park, and Mrs. Willett have also remained with the Forrest Park Church.

The Rev. R. Talmage Smith, associational missionary, preached in the first services at the new mission 15 years ago. He came back last Sunday to assist the members of the building and planning committee, the contractors and the church pastor in spading the dirt for the groundbreaking service.

### **Theft from Grave Revives Old Memories for Mother**

Oct. 8, 1974 – "What more can a man do than give his life for those he loved" are words inscribed on the tombstone of a young soldier interred in the cemetery at Giles Chapel United Methodist Church near Asheboro.

Until recently the tombstone of Calvin Spencer Jarrell, who was killed in action Dec. 26, 1944, in Luxemburg during World War II, also contained the Purple Heart and Bronze Star which were awarded to him posthumously after his bravery on the battlefield.

The removal of the medals of honor from his tombstone, which was discovered about a week ago, has brought fresh grief to his mother, Mrs. D. Frank Jarrell, Rt. 2, Randleman. The act of bravery which brought about the awarding of the medals occurred when the 19-year-old soldier and four comrades volunteered to clean out a nest of German machine guns which was gunning down members of the outfit with which Spencer Jarrell was fighting. Only one soldier from the five volunteers survived.

About a year after the death of her husband, who died Sept. 26, 1971, Mrs. Jarrell made arrangements with a stone company for a triangular setting of stones at the family plot in the Giles Chapel cemetery, one for her son, her husband and herself, hers to be there when it was needed, all three of which were mounted on the same base. It was a striking arrangement and was located along the roadside which circles the large cemetery.

When Mrs. Jarrell contacted the representative of the stone company about the building of the monuments, she took along with her the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star which were awarded to her son, saying to him, "This is what I've got left of my son. I wish there was some way you could put them on his stone."

The stone representative complied with her wish, even though it had never been done before, and each medal was inserted into the monument on either side of the stone and embossed over with shatterproof glass. It was the stone representative, Earl Lali, who discovered the theft while he was putting up another monument in the cemetery and notified Mrs. Jarrell, who "cried all day" about what had happened.

She says over and over again, "They had no idea what those things meant to me, they were no good to anyone else." She had been real proud of the monuments which she had placed at the graves of her husband and son and in a small way they had seemed to compensate for the loss which she had sustained at their deaths. Mrs. Jarrell and Earl Lali also are somewhat mystified at the clean removal of the medals from the stone. It was a neat job and there were no signs of breakage or "butchering" of the removal. It appeared to them that it was done by some person or persons who knew how to handle stones.

The Purple Heart and the Bronze Star had been received by her husband, the late D. Frank Jarrell, at military ceremonies in Greensboro shortly after their son's death. Mrs. Jarrell was not present. She could not bring herself to go; it was too soon after her tragic loss. Later, the body of the young soldier was returned for a funeral with military honors at the Giles Chapel Church.

The taking of the medals from Calvin Spencer Jarrell's tombstone has revived all of the bitter memories which came with his death nearly thirty years ago. A mother's heart has been broken all over again and a hero's grave, one who gave his life for his fellow comrades and his country, has been disturbed.

### **Franklinville Family Gets New Roof**

Oct. 10, 1974 – A Franklinville family afflicted with illness got a new roof on their house last Saturday due to the kindness of friends and neighbors who were concerned over the family's plight.

Refreshingly, it was mainly a group of boys and young men, mostly inexperienced, who did the hard work which was necessary to get the job done, contradicting some

opinion that the young are hippie, no-account and going to the dogs.

The roof was placed on the home of Jesse W. Morton on Allred St. Mr. Morton's wife, Eulah, is seriously ill with cancer and heavy expense has been incurred due to the illness and a long period of hospitalization.

Just a week before a benefit supper for the Mortons had been held at the fire station in Franklinville. Over \$1,000 was raised to help with their expenses. Then it was discovered that a new roof was needed for their house; the old one was beyond repair.

Paul Williams and Walter Richardson solicited the money for the materials from the businesses and various individuals, with a sizeable donation coming from fellow employees of Jesse Morton at the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills.

Attendance at a funeral prevented Richardson from assisting with the covering of the house on Saturday but Paul Williams, who is a carpenter, and his assistants got the job done, finishing up at about 3:30 in the afternoon. All of the workers were tired and worn out, but nevertheless happy and filled with satisfaction at what they had been able to accomplish.

Williams, who looked after the job, said, "I have never seen a crowd work any harder," and he reiterated, "They fell in and worked." He also said, "They really ate a hearty dinner" at the Soda Shop downtown, where they were treated by the management of The Randolph Mills, Inc.

Those helping with the job included Paul Williams and son, Steve, Mark and David Saunders, Bobby Jones, Randy Pugh, Mike Richardson, Wayne Smith, W. A. Kirkman, Reid Craven, Howard Saunders, Gary Nance, Gregg Holmes, Philip Morton, David Matthews, Bascom Craven and son, Kelvin, and Clay Routh, the latter being a fellow employee of Jesse Morton.

### **Third Tucker Son Is Ordained Minister**

Oct. 25, 1974 – C. Wayne Tucker, Rt. 8, Asheboro, became a full-fledged Baptist minister in an service of ordination Sunday evening, Oct. 20, at the Union Grove Baptist Church.

