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1975**March Of Dimes**

January 2, 1975 – The 1975 March of Dimes drive for Randolph County began Saturday evening with a kick-off supper in the fellowship hall at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church. Fifty one people were in attendance.

Participating in the planning session for the drive were Bob Watson, county director, Joe Church, treasurer, and Jack McGee, Central District Representative for Raleigh. Also on hand for the meeting was Shelia Annette Boykin, four-year-old Poster Child, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Boykin.

Singled out for recognition at the meeting were three representatives from the Archdale-Trinity Jaycee Club, Larry Beck, Roy Allen, and Cleveland Harris, whose efforts along with other club members have resulted in two successful walk-a-thons in their area.

Community drive chairmen, many of them on hand for the kick-off, have been announced as follows: Archdale, Miss Judy English; Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kearns and Mr. and Mrs. Mack Priest; Brower-Erect, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Welborn; Cedar Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Thomas; Cedar Grove, Mr. and Mrs. J.V. Marsh; Coleridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney G. Coble; First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Oliver Ray Barnes; Farmer, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hogan; Franklinville, Mrs. Margaret Beane; Grantville, Mrs. Lester Byrd; Grays Chapel, Glen Coley Jr.; Hillsville-Sophia-Glenola-Cedar Square, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Blalock; Level Cross, Brantley Davis; and Liberty, The Rev. and Mrs. Richard B. Jarrett.

Also, New Hope, Rev. Frank Barrett; Piney Grove, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek; Pleasant Hill, Mrs. Edwin Kearns and Mrs. Harold Brower; Pleasant Grove—Beulah, Rev. Curtis Barbery and Nolan Jackson; Pleasant Ridge-Holly Spring, Miss Emma Allen and Miss Velma Allen; Ramseur, Phillip Brady; Randleman, Carl L. King; Seagrove, Mrs. Barbara Voncannon; Staley, Mrs. Stamey Deaton and Mrs. Helen Headen; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow; Trinity, Mrs. John H. Skeen; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Union-Pisgah, Mrs. Carrie Greene; and Worthville, Earl C. Jordan.

50 Years Celebrated

January 2, 1975 – Mr. and Mrs. Vertis Henry Cox, Rt. 1, Seagrove, were honored by their children Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Guests called from 2-5p.m. at the Cox residence.

Their children are Recil Cox, Rt. 7; Cleo Cox, Rt. 2; Bennett; Laven Cox, Mrs. Junior (Berta Mae) Spencer, Route 4; Mrs. Ernest (Charlene) Beck, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Mrs. Walter Lewis (Mildred) Spencer, Rt. 5, and Mrs. Eugene (Emogene) Marley, Rt. 4. The couple have 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Cox is the son of William E. Cox, who died last October at the age of 91, and the late Luzenna Bray, and has lived in his present neighborhood since he was 7 years old. He attended the old Shiloh School, which is still standing, and his occupations have consisted of sawmilling, farming, threshing wheat, and carpentry. He still works actively on his farm, assisted by a son.

Mrs. Cox, the former Virtle Dora Caviness, was born below Coleridge, the daughter of Zeb and Hannah Moffitt Caviness. She attended the old Maple Springs School. While attending revival services in the old school building she met the man whom she would later marry on December 24, 1924 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. A. K. Scotten, in Coleridge.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox are members of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Mrs. Cox has been a member of this church since before her marriage. On the day of their anniversary observance both of them received Sunday School attendance awards, he for eleven years and she for ten years.

Fifty Years Of Matrimony Shared By R. E. Hinshaw Pair

January 9, 1975 - Open house at their home on Rt. 3, Randleman, in the New Salem community, honored Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elwood Hinshaw on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon. Guests called from 2-5p.m.

Hosts were their children Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hinshaw, Rt. 3, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Doris Lee) Daniels and Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Charlene) Pell, Rt. 3, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hinshaw, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Percy (Ernestine) Cox, Jr., Myrtle Beach, S.C. The couple also have nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Hinshaw is a native of the Central Falls area, the son of Elwood and Alice Glasco Hinshaw. At the age of 11 he went to work in the cotton mill at Central Falls for wages of ten cents a day. After a while he was raised to 25 cents a day, after being told "to pep it up" meaning work harder.

Mrs. Hinshaw, the former Alta Mozelle Fox, was born near Coleridge, the daughter of Taylor Fox and Minnie Siler Fox, but was living in Gibsonville at the time of her marriage, at which place Hinshaw was employed. Their wedding took place in Elon College on January 5, 1925.

Soon after their marriage they came to Randleman, moving to the Naomi section where Hinshaw worked in the mill for several years. He worked at the lingerie plant in Randleman before his retirement. He now raises chickens during the summer months.

Guests at the open house included family members and old friends. Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw are members of the First Wesleyan Church in Randleman.

Hunt Family Singers To Sing For Campaign

January 16, 1975 - Gospel singing is popular in Randolph County. A consistent trend has existed for many years. The love for this type of singing has brought about various gospel singing groups, among which is The Hunt Family Singers, sometimes called The Singing Hunts.

The Hunts, singing together as an organized group for about five years, are very much in demand, making appearances in churches, schools and at benefits. They will be singing four times for March of Dimes benefits during the 1975 drive. Also they are getting ready to make their second record, their first one was made a year ago.

Two sisters, Eula Mae Trotter and Louise Jarrell, two brothers, Charles and Larry Hunt, and a brother-in-law, William (Sonny) Trotter, comprise the family group. Joining them a year and a half ago was Barry Scott, a non-family member but a first cousin of Larry's wife. Recently a

drummer, Ronald Coleman, has been added to some of their appearances.

Singers in the group include Eula Mae, Barry and Sonny. Charles plays the bass, Larry the lead guitar and Louise the piano. Sometimes Eula Mae and Louise switch places and according to Charles, "they are the two who keeps us together, they know music." Larry, the youngest of the group, is also considered a "gifted musician."

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Oakle Hunt, Rt. 2, Asheboro, all of the family members in the group still live in the vicinity of their births near the Jericho Road and not far from the Mt. View Independent Church where they all attend and are active. Charles, the oldest of the group, is 35; the ages of the others range downward.

The older members of the singing Hunts have always been musically minded, they first performed publicly with their father when Charles was 12, at which time all of them played instruments. Mr. Hunt played the bass, Charles the guitar, Eula Mae the rhythm guitar, and Louise the piano. When the singing resumed it was Eula Mae, her husband Sonny and Louise, later joined by Charles and Larry to make up the group which has become one of the most popular in the county today.

They make no charge for their services and receive no compensation except from free will offerings and the sale of their records and tapes. The two benefit appearances for the March of Dimes thus far have been at Tabernacle and Pleasant Union, the other two will be at Liberty and Coleridge.

The background of this talented group of brothers and sisters is strictly rural; the only commercial activity in the community is the Hunt Auto Parts and Sales which their father, Oakle Hunt, operated for 25 years. Charles and the youngest brother, Junior Hunt, operate the business at the present time. Junior is the only member of the family not affiliated with The Hunt Family Singers but, according to Charles, "he can play the strum guitar and also sing tenor."

Group Leaves To Erect Haiti Village Church

January 22, 1975 - Eight men from the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church left early Monday morning to fly to Haiti where they will erect a church building for the Nazareth Wesleyan Church near the village of Bayeux on the extreme northern coast of Haiti.

The men, Bill Barker, Jerome Davidson, Mike Jones, Clegg Pritchard, McKinley Pritchard, Clifford Richardson, Steve Kindschi, and the church pastor, Rev. R. H. Kindschi, will affect the physical labor on the church structure during their two-week stay on the island. They will return on February 1.

Included in the group going to Haiti will be men experienced in masonry, carpentry, plumbing, cabinet making and general construction. They hope to complete the major portion of the construction during their stay there, at least sufficiently enough to allow the native workers and missionary personnel on the island to finish the job after they leave.

The building project is sponsored entirely by the Neighbors Grove church and has been in the planning stage for one year. Since the beginning the manufacture of blocks, a tedious process, one block at a time, has existed at the building site. If the local church workers leave before

the building is completed the Neighbors Grove church will finance its completion.

Initiation of the project began following the visit of Clegg Pritchard to the island two years ago this month. Pritchard, one of the men involved in the current project, saw the need for a greater missionary effort in Haiti, he felt called by God to construct a new church building there.

It is understood that the original building of the Nazareth Wesleyan Church was swept away in the hurricane Camille which attacked the island a few years ago. Since then the congregation has worshipped at temporary sites.

Response to the need for a church building in Haiti has been widespread, both from the people within the Neighbors Grove church and their friends in the Asheboro community. A greater part of the financial goal has been achieved, however, more is still needed to complete the project. None of the men going to build the church will receive compensation for their services.

Beane Gets Eagle Award

January 22, 1975 - Jeffrey (Jeff) Beane, a member of Scout Troop No. 524 and a scout who has been involved in many scouting activities, was presented the Eagle Scout Award in ceremonies at Greystone Baptist Church.

His former Scoutmaster, Cliff Richardson, came from his residence in Forest City to make the presentation. Also participating in the presentation were Dan W. Howard, present Scoutmaster of the troop which is sponsored by First Baptist Church, and the new Eagle Scout's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Beane, 620 Hemlock Drive.

Jeff Beane, 14, has been involved in Scouting since the age of 8. He first joined Cub Pack 501 and later enrolled as a Webelos Scout before joining his present troop at the age of 11. His mother, who pinned the Eagle emblem on her son at the presentation ceremony, served as his den mother during his days of Cub scouting.

He has attended summer camp at Wenossa for the past three summers and in 1973 went with his troop to Moraine State Park in Pennsylvania to attend the National Scout Jamboree East. He has served as patrol leader of Eagle and Wolf Patrol in his troop and was tapped into the order of the Arrow in the fall of 1973.

He has completed the requirements for nine skill awards, a bronze palm, required for the Eagle Award he has acquired 21 additional badges.

In the development of a project designed to give leadership to a church, school or community, Jeff led Scouts in collecting used toys, painted some of them, repaired some others and then went to a Randolph County foster home and delivered them to foster children who had special needs.

Jeff is a 9th grade student at Asheboro Junior High School and a member of the Beta Club.

He is a member of Greystone Baptist Church and was a state winner for two years in church training memory work Bible drills at Camp Caraway, the North Carolina Baptist Assembly.

Bunch Gets Eagle Award

January 22, 1975 - Bill Bunch, 14-year-old student at Asheboro Junior High School, received the Eagle Award in Scouting in a ceremony held recently during the worship service at First United Methodist Church.

Participating in the ceremony were his Scoutmaster, Dan Howard, of Scout Troop No. 524, and Paul Smith, Asheboro Scout Executive. The new Eagle Scout, who has been a member of his troop since May, 1971, is the son of John and Claudine Bunch.

He is presently serving as senior patrol leader of his troop and is a member of the Order of The Arrow, serving as vice-chief of the Unaliyi Chapter. He went to the National Jamboree in Pennsylvania in 1973.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Beta Club at his school. He is also a member of the school band and a first year cornet player.

Members of Troop 524 were present at the ceremony at which he attained the Eagle rank. Since receiving this highest award in Scouting he has participated in the ceremony at which a fellow scout member, Jeffrey Beane, also received the Eagle Award, serving as one of the escorts on this occasion.

The ceremony in which Bill Bunch received the Eagle Scout award occurred on Sunday morning, December 29.

Livestock Group Names Officers

January 30, 1975 - Ninety-three people attended the annual dinner meeting of the Randolph County Livestock Improvement Association in the cafeteria at Southwestern Randolph Senior High School recently.

Speaker for the meeting was Clint Reese, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Cattlemen's Association. Officers were also elected at the meeting.

They are president, Arlie Williams; vice president, Thurman McBride; secretary and treasurer, Foy Gann; swine chairman, Roger Ward; cattle chairman, Leonard Cox; and directors, Kenneth Shaw, Reece Amick, and Leverette Strider.

Some of the activities of the past year included assistance to the Agricultural Extension Service with educational activities, participation in North Carolina conferences for pork producers and cattle raisers, the conducting of a beef barn meeting at Leonard Cox's farm, the promotion of performance testing and attendance at bull testing station sales.

Also the holding to two "pig pickin" meetings at the farms of Arlie Williams and Thurman McBride, participation in an area beef school, supper and educational meetings on liquid supplement feedings, and the promotion of various activities such a feeder and stocker calf sales and swine and beef field days throughout the state. Officers and directors also held a planning meeting each month.

Music at the Saturday evening dinner meeting was provided by the South West State Band, a musical group from the school. Wives of members were guests at the meeting.

"Aunt Julian" Honored For Her 92nd Birthday

February 3, 1975 - Sunday afternoon, January 26, approximately 150 people attended the 92nd birthday celebration of "Aunt Julian" Brooks, oldest resident of the black community at Rt. 1, Staley and oldest member of Oliver's Chapel AME Zion Church which is located there.

This was the fifth time the people had gathered to honor this woman.

Rev. Ocie Matthews Brown, pastor of Oliver's Chapel, grew up in the community. She proclaimed the celebration and announced "another year has passed, this is the fourth Sunday we have set aside to celebrate Aunt Julian's birthday."

She read the 90th Psalm and took as the subject of her remarks, "A Great Day to be Alive." In her tribute to the aged lady she told the congregation, "she has grown old and mellow, she has grown tender, she always has the same smile."

A mixed choir sang a favorite song of Aunt Julian, "Show Me The Way," another resident minister, Rev. J. P. Godfrey, prayed, and Mrs. J.C. Gray introduced the family lineage which included five generations of the honored guest.

A birthday cake was presented along with a love offering which exceeded the ninety two dollars, a dollar for each year, which was requested. Afterwards, everyone was invited to stay for the birthday meal.

Aunt Julian rode to the birthday celebration this year with a relative. Usually she walks but she said this year, "my walking days are about over." But when asked if she still does her cooking, she said, "if I didn't I'd perish."

Missionary Family Helped By Congregation

February 14, 1975 - Steve and Bonnie Davenport and their five children are living at Bonnie's old home at 113 Old Liberty Road while enjoying their first full-time furlough from their missionary duties in Argentina. They have served in the South American country since the first part of 1965.

The old house in which they moved is the place where Bonnie was born and reared, the youngest daughter of J.C. Pearce and the late Annie Bulla Pearce. One of the oldest houses in the area, it is the same house to which Bonnie's parents came to live following their marriage in 1923.

When Bonnie and her family came back on December 23 to begin their furlough they found the old house in a run down condition. Pearce had long since moved out and the house had been scheduled for demolition to make way for a commercial establishment.

But this was before the people at the Balfour Baptist Church projected themselves into the situation.

They patched the roof, washed the windows, made curtains, laid carpets, sawed down a tree, cut firewood, and even loaned furniture. A considerable amount of carpentry work was done by Charles Glass, a local contractor, and his brother-in-law, Ken Byrd. Also, an old fashioned pounding was extended to the missionary family along with other gifts.

Since coming back Steve has already attended this World Mission Conference at Albany, Ga. And will attend other conferences in Hendersonville, Florida, Kentucky, and Michigan. Bonnie has already spoken at the First Baptist Church in Liberty and both she and Steve will make other appearances in the immediate vicinity and other parts of North Carolina.

The Gospels Quartet Set For Staley Benefit

February 18, 1975 - The Gospels Quartet, although not having sung together as a group for many months, still have a long and varied musical background.

Members of the quartet will appear in a March of Dimes benefit, along with the Pioneer's Quartet, at the Staley United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock.

Composition of the Gospels Quartet includes membership in four churches and people from three different areas.

Cleo Cain, Odell Brown, and Miss Joan Cox, pianist, all reside on Rt. 1, Ramseur. Cain and Miss Cox attend the Deep River Baptist Church where Cain serves as the choir director and Miss Cox as the church pianist. Odell Brown attends Maple Springs United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Nolan (Alice Cole) Voncannon and her daughter, Mrs. Linda Cain, reside on Rt. 1, Asheboro and attend the Spoon's Chapel United Church of Christ. Mrs. Voncannon comes from the singing Cole family which originates in the Center Cross Baptist Church area near the Montgomery County line and formerly sung in the choir at the church. She also sung in a Cousin's Quartet, composed of double first cousins.

Mrs. Cain, wife of Reece Cain and daughter-in-law of Cleo Cain, was formerly choir director at Spoon's Chapel and is presently serving as church pianist.

Bill Woodell lives in Asheboro and is a member of the Grace United Methodist Church. The bass player for the Gospels, formerly participated in secular music, making appearances before various clubs.

Odell Brown also played the bass previously with a string music band called the Green Mountain Partners. Cleo Cain's previous experience singing, in addition to the Deep River choir, has included other quartet groups.

New Parsonage Slated For Bethany Methodist

February 20, 1975 - The groundbreaking service for a new parsonage at Bethany United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, recently was another in a series of events which are affecting the Bethany-Grays Chapel Charge which has been in existence continuously since 1950.

On January 16 each of the two churches, Bethany and Grays Chapel, voted to dissolve the charge and become station churches. This was a matter which had been talked about previously and a major factor in bringing it to a conclusion was the marked progress in both of the churches over the past years.

Each of the two churches has membership in excess of 300. In 1958 Bethany completed an educational building to expand their existing facilities. Last May Grays Chapel occupied a completely new edifice estimated to cost \$260,000.

On February 9, one week before the groundbreaking service, the Bethany church voted to build a new parsonage. During the existence of the charge the two churches have jointly owned a parsonage between them, located on Highway 49-A near the Grays Chapel church. Since voting to dissolve the Grays Chapel church has purchased the interest of the Bethany church in the existing parsonage for the amount of \$15,000.

The Bethany church has traded for a 17-acre tract of land, located next to the Bethany church, on which the new parsonage will be erected. This new building, its furnishings and landscaping is estimated to cost \$50,000. Half of this amount is already on hand, including the money received from Grays Chapel for Bethany's interest in the old

parsonage. On March 23 the Bethany church will launch a financial crusade to attempt to raise the remaining \$25,000.

Members of the building committee, who stood in the rain underneath umbrellas for the ground breaking, included, Donald Routh, chairman; John Nixon, Elwood King, Clarence Pugh, Jack Coble, Elmer Routh, Mrs. Ruby Miller, Bill Boyd, Odell Routh, Jack Fagg, Mrs. Joyce Fagg, and the pastor, Rev. James P. Clodfelter. The building will be erected by Boyd Builders.

The Bethany church will celebrate its centennial later this year. At the time of its organization in 1875 it was placed on the Randolph Charge which also included the Grays Chapel church which was organized in 1825.

Later Bethany was removed to another Charge but came back to the Randolph Charge in 1930. Both Bethany and Grays Chapel were removed from this Charge in 1950 for the formation of the Bethany-Grays Chapel Charge which will now be officially dissolved with the convening of the Western North Carolina Conference in June.

The new edifice of the Grays Chapel church will be dedicated free from indebtedness on the last Sunday in May of this year. Coming to assist the pastor and congregation in this service will be Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. and Dr. Eugene Peacock, Superintendent of the High Point District. It is hoped that the erection of the new Bethany Parsonage will have progressed enough to permit the church dignitaries to participate in a ceremony commemorating this event also in the histories of the two churches.

Benefits Set Saturday For Southwestern Bus

February 27, 1975 - A double-barreled effort to clear the indebtedness on the new activity bus at Southwestern Senior High School will be made by the PTSA Saturday.

First will be the pit-cooked barbecue supper at the Ulah Fire Station from 4-8p.m. Homemade desserts will be served. Take home plates will be available. Plates will sell for \$2.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

The second activity will be held at the Southwestern Senior High School gym, beginning at 7p.m. This will feature basketball games between former athletes of the Farmer and Seagrove High Schools, both ladies and men, who played during the sixties.

It is understood that some of these former players are taking the games seriously and will perhaps renew rivalries which existed before the two high schools were merged into Southwestern, at least to the extent of practicing prior to the games.

Tickets to the games will sell for one dollar. Five country hams will be given away in a drawing at the game.

The activity bus a 55-passenger 1974 Ford vehicle equipped with luggage space, has been in use at the school during this current school year. It was purchased by the PTSA for \$10,000, approximately half of which has been paid through various fund raising activities. Proceeds from the barbecue supper and basketball games will be applied to the remaining indebtedness.

When authorization to purchase the bus was made by the PTSA the president of the organization was Leonard Richardson. Wade Harris was finance chairman. Present president of the PTSA is Coy Kiser and currently serving as chairman of finance is former president Leonard Richardson.

Frequent use of the activity bus is made to games and to various other school-related events. Drivers of the vehicle come from the student body personnel.

Church Was Dedicated

February 28, 1975 - Cedar Falls Baptist Church, organized over 130 years ago, dedicated its second church structure Sunday morning. It is located directly across the road from the old building which was erected following the organization of the church in September 1844.

Rev. Wilbur Eaton, who came to the pastorate of the church in January, 1973, led the service of dedication. The dedicatory sermon was preached by Rev. R. Talmage Smith, associational missionary. The dedicatory prayer was spoken by Rev. Hansel Neathery, the immediate past pastor who served the church for ten years.

Members of the building committee were E.C. Callicutt, Jr., Chairman, Earl Callicutt, Charles Haithcock, Bryce Haithcock, Charles Wood, Ricky McClelland, and Clyde (Bud) Honeycutt.

Following the service of dedication congregational members and guests enjoyed a buffet meal in the fellowship hall. Many guests were present for the occasion, including former interim pastors and ministers from neighboring churches.

Eastern FBLA Members Compete In State Project

March 5, 1975 - The Eastern Randolph Senior High School Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America participated in the March of Dimes as a part of a state FBLA project and will be competing with other FBLA chapters for an award which will be given at the state level.

Members of the chapter assisted Bob Watson, county drive director, in distributing coin collectors in the Asheboro area, they sponsored and took part in a door-to-door solicitation in the Ramseur area on a Sunday afternoon, and they were also involved in a successful bake sale in the Franklinville area.

Several of the members also plan to participate in the Zooland Walk-a-Thon for the March of Dimes on Saturday, March 8. This is the second year the Eastern Randolph Chapter has helped in the drive.

Officers of the chapter are Amy Davis, president; Debbie Smith, vice president; Teresa Welch, secretary; Doris Brady, treasurer; Tony Overman, historian; Carolyn Bristow, chaplain, and Wanda Smith reporter. Mrs. James I. Frazier, Business Education Coordinator at the school, is the chapter advisor.

Other FBLA members include Debbie Auman, Judy Bowden, Vickie Cox, Sherry Hackett, Annette Henson, Felicia Hooker, Paula Howey, Marsha Humphrey, Mary Paul Lineberry, Janet Lovell, Terri Meacham, Debbie Oakley, Janet Potts, Cathy Smith, Diane Taylor, Beth Whitley, and Teresa Williams.

Name Quilt Donated To Dimes Drive

March 6, 1975 - Mrs. Bill Reeder, Rt. 8, Asheboro, specializes in making quilts and quilt tops. While making one a few days ago she thought of the March of Dimes, the approaching Zooland Walk-A-Thon, and the help which is extended to crippled and birth-defective children from money derived from these sources.

Although the time was short she got the idea of giving the quilt she was working on to the drive, having it auctioned off at the walk-a-thon and donating what she got out of it to the March of Dimes drive.

She also originated the idea of having names inscribed in each one of the 399 quilt squares and charging a quarter for each name. By Tuesday of this week she had names in each one of the squares and was having to start putting two names in some of them. She has been assisted in the project, both quilting and securing the names, by her husband, children, in-laws, and grand-children.

The quilt with its top of pink and blue polyester squares will be sold to the highest bidder at the zoo site just a few minutes before the beginning of the Walk-A-Thon at 9a.m. The auctioneer will be J. D. (Dewitt) King.

Bray Ordained Into Ministry

March 12, 1975 - John W. Bray, an employee for the Acme-McCrary Corp. for the past twenty-one years, was ordained into the ministry of the Evangelical Church Alliance at a recent service at Cedar Falls United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Ervin Houser, the immediate past pastor of he Cedar Falls church and presently pastor of Highland United Methodist Church, High Point, served as the chairman of the ordination committee. The Rev. D. E. Hubbard, present pastor of the church, also participated in the ordination service.

Other ministers participating were the Rev. J. Ed Cochran, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Spencer, the Rev. Hansel Neathery, former pastor of Cedar Falls Baptist Church, and the Rev. C.L. Grant, retired minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and also a former pastor of the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church.

Bray a native of the Cedar Falls area, lives with his mother, Mrs. Clara Bray, on Rt. 6, Asheboro. He is also the son of the late W. Lewis Bray, Sr. He is a member of the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church and a graduate of Franklinville High School.

His preparation for the ministry came through correspondence courses from the Bible Extension Institute, Chicago, Ill. Prior to his ordination into the ministry on Sunday evening, February 16, he was interviewed by Dr. Glenn E. Seaborg, National Executive Secretary of the Evangelical Church Alliance, Bradley, Ill., and while here Dr. Seaborg appointed the members of the ordination committee.

The Evangelical Church Alliance is an incorporated organization of Evangelical ministers who believe in the fundamental principles of the Bible, who have banded together to contend for the Word of God, who combat modernism and all false doctrine, and who lessen the spirit of sectarianism and dissension.

The newly ordained minister will remain in his home area and pursue his ministry through local channels. An overflow congregation of Cedar Falls people and friends from elsewhere witnessed his ordination into the ministry.

Birthday Celebration

March 18, 1975 - A joint birthday celebration honored Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Strickland, Rt. 5, Sunday, at their home. Strickland, a native of Montgomery County and a long time store operator, observed his 77th birthday on the day of the celebration. Mrs. Strickland, the former Rachel (Pet)

Robbins, a native of the West Bend community near Asheboro, was 75 year old on the day before the celebration. The couple have been married 58 years. Present for the celebrations were five of their six living children: Mrs. Betty Wall, Mrs. Carolyn Nelson, Leon Strickland, and Junior Strickland, Asheboro, and Lacy Strickland, Gastonia. Their other child is Mrs. Evelyn Campbell, Mount Airy.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary

March 20, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. James G. Cross, Rt. 1, Franklinville, renewed their marriage vows and exchanged gold bands on the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Friday.

The ceremony took place at 5p.m. in the sanctuary of the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church before the pastor, the Rev. Tommy Fuquay, with immediate members of the family in attendance.

Alton Lambeth, brother of Mrs. Cross, escorted his sister to the altar for the renewal of the vows while Thomas Lambeth, another brother, served as the best man.

A surprise for the couple was the presence of four of their children from out of state. These were Robert Cross, Jerry Cross, and Mrs. Aileen Abbajay, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Mrs. Dallas Bell, Lee Summit, Mo.

Also present were their other living children, Mrs. Janice Wall and Larry Cross, Chapel Hill, Benny Cross, Ramseur, and Roy Cross, Asheboro. Five other children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cross, Henry and Richard Cross having died after reaching maturity and three other children in infancy and at birth.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross were married March 14, 1925 at a magistrate's office in High Point. Mrs. Cross, the former Minnie Lambeth, was born in Winston-Salem but reared in Lexington. Cross is a native of the Central Falls area. They came to Asheboro at the time of their marriage 50 years ago.

Mrs. Cross has worked in the various industrial plants, in Asheboro and as seamstress. Her last employment before retirement was at the Moore's Department Store. Her husband, a furniture finisher, was employed before retirement at Alma Desk Co. in High Point.

Mrs. Corilla Caveness Honored On Birthday

March 20, 1975 - Mrs. Corilla Strickland Caveness was 87 years of age on Saturday, and on the following day she was honored by friends and relatives at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church where she has been a member for most of her life.

She was born in the Pleasant Hill community, Rt., 1, Seagrove, and attended the old log school house with its big open fireplace. She married Jerry Caveness in 1905 and they had 14 children. He died in 1966.

Four ministers took part in the service which was held in her honor. These were her pastor, the Rev. Elwood J. Jones; a former pastor, the Rev. G.L. Warren; the Rev. Joseph Evans and the Rev. P.H. McCleave. Mrs. Lorenia Spinks, her niece, initiated the program and was mistress of ceremonies.

A love offering from the congregation was presented to Mrs. Caveness.

Mrs. Caveness is still active, maintains her household and frequently makes out of state visits to her children. She only missed one Sunday at her church last year, when she went to visit a son in Ohio, and she also attends the Bible readings which are held there on Thursday nights.

Only one of her children, Mrs. Myrtle McSwaim, is deceased. Her other children are Mrs. Bertha Scales, Orlando, Fla.; Mrs. Donnie McAlister and Alvester Caveness, Southern Pines; Marvin Caveness, Portsmouth, Va.; Willis Caveness, Jacksonville; Claudious Caveness, Mrs. Gertrude Elliott, Robert Lee Caveness, and Eli Caveness, Bridgeport, Conn.; Milton Caveness, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Juanita McCain, Rt. 2, Randleman; Curtis Caveness, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Mrs. Mamie Caveness, Liberty. All of them were present for the program at Pleasant Hill except for Mrs. Scales and Milton Caveness.

Sunrise Service In New Church

April 2, 1975 - The usual Easter sunrise service, held jointly by the Baptists and Methodist in Cedar Falls, took place Sunday morning in the new sanctuary of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church due to the inclement weather on the outside.

The new facility, fully carpeted with its upholstered pews and stained glass memorial windows, was an appropriate for the inside sunrise service. It is located between the hillside cemetery at the Methodist Church where the service is traditionally held and the old Baptist church building, a portion of which was built after the organization of the Baptist Church in 1844.

Ministers participating in the service were the Baptist pastor, Rev. W. E. Eaton, and the Methodist minister, Rev. D. E. Hubbard. Special singing was rendered by Mrs. Faye Hubbard, wife of Rev. Hubbard.

The Baptists at Cedar Falls moved into their new structure earlier this year after its construction by J & L Builders, Inc., composed of John and Larry Lambert. John Lambert is a member of the Cedar Falls Congregation. In addition to the sanctuary the new building consists of seven class rooms, a nursery, office, rest rooms, and a large basement for fellowship purposes. It was in the latter place that the country ham and egg breakfast was served to those attending the annual Easter sunrise service.

The Cedar Falls Baptist Church was constituted by Rev. William Lineberry and Rev. Enoch Crutchfield who met at Cedar Falls on the Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1844. The first sermon was preached by the Rev. Lineberry.

The initial membership of the church was large, with more than 100 members on the roll in 1850. Prior to that time, on August 22, 1847, it is recorded that more than 1,500 people witnessed the ordinance of baptism at the riverside in Cedar Falls.

But later, when the church was without a pastor, the attendance ceased and Jimmy Pounds, who served as clerk of the church from 1902-22, would open the church on Sundays, ring the bell, call the roll and study the Sunday School lesson for an hour in order to maintain the continuous record of the services.

The old church building across the road had deteriorated badly before the congregation moved into the new building. But in the early 40's, or thereabouts, the original building had been renovated with the installation of wainscoting and new ends constructed from cedar lumber. Earl Callicutt, Sr.,

a long time member of the church, recalls that he and Mahlon Wicker, a member now deceased, cut the cedar trees off of mill property and effected the renovation of the old sanctuary.

Briles Honored By Oil Dealers

April 2, 1975 - Harold Briles, a Rt. 3, Asheboro, oil dealer became the second recipient of the "Outstanding Oil Dealer of the Year" award at the ladies night banquet meeting of the Randolph Oil Dealers Association recently at the Village Inn.

He is president and manager of Briles Oil Co. and was also president of the oil dealers association in 1974 when the group purchased equipment to be used by the Asheboro Rescue Squad in cleaning up an oil spill which might occur in Randolph County.

A native of the Farmer area, he graduated from the high school there in 1953 and worked for nine years with Asheboro Concrete Co. before going into the oil business on a permanent basis in 1967. He is married to the former Edith Bowman and they have two children, David, 14, and Sharon, 10. The family attends the Science Hill Friends Meeting.

Speaker for the ladies night banquet was Bill Gibson, Raleigh, and District Manager for Phillips 66 Petroleum Co., whose jurisdiction extends almost across the entire state. Gibson was introduced by Jim Parker, Liberty oil dealer and vice president of the association. Presiding over the meeting was Odell Routh, of Routh Oil Co., president of the Association. Secretary and treasurer of the association is Neal R. Dunn, of Pugh Oil Co.

The speaker at the meeting said the "oil crisis is the most important issue facing the United States today but the message is finally getting across that this is not a big hoax." He listed basic causes of the energy shortage, world population growth, increases in world oil consumption, and domestic crude oil production.

He said production of oil the United States may have already reached its peak but pointed out the shale and Alaskan operations might extend it a little longer. He said the estimated reserve of crude oil in the world was 69 percent in the Middle East, seven percent in the United States, and he remaining 24 percent in the other countries of the free world.

He urged that people of this country start a conservative program that is second to none but pointed out this is not the answer, saying, "it will only buy us a little more time." He gave as possible solutions further development, the resumption of drilling, and the research into solar and nuclear energies.

Mrs. Lucas Feted On Easter

April 3, 1975 - A large assemblage came together on Easter Sunday for the celebration of the 94th birthday of Mrs. Louella Russell Lucas at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. G. Auman on Old Troy Road.

Mrs. Lucas direct living descendants number 112; 12 children, 44 grandchildren, 53 great-grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren, and most of them along with various in-laws were in attendance for the annual birthday observance.

Her actual birthday will not occur until April 13 but each year the observance is held on Easter Sunday. Mrs. Lucas, a long time member of Pleasant Hill Primitive Baptist

Church, is a quiet-mannered woman, small in stature. Looking backward over the year of her life which is almost past, she said, "I didn't have any idea of living until another birthday."