He has accepted the pastorate of the Deep Creek Baptist Church, located three miles southwest of Pinehurst. His first Sunday at his new assignment was on Oct. 13.

Participating in the ordination service was Wayne's brother, the Rev. Kenneth Tucker, who gave the charge to the church. The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. F. A. Lunsford, pastor of the Union Grove Church, of which the new minister was a member.

Before submitting to the ritual of ordination the new minister was approved by an ordination council from the Randolph Baptist Association, composed of the Reverends Talmage Smith, F.A. Lunsford, R. L. Hughes, Hansel Neathery, and Albert Raylor, and by a presbytery of which the Rev. John Wheless, pastor of Highes Grove Baptist Church, was the chairman.

Members of the presbytery, composed of ministers and ordained deacons of the Union Grove Church, led by Dr. Lunsford, also participated in the service.

Wayne Tucker is the third member of his family to become a Baptist minister.

The ministerial trio are sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tucker, Rt. 8, Asheboro.

A native of High Point, the Rev. Wayne Tucker, has lived in the Seagrove area for 20 years. His wife is the former Elgie Lucas and the couple are the parents of two children, Leslie and Amy.

### **Church Building Dedicated**

Oct. 25, 1974 – The Homer L. Loflin Memorial Building was dedicated Sunday, Oct. 20, at the Westfield Baptist Church, Rt. 1, and Trinity. Had Homer Loflin lived, he would have been 65 years old on the day of the dedication.

He was reared on a farm a mile away, as the crow flies, from the site of the building which was dedicated in his memory. For many years he was the owner and operator of Loflin Funeral Home in Ramseur and made his residence in that town.

His last visit to the Westfield church was on the third Sunday in Sept., 1973, shortly before his death on Oct. 4. Just before he died, he discussed with his wife the matter of increasing the amount of money which he planned to will to the Westfield Church.

When the new church building had been erected two years previously, he had purchased all of the pews except three and the pulpit furniture, this being in addition to what he had planned to leave the church at the time of his death.

As a result of the conversation with Mrs. Loflin prior to his death the decision was made to build the fellowship hall, which was dedicated to his memory on last Sunday. It was completed within the year after his death and as mentioned above, the dedication day occurred on what would have been his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Rev. T. R. York, a close friend of Mr. and Mrs. Loflin, preached the sermon of dedication, taking as his text a saying of David, the King, "I had in mine heart to build an house." Also participating in the service were the church pastor, the Rev. Baxter Gallimore, and Glenn Hughes, chairman of the building committee. Other members of the committee were Dalton Myers, Mrs. Carlton Gordon, Coy Loflin, and Glenn Loflin.

A buffet luncheon, the first use of the new building, followed the dedication. Those in attendance included relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. Loflin and associates of Homer Loflin dating back to his boyhood days.

### **Parker's Mill Property Sold**

Oct. 28, 1974 – When the Parker's Mill property on Rt. 2, Denton, a place of scenic beauty as well as historic interest, was placed on the auctioneer's block last Saturday, it was another step in the disintegration of one of the more familiar sites in western Randolph County.

The mill, which was started in 1779, ceased to operate in 1945 due to the ill health of its owner, Victor Parker, who had operated it for 33 years. However, the old mill building situated alongside of Uwharrie River, still stood until last fall when its timbers collapsed and it fell to the ground. At one time a post office had been operated within the mill structure, named Mayberry for a tree of the same name on the outside of the mill.

Victor Parker and his wife, Sallie Lackey Parker, had rebuilt the old mill shortly after their marriage on June 4, 1911 and two years later had built their home, a large two-story structure, high on the hill east of the mill site. They lived there until they quit the operation of the mill, then they moved to the store across the road which they operated until their deaths.

But probably as much as anything else coming to visit and seek the advice and counsel of the Parkers, two respected citizens of the community.

Mr. Parker was long associated with the Republican party and was well known as a genealogist of the Quaker Church and the Hoover family, having manifested a great interest in the preservation of the old Hoover graveyard, located in the vicinity and a place where ancestors of the late President Herbert Hoover were interred.

As the people of the community and the outside folks gathered for the last time at the old mill and store site, the personal belongings of the Parkers were sold along with the real estate which comprised a total of more than 400 acres. The personal property included a large dinner bell, and old organ, an antique apple peeler and an old sewing machine.

The land, which was broken up into tracts, included the large house on the hill, the old mill site, and the store building down by the road. All of the tracts were sold subject to upset bids or confirmation of the Court.

### **Tribute Is Paid Leukemia Victim**

Oct. 31, 1974 – Something over a year ago the people of Staley, Liberty and the rest of the county learned that Marsha Lineberry, who lived in Staley with her husband, Mickey, had become ill with leukemia.

The hearts of the people who knew her and others who learned about her illness through the columns of this paper went out to this warm-hearted young woman who at that time was only 18 years of age. She and Mickey had been married for less than a year when the illness struck her.

Marsha died last Thursday in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem at the age of 20. Tributes to her life and memory at the funeral service on Saturday came from the Rev. L. W. Connor and Chaplain John Reed. The Rev. Connor performed the marriage ceremony for Marsha and Mickey in Nov., 1972, after Marsha had graduated in May from Eastern Randolph Senior High School.

Shortly after the people of the county learned about the illness of Marsha Lineberry over 500 people in attendance at a gospel singing at the zoo site contributed over \$1,000 towards her medical expenses. Marsha and Mickey came over the day after the singing to receive the offering and to thank the singers who had participated.

Other financial help was received from the people of Liberty, her home town, with the Jaycees forming a committee to assist the young couple. There was also assistance from people of other areas.

The hospital chaplain who only knew Marsha for a month during her last illness said, "She was a special kind of a person. I have lost a very good friend. In my experience, her courage was unsurpassed."

He spoke of her integrity, "She had found herself," he said, "She knew who she was, she had found her God." He spoke of her continued care for others, she was concerned about the woman in the next room and asked about her the day before she died. He spoke of her unflinching hope, she believed there was a purpose in her illness, she believed out of it some kind of good would come.

He said, "She had a special kind of quality, some kind of magnitude that seems to draw people to her. I am grateful to God for the opportunity of knowing her. She was a special kind of gal who sailed her ship by and dropped anchor in each of our hearts."

**Old Fashion Day Celebrated at Panther Creek Pastorate**

Nov. 1, 1974 – Panther Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 4, located south of the zoo site, observed "Old fashioned day" Sunday, and many memories of the past were recalled.

The history of the church is found on the tombstones in the graveyard where many dates go back a century and more. It is found also in the remembrance of the old log church structure which served the first worshippers at the site and a building which had almost rotted down before the beginning of the present church group.

The Quakers were the first people to worship at Panther Creek and the name came from the panthers which roamed up and down the creek nearby. It is not known when the Quakers began their worship there except for the dates on the tombstones in the graveyard.

Clyde Hinshaw, a resident of the Holly Spring community and a man whose family has long been associated with Quaker history, said that his maternal grandfather, Yancy Cox, was buried in the Panther Creek burial site. Other names found in the cemetery are Smiths, Riches, Freeman, Woodell, McKinney, King, the Rev. Haywood Holmes and his wife, Jane Williams Holmes, Hancock, Shirley, Garner, and Scott. There are many Smiths and Riches.

Mrs. Mary Woodell Newsome, a present member of the church, said her father, Arthur Woodell, built the brush arbor in which the present church organization started. She was a young girl at the time and remembers helping to carry brush for the arbor. She said the present church building was erected a few years later, with her father and brother, Henry Woodell, both of whom are buried in the cemetery, helping to build it. She also remembers the old log building.

Ben Farrington was the first preacher for the Baptists at Panther Creek, starting with the brush arbor place of worship. Another former pastor of twenty years ago, Robert Brown, was speaker for the old fashioned day. The present pastor is John Beane, a native of the community, who has served at two different times for a total of thirteen years. He has been the pastor continuously for the past ten years.

A youth choir, under the direction of Fred Cooper, provided the music for the special occasion. Members of this choir include Gail Deaton, Patricia Beane, Amanda Beane, Eva Beane, Ann Beane, Edna Cooper, Becky Wright, Charles Woodell, John Beane Jr., Newban Beane, Janet Voncannon, and Phyllis Voncannon. Mrs. Betty Newsome is the accompanist. Guest singers for the afternoon program, following the picnic luncheon on the grounds, were Big Jim Green and the Green Singers.

**Reception Honors Pair On Golden Anniversary**

Nov. 6, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. King, Rt. 8, observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, at a reception in the fellowship hall at the New Hope United Methodist Church where they have attended since after their marriage.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Margie) Farlow, Rt. 4, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul King, Rt. 8, assisted by their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Royce Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Sikes, Miss Audrey Farlow, Danny and Bruce King. The couple also have two great-grandchildren, Shannon Farlow and Brant Sikes.

Mr. and Mrs. King were married Oct. 29, 1924 in Rockingham. Mrs. King is the former Mabel Cagle, daughter of Matthew and Louella Voncannon Cagle. She was reared in the Pisgah community and attended school there. She became acquainted with her husband when he came into the community with his father's sawmilling crew.

King, son of Claudie King and Ada Williamson King, was born in the Maple Spring Baptist Church section, near Seagrove, but due to his father's sawmilling activities the family moved to various places, living in Anson County at the time of the marriage.

The couple stayed with the sawmilling crew until the first of the year after their marriage, then they came back to the area in which they still live, their home being located on the road to Troy, Highway No. 1334. For a few years after coming back they lived about a half of a mile up the road.

Friends, relatives and fellow members of the congregation at the New Hope church called to greet the couple from 2-5 p.m. on the occasion of their anniversary reception.

**Pancake Supper Is Planned to Raise the Roof Monies**

Nov. 7, 1974 – A picnic shelter and recreational area, sponsored by the Wesleyan Men of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, is receiving enthusiastic response from the people of the church and community.

The 42 by 74 ft. open building will have a concrete floor and a roof which will be placed on a framework of steel posts and wooden trusses. The concrete slab has already been poured, the steel framework is up and workmen are setting trusses and putting on the roof.

Facilities of the picnic shelter will provide for shuffleboard, basketball, volley ball and tennis, in addition to its general use as a picnic area. The building will be large enough for a regulation basketball court. Footings have been poured in case it is enclosed at a later date.