She is a native of the lower part of Randolph County, near the Montgomery County line. Her husband was Sylvester Lucas, who died in 1947. Thirteen children were born to their union. The oldest child, Mrs. Arie Maness, died in 1930. Had she lived, she would be 73 years of age. The youngest of the 13 children is 52.

Her living children are Mrs. Myrtle Auman, Elisha Lucas, Burgess Lucas, Mrs. Nora Rose, and David Lucas, Rt. 8, Asheboro; Eligah Lucas, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Mrs. Nannie Byerly and Mrs. Pearl Auman, Rt. 1, Sophia; Mrs. Laura Betts, Asheboro, Raymond Lucas and James Lucas, Rt. 7, Asheboro, and Joseph Lucas, Rt. 2, Asheboro. Eligah and Elisha Lucas are twins.

Mrs. Lucas recalls her childhood days while living at the home of her parents, Wiley Davis Russell and Mary Elizabeth Jordan Russell. She remembers digging star grass and drying it out, to be sold later for use in herbs and medicine. She and two sisters and a brother are the only survivors from a family of 11.

The large number of people present for Mrs. Lucas' annual birthday observance were served buffet style from tables placed in the basement area of the Auman residence. J.W. Russell, Jr., Red Springs, a nephew of Mrs. Lucas, gave thanks for the food and the long life of the one who was being honored.

Talbert McDowell Honored

April 10, 1975 - Talbert McDowell, 83 years of age, was honored on the occasion of his birthday Sunday, April 6, at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hal McDowell, Rt. 2, Asheboro, with whom he resides.

His other children, all of whom were present for the buffet dinner, are Ernest McDowell, Rt. 1, Trinity, J. A. and Thomas McDowell, Asheboro, Mrs. Blanche Kivett, Rt. 10, Greensboro, and Glenn McDowell, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Three children died at an early age and one son, Howard McDowell, died about eight years ago. His widow, Mrs. Evias McDowell, and Mrs. Erma Pierce, sister of Talbert McDowell, were also present for the birthday dinner along with various other relatives. Mr. McDowell's wife, the former Nannie Coltrane, died in 1955.

Rev. Donald A Dawalt, pastor of Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, expressed thanks for the food and for the life and character of the one honored. Mr. McDowell attends the Rushwood church but still retains his membership in the Farmer United Methodist Church, in which cemetery his wife and three small children are interred. He is a native of the Farmer area and lived in that vicinity until coming to Asheboro in 1930.

After coming to Asheboro he worked for 25 years at the Asheboro Hosier Mill, from which place he retired in 1955. While in the Farmer area he engaged in farming and sawmilling. He is a remarkable active person for his age, he uses no visual or hearing aids, and still works in the yard and garden at his son's residence.

Also being honored along with Mr. McDowell was the Rev. Paul Teague, a retired Wesleyan minister and founder of the Rushwood church whose 65th occurred the day after the birthday celebration. Mrs. Teague and Mrs. Dawalt, wife of the Rev. Mr. Dawalt, were also guests on the occasion.

Mrs. Caudle Celebrates Her 95th Birthday In Hospital

Apr. 16, 1975 - Room No. 224 at Randolph Hospital, Inc., was the scene of a festive occasion Monday as one of the room's occupants, Mrs. Corinne Caudle, celebrated her 95th birthday.

Joining with her in the festivities were two daughters, her pastor, nurses and other members of the hospital staff. At various times during the day hospital personnel peeked into her room to admire her gifts, wish her a happy birthday and perhaps to get a slice of the cake baked for her by those who prepare the food at the hospital.

One daughter, Mrs. Mildred Murray flew in from Miami, Fla., for a two-day visit with her mother. The other daughter present for the birthday occasion was Mrs. Mary Toomes, of High Point, with whom Mrs. Caudle lived before entering a Thomasville nursing home in 1972. She has been a patient at the local hospital since Apr. 1.

Those caring for Mrs. Caudle at the hospital say "she has been a mighty nice patient." Mrs. Caudle returns the expression by saying "they have been good to me all the way around." She also said "I have had a wonderful birthday."

Mrs. Caudle, a native of Winterville, Ga., came to the New Salem section of Randolph County in 1908 at the time of her marriage to the late L. M. Caudle. In 1927, after her husband's death in 1924, she lived in Asheboro for a brief period before moving to High Point and then to Miami and Jacksonville, Fla. She came back to High Point in 1964.

Her pastor, who also visited her on her 95th birthday, is the Rev. Joe Daniels, of Montlieu Avenue United Methodist Church in High Point, whose past immediate pastorate was the Calvary United Methodist Church in North Asheboro.

Two Walk-A-Thons Raise \$\$ For March of Dimes

Apr. 16, 1975 - Two walk-a-thons for the March of Dimes were held on two ends of the county last Saturday.

In Archdale the third annual walk was held and in the eastern lower end of the county a walk was sponsored by the Rev. Curtis Barbery and the Rev. Nolan Jackson, the drive chairmen for Pleasant Grove Township.

One hundred and fifteen people participated in the Archdale walk-a-thon with most of them walking the entire 20-mile distance. The Pleasant Grove, consisting mainly of members of the congregation of the Benlah Baptist Church where the two ministers are pastors, had 35 people participants. All of them, except for two, walked the entire distance.

The first person to complete the walk in Archdale was Ricky Spencer who made the distance in a little less than four hours. The first girl to complete the walk was Cathy Whitt. The oldest person to complete the walk was Joe Hoover, 76, the oldest woman finishing was Mrs. Nancy Boyles. The youngest boy was Chris Whitley, 8, and they youngest girl was Tember Kennedy, 10.

Those already declared winners will win prizes and the first two participants to report the most money received by May 1 will also be given prizes.

The Archdale walk-a-thon was sponsored by the Archdale-Trinity Jaycee Club, with David Anderson and Jim Stone serving as walk-a-thon chairmen. Jim Stone also

participated in the walk in the pursuance of a challenge issued to him and Carl Alred of Radio Station WNOS.

Stone and Alred finished the 20-mile distance but could not keep up with the 76-year old Joe Hoover who walked away from them. The Jaycee chairman and the radio disc jockey were followed throughout the walk by a "relief car," a 1930 Ford automobile, driven by its owner Ronnie Hoover, another member of the Jaycee Club.

In the Pleasant Grove walk-a-thon it was estimated that \$1,000 was raised for the March of Dimes.

Memorial Service Held for Chriscoe Graveyard

Apr. 23, 1975 – Although the annual memorial service for the Chriscoe Graveyard Rt. 2 Seagrove was held as usual last Sunday for the approximately 80 graves in the old cemetery located a half of mile or so from the Community Baptist Church, were not visited by those in attendance at the memorial service.

The service was held at the site of the new church building, dedicated a year ago. There is only one grave at this site, the burial place for Delores Chriscoe, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Chriscoe, who was interred there shortly before the ground-breaking for the new building took place.

But the memorial service was held not only for Delores, who had attended the services in both the old and new buildings, but also for those whose remains were placed in the old graveyard which had its beginning over a hundred years ago. It is said that the first grave there contained the body of a slave belonging to Hardy Chriscoe who is also buried in the cemetery along with his son who was also named Hardy.

Sometimes the burial site has been known as The Hardy Graveyard. There are only twelve tombstones with inscriptions on them in the graveyard and one of them belongs to the second Hardy Chriscoe who died in 1933. Daniel Chriscoe, who died in 1928 at the age of 81, also has a marker. It is said that he formerly owned much of the land in the vicinity.

Seven of the tombstones with inscriptions belong to children, brothers and sisters, children of W. H. (Ware Henry) and J.A. Chriscoe, all of whom are buried side by side. "Ware Henry" Chriscoe was so called because he made stoneware, crocks and churns. According to Farrell Chriscoe, who accompanied this reporter to the old graveyard, "Ware Henry" still had a large family even though seven of his children died at an early age.

Others with tombstones include Mary Garner who died in 1919, Mamie A. Stutts Chriscoe, mother of Farrell Chriscoe, who died in 1939 and Cooner Chriscoe, the last person buried in the graveyard, who died in 1951. The other graves are marked only by rocks placed at the head and foot with no identity.

However, the graveyard is neat, well preserved and situated on a knoll, surrounded by the plowed field of Howard Garner who now owns the property on which it is located. The landscape includes a large two-pronged wild cherry tree, two small pine trees, one gum tree and a small oak, and a large English boxwood at the head of one of the graves. Formerly there were two large cedars which have been cut down.

Luck's Drivers Honored

Apr. 28, 1975 - Safe driving awards representing an accumulated distance of 3,900,000 miles, were presented to ten drivers at Luck's Incorporated at a dinner meeting at the plant in Seagrove recently.

Those receiving the awards were Harvey Auman, Leon Mashburn Grady McNeil, Austin Walker, and Vance Williams for eight years each of safe driving, Ronnie Hicks and Glenn Mills for two years, and Carroll Albright, Dan Shore, and Floyd Hicks for one year.

To become eligible for the award a driver must accumulate twelve consecutive months of driving with no chargeable accident to date.

The awards are presented annually by Luck's Inc. and Ryder Truck Rental, Inc., Greensboro, from whom the power units are leased. Present from the leasing agency at the safe driving awards meeting were David Robertson, district manager, and Ike Crider, district safety manager.

In addition to the individual safe driving awards a district fleet safety award was presented to Luck's Inc. by district manager Robertson. This award was received by Al James, plant manager, and Mrs. Floyd (Lucy Tedder) Rice, traffic manager. The individual presentations to the Luck's Inc. drivers was made by district safety manager Crider.

According to the Mrs. Rice, the Luck's Inc. drivers are all local people who participate in the various activities of the communities in which they live. Some of them are grandfathers, one is an ordained minister, another one is a city commissioner. They camp out, go on vacations, even traveling ones, they do the mechanical work on their own vehicles, and they engage in other hobbies.

Ramseur Jaycees Installed

Apr. 28, 1975 – The Ramseur Jaycee Club, which faced extinction this year due to loss in membership, held its installation banquet at the Holiday Inn last week with the required number of Jaycees on the membership roll.

It was a remarkable comeback for the club, one of 35 clubs in the state whose charter was in jeopardy, and was brought about by a "door to door campaign for members," according to Roger Stout, retiring president.

Thirteen new members were added to the club roster to bring the membership up to the minimum number of 28. These new Jaycees, to whom membership kits were presented at the installation banquet, are Ronald Allred, Jack Embree, Jack Stout, Sam Rankin, Jr., Billy Brown, Bob Sapp, Doug Hall, Steve Hall, Mike Smith, Kenneth Conrad, Neil Allen, Chris Dorsett, and Roger Brown. The seven older members are Roger Stout, Harold Holmes, Billy York, Harold Waisner, Phil Bradey, Neal Hudson, and Clark Young.

Four of the new members were among the officers which were installed at the meeting by Don Tarkenton, Siler City, state Jaycee vice-president, who had counseled and assisted the Ramseur club during the efforts to retain their charter. The new officers are Clark Young, president; Sam Rankin, Jr., internal vice president; Neil Allen, external vice president; Chris Dorsett, secretary; Phil Bradey, treasurer; Roger Stout, state director; and Bob Sapp, director.

Despite their problems in membership the Ramseur club maintained their record of achievement with certificates presented at the installation banquet for the successful completion of various projects. The Jaycee of the Year Award went to Billy York, a former president of the club,

upon the vote of his fellow Jaycees while the Key Man of the Year Award went to Phil Bradey upon the selection of retiring President Roger Stout. Bradey has distinguished himself for the past two years in the March of Dimes drives, a project of the club.

Harold Holmes, who will soon become an "exhausted rooster" and dropped from the active membership of the club due to his age, was given a life membership in the club and presented a plaque to commemorate this action. Holmes, who is Randolph County's manager and former president of the Ramseur Jaycee Club, was extolled for his interest in the community's activities, his church and particularly the youth of the area. He is also a former coach at Ramseur High School.

The new club president Clark Young, who is the assistant cashier and loan officer at First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. in Ramseur, named Harold Waisner to continue his duties as chaplain of the Ramseur club.

Richardson Gives Check At Program

Apr. 30, 1975 - A check for \$24,513.01 has been presented to the March of Dimes by H. Clendon Richardson as his contribution to the 1975 drive in Randolph County.

Richardson, chairman for Ulah-Flag Springs community, gave the check to Bob Watson, county drive director, at the second walk-a-thon awards program at Flag Springs United Methodist Church last Sunday.

From the total amount raised by Richardson, \$19,485.71 of it came from the Zooland Walk-a-thon which he sponsored in March. The remainder came from a gospel singing, an auction sale, supper, various contributions, and from the sale of a quilt made by Mrs. William T. Reeder.

Present at the awards program to receive their walk-a-thon prizes were Sheila Faye Butler, 14 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don W. Butler, first female to complete the walk; Annette Brady, 7-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Brady, youngest to complete the walk; and Taft Allred, 66, oldest person to complete the walk.

Also Mrs. Eileen Lynch and Lee Ashburn who received the most pledges of money for their participation in the walk in which both of them went the entire distance of 20 miles. Mrs. Lynch, a resident of Charleston, W. Va., received the same prize in the walk which was held last year.

Mrs. Lynch, widow of Bernard Lynch who was employed as a B.B. Walker Shoe Co. salesman at the time of his death, brought to the awards program communications from the Governor of West Virginia and the Mayor of the City of Charleston, W. Va. Designating Clendon Richardson an honorary citizen of that state and city.

Not present to receive his award was John F. Phillips, a North Carolina State College student, who was the first male to complete the walkathon. Detained at school because of examinations, his award was received by a stand-in Randy Mann.

Battered boot trophies were given to those completing the walk-a-thon first, clock radios were given to the youngest and oldest, and 10-speed bicycles were received by those bringing in the most money. The bicycle received by Lee Ashburn, who made the walk in honor of J. H. (Jim) Allen, was given back to Richardson for use in his activities in the drive next year. Ashburn and Allen, a prominent Asheboro contractor, walked together in the walk-a-thon last year, but since that time the latter has sustained a serious illness.

Gilbert Brim presided over the awards program and recognized various people who assisted in the walk-a-thon and the other fund raising activities of Clendon Richardson. Among those present who were recognized were Mrs. H. L. Richardson, Colon Richardson, Mrs. Blanche Greene, Miss Amanda Greene and Dewitt King.

Clendon Richardson said " I wish personally to thank everyone, the walkers, sponsors, people who donated food, workers and the zoo staff for making this worthy cause a great success. Also, I want to thank everyone that helped with the supper and sale." He also wishes to remind those who have not yet turned in their pledges to send them to his Rt. 4 Asheboro address or give them to Gary Thompson and Neal Hughes at the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. in Asheboro.

A special guest at the awards program was little Sheila Boykin, 1975 March of Dimes poster child, who was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Sonny Boykin.

Dimes Presents New Incubator

Apr. 30, 1975 - A transport incubator, described as "a new dimension in infant care," was formally presented to the Randolph Hospital this past week by the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

The purchase of the new piece of equipment, which was initiated by Mrs. Ben P. Jenkins, nursing supervisor at the Randolph County Health Department, has been acclaimed by both the officials at the local hospital and the health department as a much needed facility in the care and transportation of infants, particularly those who are newborn.

Often babies born at the local hospital need to be carried quickly to one of the major state hospitals and the newly purchased incubator provides a stable environment for the infant in transit under adverse conditions. The incubator has already been used to transport a child to the N.C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, even before the formal presentation of the new facility.

The transport environment can be controlled also while an infant is in transit to the hospital from a remote "outside" location or when transporting an infant between departments in the local hospital. When not in transit to other locations the incubator will remain at the Randolph Hospital for use in the latter purpose.

Some of the features of the new unit include temperature control, automatic safety features, forced air circulation, micro-filtered air, oxygen, humidity, visibility, portability, and operational versatility.

County March of Dimes officials are pleased to be able to present this transport incubator to help fulfill the needs of infants who are born defective or need vital medical attention at the time of birth. Greatly appreciative of the response which Randolph County people have extended to the March of Dimes drive, they are glad that additional funds can be spent locally as visible evidence of how the funds are being used.

Making the presentation of the incubator was Ralph Bulla chapter chairman, and Bob Watson, county drive director. Receiving the incubator, which cost in excess of \$1,700 were John Ellis, hospital administrator, Mrs. Jenkins, and Mrs. Sheila Crutchfield, who was on duty in the maternity ward at the Randolph Hospital on the day of the presentation.

Farmer School Dedicates Annual To Mrs. Kearns

May 2, 1975 – The 1975 edition of the Farmer School Annual, "Far Echoes," has been dedicated to the veteran cafeteria manager at the school, Mrs. Corrie Kearns who has served in her position for the past 23 years.

A brief dedicatory program was held in the cafeteria Tuesday afternoon, attended by faculty members, cafeteria employees, and the 9th grade students.

The later group, who will complete their studies at Farmer at the conclusion of the school year, received first copies of the annual following the complimentary presentation to Mrs. Kearns, after which they were distributed to the other students.

A portion of the inscription dedicating the yearbook to Mrs. Kearns read as follows: "We at Farmer are proud to have such a capable and friendly person responsible for the supervision of our cafeteria and planning of our meals."

It was pointed out that Mrs. Kearns works without pay on the preparation of the famed chicken pie suppers which are held three times during each school year by the PTA.

Mrs. Kearns' son and daughter-in-law, and granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Kearns and Cindy, were present for the surprise honor which came to her. She is also the mother of two daughters, Mrs. Betsy Welborn, a teacher, and Mrs. Ann Strickland, a nurse. Her husband, Newton Kearns, died last Jan.

Mrs. Janice Shoffner, faculty member and advisor to the annual staff, presided over the program dedicating the annual to Mrs. Kearns. She introduced members of the annual staff, composed of co-editors, Kenna Duffield and Sharon Ridge; activities editors, Susie Smith and Becky Graves; sports editor, Carol Nance; student life, Donna Walker; photo photographer, Leaton Delk; classes editors, Susan Potts and Sharon Gillespie; and typist, Cassie Hill.

A reception followed the dedication and initial presentation of the year-book. Cake and punch were served.

Franklinville Church Burns \$10,000 Note

May 7, 1975 – The beautiful sanctuary at the Franklinville United Methodist Church, reflecting the architectural design of more than a half a century ago, was the scene of a note burning ceremony Sunday morning May 4.

The note which covered a loan of \$10,000 was insured two years ago last Mar. for the repair of the roof on the church structure and had been scheduled for repayment within a period of five years. The pastor, the Rev. Robert Greenawalt, said during the ceremony, "we paid it off in a hurry." The final payment was made on Apr. 22.

Participating with the minister in the note-burning ceremony were Douglas Kimes, chairman of the Administrative Board, E. S. Thomas, chairman of the Board of Trustees, and E.C. Routh, treasurer of special funds. The acolyte who applied the flame was Jeff Dunn.

Financial assistance in the payment of the loan came from the Randolph Mission Society, memorial gifts and from contributions of the members. Money for the project was handled through an Improvement Fund established by the church which will continue for other repairs and improvements to the building.

The downtown structure of the Franklinville church was built in 1912-13 following the construction of three previous buildings at the cemetery site on the northwest outskirts of

the village. The first building was erected at the time of the organization of the church in 1839.

The present sanctuary has been remodeled extensively in recent years but still holds to the line of architecture which was prevalent around the turn of the century and some years thereafter. Described as the "Akron type" of which there are only a few left in this vicinity, the pulpit is located in a recessed area in the southwest corner of the sanctuary with three groupings of pews facing the chancel from the elevation of the carpeted floor.

As the eastern sun glides across the horizon during the morning service the stained windows change their colors and inject a vibrancy into the otherwise serene and worshipful atmosphere of the meeting place which belongs to an earlier period. One window, different from the rest but just as beautiful, was brought from one of the older buildings at the cemetery site. It was placed in the memory of Dennis Curtis who died in 1855.

Another reminder of the past is the circling balcony in the adjoining Sunday School department, providing an entrance into the various class rooms where it is said the Sunday School scholars formerly sat in the curtained-off spaces for the opening assemblies which were conducted from the platform below.

Balfour Church Secretary Honored

May 7, 1975 – Mrs. Lela Mae Carter, who is completing her 25th year as secretary at the Balfour Baptist Church office, has been presented a bronze plaque commemorating her years of service at the church.

The plaque was presented in conjunction with National Secretaries Week and was inscribed "I'm grateful appreciation for twenty five years of faithful service." Presentation was by the pastor, the Rev. G. T. (Tom) Patterson.

Mrs. Carter has served with all of the pastors of the Balfour church, which was organized in Nov., 1931, except for the first one, the Rev. O. P. Dix. The pastors with whom she has worked have been the Rev. R. E. Heath, Rev. Herbert P. Miller, Rev. W. C. Bearden, Rev. John W. Woody, Rev. T. W. Nelson, and the present minister.

Her father, the late C. N. (Charlie) Moody was a charter member of the church and Mrs. Carter said "I can remember the day they organized the church." It was only a few months later that she joined the church following a revival meeting.

The first work she did as secretary was getting out the church bulletin, doing the preliminary work for this task at her home. Her first work in the church office was on a basis of two days a week, gradually working into the five days a week schedule on which she is currently employed.

Mrs. Carter, who graduated from Asheboro High School in 1938, is married to Luther Carter and the couple reside at 113 W. Allred St. They have one son, Billy, who lives with his wife, the former Linda Coward, and their little daughter, Kim, on Rt. 2, Robbins.

The Balfour pastor, the Rev. Mr. Patterson, has high praise for Mrs. Carter's services as the church secretary. Mrs. Carter, in reviewing her quarter of a century of service, said "I've enjoyed it" and in referring to the pastors with whom she has worked she said "all of them have treated me real nice."

Crestview Wesleyan Breaks Ground For New Facilities

May 14, 1975 – Crestview Wesleyan Church, Rt. 7, Asheboro, "facing the greatest opportunity in its history of rendering service to God and man in this community 2nd around the world," broke ground for a new sanctuary 2nd other facilities Sunday morning, May 11.

Work on the new building, which will be erected directly in front of the existing structure, is expected to begin shortly. Contractors will be S. E. Trogdon and Sons. The architect is Fred L. Williams, Winston-Salem.

A full-size basement, which will include Sunday School class rooms, will be a part of the new building which will be constructed of brick. The interior construction will be of the antique type. The new building will be attached to the existing sanctuary which will be renovated into class rooms. Estimated cost of the construction will be in the neighborhood of \$125,000 including pews and carpeting.

Participating in the groundbreaking service along with the members of the congregation was the church pastor, Rev. Arthur S. Moorefield, who is completing his fifth year in the pastorate. On the day of the groundbreaking the minister accepted the call of his members for an extension of two years to his tenure of service at the church.

Other officials participating with the pastor in the groundbreaking were, Allen Luther, Sunday School Superintendent and Vice chairman of the board, Mrs. Verlie Frye, church secretary, C.N. McNeil, charter member and trustee, Anderson Cox, trustee, Mrs. Barbara Luther, treasurer and secretary to the board, Virgil Hill, 83, oldest member of the church, Kenneth Sykes, Grady Garner and Odell Walker, members of the building committee.

The Crestview church, which was organized Jan. 1, 1952, has shown steady progress since its beginning. Firsts was the addition of six class rooms to the original building and later the erection of a fellowship building and parsonage.

The latter was cleared of indebtedness four years ago and since that time a building fund, which will be used in the new structure, has accumulated to \$30,000. Other expenditures in recent years have been for the purchase of a new organ, repairs to the rook and work on the driveway.

Mother-Daughter Banquet Held

May 14, 1975 – Approximately sixty members of the Southwestern Randolph Senior High School Chapter of Future Homemakers of America and their mothers, all attired in their finery, attended the annual mother-daughter banquet at the school Friday evening. Each one of the mothers wore a corsage as a gift from the chapter.

Guests included the Southwestern school principal, G.C. Castelloe, Jr. and Mrs. Castelloe, the assistant principal, Robert Allen, and Mrs. Allen, and the director of occupational education, Kenneth Nance, and Mrs. Nance. Also Gary Nance, a former graduate and operator of The Flower Shed, who assisted with the corsages and decorations, and Miss Karen Hogan.

Gifts were presented to the retiring president, Miss Karen McNeil, and to the chapter advisor, Miss Becky Mollman, who is completing her first year as chapter advisor and her first year teaching. Gifts were also presented to the chapter mothers, Mrs. Virginia Bumgarner, Mrs. Mildred Cagle, Mrs. Anne Graves, Mrs. Maie McNeill, Mrs. John E. Needham, Mrs. Betty Richardson, and Mrs. Barbara Voncannon. The

mothers in turn presented gifts to all of the senior girls in the chapter.

A fashion show, depicting the clothes worn in each month of the year, was modeled by the following girls and their mothers, Jane Spivey and Wanda Hussey, Janet Voncannon and Barbara Bumgarner, Kathy Williams and Peggy Williams, Karen McNeil and Maie McNeill, Cheryl Cross and Frances Cross, June Hoover and Edith Hoover, Becky Hines and Beverly Hines, Welta Smith and Kitty Smith, Denise Maness and Cora Maness, and Tami Kiser and Florence Kiser.

The Sam platform, Miss America style, on which the fashion show participants modeled the various styles of clothing, was also used for the annual parade of FHA'ers of the months, Denise Maness, Judy Needham, Judy Greene, Karen McNeil, Wanda Hill, Denise Mabe, Kathy Williams, and Cheryl Cross. The FHA'er of the Year, Kathy Williams, was crowned by last year's FHA'er of the Year, Miss Beverly Bumgarner, who was also last year's chapter president.

New officers inducted at the banquet meeting included Debbie Blake, president: Welta Smith, vice president: Cathy Graves, secretary: Tami Kiser, treasurer: and Cheryl Cross, chaplain. Special music was provided by Mrs. Mitchell Stout, soloist, accompanied by Miss Rebecca Luther, pianist.

Two Retiring Randolph County Educators Honored At Banquet

May 19, 1975 – Two Randolph County educators, who will retire June 30 after a combined service of more than eighty years in public education, were honored by the Randolph Principal's Association at a charcoal steak supper at the new Randleman Senior High School building.

They were Otus C. Thomas, principal at the Grays Chapel School, and W. K. Cromartie, associate superintendent of Randolph County School System, who came to Randolph County in 1955 to become the principal of Randleman High School.

At the principal's meeting tributes to Thomas and Cromartie came from John S. Lawrence, Randolph County school superintendent, and R. S. Davis, chairman of the county school board. The latter presented inscribed plaques to both retiring educators. Tokens of appreciation from the principal's association were also presented to them by Don Hancock, president of the association and principal at the host school.

Wives of the two honored men were guests at the meeting along with staff members of the central office of the county school administrative school unit. In addition to Chairman Davis, other school board members present were Kimber Andrew, Roland Albertson, and Howard Hinshaw. The three absent members sent their regrets.

Otus Thomas, who has spent the entire 42 years of his school career at the Grays Chapel school, will be honored again at a reception on June 1 at the school where he has served as principal for the past 34 years.

The plaque which was presented to him at the principal's meeting will be hung in the library at Grays Chapel which has been named in this honor at the new building there. He is a native and resident of the neighboring community of Franklinville.

W. K. Cromartie's retirement on June 30 will conclude nearly 41 years of service in Randolph County schools and

elsewhere. He became the assistant superintendent of the county schools in June, 1962.

A native of Bladen County, his previous service as classroom teacher and principal had occurred in his native county, Sampson County, Kannapolis, Maxton, and Saint Pauls where after six years as principal he served as superintendent of the city schools administrative unit for two years.

Church Honors Organist

May 19, 1975 – "Myray Hodgkin Day" was proclaimed at Centre Friends Meeting Sunday, May 18, in honor of the church's organist who has served for more than forty years. The Meetinghouse is located in Guilford County, just across the Randolph County line.

Mrs. Hannah Ruth Colman presented the statement from the Meeting praising Mrs. Hodgkin for "over forty years of devoted, faithful service." She spoke of her services almost every Sunday over the past years, first on the old pump organ, then the piano and now from the present organ.

"She has been able to pilot our choir and to build it into one of the best choirs in North Carolina Yearly Meeting, many a faltering voice has provided a lovely solo because Myray played, and every worship service has been made more meaningful," she said further of Mrs. Hodgkin.

Mrs. Hodgkin's daughter, Mrs. Wenda Lou Kirkman, a member of the choir, pinned on her mother a corsage and the veteran organist also received words of praise from her husband, Wendell Hodgkin. He said his marriage to her in 1935 was "the greatest achievement of my life" and he told the congregation "she deserves about all the praise and bragging you can give her."

A silver pitcher was presented to Mrs. Hodgkin by Dr. Bob Medford, Minister at Centre for the past six years, on behalf of the Meeting. Reference was made to Mrs. Hodgkin's parents, Charlie and Maud Gamble, from whom she received her musical talents, and her grandmother, Mrs. Nannie Coltrane, who taught the children of the Sunday School for a long period of time. Mrs. Gamble is still living.

Mrs. Hodgkin's longevity extends in other directions besides playing the organ, she taught school at Sumner for 39 years, mostly in the third grade. She was reared in the Centre community, about a mile from the Meetinghouse, and was playing the organ there prior to her marriage. A modest person and also humorous, her response to the honor bestowed upon her was brief, she expressed her surprise and appreciation and said "they didn't dwell on all those mistakes I made."

After the service was over she was besieged with congratulatory gestures and remarks before joining other members of the congregation in the basement of the Meetinghouse for a fellowship luncheon.

'Granny Spivey' Remains Calm

May 22, 1975 – Mrs. Jennie Kirkman Spivey, more familiarly known as "Granny Spivey," celebrated her 95th birthday Sunday afternoon at an open house held in her honor at the fellowship building of the Midway Wesleyan Church.

A native of Rockingham, she came with her family to Worthville when she was a small girl. She went to work in the cotton mill at the age of 10 and worked there for 62 years. She was retired by the management at the age of 72 and for many years there-after was not reconciled to having

to quit. She wanted to work on and referred to her retirement as the time "when they laid me off."

She has lived with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. (Bud) Spivey Rt. 2, Randleman, since the death of her husband, William Spivey, in 1955. A daughter, Mrs. Edna McElhannon, lives close by. Another daughter, Mrs. Jewel Hudson, died in 1950.

Although Mrs. Spivey is cared for by her son and daughter-in-law, she still likes to assist with the house work, such as washing dishes and sweeping the rooms.

Her eyesight is not good but her mind is still sharp. Asked if she knew why she had been allowed to live so long, she retorted "that is not for me to know." She didn't get worked up over her birthday celebration, although many friends were there. When there was speculation as to whether she would reach 100 years she seemed to rephrase the question to include the end of her life and answered "I want to be ready when it comes."

On the day of her birthday she attended Sunday School and morning worship service at the Midway church where she has not missed this year.

Year before last she received an attendance pin for the entire year.

Friends continued to drop by during the scheduled hours to speak to her and bring gifts, many lingering to visit. Some of them do not live in Worthville now but came because of past associations.

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Receives 21 New Members

May 22, 1975 – Twenty one people were received into the membership of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church during the service Sunday morning, May 18. Officiating for the receiving of the new members was the pastor, Rev. R. H. Kindschi.

Coming into the membership of the church were Leon Furr, Ernel Lee Furr, Duane Davidson, Ann Davidson, Monk Davidson, Jerome Davidson, Joe Jackson, Joan Jackson, Clifford Richardson, Randy Jordan, Carolyn Brown, Larry Moore, Stephen Davidson, Sharon Griffen, Loren Brown, and Jenee' Brown.

This brought the total of new members for this church year, which began last July 1 to 37. Others coming into the church prior to last Sunday included Delores Keye, Danny Keye, Lula Trotter, Shirley Greene, Helen Jones, Perry Hill, Terry Simmons, Timmy Hancock, Star Storey, Stephen Storey, Kenneth Kirkman, Rodney Rutledge, Ricky Dunn, Dock Swaney, Kathleen Swaney, and Todd Swaney.

Total new members coming into the church since the beginning of the pastorate of Rev. Mr. Kindschi in Aug., 1972 have been 93. The largest group becoming members at the same time as in Nov., 1972 when 34 people joined together.

This followed a revival meeting at which Rev. Mr. Kindschi did the preaching. The latest increase in membership came following another revival meeting at the church during which the Rev. B.O. Crowe, of Clearwater, Fla., was the evangelist.

Calvary Celebrates Homecoming

May 22, 1975 – Calvary United Methodist Church, located at North Fayetteville and Frances Streets, celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding and held its first

homecoming service Sunday, May 18. A large assemblage of enthusiastic congregational members and visitors were in attendance.

Rev. H. Glen Lanier, who was designated pastor in charge of the church following its institution on Sunday afternoon, Apr. 9, 1950, was the homecoming speaker. He is now pastor of the Wilkesboro United Methodist Church. He was accompanied by his wife who suggested the name which was chosen for the new church a quarter of a century ago.

Another former pastor, the Rev. Joe Daniels, who served for seven years prior to the coming of the present pastor, Rev. G. Lee Pollock, was also in attendance at the luncheon which followed the morning worship service. Other former ministers at the church have been Rev. Ernest Fitzgerald, Rev. E. H. Nease, Jr., Rev. George Thompson, Rev. Lewis Mabry, and Rev. Bob Goldston.

The first meeting to discuss the possibility of organizing a Methodist church is what was then known as the Balfour community was held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 29, 1950. The decision was made to organize a Sunday School and the first session was held on Feb. 5, 1950, preceding the organization of the church on Apr. 9, 1950 with sixty two charter members.

Services were held in the Balfour School until a temporary building was completed on the present site of the church in Mar., 1951. A parsonage was ready for occupancy by Jan. of 1952 and two years later ground was broken for new church structure. The progress since that time has been consistent and many improvements have been noted.

At the present time the Calvary church lists 390 members with a Sunday School enrollment of 184 and a budget of \$31, 892. In twenty five years it has become the third largest United Methodist Church in Asheboro. This year a member of the church, Kyles Wallace, has become the first young person from the congregation to enter Duke Divinity School to prepare for the ministry.

Two quilts, symbolic of the past and the present, were displayed in the fellowship hall, formerly known as the temporary church building, where the fellowship luncheon was held after the homecoming service. One was made in 1950 and the other one just recently but both contained names of members of the congregation and the people in the community. Some were names of people, now deceased, who were instrumental in the organization and furtherance of the church's activities.

The names on the newest quilt were inscribed by Mrs. Mary Lois Pollock, wife of the minister, who as director of music was in charge of the special music which was prepared for the occasion of homecoming. Other items relating to the organization of the church, in addition to the quilts, were also on display. A history of the church, compiled in booklet form, was also presented to each one in attendance at the service. Special recognition was extended to charter members who were present for the service.

Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church Holds Homecoming, Anniversary

May 29, 1975 - Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church combined its annual homecoming service Sunday, May 25, with an observance of the 25th anniversary of the organization of the church.

All former pastors of the church came back for the occasion except for one.

Organizer and first pastor of the church was the Rev. Paul Teague now retired, upon "Whose heart of the Lord laid a burden." Teague held a tent meeting on Old Farmer Road on which the church is located in the summer of 1949 and continued his interest with prayer meetings in the area.

Sunday school classes began on Aug. 29, 1950 but prior to that time the Rev. Mr. Teague had purchased some land and started a 30 by 40 foot building at the present location of the church.

Another revival meeting was held soon thereafter and the organization of the church occurred on Sept. 10, 1950.

Rev. E. L. Henderson, then the president of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, preached the sermon on the day of organization but asked Rev. Boyd C. Kister, former well known Asheboro minister, to effect the organization of the new church.

The Rev. Mr. Teague told of the origination of the church during the Sunday School assembly on the day of homecoming. Other former ministers participating in the morning worship were Rev. Paul Ray and Rev. Roy Nanney, the latter preaching the homecoming service. In the afternoon service following dinner on the grounds, former pastors S. T. Bayse and James R. Perryman discussed highlights of their ministry at the church.

Rev. H. D. Schrum, immediate past pastor of the church, was unable to attend the anniversary and homecoming service. The present pastor is the Rev. Donald A. Dawalt who presided over the special service. He is completing his second year as the pastor. Special music was provided by various groups within the church.

On Nov. 7, 1971 the church occupied a new sanctuary which was erected at a cost of \$108, 000. Last year the church purchased property across the road and developed additional space.

The church ranks high in membership and average Sunday School attendance in the statistics of the North Carolina Conference.

Bishop And Superintendent Here

May 30, 1975 - Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. and District Superintendent H. Eugene Peacock maintained a full schedule in Randolph County Sunday, May 25 as they made appearances at three United Methodist Churches, Grays Chapel, Bethany and Stout's Chapel.

Their first stop was at the Grays Chapel church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, where Bishop Hunt led in service of dedication for the new church office in which the first worship service was held exactly one year prior to its dedication. Dr. Peacock also appeared on the program.

It was also the annual memorial day observance which has been held at Grays Chapel since the early nineties.

When paving and landscaping of the grounds have been completed it is expected that expenditures for the building project will have reached \$290,000. Presenting the building for dedication was Curtis Coble, chairman of the building committee.

Both churches are becoming station churches and will assume that status at the beginning of the new conference year.

After lunch in the fellowship building at Grays Chapel the bishop, district superintendent and pastor moved on to the Bethany church, also located on Rt. 1, Franklinville, for the dedication of the new parsonage which was necessitated

due to the dissolving of the charge and the establishment of separate units.

This service took place at 2 p.m. and joining with the church officials in this dedicatory service were the contractor, Bill Boyd, and the chairman of the building committee, Donald Routh.

A small black church, Stout's Chapel, Rt.1 Ramseur, constituted the last appearance of Bishop Hunt and Dr. Peacock in what had been a busy day for them in Randolph County. This was Bishop Hunt's second visit to Stout's Chapel where the church membership numbers twenty.

The program at this small church, where a new building was erected in 1971, included raising funds towards the payment of the new building and the honoring of the families who have been a part of the church throughout its existence, namely, the Bradys, Goldstons, Ledwells, Letterloughs, Spinks, Staleys, Waddells, Harrises, and Scottens. Also honored was the memory of two deceased members, Benny Harris and Thaddeus Staley.

Bishop Hunt also spoke to those who had congregated at Stout's Chapel for this late afternoon service. The offering amounted to \$900, to which the Randolph Area Mission Society added \$300 at their meeting the next evening, leaving only \$2,000 more to be paid on the building which was erected nearly four years ago.

Mission Society Elects Officers

Three directors-at-large were elected to the executive committee of the Randolph Area Mission Society of the United Methodist Church at the semi-annual meeting of the society Monday evening at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur.

They were Mrs. Henry Lowe from the Jordan Memorial Church, James Hanner from First United Methodist Church in Randleman, and Harris Sanders from the Calvary United Methodist Church.

Other members of the executive committee, who are serving as officers of the society, were re-elected as follows: E. Wayne Hughes, president; Rev. Billy Hunter, 2nd vice president; Hilliard Nance, secretary; and Ernest Routh, treasurer, Hughes will begin his seventh year as president of the organization.

An executive committee meeting was held before the general meeting for the hearing of requests for funds from various churches. Funds approved by the executive and general sessions at this meeting were as follows: \$2,500 towards a new parsonage for the minister at Mt. Sheperd United Methodist Church who also serves as director of the Mt. Sheperd Retreat Center; \$2,000 towards a new building for Shady Grove United Methodist Church; and \$300 for assistance in paying off the indebtedness on Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Rev. Howard Allred, pastor of Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro, presented the program for the meeting, showing slides of his recent visit to the Holy Land. Mrs. Billy Hunter, wife of the West Bend United Methodist Church pastor, rendered special music. Tom Hill, of the same church, served as chairman of the nominating committee.

The mission society has been in existence for approximately 25 years and has helped many churches in their building programs, beginning with the Calvary United Methodist Church in North Asheboro, now the third largest church in Asheboro, which recently observed the 25th year

of its founding. It has been estimated that in recent years approximately \$10,000 is disbursed annually in the rendering of assistance to the various United Methodist Churches located within Randolph County. The money is derived from a one dollar assessment per member in the United Methodist churches in Randolph County.

Liberty Legion Post Installs New Officers

June 4, 1975 – Officers elected for 1975-76 were installed by the Liberty American Legion Post No. 81 recently at a dinner meeting at the post building.

The occasion also marked the annual observance of Ladies Night and Police Appreciation Night.

Installed were James L. (Skipper) Teague, commander; Wesley W. Rogers, 1st vice commander; James E. Bennett, 2nd vice commander; Carey A. McMasters and W. Elbridge Smith Co. adjutants; Charlie V. Stephens, finance officer; J. Ray Terry, chaplain; Mack Edwards, historian; W. Elbridge Smith, service officer; Mickey Teter and Buster Kivett, Sargent-at-arms; and Wallace W. Smith, trustee.

Past state department commander, Leroy S. Lakey, of Charlotte, was the installing officer. Also present was Paul Blake, state service officer, who operates from the veteran's office in Winston-Salem. Recognition was extended to Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith, a Gold Star Mother, and Dolph Lowe, a veteran of World War I.

A mortgage-burning ceremony celebrated the paying off of bonds which had been issued for the construction of a new addition to the legion building about two years ago. The buildings and property, valued at \$65,000.00, is now debt free. Participating in the note-burning was Wallace W. (Muzzie) Smith, retiring post commander, and Gene Pugh, chairman of the house committee.

Larry Allen, deputy sheriff, received a certificate designating him "officer of the year" and Roy Carter, assistant fire chief of Liberty, received a similar commendation designating him "fireman of the year." Also present at the meeting were Liberty's chief of police Clarence M. (Lopp) Hinshaw and the towns fire chief Charlie Martin. Cecil Williams, the assistant chief of police, was also present.

"Legionnaire of the Year" award went to Carey A. McMasters, newly installed post adjutant and a veteran of the Vietnam War. Others also received certificates for outstanding service, including Clifton H. Ward who places flags on the graves of veterans on national holidays. Continuous membership cards for thirty years, since beginning of the legion organization, were also presented to various members.

Elbridge Smith has served for 20 years as the post's service officer and is recognized as one of the best in this position in the entire state. He has also held the position of adjutant for 14 years but is partially relinquishing this position next year to Carey McMasters, the Vietnam Veteran.

At the conclusion of the meeting silent prayer was offered for the recovery of J. Ray Terry, the post chaplain, who is ill and a for the memory of Johnny Smith, son of Elbridge Smith, who was killed in an automobile accident exactly three years prior to Friday evening's meeting. At the time of his death Johnny Smith was serving as vice commander of the liberty post.

Miss Davenport Is Mars Hill Graduate

June 5, 1975 - Miss Kathy Davenport, eldest daughter of Steve and Bonnie Pearce Davenport, Baptist missionaries to Argentina, was graduated Magna Cum Laude from Mars Hill College recently.

Miss Davenport, who graduated from Asheboro High School with honors while her parents were serving on foreign soil, received a degree in Spanish. One semester away from Mars Hill was spent in language study in Spain. She also worked for a semester with the Social Service administration of Madison County. This spring she returned to Asheboro High School for her student teaching.

All the Davenports, who have been back on furlough since last Dec., attended the graduation ceremonies at Mars Hill. This included Rev. and Mrs. Davenport and their other four children, Shelia, John, Shirley, and Patricia.

Mrs. Davenport, also a student at Mars Hill when it was a junior college, attended the 25th reunion of her class during the graduation exercises and also the alumni dinner at which Archie Campbell, television personality and a former student at the college, was the speaker. United States Senator Robert Morgan was the graduation speaker.

Going to Mars Hill with the Davenport family was Mrs. Davenport's father, J.C. Pearce who himself attended the college sixty four years ago. Mr. Pearce, now in his eighties, has been an outstanding Baptist layman and served as a deacon for fifty years before the rotation system came into existence

Retired Machinist Celebrates 90th Birthday

"I didn't like to hoe corn so my father put me in the blacksmith shop" is the logical explanation of John Branson, 414 S. Cox St., as to why he turned to tools and machinery and became one of Asheboro's best known followers of the trade.

He discussed this matter of becoming a machinist, blacksmith, gunsmith, plumber, mover of heavy equipment, and etc. at a party in honor of his 90th birthday on Monday, June 2. Family member, friends, and old associates came by on both Sunday and Monday to join in the observance of his birthday.

He came to Asheboro about 1914 and shortly thereafter began working for the late D.B. McCrary. He was employed by the Acme-McCrary Corp. for 54 years, retiring in Aug., 1968.

Through this association he was actively involved for over a half of a century not only with the McCrary interests but with many aspects, machinery-wise, of the town itself, particularly in the year's prior to and immediately following World War I.

It is told that he ran the first movie projector in Asheboro, took care of the machinery that provided stand-by power for the town before the advent of public power facilities, and helped raise the large columns at the residence which is now Pugh Funeral Home. Anything that involved machinery and heavy equipment in Asheboro back in those days, John Branson had a hand in.

Even though he had reached his eighties before retirement, he still worked in his shop at home and only quit about a year ago.

Not yet reconciled completely to quitting he deplored to a sister as he celebrated his 90th birthday, "this damned business of retiring, I'd like to go back to work." Speaking

of his long tenure of service with Acme-McCrary, he said, "it was a pretty long whip but I liked every bit of it."

"I was making horseshoes when I was 12," he said, telling about his dislike for farm work and his assignment to the blacksmith shop by his father, Levi Branson. His mother was the former Ellen Vuncannon and the family lived near Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse and the present site of Southwestern Senior High School. His father operated the White House Post Office in that vicinity for 30 years.

John left home as a young man, saying "I went to Idaho to get rich and liked to have starved to death." He only stayed a few months and "went back home to get some living."

But his sister said the reason he came back they put him to picking up Irish potatoes and he didn't like that any better than he did hoeing corn on his father's farm.

But after he came to Asheboro, where he began his long association with the Acme-McCrary Hosiery Mills, and on June 7, 1919 he married the former Mrs. Gertrude Redding Miller, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Redding, of Cedar Falls, who died nearly 12 years ago.

Their only child, Mrs. Vance (Punk) Newman, and her husband live in the home with Mr. Branson. There are two step-children, Mrs. Christine Gray and Arthur Miller.

Among those visiting Mr. Branson on his birthday were two sisters, Mrs. Worth (Mary) Garner, 87, and Mrs. Clegg (Sallie) Garner, 84, along with him the only survivors of the family of Levi Branson. Formerly there were ten children.

Otus Thomas Day Held

June 12, 1975 - It was Otus Thomas day at Grays Chapel School Sunday afternoon, June 1, and a program planned in honor of Mr. Thomas and his wife was attended by an estimated 700 people. Otus C. Thomas retiring as the principal of the school after 42 years of service, the past 33 years in the principal's job there.

Many of the people came early and stood in line to look at the memorabilia which lined the south wall of the gymnasium in which the program was held, a display which commemorated the more than four score years which Otus Thomas stayed at the school. Parking space was at a premium and some cars parked as far away as the church.

Grays Chapel's farewell to their beloved principal came in two phases, his career as a teacher and principal and his life outside of his profession. Sylvan R. Routh, the assistant principal, presided over the program and speaking for the former category were R. S. Davis, chairman of the Randolph County Board of Education, John Lawrence, the county superintendent, Mrs. Mary Ellis, director of elementary education, Dennis Farlow, assistant superintendent, Mrs. Gladys Pugh, librarian at the Grays Chapel school, and Glyn Caudle, chairman of the school advisory council.

Mrs. Pugh, a colleague of the retiring principal for 33 years, received a portrait of Mr. Thomas which will be hung in the library of the new school structure at Grays Chapel. Presentation of the portrait, which was a gift of friends in the Grays Chapel community, was made by the assistant principal. A gold watch was presented by the P.T.A., with the presentation coming from Mrs. Marlana Clodfelter, president of that organization.

Mrs. Elwood King introduced the various other people in Mr. Thomas' life and these included a brother, E. S. Thomas, a sister, Mrs. Edith Cagle, Rev. M.A. Pegram, his pastor at the Franklinville Baptist Church, Harold Cox,

district governor in the Lions organization in which he has rendered devoted service and Ben Ussey, executive of General Greene Boy Scout Council, in which he has spent 28 years of service, attaining the coveted Silver Beaver Award.

Calvary Gospel Church Has Dedication Service

June 12, 1975 - A dedication service was held for the Calvary Gospel Church, Rt. 3, Denton, Sunday morning, June 6, beginning at 11a.m. Dinner on the rounds, a note-burning ceremony and a singing followed in the afternoon.

The last money needed to pay off the indebtedness on Calvary Gospel Church was received on the first Sunday in May; the note which originally called for \$30,000.00 was paid off the next day.

At the time the note was incurred the latter part of 1971 it was written out to extend over a period of ten years. But the congregation only took three years and eight months to pay it off. Money to retire the note only came from tithes and offerings, with the first Sunday in every month being designated as Building Fund Sunday.

Preaching the dedicatory message was veteran minister, Rev. Frank Barrett. At the conclusion of the sermon the people joined the two ministers around the altar or the litney of dedication.

The Calvary Gospel Church was started in a home in the New Hope Township community in Nov., 1970 and later transferred to a tent which was located at the church's present site. The building was completed for occupancy in July, 1971. Rev. Arnold Comer supplied the church as minister until Sept. 1971.

The Rev. Mr. Barrett, who was reared in Cedar Falls, came to the church as the first called pastor in Feb., 1972. At the time the indebtedness amounted to \$25,500. Other achievements of his pastorate have included the purchase of pews and a piano, two riding mowers and a push mower, the erection of a picnic shelter and church sign, the paving of the road to the church and the landscaping of the grounds and the planting of shrubbery.

On the Sunday the pastor came to the church 28 people were present. There were 91 present on the day of dedication and 102 people two Sundays prior to that day. For the past year the church has supported six children in foreign lands, three Korean children and three Mexican children, through the facilities of the John Douglas Memorial Foundation, Houston, Texas.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony were the pastor and the dedication speaker, Stafford Jennings, chairman of the administrative board, Mrs. Anna Shaw, church secretary and treasurer, and Leon Morton, chairman of the pulpit committee and choir director.

Sophia United Church of Christ Conduct Groundbreaking Services

June 12, 1975 - A groundbreaking service for additional Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall was held by the Sophia United Church of Christ Sunday morning, June 8, during the worship period.

A similar service for the construction of the existing church structure was held nearly nineteen years ago.

The church pastor, Rev. Howard Ward, the contractor, Harvey Adams, and members of the building committee

participated in the groundbreaking while the choir and congregation looked on. Building committee members are Leonard Staley, chairman, Mrs. Troy Hall, Mrs. Donald Rich, Mrs. Harris Coltrane, Mrs. Marvin Staley, Ray Hollingsworth, Wade Rich, Howard Hall, and Leo Wyrick.

At the conclusion of the service all members of the congregation, including the above participants, joined hands for the benediction. This symbolized the unity and cooperation which has existed through the planning of the project over the past three years.

The same spirit prevailed during the construction of the church building in 1956 when most of the work was done by the congregation and the pastor who at that time was the Rev. Avery Brown.

The new addition, which has already been laid off for construction, will have a 32 by 54 foot dimension and will include eight classrooms and hallway on the upper level and the fellowship hall on the basement level. Estimated cost of the construction is \$45,000, more than half of which is already in the building fund treasury.

Formerly the Sophia Congregational Christian Church, the church was organized in 1910. Two previous buildings preceded the construction of the present building in 1956. Two members of the newest building committee, Mrs. Troy Hall and Leonard Staley, were members of the 1956 building committee.

Still A Sense Of Humor At The Age of 99 Years

June 13, 1975 - The aged woman, soon to become 99 years of age, was asked if she was looking forward to her 100th year.

She answered quickly, "No, I'm looking forward to being up yonder, I want to go home, I don't know how much longer I'll be here, I am waiting for the Lord's will to be done, not mine."

Mrs. Rebecca Holder (Becky) Gaster, 202 Holder St., Randleman, talked rapidly throughout the afternoon as friends and relatives gathered at her home Sunday, June 8, for the observance of her birthday and a family reunion. She will attain the 99th year on June 13.

Her mind seemed clear as she talked with those who came, she accepted compliments about how pretty she looked in her pink robe and she would say "Lord Bless You" even when she didn't remember which particular relative approached her, especially the younger members of the family.

Her humor is still intact; she disallowed some of the compliments she received, she protested that she wasn't pretty, and she finally asked her son, "Pearlie, what do you think about them making fun of your mammy?"

"I am the oldest member of the Christian Church," she said, "I joined right after I got married." She recalled when the preachers and their families would spend the night in her home, saying, "I have had to send my youngins (youngsters) away from home to give them a place to stay."

Her marriage to the late Arch Gaster occurred July 8, 1893. He died in 1947. Two of her sons, Vance and Lacy Gaster, are dead, two are living, Jamie, 61, Randleman, and Pearlie, 64, Rt. 1, Elon College.

Mrs. Gaster came to Randleman with her parents, Jim Holder and Sybil McMasters Holder, when she was small and she went to work in the cotton mill there at about the age of eight. She still recalls the boss man who held her on

his lap, he had a little girl about her age, and she remembers the time when the first train came to Randleman. The mill owner, John H. Ferree, treated all of the children at the mill to a free ride in the flat car.

Asked if she had any statement to make to the people of the community in which she has spent more than 90 years, she said "say that I sure have got some good friends." And friends she has, many of whom visit and assist her in various ways. One of them tapes the service at the church and brings it to her. Among those present for the birthday celebration was her pastor, the Rev. Tracy Staley, and the quartet from the church who rendered special music.

The preacher came and ate his lunch on the outside before coming in the house to visit with Mrs. Gaster. She had heard he was out there, so when he came in the house she greeted him with this statement, "I said looked like you would have come in to see me." No, she doesn't miss anything.

Davis Benefit Set Saturday

June 17, 1975 - For the past three or four years the gospel singing group composed of the Davis Brothers and Barbara have conducted and participated in many benefit singings. Thousands of dollars have been raised to assist people afflicted with serious illnesses and similar projects of a worthy nature.

But on Saturday evening, June 21st, beginning at 7:30, in the Seagrove School Gymnasium a member of this singing group will be the recipient of a benefit singing. This will be Clay Davis who has recently become afflicted with a heart ailment and is still undergoing treatment. He spent one week at the Randolph Hospital and eight days in Charlotte Memorial Hospital.

Gospel groups singing for the Clay Davis benefit will be The Hunt Family, The Barbour's from Denton, and the Gospellers from Deep Diver. A free will offering will be received and refreshments will be sold.

The Davis Brothers and Barbara gospel singing group is composed of Ray and Clay Davis, twin brothers, and Clay's wife, Barbara. Ray and Clay are identical twins, each of them and their wives are the parents of a daughter and son, and in each case the daughter is the first born.

Natives of the area between Erect and Seagrove, both Ray and Clay have been playing instruments and singing mostly gospel songs for about all of their lives.

In recent years they have been in constant demand except they have slackened off some recently due to Clay's illness. Clay and his family attend the Asbury Baptist Church and live near Seagrove. Ray and his family attend the Richland Baptist Church.

The Davis Brother and Barbara have been most generous in helping others in need over the past few years.

Their friends, the sponsors of the Clay Davis benefit singing next Saturday night, invite the public to reciprocate and come out to lend a helping hand for the singing in the Seagrove School Gymnasium.

Bean Family Has Reunion

June 17, 1975 - Members of the Oliver Bean Family, minus two of their original nine members, met Sunday for the annual reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ima King, Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Sons and daughters of the late Oliver Duckery Bean and his wife, Talitha Ann Cornelison, present at the reunion

were Mrs. Ima (Carrie) King, Mrs. Junie (Ina) Farlow, Mrs. R.H. (Esther) Cole, Mrs. H.C. (Beulah) Cole, Mrs. Hadley (Maggie) Auman, Wesley Bean and Ollie Bean.

Since the reunion last year J.W. (Will) Bean had died and prior to that time Ervin Bean, another member of the family, had passed away. J.W. Bean, a former legislator from Rowan County, served for many years as chairman of the State Industrial Commission before his retirement and moving to Asheboro where he was living at the time of his death.

This closely knit family has been meeting in reunion since about 1938. Natives of Little River Township in upper Montgomery County, they attended Sugg's Creek Primitive Baptist Church in which beautiful, spacious cemetery the members of their family are buried.

The oldest son, Will, and the oldest daughter, Maggie, helped to keep the family together when their mother died in 1914. Oliver Duckery Bean died in 1926.

Girls Order Of Rainbow Open Installation Is Held

June 24, 1975 - Open installation for the Order of the Rainbow for Girls, Asheboro Assembly No. 18, took place, Sunday Afternoon, June 15, at the Masonic Temple. Officer in charge was Leanne Bulla who served the past year as worthy advisor. She extended the welcome to the ceremony.

New officers are Miss Connie Cox, mother advisor; Cheryl Tarlton, worthy advisor; Lell Trogdon, worthy associate advisor; Pam Auman, charity; Nancy Williams, hope; Amy Davis, faith; Gail Cox, recorder; Anita Yow, chaplain; and Phyllis Cox, drill leader.

Also, Pat Adams, love; Gail Tutterow, religion; Donna Jarrett, nature; Pat Adams, immortality; Sonya White, fidelity; Anne Hager, patriotism; Pat Morgan, service; Lynn Barnes, confidential observer; Leanne Bulla, outer observer; and Ann Hutchens, musician.

Installing officers, in addition to the Leanne Bulla were Mrs. Jonnie Byrd, marshal; Mrs. Delette Davis, chaplain; Mrs. Betty Hutchens, recorder; and Ann Hutchens, musician. The advisory board consists of Mrs. Maxton Byrd, Mrs. Leon Davis, Mrs. Joseph Humble, Mrs. Betty Hutchens, Mrs. Jesse Kearns, Mrs. Verda Walker, E.V. Williamson, and Z.B. Tutterow.

Given Party On 25th Anniversary

June 26, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Vance Williams, Rt. 1, Seagrove, were honored by their three daughters Sunday afternoon, at a reception at the Williams home commemorating the couple's 25th wedding anniversary. Friends called from 2 until 4.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Boyd (Wanda) Trogdon, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Philip (Pat) Kiser, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Miss Kathy Williams. Also joining in the anniversary observance was the couple's only grandchild, Beth Trogdon.

Assisting with reception were Mrs. Sherby Cagle, Miss Darlene Cagle, Mrs. Linda Weatherly, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. LaRue Cook, Mrs. Sue Spencer, and Mrs. Billie Brower. Mrs. Cagle and Mrs. Weatherly are sisters of Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Spencer is her sister-in-law. Mrs. Cook is a sister of Vance Williams. The three-tiered anniversary cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Cagle.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married June 24, 1950. Mrs. Williams, the former Peggy Spencer, is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Nichols, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and the late Alfred Spencer. Vance Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Williams, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

The couple are active members of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church. Vance Williams is a long time employee of Luck's Inc. in Seagrove.

New Market Civitans Honor Citizens

June 26, 1975 - A Review of activities and recognition for those who had made contributions to the young people of the community highlighted the last meeting of the year for the New Market Civitan Club Friday evening. New officers were also installed by Donald L. Osborne, Lieutenant-Governor for Area 5 South, N.C. District West.

The annual scholarship and citizenship awards presentations to New Market School students were also made at the meeting. The scholarship award went to Robin Marie Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vontenina Clement, Rt. 2, Trinity, and the citizenship awards went to Lisa Denise McGee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McGee, RT. 1, Sophia, and Martin Keith (Marty) Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Richardson, Rt. 2, Sophia.

A memorial tribute was paid to Daniel Robert Bulla and Martin Overton, two members of the club who had died

During the year, this memorial tribute was made by Merle Winslow, Minister at Marlboro Friends Meeting and club chaplain.

The past president's plaque was presented to retiring president, Julian Blalock, and the Civitan of the Year plaque to Raymond Wall, who has distinguished himself in the sports activities of the club throughout the past years. A VIP award from the president of Civitan International was presented to Alfred Thomas.

Those presented with certificates for their contributions to the youth of the community, mainly in sports and scout work, included Sidney Cashatt, Farlow Davis, Herb Smith, Tommy Harris, Whitey Plumlee, Curtis Farlow, Sonny Davis, Gary Bishop, Raymond Wall, Alfred Thomas, Iris Farlow, Alfred Hastings, and Hebron Coble. Another certificate for service extending over a half of a century went to Mrs. Blanche Farlow, retired teacher.

Achievements for the past year included the purchase of an eye testing machine for the school, the erection of a fence next to the road beside the school, the building of a porch and painting at the community building, the purchase of camping equipment for the boy scouts, paying the expenses of two young people to a citizenship conference, the sponsorship of a Little league team, and donations to the Red Cross and other community projects.

The club held two ham and egg suppers, a rook tournament, operated a concession stand at the ball games, and went on a fall fishing trip. A total amount of \$10,000 was raised, exclusive of dues, which amount was disbursed for community projects.

Installed as officers for the coming year were Gary Bishop, president; Alfred Thomas, vice president; Chris Hinshaw, president-elect and secretary; and Lewis Loflin, treasurer. As the gavel was passed from out-going president, Julian Blalock, to the in-coming president, Gary Bishop, the new club leader spoke of the accomplishments of the past year and said "I'm not going to let it go down the drain." Dean Marion was also installed as a new member.

Shady Grove Methodist Plan For New Structure

June 27, 1975 - The Shady Grove United Methodist Church building, old, weatherbeaten, covered with a tin roof and heated with only a small, wooden stove, will soon be replaced with a concrete block building with central heat and air and lights. The one-room structure is located on Rt. 6, Asheboro, a quarter of a mile from Highway 64, south of Pleasant Cross Christian Church.

Many times in recent years the small congregation has moved out of the church on Sundays to worship in a private dwelling because the building could not be heated sufficiently. At another time they moved out because of wasps. Recently when the pastor, Rev. Sophia East, drove to her assignment at Shady Grove during the strong wind which hit this area she said to her husband, "if Shady Grove is still standing we can be sure that the Lord is in the winds."

Dr. Eugene Peacock, superintendent of the High Point District, recently told the Randolph Area Mission Society, "Shady Grove will not be able to worship this winter if something isn't done." The mission society backed up his request and the request of the congregation by donating \$2,000. The Global Mission Society of the United Methodist Church in New York is expected to contribute \$2,500. The church itself, through its fund raising programs and the generosity of friends, has raised \$3,789.83.

This total amount, \$8,313.63, will be sufficient to start the 28x48 block building. The remainder will be borrowed. The contractor, Rev. David Strickland, will construct a turn-key job for \$19,850. His best estimate of the cost was \$21,000, the difference he will give to the church. He is a native of the community, both of his parents, Thomas and Nan Allred Strickland, were reared there and it is said that his father helped to build the present structure.

The old building was constructed at least 80 years ago, according to Miss Inez Marley, one of the principal members of the church. She said her mother, Esther Allred Marley, who died two years ago at the age of 78, could not remember when there was no church building. However, Mrs. Marley, who was often referred to as the "mother of the church," had told her daughter that she could remember when the old church was floored. Evidently for a time the building served without a floor.

According to Miss Marley there have been efforts in recent years to discontinue the church or consolidate it with another church but she said "my mother would not hear of it." The feeling in the small congregation is "we have always sacrificed and paid our conference claims and we are sheep just like the rest." Then there are many graves of loved ones in the cemetery across the road.

Miss Marley said there were about 14 members of the church and two families in the Sunday School, consisting of the six children of Lonnie Lockhart, and the five children of William Walker and his wife, Flora Mae Spinks Walker, some of these children also being part of the church membership. These children comprise the junior choir of the church, really it is the only choir they have, and funds raised at the choir anniversaries comprise part of the \$3,789.83 amount which the congregation has raised.

The people want to maintain their place of worship at Shady Grove, which has been in existence for the better part of the past century. In order to do this they will need

another building. The old building, whose outside framing was covered a few years ago with pieces of roofing, is just not suitable for a place to worship. As the minister, Sophia East, said, "we don't want anything fine, just a good, comfortable place to worship." If anyone is interested in helping the congregation build a place of worship, please send your donations to Miss Inez Marley, Box 402, Rt. 6, Asheboro, N.C.

Grantville Civitan Club Installs 4 New Officers

June 27, 1975—New officers of the Grantville Civitan Club were installed Thursday evening by Donald L. Osborne, Lieutenant-Governor of Area 5 South, Civitan N.C. District West. It was a dinner meeting and ladies night was also observed.

Installed were Darrell Smith, president; Zim Hinshaw, president-elect; Garrett Byrd, secretary; and Marvin Cox, treasurer. Smith said following his installation, "I'll do the best I can to serve as club president, I'm looking forward to a real good year."

Plaques were presented to out-going president, Paul Tedder, and out-going secretary, Page Stout. The latter had served for two years. Tedder cited as accomplishments during the year the sale of fruit cakes, a pig-picking, the giving away of a shotgun, Christmas Party, the sponsorship of a Little League team, participation in the mental health program, and the fellowship which had been enjoyed by everyone. It was also voted at the meeting to send two underprivileged children to 4-H Camp. Plans are also underway for the leasing of an area of land for recreation.

Attendance awards went to Zim Hinshaw, 7 years, Junior Staley, 5 years, Donald Johnson, 3 years, and Hubert Wright, 2 years. Hinshaw's award covered the entire existence of the club while Wright has also had perfect attendance since he joined.

Program for the meeting consisted of a Family Films Production movie entitled "See God Around the Farm." The movie featured the activities of the family of Donald Johnson, an member and past president of the Grantville Civitan Club.

From African Post To Randleman Church

July 1, 1975 - The new assistant pastor at the First Wesleyan Church in Randleman, Rev. Frederick D. Andrews, and his wife served as missionaries in Africa for three years and he is the son of a Randolph County native, Mrs. Lavernea York Andrews, and her husband J.D. Andrews, of Siler City.

The minister and his wife, the former Sondra McNurlin, of Ashland, Ky., and their two daughters, Melanie, 5, and Allyson, 2, moved to Randleman last week. Since their return from their mission station in Sierra Leone, Africa last July they have been engaged in deputation work which has taken them into 22 states.

Before responding the call to the mission field the Rev. Mr. Andrews graduated from the schools in Siler City and received a degree in Biblical Literature from Southern Pilgrim College in Kernersville, a degree in Elementary Education from Appalachian State University and a Master of Divinity Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

His wife also attended the school at Kernersville, at which place the couple became acquainted, and later graduated

from the Kings Daughters School of Nursing in Kentucky. They married Aug. 26, 1967 while the minister was a student at Appalachian.