Decision to build the picnic shelter and recreational area was made on the basis of need for recreation for the young adults and youth of the church. The first activity in connection with the project was the auction sale, involving the people of the church as well as the people and businesses of the community.

Various individuals purchased the wooden trusses for \$35 each and the steel posts for \$100 each. Everything has been paid up to date, but about \$600 is needed to pay for the roof. To help meet this expense, the Wesleyan Men will sponsor a pancake and sausage supper at the Neighbors Grove youth building on Nov. 23 from 4-8:30 p.m.

Chairman for the project from the Wesleyan Men's organization is Wilson (Monk) Davidson. President of the organization is Clegg Pritchard; vice president, David Jordan; and secretary and treasurer, Leon Furr. Other committee chairmen are John Rich, program; Clarence Smith, social; and Ray Jordan, membership.

Last Saturday evening Wesleyan Men and their wives enjoyed a barbecue supper at the youth building, with approximately sixty people in attendance.

**Thinning Ranks of World War I Vets Evident**

Nov. 7, 1974 – The thinning ranks of World War I veterans was evident at the monthly meeting of Ramseur Barracks No. 2430 at the town hall last Friday afternoon. Only ten



members were in attendance and a similar number of auxiliary members, the wives and widows of World War I veterans.

A brief meeting of the old veterans was held, mostly a time of reminiscence, while the ladies worked in the kitchen preparing for the buffet supper which would follow the meeting.

The Ramseur Barracks was organized in 1961 with about 40 members and eventually built their membership to around 80. However, many have died and the number is not nearly as large as it was at one time. Some die each year and a few years ago 14 members died during the same year.

Ages of those in attendance at the meeting ranged from 77 to 82. These included the barrack officers, W. L. (Bill) Lednum, 78, commander, O. C. Fesmire, 78, vice commander, L. K. Routh, 79, adjutant, C. E. Baldwin, 80, quartermaster, and Clina Brady, 77, A. J. Lineberry, 79, M. D. Stinson, 78, V. E. Curtis, 78, Lynn Brooks, 80, and Woosley Marley, 82.

Members of the auxiliary in attendance included Mrs. John W. Hodge, president, Mrs. John M. Foust, Jr., secretary, and Mrs. Mae A. Smith, Mrs. A. J. Lineberry, Mrs. Della H. Brown, Mrs. C. E. Baldwin, Mrs. L. K. Routh, Mrs. Vernon Curtis, Mrs. Mary C. Trogdon, and Mrs. W. L. Lednum. Mrs. C. B. Grimes, vice president of the auxiliary, was not present at the meeting.

### **'Good Neighbor Fund' Gets \$1,408 Donation**

Nov. 14, 1974 – Quaker Men of Back Creek Friends Meeting, Rt. 2, Asheboro, harvested their corn crop last week and sold it for the benefit of their "Good Neighbor Fund."

The approximate seven acres of corn, sod-planted last spring on land belonging to Linsey Walker, a member of Quaker Men, realized a yield of 402 bushels and was sold for \$1,408.

This was the largest amount derived from a project since the men began their fund in Nov., 1972. Other projects have been two barbecue suppers and an auction sale. The sale of the corn brought the total amount raised to \$4,282.40.

The "Good Neighbor Fund" was originated to help families who have suffered from an unfortunate mishap or sustained a severe illness. Since the beginning of the fund, twenty families have been assisted. Most of them have been from without the Meeting and some have lived in other communities. The last two helped included a family in which a member is critically ill with cancer and a family which was burned out.

When the corn was planted last spring, members of the Meeting and others contributed the money for the seed and fertilizer. It was planted by Edward Walker, member of the Quaker Men organization who owns a sod planter.

Walker also did the harvesting with his self-propelled combine which pulled the corn, shucked and shelled it in the same operation. This modern piece of machinery also funneled the grain into two large dump trucks which were driven to a Siler City mill by George McDowell, Minister of the Back Creek Meeting, and Sam (Junior) Lowe.

Other projects are planned by the Quaker Men for a continuation of their "Good Neighbor Fund." Members of

the organization suggest that their idea of a fund to help families in need be adopted by other church organizations.

### **McNeill Couple Honored On Their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 21, 1974 – The fellowship hall of Union Grove Baptist Church was the scene of the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary reception of Mr. and Mrs. Page Gilmer McNeill, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Sunday afternoon from 2-5 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill were married Nov. 19, 1949 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Charles L. Stout, in a ceremony witnessed by Mrs. Charles L. Stout and Mr. and Mrs. Page Hoover. Rev. Stout and Mr. and Mrs. Hoover were in attendance at the anniversary reception for the McNeills.

Mrs. McNeill, the former Ella Maie Lowe, is the daughter of Mrs. Ella Lowe and the late Benjamin Melvin Lowe. McNeill, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Henry McNeill, was reared in the vicinity of the Union Grove church.

The couple are the parents of four children, Stewart Page McNeill, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Brent Gilmer McNeill, Karen, Maie McNeill, and Mark Lowe McNeill, of the home. They have one grandchild, Chad Stewart, three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Stewart McNeill.

Among those assisting at the reception were Mrs. Howard Thompson, sister of Mrs. McNeill, Mrs. Ernest Garner, Mrs. Stanley McNeill, Miss Janet McNeill and Mrs. Roger Kiser. Approximately 75 friends and relatives called during the appointed hours.

The Page McNeill family attend the Union Grove Baptist Church. McNeill is employed at Dick Weeks Construction Co. as a mechanic.

### **Burnette Honored At Banquet**

Nov. 26, 1974 – "Save Our Children" was the theme of the banquet meeting held last Friday evening at the old Central School Gymnasium. Sponsored by the Fashionette Club, a civic and social organization, the meeting was held to say a word of appreciation to those who had participated in the purpose of the get-together.

Co-sponsoring the banquet meeting were other concerned citizens and firms of the community, namely the Political Action Committee, the Jaycees, Zoland Music, Matthews Grill, Hargett and Bennett Mortuary and the Asheboro Improvement League.

Honored at the meeting was Elder Edward Burnette, pastor of Emmanuel United Holiness Church and a faculty member at Eastern Randolph Senior High School. Elder Burnette, according to sponsors of the banquet, has done more than anyone else towards getting the youth off the streets of Asheboro.

Elder Burnette, who conducted a governmental program last summer designed to get the youth off the streets and engaged in worthwhile pursuits, spoke to those assembled at the banquet, saying, "We have been putting our opportunity into action, we have seen a vision, we have seen that young people can move forward, last summer we saw young people getting together to express their feelings for each other."

A plaque denoting Elder Burnette's services to the community was presented to him at the conclusion of the meeting along with certificates for outstanding service to other citizens of the community. Among those receiving

these certificates were Mrs. Lila Strickland, church worker, J. N. Gill, outstanding citizen, Diane Everette, student, Mr. and Mrs. William Gales, oldest morticians in Asheboro, Dexter Trogdon, police officer, Clyde Foust, outstanding businessman, Rhonda Hammond and Patricia Harrison, teachers, Grady Ritter, Boy Scout leader, and several others who had rendered outstanding service to the community.

Three Jaycee members, Tal Hardin, club president, George McCuiston, immediate past president, and David Efrid, were special guests at the meeting.

Officers of the Fashionette Club are Mrs. Viola Matthews, president; Miss Katie Lee Snuggs, vice president; Mrs. Eve Steele, secretary; Miss Paulette Harris, treasurer; Mrs. D. H. Bennett, parliamentarian; and Miss Barbara Poole, chairman of the food committee. Donald Glover is the Fashionetter of the club or male advisor for the group.

### **New Edition Dedicated**

Dec. 2, 1974 – Bells at the Worthville Baptist Church rang last Sunday at the appointed hour, reverberating across the river and into the village across the way. It was the time for the service of dedication to begin.

It was an important day in the life of the church. The first addition to the small existing building had been finished and was ready to be put into use. It was none too soon as 107 had come to Sunday School that morning, exceeding the 91 enrollment which was listed on the attendance board.

The 20 by 45 foot two-story addition, standing high off of the ground, contains 1800 square feet and includes six classrooms and two restrooms. The upstairs portion is paneled and carpeted. The exterior of the new part and the old part has been covered with new aluminum siding.

These latest improvements continue the progress which has been noted since the coming of the Rev. Garland Hall to the pastorate of the church three years ago. During this period other improvements had included the renovation of the sanctuary and the installation of new pews and carpeting.

The Rev. Mr. Hall preached the morning sermon on the day of the dedication. His subject was "The Church that Christ Builds." Rev. Ben W. McPherson, pastor of Richland Baptist Church, was the speaker for the afternoon service, following luncheon in the basement of the new part.

Music for the two services were rendered by the youth and adult choirs of the church, the Christian Life Trio, the Garner Trio from Union Grove Baptist Church and the Randel-Airs, the latter group being composed of Clay Jordan, Ricky Jordan and Mrs. Hilda Latham from the Worthville church.

### **Bethany Methodists Honor 47 Senior Citizens**

Dec. 5, 1974 – Forty-seven senior citizens were honored at the annual party given by the Bethany United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Dec. 1. The group was entertained in the fellowship hall from 2 until 4 o'clock.

Special recognition was extended to Clarkson S. Julian, 89, oldest man; Mrs. Flora Hill, 87, oldest woman; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Routh, longest married couple (30 years); Mr. and Mrs. A.S. Layton, newest married couple; Mrs. Florence Julian Aldridge, 84, who retains the longest

membership in the Bethany church; and Ernest Ellis, Greensboro, who traveled the longest distance.

Other senior citizens in attendance included Mr. and Mrs. James F. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Earl V. Walker, Sr., Mrs. Colon Redding, Mrs. Emmett Nixon, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Nixon, Mrs. Lillian Routh, Mrs. Carletta Julian, Mrs. Coney Briles, Mrs. Corinna Johnson, Mrs. Louella King, Wesley Ward, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Mrs. Nora Capps, Mr. and Mrs. C.E. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. Bob L. Johnson, and Raymond Ward.

Also, Mrs. Donna Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Teen Routh, Mrs. Ille Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lovell, Mrs. D.J. Voncannon, Mrs. Frances Smith, Mrs. Lucille Brady, Mrs. Hester Lovell, Pearl Ward, Mr. and Mrs. Solon F. Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith, Miss Swanna Baldwin, Miss Bessie Baldwin, and Mrs. Myrtle Tysinger.