Maternal grandparents of the Rev. Mr. Andrews were the late Luther York and Flossie Pearce York, of Rt. 2, Ramseur. The minister grew up in the First Wesleyan Church in Siler City. While on the mission field he was affiliated with Sierra Leone Bible College, a training school for native ministers. His duties as assistant pastor at the Randleman church will include the youth activities of the church and Christian Education.

Surprise Party Honors Stout Couple On Anniversary

July 2, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Stout, 2219 Lambert Drive, were given a surprise honor on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, June 29.

Hosts at a reception at the Stout home were the couple's children, Miss Joan Stout and Eddie Stout, and Browning Fields. Miss stout is a rising junior at Guilford College while her brother will be a sophomore at Asheboro High School this coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout were married June 30, 1950 at the parsonage of the Asheboro Friends Meeting with the minister, Seth Hinshaw, officiating.

Mrs. Stout, the former Juanita Coltrane, is the daughter of Mrs. Kate Sexton and Paul Coltrane. She was living in Eldorado at the time of her marriage. Carl Stout, a native of the Asheboro area, is the son of the late Elwood and Mary Lou Stout. He is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Stout are active members of Back Creek Friends Meeting. Carl is the clerk of the Monthly Meeting while his wife is retiring after 18 years service at the recording clerk. He is an employee of Acme - McCrary Corp. Mrs. Stout is employed by the Census bureau.

Friends and relatives called from 2-4:30 p.m. to greet the couple at their anniversary observance.

Couple Honored By Children

July 3, 1975 - All twelve children of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie H. Baxter Sr., Coleridge, were present for their parents fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration Sunday Afternoon, in the fellowship hall at Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Also many of their 34 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren were in attendance. Mrs. Baxter, elated at the success of the occasion, said "it did me a lot of good to get my children together."

The 12 children, which included a set of twins, are Mrs. Carl (Juanita) Cox, Rt. 1, Bennett, C.H. Baxter Jr., and Donald Baxter, Coleridge, Mrs.C.W. (Dot) Brown and James Baxter, Robbins. Mrs. J.E. (Christine) Williamson, Greensboro, Mrs. Richard (Geraldine) Kivett, Staley, Mrs. Olin (Myriden) Wright, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Raymond (Eva Joyce) Brown and Harold Baxter, Ramseur, Mrs. Darrell (Jeanette) Williamson, Asheboro, and Mrs. Charlie (Rosina) Routh, Randleman. The twins are Geraldine Kivett and Myriden Wright.

Charlie Baxter, Sr., the father of the twelve children, was 79 years old the day after the anniversary celebration.

He was born in Robbins and has spent most of his life in sawmill operations, employed as a sawyer. He is a veteran of World War I. Mrs. Baxter, 68, is the former Josie Bray and was born in the area near "Little Beane's Store."

Their marriage took place in Dillon, S.C. on June 27, 1925. They have lived mostly since that time in Chatham and Randolph Counties, living for many years in the vicinity of the Pleasant Grove church where their anniversary celebration occurred.

Mrs. Baxter has always had the reputation of being a hard working woman but did not work at public employment until all of her children had married and left home. She then secured employment at the furniture plant near Staley. But her newly found independence was short-lived when she had to stay at home due to an accident suffered by her husband.

Sanctuary Has Been Completed

July 4, 1975 - Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, observed its fourth anniversary Sunday, and also held a dedicatory service for the new sanctuary which has been completed in recent months.

The entire complex of buildings at the Faith Temple church comprises a unique construction on the four-acre tract of land. The original facilities consisted of two mobile units connected together by a vestibule area. The latter space has now been extended to form the sanctuary area with a seating capacity of 200.

It is an air-conditioned room with paneled walls, exposed beams in the ceiling, modern light fixtures, and red wall to wall carpeting. The seats are cushioned. All of the pulpit furniture and the wiring for the new facility were paid for by the Faithful Workers Class which consists of the women of the church.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Richard J. Trogdon who organized the church in the living room of his home on Rt. 1, Franklinville. From there the group moved into one mobile unit in the yard at the Trogdon residence and then into another mobile unit before moving both units to the present site. Trogdon estimates the present property valuation at \$55,000, as opposed to the \$60 which they had in the beginning.

Before beginning the Faith Temple Baptist church, Rev. Trogdon engaged in a tent ministry which was also launched at his Rt. 1, Franklinville residence. Helping him launch this ministry was the Rev. Leroy Hunt, who participated in the conversion of Richard Trogdon, and Malcom (Mac) Strider, well known song leader and gospel singer. Both of these men were present to participate in the fourth anniversary and dedication service last Sunday.

A cemetery has recently been established at the Faith Temple church site. A total of 804 burial plots have been laid off as the result of a survey of the cemetery area. One burial has already been made in the cemetery. Plots will be sold to both the members of the church and the public at large.

Regular contributions by the church are made to eight missionary families situated throughout the world. The church operates on a budget of approximately \$1,000 a month. Doctrine of the group is described as "independent, missionary, and fundamental."

Family Has Reunion After 26 Years

July 8, 1975 - A reunion last Saturday after an absence of 26 years and a distance of 15,000 miles occurred between a former Asheboro resident, Wilma Beaver, and six brothers and sisters, three of whom live in Asheboro.

Also participating in the reunion were Wilma's wife, Glewdys, whom he married in Australia while serving in the U.S. Army in New Guinea during World War II.

The couple was married in 1945 and both of them came to Asheboro at the end of the war and lived for three years before returning to Mrs. Beaver a native country in 1949.

A son, James, now 28, was born while they lived here and two other sons, Larry, 24, and Kenneth, 16, have been born during the intervening years. James is also married now and the father of two daughters.

Brothers and sisters participating in the long delayed reunion were Mrs. Ruth Bennett, Virgil and Ernest Beaver, Asheboro, Mrs. Gladys Brady and Mrs. Beulah Cockman, Greensboro, and Mrs. Alice Parks, Miami, Fla.

All of the brothers and sisters were on hand at the bus station in Greensboro at 1 a.m. when the Australian relatives arrived; except for Mrs. Parks who did not arrive at the airport until that evening.

However, the reunion was complete when all of them were on hand to greet her. Mrs. Parks has been away from this area for 23 years but has come back for a visit every year or so.

A larger reunion will be held Sunday at the Oakley Baptist Church near Siler City, the burial site for Jim Beaver and Flossie Wilson Beaver, parents of the brothers and sisters. This reunion will include the brothers and sisters, cousins, and other relatives and friends. The Beavers were reared in the vicinity between Siler City and Bear Creek.

Wilma Beaver, who served in the Army from 1941-45, met his wife while spending a rest leave in her hometown of Queensland, Australia. At first it was planned that he would get his discharge overseas and remains with his wife in Australia. But they came back to Asheboro in response to his Mother's wishes and stayed through the birth of their first son.

The former Asheboro resident said "we've been aiming to come back but every time we got the money saved for the trip we had to spend it for something else." Asked if he recognized his brothers and sisters upon meeting them after an absence of more than a quarter of a century, he said "most of them." Actually, he only had a little difficulty recognizing his younger sister, Ruth.

The couple, who plan to make the return trip back to Australia at the end of Aug., came to San Francisco by plane and made the trip across the United States by bus.

Program Honors Teacher For 38 1/2 Years

July 9, 1975 - Mrs. Juanita Peace, English teacher at Trinity Senior High School for the past 35 and half years, retired at the end of this school year. Her entire teaching career covered 38 and a half years, having taught the same subject at Reeds High School in Davidson County for the first three years.

Just before the end of this school year Mrs. Peace was honored at a surprise "This Is Your Life" program in the school gym, followed by a reception in the cafeteria. Many former associates and students returned for the occasion, including her sister, Mrs. C. W. (Virl) Spencer, of Griffith, Ind., near Chicago.

Appearing on the program were John Lawrence, county school superintendent, and R.S. Davis, county school board chairman, both of whom were former students of Mrs. Peace. Also speaking was Sidney Underwood, of the Trinity Junior High School faculty, who was a member of the first

graduating class at Trinity the year Mrs. Peace became a member of the faculty.

Daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Andrews, Mrs. Peace graduated as valedictorian of her senior class at Trinity High School in 1928 and as a cum laude member of her class at High Point College in 1932. She was married to Gurney Peace in 1935 and the couple have one child, Mrs. Bill (Jan) Boyles, and one grandson, Andrew (Andy). They live in the home of Mrs. Peace's late parents, in which place she was reared.

Mrs. Peace started her teaching career off as an English teacher and senior sponsor and she continued in these capacities until she retired, both at Reeds and at Trinity. Members of her first graduating class at Reeds attended the program in her honor, sat in a group and presented her with a gift.

Many other responsibilities were heaped upon here at Trinity, such as student council sponsor, yearbook sponsor and senior play sponsor. She was chairman of the English Department and chairman of senior sponsors at the time of her retirement. Also, in 1940 she initiated the senior trip to Washington, D.C. and had accompanied the class on their trip to the Capitol City every year since that time except during World War II.

She stayed away from teaching four years after she left Reeds High School due to the illness of her father. When she resumed it was as a substitute at Trinity in the middle of the year in 1940. But the job quickly became permanent and remained so for the past 35 years. It is anticipated that she will offer herself as a substitute again at the beginning of the next school year. Outside of that, she hopes to involve herself more in church and community activities and perhaps travel some. An immediate trip which is planned will be a visit to her sister in Indiana.

Many honors came to her the night of the program which was held to commemorate her years at Trinity. The Juanita Peace Scholarship, from which funds will be given to a member of the senior class for the furtherance of his or her education, was established and also the Juanita Peace Award to go to an outstanding member of the senior class scholastically who has also participated in school activities. Also, the yearbook or annual was dedicated to her this year for the third time since she became a member of the faculty.

Presented to Mrs. Peace on a personal basis was a silver service, a sterling chain bracelet depicting the important events in her life and in her teaching career, and oil painting of the building in which she started teaching at Trinity and the one in which she ended her career, and a memory album comprising the portions of the program which honored her upon her retirement.

Church Records Major Accomplishments

July 9, 1975 - Major accomplishments have been made at the Beulah Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Bennett, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Curtis Barbery, who came to the pastorate in Jan. 1963.

The church, located on the southeastern edge of Randolph County, is within sight of Moore County and only a short distance from the Chatham County line.

Situated in a strictly rural area, the church structure is built on a knoll, towers high over the countryside and is impressive with its four large white columns and a 97-foot steeple. Built across the road from the old church structure,

the sanctuary and educational building was given an estimated value of \$250,000 at the time of its construction in 1965.

Another major building program, the erection of a youth camp, was completed by the Beulah congregation two years ago. Located a short distance from the church, this building comprises a dining room, fully equipped, with a seating capacity for 300+ people, and a 35 by 90 foot enclosed unit for table games and inside activities, including a chapel for youth meetings.

The 17-acre tract on which the youth center is located also includes a new house for the church's youth director, Rev. Nolan Jackson, a double tennis court, a miniature golf course, and a 3-acre lake stocked with game fish. The youth camp was erected at a cost of \$229,000.

Saturday morning sessions at the youth camp are held for the learning of Bible verses and other scripture or related courses. Eleven-year-old Sherry Harper demonstrated phases of this training by quoting various scriptures, giving book, chapter and verse, reciting the Ten Commandments, and the naming of the Apostles.

Membership of the Beulah church is 550, the Sunday School enrollment is 475, the average Sunday School attendance has averaged 400 or more for the past seven years. The congregation is so large that a half a dozen men are needed to direct the flow of traffic at the conclusion of the morning worship services.

The church's financial receipts this past year amounted to \$144,929.79, last year's receipts were \$150,000. The church supports 16 mission extensions, prison and rest home outreaches, and sponsors four radio broadcast. Indebtedness on the church property has been reduced to \$25,945.

The Rev. Mr. Barbery is a native of Greenville County, S.C., living in the town of Simpsonville. He received his preparatory training at the Columbia Bible College, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute, and Luther Rice Theological Seminary. In May 1973 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Grace Bible College and Seminary at Albany, Ga. He is the pastor-evangelist and conducts revival meetings over a 7 state area.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson, who also serves as choir director, was formerly a resident of Atlanta, Ga. He studied at Georgia State University and since coming to the Beulah church has received a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of North Carolina and is now working on a Master's Degree at the same institution. He was ordained by the Beulah church shortly after coming there 5 years ago.

Other full time members of the church staff, in addition to the pastor and youth director, are the secretary and custodian. Part-time members of the staff are the pianist and organist.

Dedication, Persistence, Kept Bailey's Grove Alive

July 16, 1975 - The dedication and persistence of one woman, Mrs. Pearl Allred, and the faithfulness of a few others kept the Bailey's Grove Congregational-Christian Church, located on N. Fayetteville St., alive until a pastor came and rejuvenated the faltering congregation.

Mrs. Allred's faith reached a low ebb about two years ago when Doug Kimes, the superintendent of the Sunday

School and his wife, the former Diane Underwood, decided to return to Doug's home church, the Franklinville United Methodist Church. This left in the congregation only Mrs. Allred, Mrs. Gladys Martindale, and the latter's son and daughter-in-law.

There has not been a pastor of the church for some time prior to the departure of the Kimes couple. The church, situated in a business area, had suffered many setbacks over the past years but Mrs. Allred, who has attended there since early childhood, has remained faithful despite the circumstances. She was the only church member still active, the others attended the Sunday School.

The church, which had its beginnings in a brush arbor in 1909, was organized the next year, June 18, 1910, under the leadership of the Rev. T.F. Sechrest, its first pastor. The church was named for Mrs. Allred's grandfather, W.D. Bailey, who gave the land on which it stands. W.D. Bailey, along with Mrs. Allred's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Bailey, were included among the 16 charter members.

When she learned on a Friday evening of the departure of the superintendent and his wife, reducing the congregation to four, Mrs. Allred first wept, and then prayed for guidance. Early the next morning the Amity Hills Baptist Church burned to the ground and this brought about an early answer to Mrs. Allred's prayer, at least for the time being.

It was her early decision to offer the facilities of the Bailey's Grove church to Amity Hills congregation to worship until they could rebuild. The offer was quickly accepted and on the next day, the Sabbath, the Bailey's Grove sanctuary, Sunday school rooms and grounds were overflowing with the large Amity Hills congregation.

This continued for nearly a year but it was just a few weeks after the burning of Amity Hill church that Mrs. Allred's prayer was more fully answered. She has prayed for the Lord to send a pastor to Bailey's Grove and this happened in the person of Rev. Wilton Lee (Bill) Turner, with worship services being held on Sunday afternoon between the morning and evening worship services which were being held there by the Amity Hill congregation.

At the first service held at Bailey's Grove by the Rev. Mr. Turner the congregation consisted of three people, Mrs. Allred; Mrs. Martindale, and his wife. His sermon text was "I was glad when they said unto, Let us go into the house of the Lord."

When he first came he was layman and former superintendent of the Sunday School at the Asheboro Missionary Alliance Church but was later licensed and ordained by the Bailey's Grove church. He is a native of Wayne County, living in the town of Green Gables near Goldsboro. Employed at the assistant manager of the Piggly Wiggly Store on Highway 64, he has been in Asheboro for 17 years.

The Bailey's Grove congregation, who reverted back to morning and evening services after the Amity Hills congregation left to occupy their new building; has developed into a sizeable and active group since the coming of the Rev. Mr. Turner. Five Sunday School classes are being held and a record attendance of 111 has been noted. An indebtedness of \$2,425 has been paid off and many improvements have been made to the physical appearance of the church property, both inside and out, including the carpeting of the floor in the sanctuary.

Last Saturday afternoon a church picnic was held on the neatly kept grounds at the Bailey's Grove church. The

younger members of the congregation played games before a hot dog and hamburger supper with watermelons was enjoyed from the newly constructed picnic tables provided by Mrs. Allred's husband, C. S. Allred, and Joe Ferree.

Shrubbery for the church lawn was provided by Canoy Nursery.

Gillispie Couple Honored

July 16, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Willie B. Gillispie, Rt. 5, were honored by their children on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, at the Pisgah Community Building. Guests called from 3 until 5.

Their children are Johnny Gillispie, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Dempsey (Judy) Lowe, Farmer, and Miss Uretha Gillispie, Tommy and Jerry Gillispie, of the home. The couple also have two grandchildren, Laura Ann and Keith Gillispie.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillispie were married July 7, 1950 in Asheboro. Mrs. Gillispie, the former Ava Lee Brown, is a native of the Union Grove Christian Church community. She is the daughter of Mrs. Maggie Brown and the late Thomas Brown.

Willis Gillispie, a native of the Dobson area in Surry County, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Gillispie. He came to Randolph County about 27 years ago. He is employed with Abram's Construction Co., Greensboro.

Assisting in serving at the anniversary reception were Mrs. Shirley Gillispie, daughter-in-law of the honored couple, and Misses Teresa and Tari Sue Marion. Mrs. Brown, the mother of Mrs. Willie Gillispie, was among those in attendance at the reception.

90th Birthday Celebrated

July 19, 1975 - Mrs. Cosie F. Hobson, an Asheboro resident since 1950, was honored on her 90th birthday Monday evening. Her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Hobson, Jr., entertained at their home at 1019 Avondale Rd. Guests called from 7-9.

Mrs. Hobson, a Randolph County native, was born and reared in the Marley's Mill section near Chatham County, the daughter of C. P. (Preston) Fox and Mary Annie Eliza Welch Fox. The family later moved to Staley, three miles away.

She and her sister, Mrs. Rossie Vestal Martin, walked two miles to school, crossing the creek on a footlog. If it rained and the creek got up they had to walk a longer distance of three miles around by the mill where the footlog had handrails on it.

Mrs. Hobson did not start school until she was seven years old, waiting for her sister to reach the age of six so the two little girls could be together. Mrs. Martin, one year and three months younger than Mrs. Hobson, was a well known resident of Liberty before going to live at a rest home in Sanford.

While living in the Marley's Mill section, at the place where Claude Teague and his sister, Laura, now live, the family belonged to the Moon's Chapel Baptist Church. But Mrs. Hobson and her sister sometimes attended the services at Zion Methodist Church a mile away, to which place they walked. When they went to Moon's Chapel their father took them in a wagon. Upon coming to Asheboro Mrs. Hobson joined the First Baptist Church and attends the services there frequently.

Her husband, Walter L. Hobson Sr. died in 1966. He was a former postmaster at Staley, later serving as rural carrier from that post office and also on Route 2, Ramseur. The family moved to Ramseur about 1935 and lived there until coming to Asheboro.

Her appearance, her alertness and her recollection of various events in her life indicate a more youthful age than Mrs. Hobson's four score years and ten. Her family, in addition to her son, includes a daughter, Mrs. Pauline Lowe, Pensacola, Fla. five grand-children and nine great-grandchildren.

Two Staley Natives Are Honored In Joint Birthday Celebration

July 22, 1975 - Two sisters, natives of Route 1, Staley, were honored at a joint birthday dinner Sunday, at the Staley Fire Department building. Mrs. Ada Lackey, Route 1, Staley, reached the age of 84 on July 16, her sister, Mrs. Ellen Lackey, Pleasant Garden, reached the age of 80 on July 23.

The two sisters married brothers, both of whom are deceased. Ada's husband, Dolph Lackey, died in 1963 and Ellen's husband, Wade Lackey, died in 1974. The two brothers were reared in the Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church community near Liberty but became acquainted with Ada and Ellen when they came to work at a sawmill in the Shady Grove Baptist Church community in which the two sisters lived.

Ada Lackey was the first born child of Jerry Langley and Emma Kivett Langley and Ellen was the fourth child in the family of 14 children. Seven are deceased, the remaining brothers and sisters, besides Ada and Ellen, are Mrs. Rodnia Staley and Armp Langley, Greensboro, Mrs. Lela York and Mrs. Leora York, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Burlie Langley, Rt. 1, Staley. Only Mrs. Staley was unable to attend the joint birthday observance.

Ada and Ellen grew up on a farm near the Shady Grove Church, in which community Ada still lives, and they attended the services at the church and the classes at the Shady Grove School.

Three out of the first four children born to Jerry and Emma Langley were girls; therefore they were needed to do work ordinarily performed by the boys in the family. They recalled helping to fire the boiler at the sawmill which their father operated, piling sawdust, stacking lumber, and one of them said she had even sawed crossties. On the farm they hoed corn, picked cotton, plowed and harrowed the ground.

They still work in their gardens, at the ages of four score years and more, or Ada said she worked in hers, "when I can get to it and it ain't too wet." Ada who has been noted for the making and wearing of the old fashioned black bonnets, said her doctor told her to throw away the keys to her tiller. But this 84-year-old woman informed him there were no keys to it.

Ada for many years has been active in the Staley Pilgrim Holiness Church, now the Staley Wesleyan Church. On the Sunday morning of her birthday celebration sat in her usual seat on the second bench next to the window. Ellen is a member of the Pleasant Garden Baptist Church where she regularly attends the services.

Four of Ada's five children and six of Ellen's eight children are still living. Ada also has eight grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Ellen has 11 grand-children and 10 great-grandchildren.

Neighbor's Grove Pastor Leaving

July 22, 1975 - Mike and Patti Engle, who have made a place for themselves among the congregation at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, particularly the young people, during the past four and one half years, are preparing to leave for another assignment.

On Monday, Aug. 4, they will leave for Hendersonville where Mike will become the pastor of the Wesleyan Church of that town. They came to the Neighbors Grove church in Jan., 1971 where Mike became the assistant pastor in charge of youth and music. He was ordained a Wesleyan minister at the district conference a year ago.

Last Saturday evening the choir honored the couple at a gathering in the youth building, featuring the presentation of gifts. This next Saturday evening the youth of the church will honor them with a similar event. Many of the Sunday School classes have already recognized their services at the church by the presentation of gifts. Others are inviting them into their homes for meals.

The youth of the church have dedicated to them a cookbook which they recently adopted as a fund raising project, an effort which recently saw the printing of an additional 750 copies of the cookbook. It is in the area of your activities that the Engles have excelled, considering that their first meeting with the youth upon their arrival consisted of three people besides themselves. Their present average attendance is 36.

Their most far-reaching project has perhaps been the reconstruction of the old Freedom Hill Wesleyan church in Alamance County, the first Wesleyan Methodist Church to be erected in the south. This achievement on the part of the youth at Neighbors Grove brought to them the acclaim of the district conference.

Other activities have included camping and beach retreats, spiritual emphasis week-ends, attendance at the state youth camp where Mike served as a counselor, the southeastern area youth conference at Atlanta, Ga., and the international youth conference at St. Louis, Mo. A trip to Carowinds was also enjoyed.

Local activities have included Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets, many trips to events in neighboring cities, participation in the March of Dimes drive, and services at Randolph Rest Home. At the latter place Mike has also gone each week to conduct an extension Sunday School class. Other activities in which Mike has engaged has been two years services as drive director of the March of Dimes and as coach and assistant coach of the church's softball teams.

Mike and Patti have become familiar figures on the Asheboro scene during their stay here.

Community Center Thrives

July 30, 1975 - The Union Township Community Center is fulfilling a vital need for the people of the township, even though the building has only been completed for a short while.

Use of the building began last Christmas before its completion, with three or four seasonal parties being held during that period. Since then there have been two bridal showers, two potluck suppers, two birthday meals, a Sunday School class supper, a cake-cutting, an anniversary reception, and a family reunion.

Then on last Saturday evening a public hot dog and hamburger supper was held in the building with the proceeds to be used toward the retirement of the \$4,000 indebtedness which exists on the structure. Already \$10,000 has been spent on the building but it is estimated that approximately amount has been donated in material and labor. It is estimated that 90 per cent of the labor was donated.

Neither of these amounts include the value of the approximately two acres of land which was donated by the nearby store owners and operators, Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Strider. This tract of land, which is located uphill from the old covered bridge near Pisgah, includes 800 feet of road frontage.

Discussion of a community building for the Union Township area began when the old Pisgah School building burned, leaving the people of the township without a building in which to hold elections. The first meeting concerning the erection of a building occurred in June, 1973.

First officers of the organization which they formed, Union Township Community Center, Inc., were Lenton Slack, president; Wayne Lanier, vice-president; Mrs. Jean Strider, secretary; and Miss Amanda Greene, treasurer.

Present officers which were recently elected include David (Sonny) Cagle, president; Earl Moore, vice-president; Mrs. Edith Lanier, secretary; and Mrs. Jeannie Callicutt, treasurer.

Raising money was the first concern of the new corporation and the election of trustees, David Cagle, Lacy Strider, Ronald Shaw, Jerry Trotter, and Leverette Strider. A building committee consisted of David Cagle, Howard Adman, George Luther, Delbert Hodge, and Herb Little and the construction of the building began in June, 1974. Meetings of the group prior to the completion of the building were held in a garage area at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. (Hoyt) Callicutt.

The building was constructed of blocks with a paneled interior in both the meeting room and kitchen area. In the area of the fireplace "barnside" paneling was used, reflecting the beauty of the open fireplace and the exposed portion of the chimney which extends through the ceiling.

Rocks for the fireplace and chimney, which were built by Walter Luther, came from the old Madge Luther home which is located at the present residence of Herb Little. The old chimney from which the rocks were removed was estimated to have been built a hundred years ago by Joel Cranford.

The overhead lighting fixture, which suspends from a log chain attached to the ceiling, was made by Lloyd Moffitt and constructed from the wheel of an old wheat drill owned by Lindsey Luther. The picture of the old covered bridge on the wall was painted by Mrs. Kate Whatley Haywood.

Reservations for the use of the building may be made by contacting Mrs. Harold (Jean) Strider. Members of a planning committee preparing for the construction of the building consisted of Hoyt Callicutt, Delbert Hodge, Herb Little, Mrs. Lloyd (Brownie) Moffitt, and Mrs. Ruth Scott.

Perhaps the primary need for a community building in Union Township was a place where people could vote in the elections. But they have found that it has many more uses than that. It is an attractive building situated on a lovely tract of land and the people are real proud of what they have accomplished.

Golden Anniversary Observed by Couple In Franklinville

Aug. 5, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Bernice Caswell Jones, Franklinville, were honored by their children at a reception, Sunday afternoon, which commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Approximately 275 friends and relatives called at the Jones residence on Rose St. from 3-6 p. m.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph N. Jones, Peachtree City, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. John A. (Sarah) Hambleton, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy (Gracie) Allred, Asheboro. Other immediate family members include eight grandchildren.

Assisting at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Jones, Mrs. Edward M. Kirkman, Mrs. Olivia J. Sykes, Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Routh, Ernest C. Routh, Mrs. Kitty J. Caviness, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Williams. W. I. Jones, Mrs. Kirkman and Mrs. Sykes are brother and sisters of Bernice Jones while Paul and Ernest Routh are brothers of Mrs. Jones. The Decoration and inscription on the anniversary cake was the same top-piece which was used when Mrs. Jones' parents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1949.

Mrs. Caviness, Paul Routh, Ernest Routh and his late wife, Mrs. Ernest C. Routh, were witnesses at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jones on Aug. 4, 1925 at the parsonage of the Ramseur-Franklinville Charge of the Methodist Church in Ramseur. The officiating minister was the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Scott.

Mrs. Jones, the former Elizabeth Lula Routh, is the daughter of the late Edgar A. Routh and wife, Nellie Teague Routh. She is a native of Franklinville, graduated from the local high school and attended Woman's College, in Greensboro. Her father served as Register of Deeds for Randolph County and Mrs. Jones worked at two different times in the tax office, serving as one time as the tax supervisor for the county.

Bernice Jones is the son of the late Wesley C. (Wes) Jones and wife, Ida Allred Jones. He, too, is a native of Franklinville, having been reared across the river from the residence of his wife. His father was a well known Justice of the Peace, a wagon-maker, and the operator of a store, blacksmith shop and garage. Wes Jones was killed in an accident involving the removal of his garage from across the river one month following the marriage of his son.

Jones is currently serving a term as town commissioner and has served in the same position at two other times for a total of eight years before the beginning of his present term. He served as Mayor of Franklinville from 1950-60. He is a charter member of the Franklinville Lions Club. He retired from his garage the first of 1969, in which business he began as a small boy helping his father in the blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Jones helped her husband in various aspects of his business for the last 17 years before his retirement. She is the organist for the Franklinville United Methodist Church, a position which she has held for many years, and she is active in United Methodist Women and in other areas of the church where she has been a member since 1917. Her husband is also a member of the Franklinville church.

Bernice Jones, nearly 70, and Lula Jones, 68, remain active despite their retirement. In addition to their Franklinville home, they maintain a cottage at Pinehaven, near Badin, and Jones follows the pursuits of a fisherman.

Also, since retirement he has spent considerable time in the rebuilding of older model Mustangs, a hobby which has especially been beneficial to his grandchildren who have been the recipients of his skill in this capacity.

Church Has Note-Burning

Aug. 7, 1975 - Rev. Watson C. Black, superintendent of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church, participated in a note-burning service at the Trinity Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Sunday morning and told the congregation "it is nothing short of a miracle," what they have accomplished.

The burning of the note signified the clearing of the indebtedness on the church building which was completed slightly more than four years ago. The Rev. Mr. Black said "in behalf of the district, I would like to say thank you for the good job you have been doing here."

He related that on Sept. 29, 1970 officials of the church met with officials of the conference asking permission to borrow \$29,000 with which to build a new church structure. The permission was granted, even though the church at that time only had seven members and some people said "it can't be done."

In less than seven months the new church building was completed and the Rev. Mr. Black came on Apr. 18, 1971 to speak at a dedicatory service held in the new building. Cost of the building, which consists of sanctuary, four classrooms and two restrooms, was only \$27,000.

This included brick exterior, carpeted floors and upholstered pews. A. F. Davis, a member of the congregation, was the contractor for the building and received considerable praise for the job which he did considering the cost.

Joining in the note-burning ceremony along with the district superintendent were Rev. Wilson Goins, pastor of the church, Mrs. Jerry (Jessie Kate) Davis, Clifford Chriscoe, and Roy Chriscoe, trustees, and Mrs. A. F. (Ruth) Davis, church clerk.

The organization of the Trinity church resulted from tent meeting which was held 25 years ago in the yard of Benjamin F. Beck, father of Rev. Wilton Beck who conducted the meeting.

The first building was erected across the road on land donated by Bill Beck. The community in which the church is located is generally known as "Beck Town."

Mrs. Sue Black, wife of the district superintendent, accompanied her husband to the note-burning service.

Following the service the superintendent and the pastor, along with their wives and other members of the pastor's family, were luncheon guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Chriscoe.

During the service the district superintendent pointed to the need for a parsonage and suggested that this would be a good project for the church to consider in years ahead.

Couple, Son Return to Erect

Aug. 12, 1975—After nearly six years of residence in Morganton, where their son, Ched, attended the North Carolina School for the Deaf, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chriscoe and Ched have returned to their Rt. 1, Seagrove, home near Erect.

They lived in a mobile home while in the Morganton area but retained their home near Erect to which they returned

each weekend except for the time Mrs. Chriscoe (Jeanette) was hospitalized.

Ched Chriscoe, now 11, was a day student at the School for the Deaf. His parents estimate they have driven 270,000 miles during the last six years, taking Ched back and forth to school and returning to their Randolph County home on the week-ends.

This fall, or as soon as the new facility is completed, the Chriscoes will enroll Ched in the Central Carolina School for the Deaf in Greensboro. He will also become a day student there. This is the school Roy and Jeanette have longed for, since it will permit their son to continue the training he has been receiving and will also allow the family to live in the community which they have always called home.

It was seven years ago that Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe took their son to Morganton and enrolled him in the school there as a dormitory student. Personnel at the school had emphasized the need for him to remain at the school. But they had not taken into account the love and devotion which existed between the parents and their only child. Ched became ill and the young parents were miserable. So after six weeks he was brought back home and re-entered the next year as a day student. This necessitated the couple leaving their home. Roy quit his job at Klopman Mills in Ramseur and then moved to Morganton.

For awhile young Ched Chriscoe, then 5, was still not reconciled to his parents leaving him at the school each day, not being sure they would come back for him that afternoon, remembering the year before when they had left him at the school. But he was soon reassured and became a happy student, loving the school, its activities, and his fellow students. He learned to read and write, speak some words, and studied language, mathematics, social studies, and science. He is now qualified to enter the fourth grade at the school in Greensboro.

He participated in the athletic programs at the school, learned to swim and in field day he received third place in the shot put competition. He was a member of the Cub Scouts and before coming home joined the other scouts on a weekend camporee. He is an active young lad around the home and the farm on which he lives. He drives the tractor, helps his father in the plowing and harrowing, and brings the tractor by himself from his grandfather's place some miles away.

When this correspondent visited in the home the family was planning for a trip to the beach the next week, intending to stay there for a few days. But Ched was impatient, wanted to get an early start and was trying to persuade his mother to begin packing his clothes for the beach outing.

For the first time since Ched was born with the loss of the greater part of his hearing the parents and the young boy too can have some stability and permanence. They can live in the home which they love and in the community where their roots are grounded. Also, Ched can continue to receive his training at a school in the adjoining county.

There will still be a transportation problem but that will be a small matter compared to their difficulties over the past few years. However, they would still be interested in getting in touch with the parents of other hearing defective children to talk about transportation to the new school and other mutual problems which they might have. Those interested in discussing these matters are asked to contact Mr. and

Mrs. Roy Chriscoe, Rt. 1, Seagrove, N. C. 27341, Phone No. 879-3585.