The Jordan River Boys provided singing for the occasion and Mrs. Myrtle Tysinger gave a reading. Quilts made by ladies and societies at the church in 1934 and 1956 were on display along with pictures made at previous parties for senior citizens. Refreshments consisted of cake squares, potato chips, jello squares, punch, and stick candy.

This annual event began in 1958, at which time four senior citizens were in attendance. Those attending every party since its beginning numbered 12.

### **Fifth Generation Cause For Dixon Celebration**

Dec. 5, 1974 – Mrs. Fannie Julet Cox Dixon, Rt. 1, Randleman, age 90, has lived to see the birth of her first great-great-grandchild, Michael Lee Trexler, who was born on Oct. 28.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Trexler, also of Rt. 1, Randleman, the child was named for his mother, the former Janice Lee Welborn, his maternal great-grandfather, Charlie Lee Dixon, Jr., and his maternal great-great-grandfather, Charlie Lee Dixon, Sr.

Mrs. Julet Cox Dixon was born in a log house, a quarter of a mile from her present residence in the Cedar Square community, and has called that community her home for all of her life, even though she spent 14 years in Greensboro where she "went at the age of 16 to get my education."

Her father, Thomas Vander Crawford Cox, died on the day she was ten months old. She was reared along with four brothers and a sister by their mother, the former Fannie Long. Her mother went with her to Greensboro where she attended the "graded school at State Normal." During their years in Greensboro she married Charlie Lee Dixon, Sr. in 1907 and he died four years later after the birth of their only child, Charlie Lee Dixon, Jr. The latter died in 1969.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Julet Dixon, accompanied by her son and her mother, who died in 1929, came back to the farm on which she was reared. She worked hard, raising "truck," keeping cows, selling milk and butter. According to a granddaughter, she likes outside work rather than cooking. She still maintains her garden and said she has "plenty of canned goods."

She still lives with relatives in the two-story, 13-room dwelling in which she was reared, next to the homes of her other descendants. Part of the house was erected with logs. She has a remarkable knowledge and remembrance of dates which have played an important part in her life. She recalled this Thanksgiving season that she was

married 67 years ago on the day before Thanksgiving and that her only sister died on Thanksgiving Day in 1935.

She is reconciled to the leading of the Lord in her life, saying "I don't want to be stubborn." She is the oldest member of the Cedar Square Friends Meeting where she has attended throughout her lifetime and recalled that she "professed" at a tent meeting in Randleman when she was a young girl. To this meeting she rode with her family in a wagon.

### **25 Years Of Marriage Is Celebrated By Hardisters**

Dec. 12, 1974 – Elsie Hardister, a certified law speaker in the United Methodist Church, and his wife, the former Colene Lanier, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday afternoon from 3-5, in the community building at the Liberty United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Denton. The couple was married Dec. 10, 1949 in Bennettsville, S.C.

Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Roy (Lala) Lanier, mother of Mrs. Elsie Hardister, Mrs. Jim Pittillo and Mrs. Allen Harvell, her sisters, and Beth Burley, Lequita and Connie Lanier, nieces. Also present were Hardister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hardister, Rev. Carl Dunker, the New Hope pastor, and Mrs. Dunker, and the Rev. and Mrs. Foster Loflin, the latter minister being pastor of the Palestine United Methodist Church near Albemarle.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Hardister are natives of the Rt. 3, Denton area in which they still live. They are the parents of three sons, Donnie, Danny, and Timothy, all of the home. Elsie Hardister formerly worked for 20 years at Union Carbide but is presently engaged in the logging business with his two older sons. Mrs. Hardister formerly worked at Acme-McCrary Corp., in Asheboro.

### **Love Offering Given To Pastor**

Dec. 13, 1974 – A love offering of \$1,616 was received at the Union Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, for Dr. F.A. Lunsford who is leaving the pastorate of the church at the end of this year. The offering consisted of the money taken up during the Sunday School and morning worship service.

Dr. Lunsford, who has been pastor of the church for seven and a half years, has accepted a call to the First Baptist Church in Gibsonville. He is a native of the Western part of North Carolina.

He leaves the church with a record of progress, including the building of a new sanctuary. Other physical improvements have been the remodeling of the old sanctuary into Sunday School departments and the renovation of the parsonage. The departing minister has the highest praise for the congregation which he is leaving. He said "the deacons of this church are the finest men I've ever worked with," he praised the officers and teachers and the "wonderful choir" and he said "I thank God for every member of this church."

Members of the congregation reciprocate with a mutual feeling of love and admiration for their pastor both in the words of praise for him and the generous love offering which they presented to him last Sunday morning. A previous indication of their appreciation for him came a year and a half ago when they contributed towards the trade-in of his old automobile for a new one.

Since coming to Union Grove the minister had received his Doctor of Divinity Degree from East Coast University, a graduate school for in-service professionals, and the Neotarian Degree of Ph.D. from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill. His preparation for the ministry was received from Gardner-Webb College, East Tennessee State University, and American Divinity School in Chicago, and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute.

### **Lions Club Entertains Group At Annual Event**

Dec. 13, 1974 – The blind and visually handicapped went out on the town last Tuesday evening as they were entertained and dined by the Lions Clubs of Randolph County at the annual Christmas party which was held at the Sir Robert Banquet Room in Asheboro.