Howard Leach Moffitt Is To Be Ordained On Saturday

Aug. 15, 1975—Howard Leach Moffitt, newly called pastor of Community Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, will be ordained into the ministry at a service to be held Saturday evening, at Shiloh Christian Church, beginning at 7:30.

Principal figures in the service of ordination will be the Rev. Leonard Routh, pastor at Shiloh Church, and Rev. Leon Wood, a former pastor. Among those serving on the board of ordination will be Rev. Bennie Maness, pastor of Asbury Baptist Church and a veteran minister in the southern part of the county, along the Randolph, Moore and Montgomery County lines.

Soon after his conversion, Moffitt united with the Shiloh Christian Church, where he will be ordained into the ministry next Saturday evening, and it was not long until he was asked to assume positions of leadership. He became the assistant teacher of a class, then the teacher and also the choir director. He also began night classes at Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem.

Reason for this preparation was because Howard Moffitt was being led of the Lord to enter full time service. He began occupying the pulpit at Shiloh and at other churches and in Aug. 1973 he enrolled as a full time student at Piedmont Bible College where this fall he will become a third year student working towards his Bachelor of Theology degree.

His enrollment in college came 18 years following his graduation from Coleridge High School in 1955. In the interim period he has worked at Bossong Hosiery Mill, Union Carbide Co. where he worked for eight years, served as a sales and service representative for a industrial sewing machine company, Ramseur Interlock Co. and Stedman Manufacturing Co., in addition to serving two years in the Army with service in Korea.

He is the son of Mrs. Susie Chriscoe Moffitt, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and the late Wister (Wis) Moffitt. He was reared in the community near Little Beane's Store but his mother was reared in the area in which the Community Baptist Church to which he has been called is located, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Chriscoe.

The church to which he has been called is worshipping in a new building erected at the approximate cost of \$75,000 and was dedicated on Sunday morning, Mar. 24, 1974. It consists of sanctuary, seven Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms, and pastor's study. The former pastor of the church is the Rev. David Chriscoe.

Neighbors Honor Staley Pair On Their Golden Anniversary

Aug. 20, 1975 - A Saturday evening reception in the fellowship hall at Parks Cross Roads Christian Church honored Mr. and Mrs. Ottis Henry Staley, Rt. 2, Ramseur on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Guests called from 7-9p. m.

Hostesses were neighbors and friends of the honored couple. Mrs. Marshall Joyce and daughter, Miss Margie Joyce, Mrs. Tom Burgess, Mrs. Armp Staley, Mrs. Bob Pugh, Mrs. Harold Powell, and Miss Edna Nixon.

It was to the same church on a Wednesday evening, Aug. 19, 1925, that Mr. and Mrs. Staley came to attend revival service following their marriage earlier at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ellis in the Parks Cross Roads community.

They were married by the Rev. Tom Green, a resident of the community who was living temporarily at Elon College at that time while his children attended college. The wedding took place in the Ellis home because the preacher had been asked to eat supper there that night while he was conducting the revival services at the church.

Staley is a native of the Browns Cross Roads community where the couple live in the house in which he was born, the son of George Staley and Doska York Staley. Staley's mother died a few years ago at the age of 89.

Mrs. Staley, the former Annie Virginia Burgess, is a native of the Parks Cross Roads community, the daughter of Rankin Burgess and Ivey Cox Burgess. Both she and her husband were reared on farms. He attended the one-teacher Kildee School while she went to the Parks Cross Roads School, a three teacher institution.

The couple were reared about five miles apart and at first Staley, now 75, did not pay too much attention to Mrs. Staley, who is seven years younger, as he got about into the two communities attending corn shuckings and wheat thrashings. But the acquaintance developed perhaps better at the spelling matches held at Parks Cross Roads and the marriage occurred after two years of courtship.

A farmer for all of his life and sometimes a sawmill worker, Staley retired last year and now has his farm rented out. He still tends a garden, however, and raises watermelons. Although he has a tractor and other modern equipment he still keeps a mule which he uses to track patches.

The older portion of the house in which the couple lives was built in 1906. Located on a dirt road, it is shaded by three huge oak trees, two of which are double pronged. Mr. and Mrs. Staley are members of the Parks Cross Roads church and respected citizens of the community in which they live and the community in which they attend church.

Since they have no children their long time friends and neighbors wanted to provide the sponsorship for the reception which honored them on their golden wedding anniversary.

Retirement Dinner Honors E. C. Routh

Aug. 21, 1975 - E. C. Routh, whose lifetime has been marked by service to his employer, his church and his community, was honored at a retirement dinner at the Holiday Inn in Asheboro last Friday.

He is retiring after 56 years as a salesman for the flour and food division of Randolph Mills Inc. in Franklinville. He went to work at the age of 18. His 74th birthday occurred the day after his retirement. However, his retirement will not be total at this time. He will remain with the company as a consultant on a part time basis.

Walter Clark, president of The Randolph Mills, Inc., presented Routh with a plaque at the retirement dinner; he also received a gift from his fellow salesmen who were present at the dinner. Also present were members of his family along with wives of the mill personnel. Lamont Futrell, manager of the flour and feed division, presided over the dinner.

At the time Ernest Routh went to work at the mill it was known as the Franklinville Mfg. Co. and it was about five years before Walter Clark's father, the late John W. Clark,

assumed the ownership of the company and changed its name. Routh's father, the late Edgar A. Routh, was manager of the mill when he went to work there and there was only one other employee besides the father and son. The mill was originally started by Edgar A. Routh in 1901.

When he was hired by the late Hugh Parks, then owner of the mill, to go on the road and sell flour, he was studying telegraphy with his uncle, Charlie Teague, in Hoffman. But he took the advice of his father and came back to Franklinville to begin his long tenure of employment. Charlie Teague was a brother of his mother, the late Nella Teague Routh.

His first route included the surrounding towns and other nearby local areas. He traveled in a Model T Ford, being one of the three people in Franklinville to own a car at that time, but the flour sold was delivered in a wagon drawn by two mules.

His route at the time of retirement included many towns in the southeastern part of the state and the adjoining towns in South Carolina. He served as the manager of an auxiliary mill in Monroe for a few years. His service with the company included the years in which the poultry business was part of its operation.

Two events happened in Franklinville on Aug. 16, 1901, the birth of Forrest Clyde Routh and the washing out of the Sandy Creek bridge between Ramseur and Franklinville, due to the heavy rain and flooding of the area. Dr. Tate, the Ramseur physician, who officiated at his birth, had to circle to the north of Franklinville in order to get there for delivery.

Since early manhood his life has been identified with the civic, religious and political activities of his town and county. Beginning at the age of 21 he has served many times town commissioner and twice as mayor of the town. He served on the Randolph County School Board for ten years and also a member of the Board at the Randolph Technical Institute. He was a candidate for county commissioner in the Hoover landslide in 1928 and has served as chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee. He has been a partisan Democrat for all his life.

He was a member of the Ramseur Lions Club before transferring to the Franklinville club when it was organized.

At one time he was a scout leader in Randolph County and a member of the executive board of the General Greene Council of the Boy Scouts. He is the president of the Ramseur Burial Association.

He has served in various official positions at the Franklinville United Methodist Church and is currently the treasurer of both the Improvement Fund and the Fellowship Hall Fund. He has served for many years as the treasurer of the Randolph Area Mission Society, comprised of the United Methodist Churches of Randolph County, and he is a frequent attendant at the annual conference of his denomination.

His wife, the former Pearl Burke, died in 1960. His children are Mrs. Charles (Nancy) Welborn, Edgar Burke Routh, and Joe Sam Routh, and he has two grand-children.

Christian Benefit Association Organized To Help Those In Need

Aug. 22, 1975 - A new organization, Christian Benefit Association, was organized last week to aid people who have been beset with tragedy and misfortune, sickness and excessive hospital bills. Money used in this effort will be delivered from free will offerings at gospel singings.

After preliminary planning and meeting the people concerned with the new organization met and elected Charles Miller, a well known gospel singer, as president of the new association. Other officers names were Donald Hoover, secretary, Mrs. Charles Lackey, treasurer, and Bobby Franklin and Andy Ritch, Jr. as booking agents.

It was decided to start the benefit singing next month, possibly on the third Saturday night in order to build up a reserve fund with which to accomplish the purpose of the new association. Requests for money will be checked out by a committee and consideration will be given to requests made by pastors of the various churches.

It is understood that approximately 13 gospel singing groups have already made their services available to the new association. These groups will alternate at the singings which will also be held in different areas of the county. Allocation of funds, limited to a donation of \$100, will be made within a 20-mile radius of Asheboro which will extend to the borders of surrounding counties.

Meetings of the officers and committee members will be held on the first Sunday night in each month and tentative plans are to conduct the public singings on the third Saturday night of each month. Jim Bullins, manager of a local singing group, initiated the idea of forming an association that helps raise money for those who have need.

Win National Teen Honors

June 22, 1975 - A local church singing group, The Young Christians, won national honors in teen talent competition, Lifeliners International, sponsored by the Pentecostal Holiness denomination in Columbia, S. C. last week.

They won first place in the vocal ensemble category, receiving a trophy and winning two \$300 scholarships which went to Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs, Ga. And Southwestern College in Oklahoma City, Okla.

The Young Christians, sponsored by the Asheboro Pentecostal Church, have been in existence for about two years and have been widely acclaimed locally and elsewhere for their musical abilities. They have made many appearances here and other communities, including places in South Carolina and Virginia.

Around 75 teen-agers from across the nation competed in the nine different categories at the teen talent event in Columbia which was held in the ballroom at the Wade Hampton Hotel. The local group also participated in the same event held last year in Oklahoma City, Okla., in which they placed as second runner-up in the same category which they won this year.

About 25 people from this vicinity went to Columbia for the teen talent contest, including Rev. Tommy Fuquay, pastor of the Asheboro Pentecostal Church. Members of The Young Christians are Ken Fuquay, Sandy King, David King, Barry Needham, Sherrie Campbell, and Frankie Perkins.

Miss Campbell, pianist for the group, will be leaving soon to enroll at Emmanuel College. Other instrumentalist in the group are David King who plays the trombone. The Young Christians plan to continue their performances despite the departure of Miss Campbell. A new pianist will be added to the group.

Effie Spinks Honored On Her 83rd Birthday

Aug. 22, 1975 - Mrs. Effie Goldston Spinks, Rt. 1, Seagrove, was honored on her 83rd birthday Saturday afternoon, Aug. 16, at a family gathering which was held at the place where she reared her ten children, now occupied by her son, Archie Spinks, and his family.

Her other children are Mrs. Gertrude Cheek and Mrs. Lucy McSwaim, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Redell Spinks, Brooklyn, N. Y., Mrs. Jewel Booker, Dillwyn, Va., Garland, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Ray Spinks, and Mrs. Charlotte Staley, Ramseur, Mrs. Telma Hines, Greensboro, and Sherman Spinks, Jr. Rochester, N. Y.

Eleven children were born to Mrs. Spinks and her husband, Sherman Spinks, who died some years ago, but one child is deceased. Mrs. Spinks resides with her daughter, Mrs. McSwaim, in a house adjoining the place where Mrs. Spinks and her husband formerly lived with their children.

Mrs. Spinks was born and reared a short distance away, one of the 14 children born to Gillis Goldston and Mary Ann Brower Goldston. The old house in which they lived is still standing. Thirteen of these children grew to maturity, the other child, Haseltine, died nine days after birth. Other deceased members of the family are Mrs. Celia Cheek, Miss Beulah Goldston, Miss Dinah Green, Mrs. Lola Bell, and Curtis Goldston.

Living brothers and sisters, all of whom joined Mrs. Spinks in her birthday celebration, are Mrs. Beatrice Spinks, Elder J. E. (Julia Ewing), Mrs. Mary Spencer, Mrs. Ada Hawkins, Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, and James and Hurley Goldston. Four of the sisters, Mrs. Effie Spinks, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Hawkins, and Mrs. Hill have defective eyesight. These four sisters have been familiar figures at the Lions party for the blind and have often sung as a quartet at these meetings.

Elder Ewing, one of the sisters, is pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Mrs. Spinks is a member of this church along with one of her brothers. Three more of the sisters belong to the same denomination in Asheboro.

All of Mrs. Spinks children were present for the birthday celebration except for two sons, Garland and Sherman, Jr. Also in attendance were many of her 57 grand-children and 58 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Louis York Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Aug. 26, 1975 - A well known local ventriloquist, H. Louis York, and his wife, Jessie Bate York, reaffirmed their marriage vows as part of the observance of their 25th wedding anniversary. They were honored by their children at a reception at their home at 1016 Draper St.

The reaffirmation of vows occurred Saturday evening, Aug. 16, at the First Wesleyan Church, Randleman, where they are members. Officiating was the church pastor, the Rev. Don Richardson. Attending the couple were their children, Rebecca, Martha, and Cindy of the home, and Byron, of Charlotte.

Approximately 25 or more family members and close friends were present for the ceremony Saturday evening, and around 75 guest called at the York residence on Sunday afternoon from 2:30 until 5:30. Following the observance the couple left for a few days at the beach.

Louis York, who was born and reared near Ramseur, received a disability retirement a few years ago from the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills. Since then he has

been able to pursue two hobbies, ventriloquism and watch repair.

His interest in ventriloquism goes back before the time he completed a 30-unit correspondence course in the art. Along with his "dummy," Jerry Dean, he fills many engagements at clubs, churches, parties and other events.

Mrs. York is a native of Greensburg, Ind. Where the couple was married Aug. 18, 1950 in a ceremony which was solemnized in a Pilgrim Holiness Church there.

Rev. Ritter Honored At Singing

Aug. 27, 1975 - Rev. Hayes Ritter, former well known Randolph County minister, was honored by approximately 1,000 people at a benefit singing Saturday evening at North Moore Senior High School. The large auditorium, with a seating capacity of 900, was filled and other people were occupied with operating a concession stand and engaged otherwise.

The Rev. Mr. Ritter, beloved to the residents of lower Randolph, upper Moore and Montgomery Counties where he has served in many pastorates, was critically injured in an automobile accident June 3 in the vicinity of his home near Robbins. He spent 34 days at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and has only recently gone back to his pulpit.

Sponsoring the benefit singing were two churches, the Pine Grove and Unity Grove Baptist Churches. Groups participating were Christian Life Trio, Hunt Family Singers, Jimmy Garner Quartet, and Gospel Four. Master of ceremonies was Robbins Banker Jimmie Garner who is the song leader at Hayes Ritter's home church, Smyrna United Methodist Church.

Ritter and his wife, Gladys, were present for the singing. The master of ceremonies, upon introducing him to the audience, said, "we are here to honor a man who has meant so much to our community, you remember all the times you called him when you were sick and he came." Later, he said "this is our chance to pay him back for so much he has done for us."

When it came time for the Rev. Ritter to respond to the outpouring of the large crowd, he said, "I want to thank God for saving me by his marvelous grace; I want to thank Him for calling me to preach." Discussing his accident he said he didn't know anything for 17 days, stating that he was brought home during that period and didn't know about it. Doctors at the hospital said he came as near dying as any person that been brought there. The minister received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

The free will offering for the minister at the singing amounted to \$1,000. This did not include the proceeds from the concession stand which will be tabulated later. Ritter was pastor of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Rt. 1, Bennett, for many years. This church is located in Randolph County, near the Moore and Chatham County lines.

Brady Reunion Held Sunday In Pleasant Grove Township

Aug. 27, 1975 - The family of Eli Abijah (Bige) Brady and his wife, Maxie Ann Brady, held a reunion Sunday at the old community building, next to the Chilton Store building, in Pleasant Grove Township, Rt. 1, Bennett.

Bige Brady died in 1959 at the age of 91 plus, his wife died in 1929. For many years before Bige Brady died his

family would gather each year on the occasion of his birthday. Many people would be present at these annual events, held at the old home place west of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

The reunion this year, however, was the first to be held since his death. The gathering was initiated by one of his sons, the Rev. E. Carl Brady, retired minister and former school principal. A large crowd was present but yet did not include near all of the descendants of Bige and Maxie Brady.

Fourteen children were born to the couple, four of them dying in infancy. Deceased in later years have been Eugene, Floyd, Millard, and Homer Brady. Surviving are Mrs. Ada Hicks, Rt. 1, Liberty, Walter Brady, Seagrove, Rev. Carl Brady, Robbins, Ernest Brady, Rt. 1, Bennett, John Brady, Rt. 4, Siler City, and Mrs. Lois Scott, Siler City.

Bige Brady and his wife, Maxie, were reared in the same general vicinity but on different sides of Deep River which the Brady land adjoined. They both attended the Pleasant Grove church before they were married. It is said that Maxie crossed the river in a boat in order to attend the services, carrying her shoes with her and putting them on just before she got to the church.

Carl Brady, who planned the resumption of the reunion, came out of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church to become a minister of the Congregational Christian Conference, now known as the United Church of Christ. In addition to serving the pastorates of several churches, he has affiliated with the school system for 42 years. He taught at Pleasant Grove, High Falls and Elon College before becoming principal at Robbins where he stayed for 38 years.

Among those present at the reunion was Carl Brady's daughter, Mrs. Laverne Davis, and her three children, Elizabeth, Julia, and Jonathon of Wyckoff, N. J.

Friendship Baptist Church Has Building Underway

Aug. 28, 1975 - A new structure for the Friendship Baptist Church, formerly known as the Brooklyn Baptist Mission, is underway on Highway 22 south of Ramseur, just beyond the city limits.

Since its beginning on May 27, 1973, the congregation has worshipped in a store building in Ramseur's Brooklyn area.

The new building, currently under construction, will consist of fellowship hall, 50 by 80 feet, including a sanctuary seating approximately 240 people, six classrooms and two rest rooms.

Contractor for the building, which will be centrally heated and air conditioned, will be Willie Cox. Financing will come from the issue of a bond program amounting to \$60,000.

Building site for the new construction consists of four and one half acres of land purchased from Ramseur business man, the Rev. Tom Hill, under whose guidance the Friendship pastor, the Rev. James H. Robbins, was converted during Hill's pastorate at White's Memorial Baptist Church north of Cedar Falls.

The Rev. Mr. Hill is now supplying the pastorate of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Need for the new building is due to the overcrowding of present facilities. The old store building has capacity for about 100 and the attendance, according to the pastor, has

reached 161. Membership of the church in May, 1974 was 28, in June of this year it had reached 77.

The pastor at the church, Rev. Mr. Robbins, is a native of Randleman but lives with his wife, the former Virginia Ann Routh, in the Millboro community on Rt. 1, Franklinville. He is 36 years old, is an employee of Sears Mail Order Company in Greensboro, and is a fourth year student at Greensboro Bible College.

Bunting Couple Honored For Their Anniversary

Sept. 3, 1975 - The 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. William H. (Bill) Bunting, 1116 West Salisbury St., was observed at a family gathering at their home Saturday evening.

Hosts for the occasion were their children, Roy Lee, a student at Fayetteville Technical Institute, studying mortuary Science, Terri, a student at Gardner Webb College, Barry, a junior at Asheboro High School, Phyllis, a 7th grade student at North Asheboro Junior High School, and their twin daughters, Pamela Sue and Paula Jean, students at Charles W. McCrary School.

Also present for the anniversary observance were their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Baker, Rt. 7, Asheboro, and Mrs. Colon Bunting, 960 Lee St., and other members of their immediate families. Bill Bunting's father is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunting were married Sept. 3, 1950 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Bunting is the former Mary Baker. Bill served for four years in the U. S. Air Force and worked for several years with the postal service in Chicago. He is currently employed as a letter carrier for the post office in Greensboro.

The family attends Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro. Bill is active in the N. C. State Association of Letter Carriers and is presently serving as the vice president of this association.

Friendship Baptist Church Breaks Ground For Church

Sept. 5, 1975 - Friendship Baptist Church, located on Spero Road west of the Highway 220 bypass, broke ground last week for a new church structure which will cost \$181,000. The church which was only organized in Jan., 1974, has been worshipping in a fellowship hall which was occupied in July, 1974.

The new building will consist of sanctuary, Sunday School rooms and baptistry. It will have a seating capacity of 488, including choir area, and provision will be made for the inclusion of a balcony for additional seating space later. Erection will take place directly in front of the existing place of worship. Builder will be Frank Snider Construction Co.

Participating in the ground breaking service, which was held before the Wednesday night prayer meeting congregation, were the pastor, the Rev. Dewey Almond, the deacon board, composed of Reid Crotts, chairman, Johnny Miller, Jimmy Hudspeth, and Robert Hames and the building committee, composed of, W. P. Meacham, Doug Crotts, and Gene Routh. One Deacon, Don Miller, was unable to be present. The contractor Frank Snider, was also present.

The Friendship church, once termed the "miracle church," has shown outstanding progress since its beginning. In May, 1974, after its organization in Jan., land was

purchased and the first building started, with congregational members doing most of the work on its construction.

After moving into the building in July the church continued to prosper and in Apr. this year all indebtedness on the land, the building and its equipment was paid off. Since then a building fund of approximately \$10,000 has been accumulated towards the construction of the new building.

Efforts Made In Reviving Garren Grove

Sept. 5, 1975 - An effort is being made to revive Garren Grove Church of God, Rt. 3, Asheboro, located in a small isolated community in Concord Township, known as "Garren Town."

Rev. J. B. Turner, a Pentecostal Holiness minister from near Asheboro, has been holding services there since the first Sunday in August. Many Ministers before him over the past ten years have sought to re-establish the services in the church since the departure of the first pastor, the Rev. Edmond Lambeth

The Rev. Mr. Lambeth and Lacy Cagle, from Silver Valley over in Davidson County, came to the community 11 years ago and held a tent revival. Their efforts were so successful they asked Mrs. Janie Barnes Garren for land on which to erect a building. Mrs. Garren's son, Lee, was opposed to the building of a church in the community for various reasons but said, "if I can't stop you, I'll pitch in and help." He and Lambeth put up the building and he has been a loyal attendant since that time.

He was one of the three community residents attending the service at the church last Sunday. Others present included the Rev. Mr. Turner, his daughter and three grandchildren from out of state, and this reporter. However, the minister said from 9 to 11 people from the community had been attending the services before last Sunday. Before the Rev. Mr. Turner came services at the church had been discontinued since last Oct.

The Garren Town Road, listed as such on the county map and also known as State Road No. 1332, is unpaved when it leaves Highway 64 about eight miles west of Asheboro and heads in a southern direction towards Highway 49. However, the lower end of the road, about a mile of it is paved. This portion of the road includes Garren Town, comprised of about a dozen houses.

The unpaved section, over three miles, goes through a mostly wooded area, with two or three houses on the upper end but no more signs of houses until you reach the other end, except for an old two-story abandoned house and three mail boxes indicating some houses off the road. Some portions of the road is mountainous and the houses off the road would appear to be well below the surface of the road.

According to Lee Garren, his maternal grandfather, Sam Barnes, who served as Randolph County's elected surveyor many years ago lived on the lower end of the road and at one time lived in what was formerly the Locust Grove Schoolhouse. Sam Barnes' daughter, Janie married George Garren from Tabernacle Township and it was from this family the community received its name. At one time most of the people who lived in the community were Garrens.

The sign on the front of the church is almost obliterated but a new board has put across the sign next to the road, giving the name of the latest minister and the times for the services. The Rev. Mr. Turner is discouraged somewhat

with his visible results thus far but said, "I'm going to come out here until the Lord says it is enough." He's expecting some help soon and has announced the beginning of a revival meeting on Sept. 15. He will be assisted in the revival services by the Rev. Thomas Fuquay, pastor of the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church, and the Young Christians, a well known youth singing group from the Asheboro Church.

Couple Entertains Friends To Celebrate Anniversary

Sept. 10, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lloyd Hoover, Rt. 3, Asheboro, entertained their friends at a reception Sunday afternoon, Sept. 5, commemorating their 25th wedding anniversary. Approximately 90 guests called at the Hoover residence from 3-5 to greet the couple and their two children, Dale and Carol Hoover.

Joining with them in the anniversary observance was the Rev. Hubert Bennett who performed their marriage ceremony at the Huldah Baptist Church on Sept. 2, 1950. Receiving guests was the Rev. Don Chisholm, pastor of the Asheboro Alliance Church, which they attend, and Mrs. Chisholm.

Also assisting in the reception were Mrs. Lester Gatlin, Mrs. William Moran, Mrs. Ernest Price, Mrs. Louise Callicutt, Miss Vickie Lewallen, and Mr. and Mrs. Raeford Farlow.

A special guest was Mrs. Myrtle Moran, Rt. 8, Asheboro, mother of Mrs. Hoover. Her father was the late Willis Moran. Hoover's parents, Jason and Mary Bunting Hoover, are also deceased.

Mrs. Hoover has operated Geneva's Beauty Shop, next to her home, for eight years. Her husband is a long time employee of Bossong Hosiery Mills.

Club Holds First Social Meeting

Sept. 10, 1975 - The Center of State Scottish Rite Club, an organization which was finalized at a meeting in Asheboro on Aug. 6, held a Ladies Night meeting at the Masonic Lodge Hall in Ramseur Wednesday evening.

This was the first social meeting held by the new organization. Supper was served.

The program was presented by three faculty members from the Department of Social Languages and Auditory Pathology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, consisting of Dr. Garrett Hume, chairman of the department, who was accompanied by Miss Margaret Hoemel and Miss Laura Becker.

The first meeting for the organization of the proposed Scottish Rite Club was held May 31 at the Masonic Temple in Asheboro, at which time temporary officers were elected. Another meeting was held for further discussion of the organization before the Aug. 6 meeting. At the latter meeting the speaker was Ted S. Royster, Jr., a Lexington attorney, who discussed the meaning of the Scottish Rite Mason.

Initial membership of the club was closed out at the Aug. meeting, with the final list of charter members numbering 67. The permanent officers were also confirmed at this meeting and they are president, Alvah Skeen; first vice president, Douglas Barnes; second vice president, Bill Allred; secretary, Tommy Coward; and treasurer, William Johnston.

The club which is comprised of 32nd degree Masons from throughout Randolph County, is the second club to be organized in the state and is the largest.

Assistance has been rendered by R. G. Paschal, secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies in Greensboro, and John R. Fields, also of Greensboro, who is Venerable Master of the J. W. Courtland Lodge of Perfection and an assistant instructor in Scottish Rite degrees.

Next meeting of the club will be held on Oct. 8 in Liberty.

Former Students Hold First Reunion

Sept. 10, 1975 - The first reunion of former Maple Springs School students was held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 31, in the Maple Springs United Methodist Church. The one-teacher school, which was located between Coleridge and Bennett, was closed in 1930.

The school got its name from the maple trees and the springs surroundings it and the church got its name from the school, services having been first held in the schoolhouse.

Around fifty former students attended the first reunion and plans were made to hold the reunion again next year. The same time and the same place on the fifth Sunday in August. Leslie Chilton presided over the first meeting and he was named the president of the association which was formed. Miss Mettie Brady, who initiated the idea of holding the reunion, was named vice president and Mrs. Rosa Moffitt Albright was named secretary and treasurer.

The oldest former student present was Mrs. W. H. (Hampton) Bray, or Rt. 1, Bennett, the former Callie Caviness, who is 84 years of age. However, B. E. Smith of Greensboro was present to bring greetings from his wife, Electa Cheek Smith, 85, who was unable to be present.

Mrs. Bray said she attended school in the old log schoolhouse which had a fireplace so big "it took a fence rail to fill it." She recalled going to the old school building in 1902 and said she went for two years in the new building which was located across the road. Both schoolhouses were situated back of where the church now stands, near the home of Albert Jones.

Three teachers of the school were in attendance at the reunion, Mrs. Lexie Lineberry McCain, Asheboro; Miss Myrtle Smith, High Point and Mrs. Graham Chilton, the former Wilma Phillips, Rt. 1, Bennett. These three teachers came along in succession, beginning around the school year 1926-27.

Former students who registered at the reunion were Mrs. Theima Welch Brower and Vaughn Moffitt, Franklinville, Mrs. Evie Brady Pugh, Mrs. Jennie Poole Branson, and Mrs. Ollie Caviness Burrows, Asheboro, Mrs. Ruth Hammer Swarington, Summerfield, Mrs. Mabel Hammer Shropshire, Mrs. Ruth Cheek Swafford, Charles Cheek, Mrs. Nora Lowdermilk Durham, Troy Cheek, Earl Hammer, Obert Hammer, Tommy Cain, Lacy Brady, Robert Yow, and Mrs. Blanche Caviness Yow, Greensboro, and Mrs. Lucy Chilton Joyce, Rt. 1, Greensboro.

Also, Wilbert Cheek, Seagrove, Mrs. Vrtle Caviness Cox, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Mrs. Clatie Caviness Cain, Miss Ethel Scott, and Floyd Moffitt, Ramseur, Mrs. Eula Saunders Simmons, Ralph Cain, Mrs. Rosa Moffitt Albright, Miss Mettie Brady, Miss Ellie Brady, Willie Saunders, Mrs. Roxie Cain Saunders, Leslie Chilton, and Cleo Brown, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Mrs. Wavel Brady Lawson and Mrs. Bernice Cain Johnson, Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Also Mrs. Katie Chilton Poole and Mrs. Effie Brady Highfill, Randleman, Ivey Caviness, Star Route, Siler City, Mrs. Laura Caviness and Mrs. Cloyce Brady Joyce, Rt. 4, Siler City, Mrs. Maggie Cole Brown, Graham Chilton, Mrs. Callie Moffitt Bray, and Mrs. Ina Bray Brown, Rt. 1, Bennett, Jimmie Gardner, Coleridge, Earl Brady and Roy Caviness, Mebane, and Mrs. Allie Caviness Cheek, High Falls.

All Girl String Band Unique For This Area

Sept. 11, 1975 - An all-girl string band, coming mostly from the Asheboro and Seagrove vicinity, is attracting a great deal of attention over a widespread area, extending even into other states.

The Happy Hollow String Band is composed of teen-agers Sonia Hughes, 15, Karen Joyner, 16, Sandy Chrisco, 18, Gwen Auman, 18, and Robin Auman, 15, Gwen and Robin are sisters and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie J. Auman, Rt. 8, Asheboro, and the late Frank Hughes, Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Chrisco, Rt. 8, Asheboro.

Karen is the only out of county member of the band, living in Four Bush in Yadkin County. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Joyner. Asked why a band member was selected from such a distance, it was stated that Karen was a fiddle player and they were hard to come by in this area. Sonia plays the guitar, Sandy the banjo, Gwen the mandolin, and Robin the Bass.

Sandy is a student at Pfeiffer College and Gwen is a student at University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The other girls are high school students. They have been playing together for a little over two years. Sandy teaches banjo lessons at her home.

A semi-professional musical group, they specialize in Blue Grass music, using the old time arrangements. They have played on two TV channels in Charlotte and have been featured in several magazines, having been recently written up in the "Mule Skinner's News." They have appeared in music halls in Graham, Pageland, S. C., and at Lake Norman. They participate in many music festivals and have played at the State Fair for the past two years.

Last Sunday the band provided entertainment for the reunion of the Charlie Cox family on Rt. 1, Seagrove, Sandy Chrisco's grandfather, Robert Cox, is a member of this family. The band also appears at the Auman reunion, involving the families of Sonia, Gwen and Robin.

As far as is known this the only all-girl string band in this and surrounding areas.

Children Entertain Parents On Sixtieth Anniversary

Sept. 18, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Clodfelter, Route 1, Troy, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon. Their children entertained in their honor at the Uwharrie Community Building which is located near their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Clodfelter have spent their entire married life in Uwharrie Township, living mostly in or near the little town of Uwharrie, eight miles north of Troy on Highway 109, which place they call, "the garden spot of the world."

Mrs. Clodfelter, the former, Delfina (Fina) Harris, was born in Eldorado, located also on Highway 109, but came to the vicinity of Uwharrie at the age of 16. Her parents, Leonard Harris and Jenner Dennis Harris, "moved in sight" of

Clodfelter's parents, Raymond and Flora Johnson Clodfelter, and the couple started "courting" the same month in which the move was made.

But it was almost two years later before their marriage occurred on Sept. 12, 1915, at the home of the officiating Justice of the Peace, J. C. (Jonah) Hamilton, in the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church community. They were accompanied by Walter Beane, owner of the Model T automobile in which they rode, and Jake Denniss and Ella Hall. The latter couple were married at the same place the next Saturday.

Mrs. Clodfelter wore a new dress made from white satin striped voile. The couple planned to get married and get away before anybody found out they were getting married, that was the reason why they were riding in the automobile instead of the buggy in which they usually rode. The ceremony was performed but before they could leave, according to Mrs. Clodfelter, "the church people came Marching in."

Clodfelter worked as a log cutter for 40 years, starting when he was 18, and later worked on a geographic survey for the government and carried the mail. He is still working at the age of 82, operating a store and filling station in Biscoe. Asked if he planned to retire, he became indignant, saying "that's a bad word, an awful word." Mrs. Clodfelter is 76.

Land on which Clodfelter was born and reared and to which Mrs. Clodfelter moved with her family later became a part of the Uwharrie Wildlife Reservation, a place where many people hunt deer in season. Clodfelter said "there ain't a hollow, hill or rock on there that I don't know about."

Children of the couple, who were hosts at the reception in their honor, are Mrs. Albert (Cora) Luther, Asheboro, Mrs. Jake (Margie) Thornburg, Route 5, Asheboro, W. E. Clodfelter, Route 1, Troy, and Dermont, who lives at home with his parents. They have 10 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

They are members of the Uwharrie Methodist Church, located next to the community building which they, along with the other residents of Uwharrie, helped to build. Mr. and Mrs. Clodfelter take great pride in the community in which they have lived for so long.

Golden Wedding

Sept. 18, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Reid Williams, Route 2, Troy, were honored by their eight children at a fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration Saturday evening at the Union Township Community Building. Friends and relatives called from 6-8p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams live in a sparsely settled community, about a half of a mile from the Montgomery County line. Their home is next to the last house in Randolph County. However, both were reared in the area, about a half of a mile apart, after having been born elsewhere.

Williams was born in Union Township, near the High Pine Wesleyan Church, the son of Brownlow and Emma Parks Williams. Mrs. Williams, the former Queen Esther Latham, was born in Montgomery County, Ala., in which area her father, Russell Latham, went to work prior to his marriage. But Latham and his wife, the former Alice Missildine, brought their family back to Latham's native section when Mrs. Williams was 10 years old.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams attended the Welch School, near Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, and Mrs. Williams

said, "when I went to school with him, I said I wouldn't have him." But she changed her mind and the couple were married Sept. 10, 1925 in Bennettville, S. C. Williams was 19 years old at the time of their marriage and Mrs. Williams was four years younger.

They first lived in Orange County where Williams worked at a sawmill and at one time lived for five years in Alabama where Mrs. Williams was born. She had many relatives there since her maternal grandfather had been the father of 23 children, 12 by his first wife and 11 by the second one. They came to their present residence in 1942.

The couple are members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church. Mrs. Williams since early childhood, and two of their sons have become Baptist Ministers. Their oldest, The Rev. James B. Williams, Rt. 2, Elkin, is pastor of the Salem Fork Baptist Church, and their sixth child, the Rev. Thurman W. Williams, Route 1, Pelham, is pastor of Lively Stone Baptist Church.

Their other children are Mrs. Billy (Mary) Edwards, Route 1, Wingate, Mrs. Larkin (Alice) Luther, Route 7, Asheboro, Robert Williams and Mrs. Cyrus M. (Madella) Galloway, Asheboro, Mrs. Don (Patricia) Miller, Route 2, Troy, and Mrs. Gary (Brenda Kay) Luck, Route 1, Seagrove.

The couple also has 19 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Grantville Senior Citizens Honored

Sept. 19, 1975 - A lavish supper was served Grantville's senior citizens Saturday evening, Sept. 13, in the community building. This is an annual event sponsored by the Bethel-Grantville Creative Club and the Grantville Community Development Club.

After the bountiful meal had been served to the senior citizens, members of the two clubs and visitors, a program was presented by Dr. Joe Suggs, Randolph County's bicentennial director, assisted by John McGlohon. Also participating briefly in the meeting was First National Bank officer Carl Jordan who presented the bank's 60-plus plan to the senior citizen guests.

Mrs. Addie Stout, 88, was the oldest honored guest. The door prize was won by Roy Smith. A special guest, enjoyed by the people who had lived in the community for a long time, was Mrs. Cordie Hicks Scott, of Hesperia, Calif., a native and former resident of the community. Mrs. Scott, who has been away for 25 years and last visited in 1966, was joyously greeted by many of her former friends and associates.

Other members of the honored group in attendance were Mrs. Ruth Wilson, Mrs. Nudie Humble, Mrs. Clatie Moody, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gann, Mrs. Maggie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Fogleman, Mrs. C. A. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Craven, Mrs. Clatie Craven, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hudson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Coble, Mrs. Kate Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, Miss Fleta Stout, Mrs. Geylar Macon, Mrs. Bertha Cagle, Mrs. Laura Campbell, Theodore Smith, Mrs. Ervin Cox, Vernon Hayes, Miss Ann Spoon, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pugh.

A short devotional period was conducted by Odis Dupree, Minister of the Bethel Friends Meeting. Mrs. Foy Gann is president of the creative club and Mrs. Paul Tedder is president of the community development club.

Grays Chapel Cornerstone Laid

Sept. 19, 1975 - The laying of the cornerstone at the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, Route 1, Franklinville, Sunday morning, was the culmination of outstanding achievements at the church over the past decade.

It came less than four months following the dedicatory service for the new church plant, erected for approximately \$290,000, at which Bishop Earl G. Hunt Jr., and District Superintendent H. Eugene Peacock, came to assist the pastor and local congregation.

The dedicatory service followed by one year the entering of the new church building. In 1966, meetings were held to plan for the construction of a new sanctuary and educational building. Four years later a successful building fund crusade, to raise funds for the new building, was held and in 1974 the ground breaking service occurred.

Until last Sunday the new edifice at Grays Chapel was a completed job, including, furnishings and landscaping, except for the cornerstone. Purchased by the Grays Chapel United Methodist Youth Fellowship organization of 1974, the cornerstone was inserted into the bell tower which flanks the sanctuary and is higher than the church structure. Mrs. Farrell Sumner and Charles Brown, youth counselors, were in charge of the arrangements.

The place of the cornerstone in its proper position was handled by Curtis Coble, building committee chairman, and Rev. Ray C. Stephens, who in June became the first station pastor in Grays Chapel in the 144-year history of the church. William Lineberry, a brickmason member of the congregation, performed the sealing of the stone which will be opened in a hundred years.

Items placed in the stone included membership lists of the 1974 United Methodist Youth, administrative board, council on ministries 1974-75, youth counselors 1974-75, complete roll of the church through Sept. 14, 1975, memorial and dedication day bulletin, cornerstone laying brochure, newspaper clippings of the first service in the church and dedication service, architectural plans for the new building and a copy of the old church deed.

In the morning service, prior to the laying of the cornerstone, the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Sylvan R. Routh, sang, "O Living Christ, Chief Cornerstone" and the pastor, the Rev. Stephens, spoke on "The Bethel Experience." His scripture included Jacob's statement "And this stone, which I have set in this pillar, shall be God's House."

One Hundredth Anniversary Celebrated By Bethany United Methodist Church

Sept. 25, 1975 - They came by wagon, buggy, and cars of early vintage and modern vehicle to Bethany United Methodist Church, Route 1, Franklinville, Sunday, for the centennial observance. They packed the sanctuary for the celebration of the hundredth year of existence for the church.

Bonnets were prevalent throughout the congregation; there were also many stylish modes of earlier years, including the stiff brim. There were numerous long dresses, black shirts, waists and even some aprons. Some of the men wore the old timey black hats along with their old fashioned attire. Some of them had grown beards and mustaches for the occasion, including the church minister, the Rev. John M. Ruffy.

The people clapped their hands as the choir and congregation sang "The Old Time Religion" and they

rejoiced with the singing of other old favorites such as "When We All Get To Heaven," "I'm Bound For the Promised Land," "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," and "O Happy Day." Organists and pianists going back over the years alternated as accompanists for the various songs.

When testimony time came some former members of the congregation arose to tell what the church had meant to them and how their lives had been shaped at the Bethany altar. The pastor's sermon subject was "Looking For A Home."

Recognition was accorded to Mrs. Florence Julian Aldridge, 84, who has been a member of the church since 1904 and Percy Wood as the oldest member of the church who joined in 1917. Also present were the two remaining members of the Woman's Missionary Society which was organized in 1923. These were Mrs. Jennie Julian, 83, who served as the first president, and Mrs. Minnie Redding, also 83. Mrs. Julian, who also taught the primary class in the Sunday School for 30 years, joined the church in 1912. Mrs. Redding joined shortly after coming into the community at the time of her marriage 60 years ago.

Later for the church site was given by Lindsay Julian and Neece Routh and wife, Mary Julian Routh, Lindsay Julian and Mary Julian Routh were brother and sister. Many descendants of Neece and Mary Julian Routh were present for the centennial observance, including grandchildren of the couple. The deed was made to Tobias C. Julian, Solomon Redding and Isaac Julian, trustees of the Religious Society of Methodist Protestants, and the transaction occurred on Dec. 21, 1875.

This followed the organization of the Bethany Methodist Protestant Church in Sept., 1875 under a brush arbor at the home of Rene Julian about one mile south of where the church now stands. An arbor was also erected on the church site and served as a place of worship for several years before the first building was erected.

At the time of organization there were 18 charter members, namely, Solomon T. Redding and his wife, Louisa Allred Redding, Tobias C. Julian and wife Phoebe Jester Julian, Joshua Routh and wife, Sallie Julian Routh, William H. Patterson, John R. Brown, Mary Davenport Smith, Elizabeth Love Julian, Mary Patterson Julian, Isaac Julian, L. W. (Bud) Julian, Rene Julian, Caroline Julian, Sarah Julian, Lindsay Julian, and Esrom R. Trogdon.

Dr. and Mrs. H. Eugene Peacock along with the Rev. Mitchell Murrow, a former pastor, were special guests for the afternoon service. Dr. Peacock is superintendent of the High Point District. Lunch was served on the grounds between the morning and afternoon services.

Musical Group Becoming Popular As They Present Gaither 'Alleluia'

Sept. 26, 1975 - A new musical group, The Alleluia Singers, are becoming increasingly popular as they have begun making public appearance in this area and elsewhere. Since their organization last May, they have worked tirelessly to perfect their presentation in song, narration and personal testimony.

Their last presentation was at Franklinville United Methodist Church and before that time they had appeared at Maple Springs United Methodist Church and Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ.

Their schedule for the next few weeks call for appearances at Bethel Friends Meeting Sunday evening,

Sept. 28, Charlotte United Methodist Church Sunday evening, Oct. 5, Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Sunday evening, Oct. 12, Cedar Falls United Methodist Church Sunday evening, Oct. 19, Providence United Methodist Church in Marion Sunday evening, Oct. 26, First Wesleyan Church in Asheboro Sunday evening, Nov. 2, and Highland United Methodist Church in High Point Sunday evening, Nov. 16. Each presentation will begin at 7:30.

The musical presentation, Alleluia, is a praise gathering for believers, comprised of four sections, with words and music by Bill and Gloria Gaither and Ronn Huff. Miss Nellie Mae Bescher is the director, Rev. John Bray is the leader. Miss Wanda Upton served as accompanist for the first appearances but will be relieved by Kevin Allen for the next series of appearances.

Singers and other personnel are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hancock, Joey Hancock, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. David Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hoover, Mrs. Tommy Hoover, Mrs. Frances Owens, Mrs. William Brown, Miss Velma Allen, Miss Emma Allen, Mrs. Annie Leigh Nance, Mrs. Grace Oglesby, Gerald Coble, Miss Terri Rhodes, and Miss Cindy Allred.

Members of the group come from various sections of the Randolph County and churches represented within the group are First United Methodist Church in Asheboro, Central United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls, Charlotte, Mt. Shepherd and Franklinville United Methodist Churches, Armfield Heights Baptist Church, Neighbors Grove and Ramseur Wesleyan Churches, Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, and Patterson Grove Christian Church.

Browns Observe 25th Anniversary

Oct. 1, 1975 - The children of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin C. Brown, Rt. 2, Asheboro, honored their parents at a reception Sunday afternoon, in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church, commemorating their 25th anniversary of their marriage.

Hosts were Miss Lynn Brown, Mike and Reid Brown. Guests called from 3-5 p. m.

Miss Debbie Woody registered the guests and goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Williard C. (Bill) Lewis. Others assisting in the reception were Mrs. Jimmy Brown, Mrs. Ray Brown, Mrs. J. B. Brown, Mrs. Ralph Brown, Mrs. Cecil Hill, Mrs. Charles Ward, Mrs. Lloyd Frye, and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Glenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married Sept. 29, 1950, in Mrs. Brown's home church, historic St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church in Randleman. At that time, regular services in the church had been discontinued due to the merger of the denominations and the establishment of First Methodist Church.

She is the former Martha Ellen Glenn, daughter of Mrs. William Glenn, of Randleman, and the late Mr. Glenn. She graduated from Randleman High School, Irvin Brown, the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Brown, Route 1, Franklinville, is a graduate of Franklinville High School and Gardner-Webb Junior College.

Their daughter, Lynn, is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and their son, Reid, is a junior at Asheboro High School. Mike, their oldest child, is a graduate of Wake Forest University.

Slate Annual Supper

Oct. 1, 1975 - The little town of Bennett, located in the upper edge of Chatham County, not far from both the Randolph and Moore County lines, will come alive Saturday when the volunteer firemen hold their semi-annual fried chicken supper.

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Leon Brady, veteran cook, has a new deep frying pan which he will put into use for the occasion. Plates will sell for \$2 and you will be served all you can eat. Take home plates will be available.

The chicken supper held twice a year in the spring and in the fall is the major source of funds on which the department operates. The area which is served by the Bennett firemen include portions of Chatham, Randolph and Moore Counties.

Church Speakers Featured

Oct. 2, 1975 - Ramseur Wesleyan Church's annual homecoming service featured as its speakers two people who formerly lived in the parsonage during the pastorates of their fathers.

Miss Mary Smith's father, the late Rev. Ray J. Smith, served as pastor of the church from 1940-48. He died during the summer. Harold Holmes' father, Rev. M. M. Holmes, served the church in the early fifties. He is now pastor of Whynot Wesleyan Church.

Miss Smith, now a teacher at Trinity Junior High School, formerly taught at Southern Pilgrim College in Kernersville. Two of her students while there were Rev. Leon Thompson, present pastor of the Ramseur Wesleyan Church, and Harold Holmes, her co-speaker for the homecoming service.

Harold Holmes, who stayed in Ramseur and married a local girl, is the former athletic coach at the high school, former president of Ramseur Jaycees, the first to be named Randolph County manager and who shortly will become manager of the Ramseur Branch of First National Bank.

Miss Smith, who spoke first, referred to her family's stay in Ramseur as "one of the most beautiful periods of our lives." Saying while in Ramseur, "the Lord began to lead and direct my life," she spoke of four aspects of homecoming, our heritage, helpful friends, here and now, and our hope of heaven."

Harold Holmes recalled that the present church building was dedicated during the pastorate of his father and said, "it doesn't seem like 20 years." He reminisced about his role as a p. k., "Preacher's Kid," the problems and delights of being the son of an itinerant preacher and spoke more seriously on "areas of influence." He expressed his appreciation for the influence which the people of Ramseur church had on his life.

Flowers for the homecoming service were placed in the church in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Kivett by the family

of Mr. and Mrs. Kivett and in memory of J. L. Spencer by Mrs. Spencer and a daughter, Betty Craven, and her husband, Hobart Craven.

Luncheon was served in the fellowship building across the street at the conclusion of the service.

Drama Presented At Poplar Ridge

Oct. 2, 1975 - An outdoor drama, "A Century of Progress," was an outstanding success at the old Poplar Ridge School site, Rt. 1, Trinity, Saturday evening despite a defective electrical system which "shorted out" the spot light after the drama got underway.

Initiated by Mrs. Verda Briles Hughes, a former student and teacher at the school, the drama had been planned for two or three years. It depicted the activities of the church, Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, the school and community the past 100 years.

The school was founded in 1879 in a one-room log building with one door and two windows. Later the small frame building which is still standing was erected. A partition divided this building when it became a two-teacher school. Mrs. Hughes, who started the school in 1913, said, "I went to school here before they got modern and put this partition in." She walked two miles to the school from her home on Uwharrie River. The school was discontinued in 1951.

Land for the Meetinghouse was deeded in 1857 but it was not until 1906 that the right of a Monthly Meeting was established. At first the Meeting, which was organized by Northern Friends, considered naming it Pine Hill but discarded this name because of its proximity to Flint Hill.

Because of a ridge which ran north and south and the prevalence of popular trees, the name Poplar Ridge was decided upon. Worship is now being held in the fourth Meetinghouse.

Scenes depicted in the outdoor pageant, all dating back to days much earlier than the present, included a Monthly Meeting, Ole Log School, World War I and World War II, Revival Time, The Singing School, The Quilting Party, and Exhibition Day.

Wayne Monroe and Bobby Hill portrayed the parts of the Clerk and Assistant Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, Cicero Spencer, whose father, George Spencer, taught at the Poplar Ridge for many years, played the part of Benjamin Lanier, first known teacher at the school, Lewis Farlow outdid himself as the revivalist preacher, and Joe Gamble took the part of Bud Fentriss, the old time singing teacher.

Only two men from the community, Numa Johnson and Troy Dorsett, served in World War I and both of them returned safely. However, Captain Dalton Smith, one of the teachers at the Poplar Ridge School, was killed in the conflict. Many from the community served in the World War I but only one, Carl Sumner, lost his life. Appropriate tributes to Captain Smith and Carl Sumner were made during the war scene in the pageant.

Narrator and director of the outdoor drama was Kenneth Hill, who is drama director for the Thomasville Recreational Department. His father, Bob Hill, was choral director and members of the chorus came from Unity and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches and from Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting. Pianist was Nancy Woods and Virginia Hooker and Coordinators were Verda Hughes and Dallas Rush.

Music was also provided by the Rock Fence Ramblers, a string band who derived their names from long rock fence

which formerly existed in the community. Enos Skeen, age 88, was the oldest participant in the drama. Other churches which are a part of the community are Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church to the north, Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church to the south, and Mt. Zion Methodist Church to the west.

Two Receptions Honor Pair

Oct. 9, 1975 - Two receptions honored Mr. and Mrs. Harold Monroe York, Route 2, Ramseur, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

The first one, which was a complete surprise, occurred at the home of York's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul M. York, also of Route 2, Ramseur. Hostesses were Mrs. Paul M. York and Miss Linda York, sister of Harold York.

The second reception took place in the fellowship area at Kildee Wesleyan Church following the Wednesday evening prayer service on Oct. 1. Assisting in the reception were Miss Linda York, Mrs. Ida York, Mrs. Paul York, Mrs. Treva York, Mrs. Linda Kirkman, and Mrs. Joyce Hinson. The Rev. and Mrs. Gary L. Waisner said the goodbyes. Mr. and Mrs. York are members of the Kildee church.

Approximately 50 guests, including family members and friends from the church congregation, were in attendance at the Wednesday evening reception. The couple were married on the same date, Oct. 1, 1950, in the Kildee church, with the Rev. O. L. Ruth officiating. Mrs. Madge Kivett, who directed their wedding, was a special guest at the reception.

Mrs. York, the former Delores Hinson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinson, Route 1, Staley. Harold York is a maintenance foreman at Randolph Mills, Inc., in Franklinville, where he has worked for about 25 years. Mrs. York and their only child, Joseph Arlin York, a senior at Eastern Randolph High School, are active in farming and raising feeder pigs.

The white linen cloth used on the table at the reception at Kildee was a gift at the time of the couple's marriage from the R. C. White Sunday School Class at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, in Ramseur, where Harold York was a member prior to his marriage.

Three - Family Reunion Celebrated

Oct. 9, 1975 - Approximately 300 people attended the 50th reunion of the Bulla, Farlow, and Millikan families Sunday, Oct. 5, at Marlboro Friends Meetinghouse, Rt. 1, Sophia.

The reunion first met in 1922 at the old Sheriff Benjamin Millikan homeplace in Back Creek Township. Sheriff Millikan and two brothers, Daniel and Azel, lived on the adjoining plantations and were great-grandsons of William Millikan and wife, Jane White Millikan, who were the originators of the Millikan family in this area.

William Millikan was born in 1720 in North Ireland and after coming to America first lived in Chester, Pa. before settling in Randolph County. The father and grandfather of the three brothers, Dan, Ben and Azel, was named Benjamin. The mother of the three brothers was Sally Williams Millikan.

Frank Millikan, a grandson of Sheriff Benjamin Millikan, served as president of the reunion this year. Theodore B. (Bun) Pugh, a great-grandson-in-law of Azel Millikan, served as vice president. Ralph Bulla, a great-grandson of Dan Millikan, was program chairman for the meeting.

Miss Edith Welborn, whose mother was a Bulla, served as secretary.

J. C. Pearce, who was the husband of the late Annie Bulla Pearce, and Jeffrey Farlow, both 87, tied for the honor of being the oldest family members present and both were given duplicate prizes. Logan Hill, 10-week-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Hill of Camarillo, Calif., received the prize for being the youngest family member present. The young child is a great-great-grandson of Azel Millikan, mentioned above, and also has ancestral connections with the Bulla and Farlow families.

Special guests at the reunion were a missionary family, on furlough from Argentina, Bonnie Pearce Davenport, a descendant of the Bulla and Millikan families, her husband, Rev. Steve Davenport, and their five children, Kathy, Shelia, John, Shirley, and Patricia. Bonnie and Steve also won the prize for having the most children in attendance.

Deceased members of the three families, those who had died since the last reunion session, were honored in the annual memorial service. These included Cordia Farlow Lassiter, Sallie Bean Farlow, Mary Bunting Farlow, Lester Monroe Farlow and his wife, Dorothy Dunning Farlow, Aldah Phillips Millikan, Eugene Bradford Wilson, John Howard Millikan, Abber Dewitt Kirkman, Delmar Fennell, Bolivar Benson Bulla, Claude Dale Tedder, Jr., Sam Jackson, Norma Dicks Watson, and her son, Franklin T. Watson, Robert Bulla, and Herbert Bulla.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Billy Hunter, soloist, wife of the pastor of West Bend United Methodist Church, and Mrs. J. Harold (Laura) Campbell, well known Asheboro Music teacher, who was Mrs. Hunter's accompanist. Mrs. Hunter sang "Fill My Cup," "Until Then," and "Beyond the Sunset."

Officers named in the business session included Byron Farlow, president; Cecil Farlow, vice president; Miss Edith Welborn, secretary and treasurer; and food committee, Patsy Bulla Barker, Max Farlow, and Raeford Millikan.

Rev. Kivett New Overseer

Oct. 10, 1975 - The Bible Church of God in Franklinville has become the general headquarters for The Bible Church of God of Fellowship nation-wide and in foreign countries.

Official transfer of the headquarters to the Franklinville church took place during the session of the General Assembly of the denomination which was held there Oct. 2-5.

Rev. Herman L. Kivett, pastor of the Franklinville church, is the new Overseer for the denomination, having served temporarily in that position since Wade H. Starling, who formerly held that position, died in June. Former site for the headquarters was Burlington, home of the deceased Overseer.

The Bible Church of God of Fellowship has been an organized group since 1950. The Franklinville church was organized four years ago in a combination store-dwelling structure which served as a place of worship until a new building was erected.

The Rev. Mr. Kivett, a minister for the past seven years, had just come into the Bible Church of God of Fellowship when the Lord spoke to him and directed him to organize a church in the old store building. His group only had enough money to pay the required ten percent down on the building. But a loan was granted and the entire amount of \$4,500 was paid off in a year.

The new building includes a sanctuary, fully carpeted, and a full basement which consists of eight Sunday School rooms. There is also two rest rooms and a pastor's study. The church has a membership of about 40. Highest attendance recorded by the church is 143. The minister conducts a weekly radio program every Sunday morning at 9 o'clock over Radio Station WCSE-FM.

Rev. Mr. Kivett, who resides on Rt. 6, Asheboro, is a native of the Liberty area. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kivett, Rt. 1, Staley. His wife, the former Ester Turner, is also a minister and sometimes occupies the pulpit at the Franklinville church. The minister is a long time employee of Coble Dairy.

Open House Honors Hayes Pair On Their Silver Anniversary

Oct. 9, 1975 - One hundred and twenty seven guests registered for the open house event which honored Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hayes, Rt. 1, Seagrove, on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5.

The guests called at the Hayes' residence beginning at three o'clock. Hosts were the couple's children, Mrs. Stewart (Brenda) McNeill, who lives next door to her parents, and Vickie, Bruce, and Mark Hayes. Also attending was the Hayes' only grandson, Chad McNeill.

Assisting with the anniversary observance were Mrs. Hayes' sisters and sisters-in-law, Mrs. Elsie Kiser, Mrs. Betty Macon, Mrs. Jeanette Reeder, Mrs. Mary Ann Hayes, Mrs. Glenda Asbill, Mrs. Margie Asbill, and Mrs. Mary Lou Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were married Oct. 7, 1950 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Hayes, the former Edna Asbill, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Asbill, Rt. 1, Seagrove. Floyd Hayes is the son of Mrs. Alma Hayes, also of Rt. 1, Seagrove, and the late Andrew Hayes.

Floyd Hayes is a well known tobacco and chicken raiser in the area in which they live. Mrs. Hayes is employed on a part-time basis at Becky's of Asheboro, Inc. The family attends the Antioch Christian Church. The new pastor at the church, the Rev. Ervin Nance, and his wife were among those in attendance at the anniversary observance.

Benefit Singing Given For Heart Surgery Patient

Oct. 10, 1975 - A benefit singing for Paul Brady, Rt. 1, Bennett, at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church Friday evening resulted in the raising of \$1,500 to assist in the payment of expenses incurred because of serious illness.

Last June Brady underwent his third open heart operation at Duke Hospital. This surgery did not prove to be conclusive and on Oct. 24 he will return to the hospital for further surgery and possible completion of surgery which had been done earlier.

His further operation for open heart surgery was done in 1959, his second one occurred in 1961. He was out of work for a year after each of the first two operations but worked after that at the Klopman Mills Plant in Ramseur until suffering strokes in Jan. and Feb. this year before his third open heart operation in June.

The benefit singing was sponsored by the young peoples Sunday School class at the Pleasant Grove Church. Participating were The Christian Heralds, The Young

Christians, and the Harbor Light Singers. Charles Miller was the master of ceremonies.

Teacher of the sponsoring class is Ed Holmes, the assistant teacher is Mrs. Donnie (Linda) Wright. Members of the class are Peggy Harris, Joan Brady, Phyllis Hammer, Kathy Brown, Rita Brown, Kaye Brady, Richard Garner, Sherry Brady, Kenneth Simmons, Sharon Simmons, Farrell Brown, Kenny Brady, Jimmy Hill, Kenneth Webster, Faye Hayden, Ronnie Harris, Debbie Craven, Ronnie Craven, Grace Ritter, Elvin Ritter, Lela Gilliland.

Members of the class solicited funds prior to the singing and also served cake and drinks in the fellowship hall during the intermission, collecting a portion of the money they raised at this time. All Seats were filled in the sanctuary for the singing despite homecoming football games being held in the general area on the same night.

Paul Brady and his wife, the former Martha Ervin, are the parents of one son, Ricky, age 6. They are members of the Pleasant Grove Church. Paul is a native of the Pleasant Grove community, the son of Mrs. Floyd Brady and the late Mr. Brady.

Reunion for Class Of '55

Oct. 17, 1975 - Members of the 1955 graduating class at Randleman High School, which included famed stock car racer Richard Petty, held a reunion on Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Level Cross Community Building.

Following the program the former graduates toured the facilities of Petty Enterprises, Inc., where Richard signed autographs for the children of his classmates, and later the entire group visited with the race car driver and his family at their new home in the community.

In charge of the program were the 1955 senior class officers, Dorothy Vickory Prillaman, president; Joann McReeves McClintock, Vice President; and Elsie Lambert Darity, secretary and treasurer. Members of the arrangements committee were Lee Roy Russell, chairman, Bobby Lamarr, E. J. (Jimmy) Johnson, Joann Myers Johnson, and Marie Farlow Robbins.

Other members of the class in attendance were Joan Plummer Hanner, Jacqueline Craven Flournoy, Peggy Rumbley Walker, Peggy Dorsett Carter, Sara Linthicum Gerlach, Carolyn Brown Luther, Sue Strider Spivey, Ernestine Hinshaw Cox, Shelby Jarell Patrick, Shirley Eades Paul, Anne Presnell Lanier, Mary Ann Maxwell Osburne, Fay Hinshaw Coltrane.

Also, Ray Hinshaw, Ronnie Hucks, Elmer W. Beeson, Bobby Martin, Lewis Johnson, Terry McCain, Howard Routh, Jerry Trogdon, Larry Goley, and David Brown.

Class members not present are Barbara Allred Fallon, Doris Allred Hedgecock, Donna Pugh Dennis, Nancy Beeson Macon, Shirley Dunning, Nancy Chisholm Cox, Dock Fogleman, Raymond Frazier, Marie Gregson Shoe, Mildred Hinshaw Guthrie, Rachel Hill Allred, Jacqueline Hodgins, Lindsey Lambert, Betty Lee Patterson, Anne Memory Hogenboom, Mack Scruggs, Cletus Smith, George Stockwell, Joel Turner, and Anne Cox.

Deceased members of the class are Jane Inman Hayes, Jerry Hollingsworth, and Bobby Russell.

Faculty members attending the reunion were Mrs. Mary Holloday Montgomery, their senior class sponsor, Mrs. Jean Davis Swiggett, and their high school principal, L. H. Ballard. Husbands, wives, children of the class members were also present. Only two class members, Joann Myers

and Lewis Johnson married each other.

Awards were presented to two class members, girl and boy, who had changed the least, Sara Helen Linthicum Gerlach and Bobby Lamarr, the two had changed the most, Peggy Rumbley Walker and Jerry Trogdon, and the youngest looking couple, Joann and Lewis Johnson. Mrs. Montgomery was voted the "world's best teacher," Mr. Ballard the "world's best principal," and Mrs. Swiggett the "teacher of the year."

Members of the class, still closely identified with each other despite their separation over the past two decades, old a reunion every five years. The arrangements committee for the reunion five years hence will consist of Ronnie Hucks, chairman, Terry McCain, Jacqueline Craven Flournoy, David Brown, Anne Presnell Lanier, Joann Myers Johnson, Lee Roy Russell, and Carolyn Brown Luther. Out of the state class members came to this reunion from South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania.

Dinner Honors Retiring Choir Director

Oct. 23, 1975 - Miss Nellie Mae Bescher ended a tenure of service as choir director and pianist at Charlotte United Methodist Church, four miles west of Asheboro, Thursday evening at the conclusion of revival services at the church.

On the preceding Sunday she was recognized by members of the choir and church. A dinner was held in her honor in the fellowship hall and a love offering was presented to her by Bobby White, chairman of the administrative board, as an expression of appreciation from the church.

Miss Bescher has directed the choir for the past three and a half years and at another time she had served in the same capacity for nearly three years. Between the two periods she had also assisted on various occasions.

Her last Sunday at Charlotte was Lay Sunday and the entire worship period was used by Miss Bescher and the choir for the presentation of the varied musical program, including several songs which all of them had enjoyed singing during their periods together.

Two songs were rendered by an adult trio, composed of Miss Bescher, Mrs. Mary Ellen Parrish, the church organist, and Mrs. Barbara Hinson, and a children's trio, composed of Lakita Hinson, Kim Gordon, and Terry Walker.

Instrumental numbers on the piano and organ were also rendered by Miss Bescher and Mrs. Parrish, including two songs in memory of Winfred Bruton and Mrs. Fred (Lib) McCain, deceased members of the choir.

Miss Bescher, a member of the Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro, is serving as director of The Alleluia Singers who are currently making public appearances in Randolph County and elsewhere.

She is also pursuing a course of study with the Evangelical Ministerial Association which will lead to her ordination in a few months as a home missionary.

Farmer High School Class of '32 Holds First Reunion In Asheboro

Oct. 23, 1975 - Every living member of the 1932 graduating class at Farmer High School was present for the class' first reunion Sunday, Oct. 19, at the Holiday Inn in Asheboro. Some of the classmates had not seen each other in the 43 years since their graduation.

Four of the five teachers at the time of graduation are still

living and were present at the reunion. These were W. H. Dewar, principal, John Ward, Sam Cooper, and Miss Leah Hammond. The other teacher, John Wagoner is deceased.

The class president, Billie Walker, and another classmate, Hubert Thornburg, have both died in recent years.

Other members of the class are John Bane, Wayne Bingham, Dorothy Cashatt Kemp, Marian Garner Bingham, Elva Harris Ward, Myrtle Johnson Lanier, Edith Lackey Smith, Buren Lanier, Hal Lanier, Buren Luther, Algie Pickett Caviness, Albert Rich, Jessie Rush Branch, Clark Thornburg, and Millie Voncannon.

John Bane, vice president of the graduating class, presided over the reunion session. Each of the teachers and former students spoke briefly, describing their years since graduation and telling about their families. Glenn Dawson delivered memorial tributes to the deceased class members and the teacher who had died. It was voted that the reunion would be held again next year.

Making arrangements for the first reunion were Dot Kemp, Myrtle Lanier, Millie Voncannon, and Clark Thornburg. Another classmate, Albert Rich, had promoted the class reunion for many years. Only one member of the class, Edith Smith, of Deland, Fla., lives out of the state.

Only two members of the class, Wayne Bingham and Marian Garner, are married to each other. They live in Rockwell. John Bane in Winston-Salem, Hal Lanier in Albermarle, and Jessie Branch in High Point. The others live in Randolph County, mostly in the Asheboro and Farmer vicinities.

Annual Welborn Family Reunion Highlighted By Nebraska Visitors

Oct. 23, 1975 - Two Visitors from Nebraska highlighted the 25th annual reunion of the Welborn family on Sunday, Oct. 19, in the fellowship hall at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

Mrs. Sam Creasman, the former Virena Welborn, of McCook, Nebr., and her sister, Mrs. Willard Elmer, the former Arlene Welborn, of Indianola, Nebr., arrived by plane late Saturday night and stayed over until Monday noon, meeting on Sunday with the descendants of Levi and Mariam Allred Welborn in their reunion at the Ramseur Church.

On Sunday afternoon following the reunion they visited the cemetery at Old Union and the Welborn Graveyard where some of their ancestors are interred and talked with Miss Iro Swaim, local historian. On Monday before they left for home they visited the library and the courthouse in Asheboro, still searching for missing gaps in the genealogy of their family.