Each visually handicapped person in the county is assigned to a member of a Lions Club and it is the responsibility of this member to see that the afflicted person gets to the party or receives the gift to which he or she is entitled.

Sixty two people were guests at the party, almost half of the 130 afflicted people in the county. Those present partook of the lavish meal which had been prepared, had their names drawn for door prizes, and took a fruit basket home with them. Those not in attendance received the fruit baskets which were taken to them by the Lion to which they had been assigned.

For over twenty years the blind and visually handicapped have been entertained at the annual Christmas party by the Lions Clubs. It is always an uplifting moment as the Lions arrive with their guests and as they assemble them together for the return trip home after the festivities have ended.

Some of the afflicted persons are veteran attendants at the party and in most cases they assist in the entertaining.

They sing, recite, play the piano, tell jokes and ask riddles. Among those performing Tuesday evening were Shelta Lee Betts, Eddie McRae, the Goldston Sisters, Clara Bell Lynn, and Haywood Purvis.

The Asheboro Lions Club served as the host club and sharing this responsibility with them were the clubs at Randleman, Tabernacle, Seagrove, Julian, Franklinville, Grays Chapel, and Ramseur. O.D. Shoe, president of the host club, presided and serving as master of ceremonies was Q.G. McKeel, long time chairman of the Sight and Conservation Committee of the Asheboro club and a man dedicated to the duties which have been assigned to him.

Lion dignitaries on hand were Harold Cox, district governor, William Lane, deputy district governor, and Causey McDaniel, zone chairman. Also present was Mrs. Addie Luther, case representative from the Department of Social Services. Worth Freedle, a member of the Julian Club and the only Lion member within the group of clubs to be officially designated as a visually handicapped person, was present at the meeting.

### **He Never Faltered Despite A Handicap For 70 Years**

Dec. 17, 1974 – Although the late William E. Cox lived with a severe handicap the last 70 years of his life it did not interfere with the pursuits of a normal existence and his occupation as a farmer and sawmill operator. If anything, it

intensified the determination and industriousness which characterized his life.

All of these things were brought to mind at the sale of his personal property which was conducted last Saturday by J.D. King, auctioneer, at the Cox home on Rt. 1, Seagrove, 12 miles east of Asheboro and located near the former site of Little Beane's Store.

Mr. Cox lost his right hand at the age of 21, it was severed at the wrist in an accident involving a cutting machine, horse drawn, which was cutting up shucks. He lived to be over 91 years of age, having died last Oct. 22.

A man of considerable initiative, he fashioned together some tools or instruments which took the place of his missing hand. With these tools, which he made himself or designed for someone else to make, he carried on the activities of a large farm and provided the livelihood for himself, his wife and seven children, Cecil, Vertis, Alton, Arbutus, Edna, Gladys, and Connie.

For most of his plowing he used an iron hook with an opening on the end through which he placed his arm to guide the plow. For his turning plow he placed his arm to guide the plow. For his turning plow he used a leather strap attached to the handle. At the sale the iron hook was purchased by his oldest daughter, Edna Stinson, while the leather strap went to the plow which was sold to a neighbor.

Other improvised tools which he used included a top-cutting knife, attached to the end of an enclosure for his arm which he wielded with force as he went about the business of cutting his corn. Another tool was a corn shucker with which he could shuck an ear of corn as fast as anyone else.

The knife is in the possession of his oldest living son, Vertis, with whom he lived the latter years of his life. The corn shucker will go to his youngest daughter, Connie Henson, with whom he lived after the death of his wife, the former Luzenna Bray, in 1945. Although living with his son and daughter after the death of his wife, he continued to go back to his home, located nearby, mostly every day as long as he was able.

William Cox exemplified a spirit which will not be surpassed. The cleared land and plowed fields around his old home illustrates the character of the man who tilled the soil and maintained his farm despite the handicap which came to him in the early part of his life. He never faltered throughout his lifetime and as his son Vertis said, "he done anything that come to hand."

### **Coleridge Firemen Name McAlister**

Dec. 18, 1974 – Larry McAlister, assistant chief of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department, became the fourth recipient of the "Fireman of the Year" award voted upon annually by the members of the department. Other recipients have been Alton Gray, Amos Needham, and Thurman Teague.

Presentation of the award to McAlister was made by last year's winner of the award at the annual Christmas party Tuesday evening for firemen and their wives at the fire department building. A hamburger steak supper was served to the firemen and their guests. Music was provided by a string band consisting of John T. Brown, Henry Hayes, Bill Welborn, Raymond Kiser and Clyde Asbill.

The Coleridge fire department is presently undergoing an expansion of facilities and personnel. An additional fire station, designated Coleridge Fire Department No. 2, is

being built at Erect on land donated by Clay Sugg. A 1959 Ford pumper truck has been purchased for that area and is in use at the present time, being temporarily located at the home of Charles Teague.

Fifteen new members, all from the Erect area, have been received into the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department and have undergone training for their duties from Darrell Newton, chief of Swepsonville Fire Department and a certified instructor. The new men have received certificates from Randolph Technical Institute, the sponsoring agency of the training they received.