The ladies from Nebraska are great-granddaughters of Cyrus and Virena Hinshaw Welborn who left their home in Randolph County in 1940 to join the Quaker migration to the state of Indiana. Cyrus, who was later killed in the Civil War, was the son of William Lane Welborn who fought in the war of 1812 under the leadership of Captain Ramseur, evidently for whom the town of Ramseur was named.

John Welborn, father of William Lane and grandfather of Cyrus, is buried in the cemetery at Old Union, near Sophia. John Welborn was married to Jane McGee, whose mother Martha McFarland Bell was patriot in the Revolutionary War.

Officers re-elected for the 28th session of the Welborn reunion are Cleo (Whitney) Welborn, of Jacksonville, president; Mrs. Phil Dixon, vice president; Mrs. Colon

Welborn, secretary; Mrs. Velna Welborn Williamson, treasurer; Miss Joyce Welborn, arrangements; and Miss Janice Dixon, program.

Prizes were awarded to the Nebraska visitors for having traveled the farthest to attend the reunion and to Alexandria Esther Kinney, month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Kinney, for being the youngest member of the family attendance. A program of music was presented by the Pentecostal Fellowship Singers.

Parks Cross Roads Church Note-Burning Service

Oct. 23, 1975 - A note-burning service occurred in the fellowship hall at Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Sunday, Oct. 19, following the evening worship service in the main sanctuary.

Participating were the pastor, Rev. James R. Turner, and the chairman of deacons, John Brooks, trustees of the church, and deacons, both active and inactive.

Included in the latter group were Alton Cox, Troy Caveness, Dean Cox, Gene Huff, Willie Cox, Talley Cox, Raymond Swain, Harold Holmes, James Hicks, Darrell Carmac, Gene Lawson, Nathan Cox and Henry Lawson.

The indebtedness, which originally amounted to \$30,000, was borrowed in Sept., 1971 to finance the construction of a new educational building, the brick-veneering of the existing church building, and the addition of a front porch to the old building. Final payment on the note was made on Oct. 10, just prior to the note-burning service.

The new educational building consists of five Sunday School class rooms, pastor's study, and two bath rooms, and a fellowship hall in the basement. The upper portion is fully carpeted and paneled. It is connected to the old building by a closed-in walkway.

Among the improvements and additions especially enjoyed and appreciated by the congregation is the front porch extending about forty feet across and front of the church building with a roof providing shelter from the elements. Before its construction there was no stoop or vestibule, just four steps which led directly into the sanctuary.

Other physical improvements noted since the Rev. Mr. Turner officially became the pastor of the church on Jan. 1, 1965 have included the creation of a new parsonage, the first in the history of the church, the purchase of new pews for the sanctuary, the installation of air conditioning and a new heating system for the church, and the purchase of two additional tracts of land.

However, during this period of material progress, the cause of missions has not suffered neglect. In 1965, when the minister came, the church was giving \$2,900 yearly missions. The present giving, yearly, amounts to \$8,700. During this time the annual budget of the church has risen from \$11,300 to \$30,000. The pastor believes that "the heartbeat of any church is an active mission program."

Veteran deacon of the church, Willie Cox, also well known builder in the Ramseur area, was the man who erected the new addition and took care of the other improvements which have been effected at the Parks Cross Roads church. He joined with his colleagues on the deacon and trustee boards in burning the entire church property of its indebtedness.

Following the note-burning service refreshments were served and members of the congregation enjoyed a period

of fellowship, rejoicing in that which had been accomplished.

Church Celebrates Anniversary

Oct. 23, 1975 - Retired Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. came back to Asheboro as a guest minister for the Heritage Sunday observance at First United Methodist Church, celebrating the church's fiftieth anniversary at its present location on the corner of North Fayetteville and East Salisbury Streets in downtown Asheboro.

Bishop Hardin served as pastor of the church 1939-43 and the First United Methodist sanctuary, refurbished resplendent, was filled with an overflow congregation for the special service last Sunday morning. Many people sat on extra chairs placed in the aisles.

Honored on the occasion were 86 members who were received into the full membership of the church prior to the occupancy of the present building in Dec. 1925. More than 60 of these members were present and sat in a reserved section for the service. One member, Mrs. Nellie White Blacock, originally listed with the group, died shortly before the observance of the Heritage Sunday.

Sulon B. Stedman has been a member of the church longer than any other living person, having joined in 1901. Mrs. Esther Auman Lovett, who joined in 1905, has second longest tenure of membership. Mrs. J. A. Spence, Mrs. O. L. Presnell, and Mrs. Lee Fritz, members of the choir when the congregation entered into the present building 50 years ago, are still part of the church membership. The anthem, "Open The Gates of The Temple," which was sung in the building a half century ago, was repeated for the evening service of Heritage Sunday, at which Bishop Hardin also spoke.

"We do not want to be strangled by nostalgia but we are glad that we are surrounded by such a great crowd of witnesses," said Rev. Donald W. Hayes, church pastor, as he called attention to the glorious heritage of the denomination and the local congregation and offered the pastoral prayer before introducing the guest speaker. He recognized the former pastors and other special guests, including Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Hunt, first couple to be married in the present building, and Henry L. Ingram, Jr. first baby to be baptized there. Mrs. Hunt is the former Ruth Hadley.

A special bulletin, listing current church members received prior to 1925, and a historical digest of First United Methodist Church were given to those in attendance at the service. The history was written by W. A. (Red) Underwood in commemoration of Heritage Sunday. Underwood has been working for several months on a comprehensive history of the church will be commercially printed at a later date.

An arrangement of items and articles relating to the past history of the church was on display during the observance last Sunday, including a pulpit from the first church structure built in 1834 which had been donated by Martitia Daniel Worth, wife of Jonathan Worth who later was elected Governor of North Carolina.

Three buildings, including the first one erected in 1834, housed what was then the Methodist congregation in Asheboro before the removal to the present site in 1925. These buildings were located at the present City Cemetery site on West Salisbury St. The second structure, built in 1888, was unsatisfactory because of the acoustical problem and was replaced by the third structure in 1901.

Many additions and improvements have been noted at the present structure since its erection in 1925. The present church plant and parsonage is valued at more than a million dollars and the annual budget of the church is \$144,000. Membership of the church is 1,350 in contrast to the little group of worshippers who comprised the beginning of the church 141 years ago. Even 46 years later, in 1880, only 21 names were inscribed on the church register and it is supposed that those names constituted the entire membership at that time.

Williams Pair Entertained

Oct. 29, 1975 - The sons and daughters-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wade Williams, Route 1, Sophia, entertained in honor of the couple Sunday afternoon, Oct. 25, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A large number of guests called at the Williams residence from 2-5 p. m.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Theron Williams, Route 2, Trinity, Mr. and Mrs. Thurston Williams, Route 3, High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Williams, Route 1, Kernersville, and Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Austin Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Hoyt Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Gene) Williams, Route 1, Sophia.

Members of their immediate family also include 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married Oct. 24, 1925 at the home of the officiating Justice of the Peace, J. A. Neighbors, North Asheboro. They were the 480th couple married by the magistrate. Following the ceremony they continued on to High Point to visit with a sister of Mrs. Williams. They were riding in a Dodge automobile owned and driven by Simon Chriscoe and they recalled that it "rained all the way." Prior arrangements for the ceremony had been made by Williams on his way back from the tobacco market in Winston-Salem.

Williams, son of Stanley and Emmaline Graves Williams, was born on Little River but grew up near the present location of the zoo. He attended the Rocky Mt. school. Mrs. Williams, the former Essie Maie Tucker, was reared near Seagrove, the daughter of William and Susie Boling Tucker. She attended the Seagrove and Mountain schools. The couple got acquainted when Williams was sawmilling near Mrs. William's home.

Since their marriage they lived in High Point and in the vicinity from which they came. They have lived at their present address since 1945. Williams, age 72, is a retired employee of Snow Lumber Co. in High Point. Mrs. Williams, 21 days younger than her husband, takes pride in the intervening period between their birthdays and during that time claims to be a year younger than her husband.

Life-Long Resident Is Honored

Oct. 30, 1975 - Grover Cleveland Burgess, Sr., Route 2, Ramseur, who lives across the road from the old homeplace where he was reared, was given a surprise birthday dinner Sunday. He was 75 years old on Oct. 23.

Honoring him on the occasion were members of his family. He is the father of seven children, Mrs. Bill (Blanche) Sigmon, Charlotte; Boyd Burgess, Route 1, Staley; Frank Burgess, Ramseur; G. C. Burgess, Jr. and Mrs. Harvey (Clarice) Chriscoe, Route 2, Ramseur; Hampton Burgess, Palm Beach, Fla. ; and Mrs. Loyd (Faye) Cox, Route 1, Asheboro. His wife, the former Lola Macon, died in 1971.

The old house in which he was reared was torn down about four years ago. It was a real old dwelling, put together with wooden pegs. Burgess formerly lived there with his family but the land is now utilized by a son and a daughter.

A farmer for all of his life, his activities have decreased during his advancing years but he is still busily occupied raising chickens, hogs, and cows. He has worked hard all of his life and recalls that during his boyhood, after walking three miles each way to and from the school at Marley's Mill, he came home in the evening and cut wood to heat the old house in which he lived.

Burgess, and also his late wife, have been respected citizens of the Kildee Wesleyan Church community where he has spent his life. An avid talker, he is interested in what goes on about him and is usually pretty well informed about what is happening. Fellow residents of the community wished him well in the observance of his birthday and hope for him many more years in their midst.

Church Observes Women's Day

Oct. 30, 1975 - The stewardesses of St. Stephen A. M. E. Church in Liberty sponsored the annual Women's Day observance at the church Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, and raised \$3,393. 63 for various church projects.

This was the 10th year the observance had been held and the amount was the most that had ever been raised. Mrs. Alice Matthews was chairman of the fund raising event and Mrs. Mary Eva Headen was co-chairman.

The program involved a discussion of the Ten Commandments and each of the ten captains presented a speaker in behalf of a commandment. Following the presentations a visiting Liberty minister, the Rev. Larry Joyner, sermonized the entire discussion.

Captains, their co-captains and their speaker were as follows: 1st commandment, Mrs. Shirley Harris, captain, Mrs. Julia Newberry, co-captain, and speaker, Rev. Darrel Addington; 2nd commandment, Mrs. Margaret Staley, captain, Mrs. Alice Matthews, co-captain, and Rev. Sister Harris Mae Fox, speaker; 3rd commandment, Mrs. Frances Martin, captain, Mrs. Mary Eva Headen, co-captain, and Rev. Sister Roberto Dogging, speaker; 4th commandment, Mrs. Shelby J. Jeffreys, captain, Mrs. Louis Gales, co-captain, and Rev. Sister Nellie White, speaker; and 5th commandment, Mrs. Arnette Marley, captain, Mrs. Elizabeth Coltrane, co-captain, and Rev. George Miller, speaker.

Also, 6th commandment, Mrs. Betty L. Patterson, captain, Mrs. Olanda Carter, co-captain, and Rev. Sister Fannie M. McCaskell, speaker; 7th commandment, Miss Barbara Lucas, captain, Mrs. Jacola Bundy, Mrs. D. L. Lucas, Mrs. Bessie White, and Mrs. Rose L. Patterson, co-captains, and Rev. Sister Leatha Rogers, speaker; 8th commandment, Miss Renia Smith, captain, Mrs. Lenora Smith, co-captain, and Rev. Sister Daisy Baine, speaker; 9th commandment, Mrs. Sandra Bartell, captain, Mrs. Virginia Cheek, co-captain, and Rev. Sister Gertrude Spencer, speaker; and 10th commandment, Mrs. Mary Lee Fox, captain, Mrs. Ethleyn Headen, co-captain, and Rev. C. J. Wright, speaker.

Miss Barbara Lucas, a young Eastern Randolph High School student, was the captain who raised the most money and therefore was crowned Miss St. Stephens for 1975. The amount she raised was \$1,013. 75. The crown

was placed on her head by Mrs. Virginia Cheek, last year's winner.

Mrs. Shirley Harris placed second, raising \$909. Other captains and the amounts they raised were Mrs. Shelby Jefferies, 358. 50; Mrs. Sandra Bartell, 322. 47; Miss Renia Smith, 294; Mrs. Mary Lee Fox, 257. 25; Mrs. Betty Patterson, 81. 50; and Mrs. Margaret Staley, 50.

Father, Son Reunited In Liberty

Oct. 30, 1975 - Joe Lemons, Rt. 1, Liberty, and his son, Jack, were reunited recently after having not seen each other for thirty years.

The reunion occurred at the Greensboro shopping center and then moved to the home of the elder man for a full-fledged family gathering.

It was only the second time in their lives that the two had seen each other at all. Joe and Jack's mother separated before Jack was born.

Following the separation, which occurred around fifty years ago in the Rockingham County town which was then known as Spray, Joe left to reside in Henderson in the eastern part of the state. Jack's mother died when he was five and until the recent reunion Joe only saw his son once, when he was a teen-ager living in the home of an aunt who reared him after the death of his mother.

Jack married again and a few years later and he and his second wife became the parents of five children. It was one of these children, Kathy Lemons Isley, the youngest and as Asheboro beauty operator that became interested in locating the half-brother she had never seen.

Kathy and her father, while visiting another member of the family in Greensboro, talked about she long-lost family member and Kathy decided to call the telephone operator in Eden, of which Spray was formerly a part, to see if Jack was listed in the directory. He was and the reunion a week later was set up.

It was learned that Jack is a retired service man, having served 24 years in the Navy. It was also learned that he is married, the father of three children and has one grandchild.

Other visits are planned now that the father and son have finally got back together. In fact, as this reporter talked with Joe last Sunday morning, it was thought that Kathy and her father would pay Jack a visit that afternoon.

Balfour Baptist Breaks Ground

Nov. 5, 1975 - Groundbreaking for the construction of a new sanctuary and educational plant at Balfour Baptist Church was held Sunday at the conclusion of the worship service.

The proposed new sanctuary, with seating capacity of more than 600, will front North Fayetteville St. and will be located alongside the original church sanctuary which will be torn down.

For the past 18 years the congregation has worshipped in a temporary sanctuary which has been a part of the educational building which was erected about that time. Upon the completion of the new building this area will be renovated into a fellowship hall with the pulpit area being converted into a church parlor.

The educational building will be attached to the existing structure and will contain class rooms, rest rooms, and the church offices. Contractor for the building will be Troy Hackett; the architect is Fred Williams, of Winston-Salem.

A capacity crowd was present for the morning worship service at Balfour on the day of the groundbreaking. The attendance at the Sunday School hour was 314. A special guest was Rev. Talmage Smith, veteran associational missionary, who offered a prayer in behalf of the major building program which the church is undertaking.

Participating in the groundbreaking service was Rev. Tom Patterson, church pastor, Bill Bridges, chairman of deacons, Waldo Hodgins, chairman of the building committee, and the only two living charter members of the church, J. C. Pearce, and his daughter, Mrs. Edna Pearce Heath. Pearce, now 87, is still an active member of the church.

Other members of the building committee are Mitchell Thompson, Jim Smith, Danny Whisnant, Charles Glass, Mrs. Brenda Pritchard, Mrs. Audrey Bridges, and Mrs. Juanita Williamson. The Rev. Mr. Patterson, Bill Bridges and Mrs. Lela Mae Carter, church secretary, are also members of the committee by virtue of their positions.

The Balfour church was organized in 1931 in the Balfour School where first services were held. The first service in the original sanctuary was held Nov. 26, 1933.

The Rev. Mr. Patterson, who came to the church two and a half years ago, stated that a vision had been laid on his heart for the construction of the new building and he asked 'God's help "to make this vision a reality." He also told his congregation "we are observing a milestone in the history of this church" he said the new building will be "a standing memorial to the presence of God."

Fiftieth Anniversary Event

Nov. 10, 1975 - The three daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Henry (Bill) McPherson, Route 6, Asheboro, honored their parents Sunday afternoon on the occasion of the couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Hostesses were Mrs. Harry (Betty Marie) Pack and Mrs. Raymond (Edith) Hege, Route 6, Asheboro, and Mrs. James (Irene) Byrd, Route 1, Clayton. Guests called at the Hege residence from 2-5 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson also have 16 grandchildren.

The couple was married Nov. 2, 1925 in Danville, Va. Both of them were living in Siler City at the time. Mrs. McPherson, the former Swannie Ellington, is a native of Chatham County. McPherson, however, is a native of Randolph County, being reared in the Mt. Taber church area southeast of Asheboro. His parents were like and Laura Craven McPherson and he attended the Fairgrove School.

Following their marriage they remained in Siler City for a year before coming back to the general vicinity of Mr. McPherson's birth where they have remained since.

Asked what occupation he had pursued throughout his lifetime, McPherson said a "little of everything." Asked specifically if he raised goats, he said, "no, I trade goats." Further disclosure revealed that he trades other things besides goats, including dogs and chickens. He started off trading the former at about the age of 10.

Mrs. McPherson became 71 years of age on Tuesday following the celebration of their wedding anniversary. McPherson will not be 71 until next Apr.

Two sisters of McPherson, Mrs. Loutishia Luck and Mrs. Edna Lee Brewer, were present for the anniversary; his brother, George, was unable to attend. Harvey and Irvin Ellington and Mrs. Myrtle Cheek, two brothers and a sister

of Mrs. McPherson, were also present.

Group Reviews New England Trip

Nov. 12, 1975 - Participants on a recent tour of the New England states got together at the Rt. 1, Randleman, residence of Rep. and Mrs. Gilbert Davis Saturday evening for a review of their trip and the showing of pictures and movies which were taken during the eight-day bus tour.

A covered dish supper was held in the basement of the spacious rural residence and some expressed the opinion that the delicious meal was equally as enjoyable as the autumn tour of New England. States covered on the trip included New York, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and Connecticut.

The tour was sponsored by the Randolph County Extension Homemakers organization and included members of the organization and their families. Leaders were Mrs. Drue Trotter, extension agent and her husband, Larry.

Others going were Ray Warner and wife, Elma, Jack Bulla and wife, Inez, John Giles and wife, Lillian, Mrs. Barbara Spencer, Mrs. Mildred Royals, Mrs. Sallie Ward, Mrs. Eva Fox, Mrs. Dorothy Millikan, Mrs. Kay Shaw, Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Dot Hunter, Mrs. Louise Boling, Mrs. Elizabeth Poole, Mrs. Myrtle Marsh, Mrs. Kate Hughes, Mrs. Lena Andrews, Ms. Margaret Jones, Ms. Nancy Adkins, Mrs. Doxy Kallan, and Mrs. Edith Wagner.

Also, Mr. Richard Davis, Mrs. Gilbert Davis, Miss Lillian Atkins, Mrs. Ruby Pritchard, Mrs. Johnsie Rich, Mrs. Anna Peterson, Mrs. Annie Kennedy, Mrs. Sallie Farlow, Mrs. Alice Farlow, Mrs. Mildred Walker, Mrs. Gladys Culp, Mrs. Lucille Rodden, Mrs. Sadie Harris, Ms. Anna Whitaker, Miss Daphne Boone, Mrs. Ellen McRae, Mrs. Stella Bartlett, and Mrs. Mary Hedrick.

Among places visited were Mystic Seaport Museum in Connecticut, Breakers Mansion in Newport, R. I., Martha's Vineyard, Plymouth, Old and New Boston, Longfellow's Wayside Inn, and Concord, Mass., the historical sites of Philadelphia, Pa., including the restored buildings and sites of America's birthplace of Liberty Bell, Betsy Ross' House, Home of the Stars and Stripes, Christ's Church, and the burial ground where seven signers of the Declaration of Independence are interred, the Amish Country in Lancaster, Pa., and Gettysburg, Pa.

Women Given Life Membership Pins

Nov. 13, 1975 - Four women at Central United Methodist Church were presented Life Membership Pins at a rally day service of United Methodist Women at church on Sunday.

Honored were Mrs. J. J. White, Mrs. Clarence Allen, Mrs. Dal Rich, and Mrs. Charles Cole who have a combined total of 146 years of service at the Central Church.

Mrs. Cole, who joined the church in 1927, exceeds the others in seniority of membership, Mrs. White joined in 1935, Mrs. Allen in 1942 and Mrs. Rich in 1950. Each of them has compiled a record of service and achievement, not only in the women's group but in other church activity as well.

Life Memberships are presented as symbols of the esteem, appreciation and love for those to whom the pins are presented. They are also a recognition of the service which has been rendered to the women's group, the church and the community.

Mrs. White received her certificate of membership from

Mrs. Otis Brower. She was pinned by her daughter, Mrs. Hal Brown. Outside of the church she has been actively involved in the VFW auxiliary, the Gold Star Mothers, and the American War Mothers.

Mrs. Allen was unable to be present at the rally day service because of illness but she is still active in various phases of church life. She has worked for many years with the Home Department, taking literature to the shut-ins and sick members. Also, she has long been noted for sharing the flowers and vegetables from her garden with friends and neighbors. Her certificate of membership and pin was received in her behalf by Mrs. Lewis Wright.

Mrs. Rich, pinned by daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kay Rich, received her certificate of membership from Mrs. Robert Reese. After serving in many responsible positions within the church since she first joined, she is currently serving as a trustee and as a member of the choir. For many years she taught in the public school.

Mrs. Cole and her husband served for seven years on the committee of altar flowers in the fellowship hall when it was used as the sanctuary. She has also assisted and headed up food committees for various fund raising dinners. Her certificate of membership was presented by Mrs. Max Bulla and she was pinned by her daughter, Mrs. Maxine Burrow.

Members of the United Methodist Women, the sponsoring agency for the Life Membership Awards, feel that the four recipients are an asset to the Central United Methodist Church and to the surrounding community. They feel also that the four women represent the true spirit of Christian discipleship.

The first organization of women at the Central church, then known as the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church, occurred in 1899 and was identified as the Women's Foreign Missionary Society. The name has been changed three times and the membership has risen from 13 to the approximately 200 members comprising the present organization of United Methodist Women. President of the organization is Mrs. Dan Seeger.

Mrs. Lucy Bouldin Cain Is Honored On 84th Birthday

Nov. 13, 1975 - Mrs. Lucy Bouldin Cain, Route 1, Seagrove, was honored on the occasion of the 84th birthday at a family gathering held Sunday at the home of daughter, Mrs. Ray (Inez) Poole, Route 1, and Ramseur.

Highlighting the observance was a birthday meal, for which Charles Cheek, a grandson-in-law of Mrs. Cain, gave thanks. Cheek, a member of The Christian Heralds Quartet of Greensboro, also gave thanks for the life and goodness of Mrs. Cain, known to family members as "Mama Cain."

Mrs. Cain, small in stature but cheerful in outlook and philosophy, came to Randolph County nearly 57 years ago with her husband, the late Edgar Cain, and four of the nine children which would be born to their marriage. They came from near Westfield in Stokes County where both she and her late husband were born and reared.

Other members of her husband's family, including her husband's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cain, and members of her own family, the Bouldins, also came to make their home in this area. Mrs. Cain and her husband, Edgar, settled in Antioch Christian Church community where she continues to make her home.

Children born while the family lived in Stokes County were Willis, a resident of Ramseur, Melvin, who suffered a tragic

death many years ago, Glenn, of Asheboro, and Inez, at whose home the birthday celebration was held. Children born in Randolph County are Cleo, Route 1, Ramseur; Graham, of Asheboro; Harvey, of Blackstone, Va., Hallie, now Mrs. Claude Johnson, of Goldston; and Bobby, who lives with his mother at the old homeplace.

Mrs. Cain, talking about her birthday, said "I used to think when you got to be 40 you was old but just wait until you get to be 84." She is thankful for the years she has been allowed to live but she realizes she is getting old and says quite frankly that "some morning you will find me touring that city," paraphrasing the words of the gospel song which is her favorite.

She is a loyal member of the Deep River Baptist Church near Coleridge but loves the people of the Antioch Christian Church, among whom she lived these many years, and the church where the body of her son, Melvin, is buried.

'42 Class Holds Reunion

Nov. 19, 1975 - The Franklinville Community Building rang with laughter and enjoyment Saturday night as members of the 1942 graduating class at Franklinville High School got together for the first time in the thirty years since their departure from the school. Several of them had not seen each other since that time.

Class members present were Helen McCorquodale Walker, Franklinville, Edith Shaw Benbow, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Bernice Greene Woodell, Arro Mae Allred West, and Parks Buie, Asheboro, Cletus Henley Wilson and Helen Kinney Rich, Rt. 6, Asheboro, Charles W. (Bill) Husband, Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Also, Maxine Cranford Cooper, Randleman, Pauline Saunders Johnson, Siler City, Elizabeth Venable Smith, High Point, Lloyd Coward, Leesburg, Ga., Richard Parks, Staley, Helen Redding Humphrey, Greensboro, and Roland (Buddy) Pilkenton, Virginia Beach, Va.

Only three class members, Eunice Carter Kesler, Salisbury, Raymond Bulla, Long Beach, Calif., and Gilbert Frazier, Franklinville, were absent. Also present for the reunion were Miss Katherine Buie, home room teacher for the class, and Yates Holland, faculty member at the time of the class' graduation and since then long time principal of the school.

Buddy Pilkenton dropped out of the class prior to graduation to join the Navy where he remained for 29 years. But he came back to Franklinville four years later to receive his diploma with the 1946 graduating class.

World War II had started by the time of the 1942 graduation and shortly thereafter three other members, Lloyd Coward, Bill Husband, and Richard Parks, joined the Marine Corps, in which Coward remained for 27 years. Another class member, Parks Buie, wanted to join the Marines with his classmates but due to parental objections he had to wait until he was 18 years of age. After joining he remained in the Corps for eight years.

Mrs. Humphrey, who served as the 1942 class president, presented Miss Buie with a corsage at the outset of the meeting. Other officers were Bill Husband, vice president, Mrs. West, secretary, and Parks Buie, treasurer. Each member arose during the after dinner session to tell about their families and to relate their activities since graduation.

Mrs. Benbow was in charge of making the arrangements for the reunion. She approached her classmates about holding another reunion in five years but they voted her

down. They wanted to hold another one next year.

Family Goes Back 5 Generations

Nov. 20, 1975 - A fifth generation family in upper Randolph County is composed of an 89-year-old Archdale woman, Mrs. Roxieann Elizabeth Elledge Bullis, her daughter, Mrs. Alvin (Ruth) Welborn, with whom she lives, her granddaughter, Mrs. Robert (Donna Welborn) Davis, Rt. 1, Randleman, her great-grandson, Ryan Davis, and her great-great-granddaughter, Donita Davis, also of Rt. 1, Randleman.

Mrs. Bullis, a native of Wilkes County, is nearly blind and can only walk a few steps with the aid of a walker because of a broken hip which she sustained six years ago. But her mind and memory are clear, she can recall without hesitation the significant happenings in her life.

She can recall her family moving to Washington County, Va. at the age of 16, she can remember moving back to the edge of Tennessee, she can remember moving back to Wilkes County at the time of marriage to Lewis Bullis on July 1, 1905. She can recall the early tragedy of her married life, the death of her husband on Jan. 12, 1912, less than seven years following the marriage and three months after the birth of their daughter, Mrs. Welborn. She speaks also of the death of her sons, Alonzo, the youngest, 19 years ago and Hubert seven years ago.

Mrs. Bullis is a happy woman, despite the deaths of her loved ones and the ailments which she has suffered. She says "I can't grumble a lot, I thank my Lord for the shape he has permitted me to be in." To pass the time she makes "pretty little things" out of cotton yarn thread and gives them away, something which pleases her very much. But referring to the time, she said "it is passing fast enough."

She spoke of her life on the farm in Wilkes County, living with her parents, five sisters and one brother. She said "I sprouted in the field, sawed logs, hoed corn, milked cows and fed hogs." But she amended the sawing of the logs to helping her brother cut wood with a cross-cut saw.

After the death of her husband she went back home to live with her people. She came to this vicinity with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Welborn, in 1929. She retains her sense of humor. While discussing her inability to walk she said, "I've set down twice, flat as a flitter."

Seagrove Pancake Supper Set

Nov. 20, 1975 - A dainty biscuit pancake supper for the benefit of the Seagrove Public Library will be held in the Seagrove School cafeteria Tuesday evening, Nov. 25, from 5 until 8 o'clock.

The sponsors, members of the library board of trustees, have adopted the slogan "all you can eat for the price of your ticket." The tickets sell for \$2 for adults and \$1.50 for children.

Interest in a public library for Seagrove was determined at a meeting held by the town council on Nov. 29, 1972, at which 35 people were in attendance. The ordinance establishing the library was passed by the council on Dec. 5, 1972 and the library was organized in cooperation with Randolph County Library.

Located in the grange hall on the Old Plank Road, the new institution held open house on Sunday, Mar. 11, 1973 and was opened the next day. Its activities included participation in the summer reading program and the summer showtime.

Jack Lail is chairman of the board of trustees, Jane King vice chairman, Mae Auman secretary, and Martha Comer treasurer. Other members are Patsy Callicutt, Sue Hayes, Dewitt King, Roger King, Lucy Rice, and Barbara Voncannon. Representing the town council on the board are Nancy Reeder and Tommy Marsh.

Patrons of the library and others in the Seagrove vicinity are urged to support the pancake supper and help the library fund. Board members are selling tickets in advance. Mrs. Sarah Auman is the town librarian.

Church Members Honor Holts On Golden Wedding Anniversary

Nov. 26, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Holt, 710 West Kivett Street, were honored Sunday at a fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church which commemorated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage. Holt, a retired business man, has been a church and civic leader in Asheboro for many years.

Hosting the luncheon were the members of the Sunday School class which is named for Holt, and a class which he has taught over the past thirty years. The class, formerly a young adult fellowship class, was organized in 1945 shortly after World War II and in 1951 was named the D. W. Holt Class in honor of the man which has taught it these many years.

Robert Barnes, president of the class, presented Mr. and Mrs. Holt, in behalf of the class, with a \$50 check to be used by them for some project in the church. Present for the luncheon, in addition to those enrolled in the class, were members of their families, the church staff, the children of the honored couple, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Holt, Asheboro, and Miss Mildred Holt, Raleigh, their two grandsons, Ross and Shelton Holt, and other family members.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Holt were reared in the Bethany Methodist Church section of Stanley County, a rural area between Albemarle and New London. Their marriage occurred on Nov. 25, 1925. Mrs. Holt is the former Julia Louise Huneycutt. They moved to Asheboro in 1936.

Holt came to Asheboro to establish a farm machinery business known as the D. W. Holt Co. He retired from this successful venture in 1960. While in Stanley County he worked on the farm on which he was reared until maturity, taught in the public school system for six years, was employed with the Stanley News Herald for two years, and then worked with a farm machinery company for nine years before coming to Asheboro.

His civic activities have been numerous, including the presidencies of the Carolinas Farm Equipment Dealers Association, the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce, the Asheboro Merchants Association, the Asheboro Memorial Foundation, the Asheboro Rotary Club, and the PTA. He served as a member of the board of trustees of Pfeiffer College and has since been honored with a life membership on this board. Further service has included membership on the city council, chairman on the board of adjustments, and a member of the county welfare board.

But his greater area of service has been with his church, extending from the local church to the district, state and general conferences. He has held every position conceivable on the local level, has served as district lay leader, has served as a delegate to the annual conferences since 1948, has attended two general conferences as a

delegate and several jurisdictional conferences.

He has traveled extensively in the United States, 12 European countries, four Canadian provinces, the Yukon Territory, Alaska, and Mexico. He attended Methodist services in Austria, Alaska, and in 1951 attended the Ecumenical Conference in Oxford, England.

His retirement 15 years ago has enabled him to engage in additional activities of his church, particularly in the attendance of more meetings. He continues also speaking at various church services and civic events, only recently speaking to members of the Ramseur Lions Club when they honored the farmers of the area. He devotes considerable time and visits each day his farm in Back Creek Township where he raises cattle and grows much of the feed which they consume.

Youths Stage Fast-A-Thon

Nov. 27, 1975 - Twenty-two young people, members of the Wesleyan Youth organization at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, participated in a fast-a-thon last weekend and went for 24 hours without partaking of any food. Their only consumption consisted of milk, orange juice, soft drinks, and water.

The fast lasted from 5 p. m. on Friday until the same time the next day, at which time a steak supper was served to those taking part of the fast-a-thon. The supper was prepared by Chuck Mealey, director of music and youth, and his wife.

Friends of the fast-a-thon participants pledged various amounts of money for each hour the young people went without food. The funds raised, which amounted to more than \$500, will be used to pay the expenses for a special youth revival at the church Nov. 30-Dec. 5. Evangelist will be Rev. Jimmy Johnson, Lemon Grove, Calif.

Activities of the youth during the fast-a-thon consisted of a hayride, bonfire and singspiration at the someplace of one of the counselors near Coleridge, after which they skated until midnight. The youth and their counselors stayed together at the youth building Friday night and other activities included games, television, and radio entertainment, making posters for the revival, and a hike to the mountain Saturday.

The young person bringing in the most money was Teresa Saunders whose amount was \$88. 10. Others participating were Darlene Hall, Tammy Davidson, Anthony Greene, Shirley Greene, Robin Kindschi, Mike Jones, Eric Davidson, Susan Tysor, Tina Jordan, Margaret O'Dell, Edward Carter, Don Pritchard, Tim Jordan, Carol Coble, Nina Furr, Bobby Jordan, Rodney Furr, Leslie Vanderburg, Chuck Mealey, Sandra Saunders, and Steve Kindschi

Counselors for the youth group are Mr. and Mrs. Ray Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Furr, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Coble, Mrs. Shirley Greene, and Miss Sandra Saunders.