The new firemen are Philip Kiser, Cecil Gatlin, Donnie Beck, Bernard Beck, Jack Sugg, Lewis Teague, Charles Teague, Noel Lee Hayes, Clayton Burrow, Johnny Needham, Hal Macon, C.E. Teague, C.E. Teague, Jr., Pete Nelson, Michael Nelson, and Harold Pierce.

Additional officers and board members have also been named recently. The full slate at the present time includes Amos Needham, chief; Larry McAlister, assistant chief; Keith Marley, Thurman Teague, and Charles Teague, captains; Larry Joyce, Robert Ritter, Alton Gray, Edsel Needham, Bobby Macon, Thurman Teague, John Early Powers, Lewis Teague, and Bill Welborn, members of the board of directors. Secretary and treasurer of the department is Larry Joyce.

Special guests at the Christmas supper were Darrell Newton, the instructor for the training of the new firemen, and Mrs. Newton.

### **Farmer Grange Has Christmas Party**

Dec. 18, 1974 – Farmer Grange welcomed members and visitors to a festively decorated Christmas dinner, an annual affair, in the newly refurbished grange hall recently. The stage featured life-sized Santa holding silver tinsels with red bells falling from the ceiling. A lighted tree was on the side of the stage.

Magnolia leaves were used to encircle lighted red candles and a large arrangement of magnolia leaves with red carnations and red apples centered the food table.

It was the rural-urban understanding meeting held during each Christmas season by the Farmer Grange headed by Alton Wall as Master. R.C. Adams is the Lecturer. Mrs. G.C. Castelloe, Jr. was in charge of the dinner and Mrs. Carol Kearns and Mrs. Herbert Kearns did the decorating of the school. Gene Hogan was given credit for looking after the renovation of the building.

Dr. Joseph R. Suggs, chairman of the bicentennial committee for Randolph County, presented the program for the dinner meeting. He showed a film and discussed various goals for the county during the celebration of the bicentennial. He pointed with pride to Randolph County having been designated as a bicentennial community.

A choral group from Southwest Randolph High School, known as the "little group," sang a variety of Christmas songs under the direction of their instructor, Miss Brenda Kerr. These students were Jan Watson, Kathy Younts, Cathy Graves, Pam Smith, Dawn Show, Gail Hussey, Mark Page, Lanny Greene, Joel McKee, Ronnie Cox, and Randy Lucas.

The invocation for the meeting and the expression of thanks for the food was pronounced by the Rev. J.B. Gibson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Asheboro, who was accompanied by Mrs. Gibson. Also present were the

Rev. Carol Dunker, pastor of the Farmer Charge of the United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Dunker.

### **Kesler Couple Honored At Surprise Reception**

Dec. 25, 1974 – Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kesler, 1028 Macon St., were honored at a surprise reception Sunday afternoon on the occasion of their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Kesler and Danny Kesler, and their next door neighbors, Mrs. J.E. Whisnant and daughters, Mrs. Ralph (Carol) Lamm and Miss Janet Whisnant. Guests called at the Kerry Kesler home at 332 Cooper St. from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Kesler were married Dec. 23, 1949, at the home of Mrs. Kesler's parents, the late Dan F. Jackson and Lela Bulla Jackson, Rt. 2, Asheboro. Mrs. Kesler is the former Juanita Jackson.

Among those attending the anniversary reception were Mrs. Kesler's aunt, Mrs. Claude Tedder, and Mr. Tedder, Greensboro, and Mr. Kesler's sister, Mrs. Early Wall, and his aunt, Miss Bonnie Maness.

As the reception came to an end the honored couple received a long distance congratulatory call from Mrs. Kesler's sister, Mrs. Betty Collins, from her home in California.

### **Legion Has Annual Affair**

Dec. 25, 1974 – The annual Christmas supper and ladies night meeting of the American Legion Post No. 81 in Liberty was held Monday evening at the legion building with approximately 135 people in attendance.

State Department Vice Commander, 27-year-old Steve Carver of Dare, was speaker for the meeting. Carver, a Coast Guard veteran of the Vietnam conflict, is presently the only candidate for Department Commander in 1975.

His father, Alvis Carver was state departmental commander in 1965 and if the younger Carver is successful is his quest, it will be the first time in the history of the department that both a father and a son have served in this position.

Foot Commander Wallace W. (Morrie) Smith extended words of welcome at the Christmas meeting but presenting the veteran adjutant, W. Eldridge Smith. Gene Pugh, chairman of the house committee, was in charge of the supper.

Among those in attendance were Liberty Mayor Joe Griffith, Herman Russell, 15<sup>th</sup> District Vice Commander, Quentin Bullard, Commander of Asheboro Lodge Post No. 45, and Mrs. Eartha Mae Branch, a widow of a deceased member of the Liberty post.

Adjutant Eldridge Smith reported that 285 members had helped the post thus far in 1975 and it was those members that were being received, even during the Christmas meeting.

Congratulations were extended by Smith to G. Thomas Moore, a member of the post for 18 years, who was recently elected county surveyor. Other officials who are members of the post are Mayor Griffith, from commissioners Charlie Davis, Jim Loflin, and Johnny Younts, and Howard Hinshaw, a member of the county board of education.

Following the annual Christmas meeting a Commander's Dance was held.