Frank M. White Is Honored With Special Award Plaque

Nov. 28, 1975 - Frank M. White, veteran usher at Central United Methodist Church, was presented with a plaque designating him "an honorary life member of the Board of Ushers" in a special ceremony Sunday at the morning worship service. This was the first time such an award has been presented.

White served 25 years as an usher at the church before

becoming incapacitated due to suffering a stroke two years ago. He joined the Central church in 1941 during the pastorate of Rev. J. W. Braxton.

Richard H. Moore, chairman of the board of trustees, and E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of the board of ushers, cited the many outstanding achievements of White during his long tenure of church membership. The plaque, honoring him "for outstanding loyalty and dedication," was presented by Mrs. William B. Jones, representing the Commission on Worship and the members of the church.

Among his contributions to the church was the presentation of training programs for ushers throughout the state, serving as projectionist for many local programs and assisting with worship services, weddings and funerals. As trustee chairman, Richard Moore, stated in his tribute, "we had been accustomed to saying let Frank do it."

In 1966, White was presented the first "Usher of the Year" award at the Fifth Annual Nine-State Southeastern Jurisdictional Church Ushers Conference at Lake Junaluska. Dr. Lee Tuttle made the presentation.

Other than his ushering duties he has also served on the official board at his church and as a member of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism. Outside of the church he has been active in the local March of Dimes drives.

All members of the board of ushers sat in a group for the special ceremony which honored their long time colleague. The honor usher was escorted by two other veteran ushers at the church, Dick Davis and James Lowdermilk.

Before retiring, following his stroke, White was an employee of Bossong Hosiery Mill, Inc. He and his wife, Marjorie, reside at 1301 Sunset Ave.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Is Celebrated By King Pair

Dec. 2, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Colburn King, Route 2, Seagrove, were honored Sunday, Nov. 23, by their children at a surprise celebration on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary. Guests were invited to greet the couple at the fellowship hall of Maple Springs Baptist Church from 2 until 5 p. m.

After the morning worship service at the church Mr. and Mrs. King were invited out to lunch by members of their family, leaving their car at the church. Upon coming back to the church after lunch they were surprised to find that several people had already gathered. Until that time the couple had no idea they would be the honored guests at an anniversary celebration, they just thought they get into their car and go home.

Their oldest child, Mrs. Paul (Carolyn) Thayer, and her family live in San Francisco, Calif. And were no home for the anniversary occasion. Their other children, who sponsored the reception which honored their parents, are Mr. and Mrs. Charles King, Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Darrel (Doris Ann) Craven, Franklinville, and Joseph King, who still lives at home with his parents. There is one grandson, Christopher Thayer.

Among those present at the celebration were the couple's pastor at the Maple Springs church, the Rev. Jimmy Hussey, and his family. Also present were Mrs. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus C. Cole, who live near the church. King's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arledge King, are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. King were married Nov. 25, 1950 in

Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. King, the former Clacie Cole, has been an employee at General Electric for almost 12 years. King is a retired employee of Luck, Inc.

First Reunion For 1944 Class Of Franklinville High School

Dec. 5, 1975 - Fifteen members of the 1944 graduating class at Franklinville High School attended the first reunion of the class Saturday evening, Nov. 29, in the dining room at Blue Mist Drive-In.

These included Miss Virginia Allred, Mrs. Frances Moon Kirkman, Mrs. Annette McCorquodale Williams, Bill Frazier, and Jack Smith, Franklinville, Mrs. Lillie Ellison Hollady, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Page Craven, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Nancy Routh Welborn, Jesse Cook and George Thomas, Asheboro, Mrs. Mary Cheek Craven, High Point, Mrs. Wilma Hall Roberts, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Dora Luck Kosey, Williamston, Mrs. Pearl Millikan Haithcock, Cedar Falls, and Reeves (Chick) Wallace, Boiling Springs.

Absent members are Mrs. Carlene Allred Curt, Falls Church, Va., Mrs. Myrtle Hancock Coward, Greensboro, Miss Patsy Husband, Asheville, Mrs. Laura Spencer Allred, Garden City, S. C., Mrs. Norma Pilkenton Prevost, Asheboro, George Brown, Waldorf, Md., and Burnice Laughlin, Randleman.

Two class members are deceased, Miss Mary Helen Curtis and James Carlton Shoemaker. At the reunion it was voted to donate a gift to the school in memory of the deceased classmates.

Joining the 1944 graduates in their reunion were members of their families, Yates L. Holland, who was serving his first year as principal of the school the year they graduated, and Miss Katherine Buie, their homeroom teacher. Mrs. Hollady, the class president, presented each of these two faculty members with a gift.

Miss Buie and Mr. Holland also joined with the members of the class in "giving an account of themselves" since the year of graduation. Some of them had no seen each other since that time.

Members of a committee planning the reunion included Mrs. Kirkman, Mrs. Welborn, Mrs. Hollady, Bill Frazier, and Chick Wallace. Through the courtesy of Mrs. Kirkman a properly inscribed reunion cake was served for dessert. The next reunion will be held in Nov., 1977.

Ervin Nance Ordained To Ministry

Dec. 11, 1975 - Ervin Nance, Route 1, Franklinville, was ordained into the ministry Sunday evening, Dec. 7, in a spirit-filled service at Clear View Baptist Church where he has been a member of since its founding in 1957.

A capacity congregation was present for the service or ordination, including people from the Antioch Christian Church, Route 1, Seagrove, where Ervin became the pastor on the last Sunday in Sept. . It was only this past Apr. that he walked down the aisle at the Cedar View church on a Sunday morning to surrender his life to the ministry.

Among those present for the ordination were his wife, the former Mary Davis, his two children, Cynthia Darlene (Cindy), 16, and Jon, 12, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Nance, and nine of his 10 brothers and sisters.

Rev. Clyde Stutts, pastor at Clear View, called the church into conference for the ordination and introduced Rev. B. C.

Owenby, chairman of the presbytery who had examined the candidate at an earlier meeting. Other members of the presbytery were Rev. W. A. (Bud) Gillet, Rev. Garland Hall, Rev. W. Cecil Baughman, Jr., Rev. Wilbur Eaton, and the Rev. Stutts.

The charge to the candidate was given by the Rev. Stutts, the charge to the Antioch Christian Church was given by Rev. Eaton, and the presentation of the Bible was made by Rev. Owenby. The invitational prayer was said by Bruce Smith, also a licensed minister of Clear View Church. All ministers and ordained deacons present joined in the "laying on of hands" as the new minister knelt before them.

Soloist for the service was Mrs. John Northern, of Fayetteville, a co-worker of the newly ordained minister in lay witness groups over the past two years. Five additional lay witness members from Fayetteville and Raleigh were also present for the ordination.

Besides his participation in lay witness movement Ervin Nance had serve his church as a deacon and Sunday School teacher after its organization in the basement of his home. Following his acceptance of the call to the ministry he had preached in various churches and lay witness retreats before going to the Antioch church a few weeks before he formally assumed the pastorate there.

He is appreciative of the cooperation and response which he received at the Antioch church. Speaking of his progress there he said "the Lord has blessed."

Annual Golden Age Party Is Held

Dec. 12, 1975 - The annual golden age party sponsored by United Methodist Women of Bethany United Methodist Church was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7, in the fellowship hall. Sixty-two residents and former residents of the community were present as honored guests.

Lunch was served, consisting of turkey and dressing with gravy, green beans, potato salad, cranberry relish, congealed salad, cake, rolls, tea, and coffee. The Rev. John Ruffy, pastor, presented devotionals and music was provided by The Christianaires, of Randleman.

Fourteen people 80 years of age and older were included in the honored group. These were Percy West, 86, Mrs. Florence Aldridge, 84, Mrs. Corinna Johnson, 84, Mrs. Mattie Coble, 83, Mrs. Jenie Julian, 83, Mrs. Esther Johnson, 83, Mrs. Minnie Redding, 83, A. S. Layton, 83, Claude Routh, 83, Mrs. Claude Routh, 83, Jim Pugh, 81, Wesley Ward, 81, Mrs. Carletta Julian, 80, and Earl Walker, 80.

Others honored were Miss Swanna Baldwin, Bob L. Johnson, Mrs. Nannie Belle Johnson, Mrs. Ila Trogdon, Mrs. Annie Johnson, Clarence Baldwin, Mrs. Laura Baldwin, Mrs. Edna F. Routh, Mrs. Hattie Nixon, Mrs. Edith M. Bowman, Mrs. Leffie Pugh, Solon Pugh, Joe Smith, Mrs. Nettie Smith, Mrs. Lillian Routh, Miss Bessie Baldwin, Ernest B. Ellis, Hobert R. Routh, Raymond Ward, Cecil Baldwin, Mrs. Amalee Baldwin, Mrs. Bessie Ward, Mrs. Donna Wood, Ira Wood, and Pearl Ward.

Also, Mrs. May P. Walker, Mrs. Kathleen Layton, Mrs. Mozelle P. Hinshaw, W. I. Hayes, Mrs. W. I. Hayes, Mrs. Hester Lovell, Mrs. Lee Lovell, Mrs. Lucille Brady, Mrs. Frances Smith, Mrs. Urilla Pugh, Mrs. Irene Fagg, Mrs. Ollie Harrelson, Jake Pugh, Mrs. Ruth Pugh, Mrs. Estelle Johnson, Wade Routh, Mrs. Monnie Routh, Julian Clyde Aldridge, Mrs. Flora Setliff, Mrs. Eula Mickey, Bobby Carter, Mrs. Lucy Carter, and Guy Nixon.

The golden age party has been held at Bethany since 1962. A scrapbook commemorating this annual event has been compiled by Mrs. Elsie Johnson, president of the sponsoring organization, and was on display at the party this year. The honoring of the senior citizens is an occasion which is greatly enjoyed by those participating and provides for many of them a contact they would not otherwise have.

Chrismons Decorate Tree At Calvary United Methodist

Dec. 12, 1975 - A Chrismon tree, decorated with 100 symbols and 600 lights, has been placed within the chancel area at Calvary United Methodist Church and is attracting considerable attention since its dedication Sunday evening, Nov. 30.

The tree, a 16-foot spruce, was brought by the pastor, Rev. G. Lee Pollock, and two members of the congregation from Spruce Pine. The gold and white Chrismons, a reminder of God's greatest gift to mankind, Jesus Christ, were placed on the tree during the candle-light service on Sunday evening.

Following the reading of Psalm 100, a psalm of praise, and the evening prayer, the Chrismons were presented by members of the United Methodist Women who began planning for the tree last Jan. Actual work on the making of the symbols began in July. Some of the intricate work on an individual design required several hours to complete.

The word "Chrismon" is a combination of two words, Christ and monogram. The evergreen tree symbolizes the eternal life which Christ won mankind, the small white lights represent Christ as the light of the world, the gold represents the glory and majesty of God, and the white represents the purity, innocence, and perfection of the Savior.

The Chrismon idea originated in The Lutheran Church of the Ascension in Danville, Va., in 1957. Since then the idea has spread to Christians all over the world. A smaller tree similar to the one at Calvary was placed in a Concord church which the Rev. Pollock and his family served prior to coming to the local church.

As the 40 different symbols were brought forward during the Service of Chrismons, to be hung on the tree which extends to the ceiling of the sanctuary, an explanation of the meaning of each one was made by the Calvary pastor.

The most widely known Chrismon was the Chi Rho with Alpha and Omega, comprising the first two letters of the Greek word, Christos, or in English, Christ. This is the oldest monogram for Christ and was commonly used by the early church.

The pastor and congregation at the Calvary church are real proud of their Chrismon Tree and already people from other congregations are coming by to see it. The Rev. Pollock indicated that his congregation would be pleased to share the tree with the general public and they invite others to come by and see it. The church is located at 116 Francis St., just off of N. Fayetteville St.

Coleridge Honors 'Fireman Of The Year'

Dec. 15, 1975 - Robert Ritter received the "Fireman of the Year" award at the annual Christmas party held Tuesday evening by the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department. This selection is voted upon by the firemen themselves.

Ritter is known as a hard working member of the

department and is usually around whenever there is something to be done. He has been especially helpful when fund raising suppers are held and food is sold at auction sales.

Ironically he was not present at the Christmas party when it was announced that he was the winner of the large bronze trophy. The entertainers performed while the firemen and their wives, who were guests at the party, waited for the recipient of the award and his wife to arrive from their home on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Larry McAlister, last year's recipient, made the presentation of the trophy and paid a tribute to Ritter for his contributions to the department. He ended his remarks by saying "he is over here when you need him, except tonight."

The Country Church Quartet, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Welborn, Mrs. Leroy Hayes and Mrs. Wade Asbill, provided music for the occasion. They were accompanied by C. M. Hayes, guitarist, and Leroy Hayes, electric bass. Door prizes were won by Amos Needham, Robert Ritter, Johnny Needham, Sallie Needham, Esther Asbill, and Ralph Bulla. A ham and turkey supper was served.

Since last year Fire Station No. 2 has been established by Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department at Erect on land donated by Clay Sugg. A training course for new firemen has just been completed under the direction of Darrel Newton, a certified instructor and chief of the Swepsonville Fire Department.

Over 200 Attend Christmas Party

Dec. 17, 1975 - Over 200 people were in attendance at the annual Lions Christmas party for the blind and visually handicapped of Randolph County last Thursday evening at Sir Robert Banquet Room in Asheboro.

Sponsored for more than 20 years by the Lions Clubs of Randolph County, those present included Lions, the visually handicapped, members of their families, and other guests. The latter included H. Glenn Holsopple, district governor of 31-D, and Mrs. Holsopple.

Entertainment was provided by Lawrence Sours, soloist, who accompanied himself on the ukulele and then led the group in Christmas carols, accompanied by Mrs. Pearl Humble on the piano. Several of the blind guests also entertained during the evening.

A full course Christmas dinner with all the trimmings was served to everyone present. A fruit basket was sent out to each visually handicapped person in the county who was not able to attend the party. Five dollars was also given to each of them, whether in attendance or not at the party.

Several of the blind guests voluntarily arose to express their appreciation for what the Lions have done and are doing for them. One elderly lady, speaking of the Lions program for the blind, said in a voice trembling with tears, "it helped me when everything else failed." Another lady said "it has meant so much to me through the years." Worth Freedle, both a Lion and visually handicapped, said "I've got a little something in common with both of you and I don't know which one I am the proudest of."

Also appearing on the program was Mrs. Addie Luther from the Randolph County Social Services Department, who is case worker for the blind. She presented visually handicapped Jimmy Myers, of Tabernacle Township, who is serving as coordinator of the YMCA program for the blind. He outlined the various programs which are available to the handicapped.

The Asheboro Lions Club was host for the party and serving as master of ceremonies was Q. G. McKee, chairman of the Sight and Conservation Committee, and a veteran worker with the blind and visually handicapped.

Theme for the district governor's remarks was "Love thy neighbor as thyself." He said that the annual Christmas party for the blind and visually handicapped "showed that the Lions in Randolph County are really taking care of their neighbors."

It is not pity either that is manifested at the annual party, instead it is love, respect, admiration and esteem between the Lions and their blind friends. Because as Worth Freedle said, "if we pity a handicapped, pretty soon he'll be pitying himself."

Farmer Grange Has Christmas Dinner

Dec. 18, 1975 - Youthful leadership locally and state-wide was emphasized at the annual Christmas dinner and rural-urban meeting of the Farmer Grange last Saturday evening.

A new master of the grange, Gene Hogan, 29, presided over the meeting. He was elected last fall to succeed Alton Wall, a veteran member of the organization who has served as master for many years. Gene's wife, Jean, was elected chaplain of the local grange.

Program for the dinner meeting was presented by Jimmy Gentry, 26, state youth director for the North Carolina Grange and a member of the national council. A graduate of N. C. State University, he is currently employed as the agriculture teacher at West Montgomery Senior High School. He joined the Little Mountain Grange at the age of 13.

Gentry was accompanied by his wife, Anita, and Miss Bobbie McLaughlin, of the Carrier community in Rowan County, who served as a National Grange Princess. Miss McLaughlin assisted in the presentation of the program and told of her travels throughout the United States while serving as a national princess.

Bankers, lawyers, educators, a surgeon and other urban-oriented guests joined their grange friends for the annual Christmas party which is noted for its festivity and good food. R. C. Adams, lecturer, was in charge of the program. Mrs. Herbert Kearns and Mrs. Carl Kearns decorated the grange hall and Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, Jr. was in charge of the dinner arrangements.

The new grange master and his wife, members of the organization for the past three years, have been active in the conduct of the square dances which are sponsored by the grange. Gene also distinguished himself in the refurbishing of the grange hall which has undergone a complete renovation.

The couple, also nominated from the Farmer Grange as the "young couple of the year," are residents of Rt. 3, Denton, right on the edge of the county line. They are parents of two children, Ritchie, 11, and Lynette, who will be eight in Jan. Mrs. Hogan is the former Jean White.

Gene is associated with his father, Trice Hogan, in the Hogan Lumber and Chip Co., Inc., Rt. 3, Denton, in which firm he serves as vice president. His wife, Jean, is a teacher's aid at Farmer School and also a part-time bus driver. The couple are members of the Flat Creek Primitive Baptist Church in nearby Rowan County and are March of Dimes chairmen for Farmer and New Hope. Jean is also one of the leaders of a newly organized girl scout troop in New Hope.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Celebrated By Ferree Couple

Dec. 24, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. John Retell Ferree, both natives of High Point, were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, at their home on Route 1, Seagrove, in Erect community.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Neal (Mom Roe) Chrissie, and their grandson, Bobby Neal Chrissie, Jr., were hosts at a reception from 3-5 p. m. Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ferree, Jr., and their granddaughter, Tracy Caroline Ferree, of Daytona Beach, Fla., were unable to be present due to the illness of their daughter-in-law.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Bernice Wood and Mrs. Evian High, sisters of Mrs. Ferree, and Mrs. Clara James, her sister-in-law, all of High Point, and Mrs. Betty Richardson and Miss Lorrie Ferree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferree were married in Bennettsville, S. C. on Dec. 21, 1925. It was a cold Dec. day and they rode to their marriage site in an open car. They recall stopping in Seagrove on their way down from High Point and eating breakfast in the café there.

Mrs. Ferree is the former Alma Loe James. Although they attended the same school in High Point while children, they first remember meeting when a quartet in which Ferree sang came to her church. His parents, John Henry Ferree and Nannie Mae Baldwin Ferree, formerly lived in Franklinville.

Ferree was employed as a hosiery worker in High Point for many years before going into maintenance work. He retired in 1970 when the couple moved to their present residence but still works part time with Martin-Griffin, Inc. He was employed with the Langley Air Force Base in Virginia during World War II.

The couple lived briefly in their present community many years ago, at which their daughter graduated from high school, before coming back for a permanent residence. After coming back they built a new home which is located near the old Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

They attend the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church where Ferree teaches a Sunday Class. He is the brother of the late Rev. Kenneth Ferree, a well known minister of the area in which they live.

Christmas Eve is Date of Actual 50th Anniversary

Dec. 24, 1975 - Mr. and Mrs. Eli S. Seawell, well known Route 2, Bennett couple, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, in the fellowship hall at the Beulah Baptist Church gymtorium.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Seawell, entertained at a reception in their honor from two until four o'clock. Other members of their immediate family include two grandchildren, Mrs. Shirley Dunn, Chapel Hill, and Bryan Seawell.

Mrs. Russell Seawell welcomed the guests and introduced them to the receiving line composed of Mr. and Mrs. Seawell, Russell Seawell and Mrs. Dunn. Bryan Seawell registered the guests.

Others assisting in the reception were Mrs. Eli Seawell's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lane, and Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Hussey, Mr. and Mrs. James Garner,

Mrs. Edward Maness, Mrs. Charles Lancaster, Mrs. Mozelle Hussey, Mrs. Lloyd Albright, Mrs. Jimmie Oxendine, and Miss Rebecca Maness. The anniversary cake was baked and decorated by Mrs. Eva Mae Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Seawell were married Dec. 24, 1925 in Coleridge at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. F. Starr. They drove to his home in a Model T. Ford, accompanied by Huey Purvis and Ada Maness. Mrs. Seawell still retains her brown crepe wedding dress which was made by the late Mrs. Bertha Craven.

Eli Seawell, born in upper Moore County, the son of Matthew (Mutt) Seawell and Fannie Maness Seawell, has been living at his present residence in lower Randolph County since 1913. He attended the one-teacher Purvis School in Moore County, and the Phillips School in Randolph County before completing his education at the Bennett and Bonlee Schools. He taught school for 14 years, at Pleasant Grove and Bennett.

Mrs. Seawell, the former Elsie Ruth Cole, was born between Coleridge and Bennett, the daughter of George and Irene Caviness Cole. She attended the school at Coleridge. She was reared in the Methodist Faith but got acquainted with her husband, a Baptist, at a Quaker Meeting at Holly Springs.

A long time member of the agricultural committee, now known as ASCS, Eli served on the county committee from its beginning as Triple A in 1932 until he left the stated committee, a position his son now holds, and he was on the state committee for the 12 years.

He has also been a member of the board of directors of Central Production Credit Association for 18 years and is currently serving as the chairman of the executive board. He has been a member of the Beulah Baptist Church for 60 years and has held every official position within the Sunday School and church organization. He served for several decades as the Democratic chairman of the Pleasant Grove precinct.

The Rev. And Mrs. York Celebrate

Dec. 25, 1975 - Fifty years ago in the late afternoon of Christmas Day the Rev. Theodore Roosevelt York and Miss Amy Kathleen Earnhardt were married in the Baptist parsonage at New London by the minister, Rev. W. A. Hough.

Half of a century later finds them in the parsonage of the Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Route 1, Liberty, where the Rev. T. R. York, as he is known to countless Randolph County friends, has been the pastor since 1967.

At the time of their marriage the Rev. York was serving as pastor of the Mt. Zion Pilgrim Holiness Church near Thomasville where he stayed for a total of 28 years, including two pastorates there. During his ministry at the church it became the largest rural congregation in the conference.

Rev. T. R. York is a native of Ramseur, the son of John E. (Little John) York and Mary Jane York. He worked as a young boy in the Novelty Woodwork Co. and Ramseur Furniture Co. before coming to Asheboro with his parents when he was 14. He worked in the Acme Hosiery Mill before leaving Asheboro to prepare himself for the ministry in the Pilgrim Holiness denomination.

He first attended a Bible school near Westpoint, Va., then came back to attend the Greensboro Bible School. While in Virginia he served a student pastorate was at Mt. Zion

where he first went in 1923. After three years he went to the Bethlehem Pilgrim Holiness Church in Alamance where he stayed for three years before going back to Mt. Zion for the longer period.

His wife is a native of Gold Hill in Rowan County and attended the Greensboro Bible School the same time as her husband. She too was affiliated with the Pilgrim Holiness faith, one of her grandfathers was a denominational minister.

Their long stay at Mt. Zion was marked by a radio ministry, "The Friendly Period," which the Rev. York conducted directly from the church for a period of 18 years. His stay there, the same as it has been at Mt. Olivet, was a community ministry instead of strict confinement to the local denominational church. His ministry extended across denominational lines and he was very much in demand for funerals, weddings, and other phases of community life.

His wife's health took the couple to St. Petersburg, Fla. where they served as pastorate for 12 years before coming back to the Rev. York's native community and the Mt. Olivet church. He is also the missionary secretary for his conference and has made several trips to Jamaica.

Despite more than fifty years in the active ministry the Rev. York has not slowed noticeably and in addition to his pastoral and conference duties he is the president of the Ramseur Ministerial Association, a position he has held for several years, and the president of the newly organized Ramseur Senior Citizen Club, a group which has already engaged in several undertakings.

The Rev. and Mrs. York are parents of one daughter, Mrs. Charlotte Sumwalt, whose husband, the Rev. Frederick Sumwalt, is pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church in Winston-Salem. Mrs. Sumwalt plans to honor her parents at a reception commemorating their golden wedding anniversary on Jan. 17, 1976 in the fellowship hall at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur.

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March of Dimes Drive Underway

Jan. 6, 1976 - The 1976 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County was kicked off at a supper Saturday evening in the youth building at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church. Last year the drive realized its largest amount ever raised in the county, \$44,501. 10.

Bob Watson, who will serve as county drive director for his second consecutive year, presided over the annual meeting of community chairmen and other drive officials. Special guest at the meeting included Jack E. McGee, Raleigh, regional coordinator for The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Also present were five-year old Shelia Boykin, of Asheboro, state poster child for the March of Dimes who served last year as the poster child for Randolph County, and little Charles Allen, Montgomery County's poster child for the March of Dimes drive this year.

Community drive chairmen for the county drive this year will serve as follows: Archdale, Roy B. Allen; Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Larry David, north and Mrs. and Mrs. Don Helms south; Coleridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney G. Coble; Union Grove, Mrs. Colon McNeill; Holly Springs-Pleasant Ridge, Mike Crouse; Franklinville, Miss Debbie Smith; Union-Pisgah, David Cagle; Hillsville-Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Gary

Hill; Cedar Falls, Rev. W. E. Eaton; and Seagrove, Mrs. Barbara Voncannon.

Also, Cedar Square-Glenola, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Steed; Brower-Erect, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Welborn; Grays Chapel-Red Cross, Glen Coley, Jr.; Level Cross, Bill Frazier; Pleasant Grove, Rev. Curtis Barbery and Rev. Nolan Jackson; Liberty, Rev. Richard B. Jarrett and Norman Ricks; Staley, Mrs. Artis Hicks; Farmer-New Hope, Mrs. Gene Hogan, and Cedar Grove, Mrs. Brenda Hanes.

Also, Ramseur, Eric Alfred and Wayne Burgess; Bethel-Grantville, Mrs. Freida Waisner; Trinity, Mrs. John H. Skeen; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Pleasant Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Hughes; Worthville, Buren Tysinger; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brand and Mrs. Mamie Cheek; First Pentecostal Holiness Church community, Oliver Barnes; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow; Randleman, Mrs. Alice Grove; and Jackson Creek, Mrs. Carolyn Cole.

First Donation to the 1976 drive came at the kick-off meeting when E. Wayne Hughes, long time supporter of the drive, presented Joe Church, drive treasurer, with a check from the board of ushers at Central United Methodist Church, of which organization Hughes is the chairman. Present also at the meeting was another time associate of the drive, Frank White, who had not participated for two years due to illness. Preparing and furnishing the food for the kick-off supper were Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith, Mrs. Glenn Dawson, Mrs. Bessie McPherson, and Mrs. H. C. Watson.

Class of '47 Holds Reunion At Pinewood

Jan. 6, 1976 - Slightly more than half of the 1947 graduating class of Asheboro High School attended a reunion of the class at Pinewood Country Club Saturday evening, Dec. 27. Fifty-eight of the 114 graduates were on held for their first get-together in 20 years.

Former Asheboro City Schools Superintendent Guy B. Teachey was the principal speaker for the occasion, a dinner meeting attended also by wives and husbands of the graduates. At the time of their graduation Teachey was serving as principal at the school. He termed the group "a unique class."

It was the first "12th grade class" to graduate from the school and for some years was the largest class to graduate from Asheboro High School. Several members of the class were veterans returning from World War II, some of whom received their diplomas by examination. It was also the first full-fledged class to graduate while Teachey was principal at the school, afterwards he was promoted to the superintendency.

Merton Branson was president of the 1947 class and it was he who presided over the reunion banquet. Earl (Pete) Hogan was in charge of the reunion arrangements, assisted by Juanita Jackson (Neal) Kesler, Garner Branson, Marilyn Burns Swink, Mozelle Hare Allred, and Garlene Sykes Rich.

Other class members present were Viola Allred Poole, Phyllis Andrews Oglesby, who came the farthest distance from Miami, Fla., Evelyn Blalock Reaves, Sarah Brown McCain, Violet Brown Cox, C. H. Bunting, Jr., Ferree Burkhead, George Byrum, Juanita Cagle Lewis, Merita Cannon Maner, Christine Corder Martin, Greensboro, Ralph Cox, Bill Craven, Maxton Elliott, Concord, Jeannette Forkner Hinshaw, Ervin Frye, Jr., Louise Hackett, Mary Ella Hall, Alta Jane Hamilton Heotwole, Whispering Pines, Marie Haywood Cole, David Holt, Kernersville, Donna Lee

Hoover Skeen, John Randolph Ingram, Inez Lambe Raines, and Rose Marie Lambert Rushin, Raleigh.

Also, Etta Lee Lineberry Wall, High Point, Mebane Maness, Mary Edythe Maness Parks, Ruby Moffitt Presnell, Peggy Morgan Foust, Johnny Myers, Jr., Doyle Owens, Wade Page, Mack Patterson, Morristown, Tenn., Estelle Poole Branson, Fairy May Pritchard, Wade Pugh, Route 1 Sophia, Reid Rich, Charlesanna Robbins Park, Frances Rush Combs, Mary Frances Rush Bobo, Mary Ellen Swaim Kindley, Rockingham, Bobby Trexler, Norman Trogdon, Marianne Tuttle Sanders, McCormick, S. C., Ralph Yarberry, Eden, Melva Gray Burrows Williams, Charlotte, Keith Hayes, Truman Pritchard, Harold Trexler, and Mack Williams.

Also joining the former graduates of 28 years ago was one of their two mascots, Samuel Davis Cranford, Jr., and his wife. The class members, Mr. Teachey and Sam Cranford posed for a group picture, after which they enjoyed a movie of Asheboro scenes in 1940 when most of them were fifth graders in the Asheboro schools. All of those above whose addresses were not listed are from the Asheboro area.

March of Dimes Drive Names Frazier

Jan. 7, 1976 - One of the most colorful personalities involved in the 1976 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County is Brother Bill Frazier, chaplain of stock car racing, affiliated with Petty Enterprises and formerly associated with NASCAR. He has been named to conduct the drive in Level Cross.

For six years he has conducted a racing ministry, holding services for the drivers, their mechanical crews and families. This is a limited congregation but sometimes he has spoken on the loud speaker system to the vast racing audience numbering into the thousands.

Brother Bill Frazier, now 35 years of age, was converted ten years ago. His life before that time was far removed from religion and the church. After his conversion he became an ordained lay minister in a Baptist church in the town in which he lived, Gadsden, Ala. But he became restless, he was concerned about his outreach, he was conducting his ministry mostly among a group already church-orientated.

He decided to take his ministry "out yonder where the people are," he went to the race track. His first service in 1969 was attended by seven people. His ministry began entirely on faith, he had no one backing him and he did not take a collection. He has continued this policy since that time. The first year he received \$1,000 in contributions.

Among those seven people at his first service was Maurice Petty, pit crew chief for his famed brother, Richard Petty. Little did Brother Bill realize then that four years later he would move to Level Cross and affiliate himself with the Pettys. Recently he has extended his association with them and has become the manager of Success Promotions, a division of Petty Enterprises dealing with the silk-screening of shirts and other emblematic materials for Petty fans and other sports enthusiasts.

This affiliation will help to subsidize his income and provide more independence in the pursuance of his racing ministry, which he hopes to expand soon with the arrival of a former Alabama associate, the Rev. Jim Adams. He may be able to comply with the request of the drag racing people who also want the benefit of his ministry.

Brother Bill is a candid preacher, he is blunt and to the point. He is completely devoid of pretense or hypocrisy. This is probably why he doesn't want to be called Reverend, preferring the Brother Bill designation instead. He is not an educated man but makes up this gap in sincerity and dedication. He doesn't subscribe to any particular religious group, he said "I guess I am a renegade."

But, although unorthodox, his faith and his calling goes deep, it is not a thin veneer. He established himself when as a new convert, a new Christian, he often secluded himself in a remote area overlooking the cotton mill district of Gadsden, Ala., where he searched the scriptures for interpretation and prayed for guidance, sometimes with his face buried in the earth.

Ernest Mangum Has Been Ordained Into The Ministry

Jan. 8, 1976 – J. Ernest Mangum, Randleman, was ordained into the ministry Sunday afternoon at the Central Falls Baptist Church where his father, the Rev. J. C. Mangum, has served as pastor for more than 12 years.

A large congregation witnessed the service of ordination, including members of the Central Falls church and the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Route 5, Asheboro, where Ernest Mangum has assumed the pastorate.

Delivering the charge to both of the churches and also the candidate, his son, was the Rev. J. C. Mangum who said "I thank God for this privilege." He exhorted his son to "preach the word and never compromise the gospel of Jesus Christ."

Rev. G. T. (Tom) Patterson, Moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association, delivered the ordination sermon following the invocation by Alvin Shaw from the Mt. Lebanon church and the scripture reading and prayer by Zeb Davis from the Central Falls church.

W. M. (Mack) Strider formerly associated with the Mt. Lebanon church and now minister of youth and choir director at Central Falls, offered the prayer of ordination, Elwood Hughes presented the Bible from the Central Falls church, and Rev. R. T. Smith, associational missionary, said the benediction. Rev. John Wheelles gave the report of the examination council.

Singing was provided by a combined choir from both churches and a trio composed of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Strider and Mrs. W. M. Strider and Mrs. Margaret Dula who sang "I Have Returned To The God Of My Childhood" at the request of the candidate. The always impressive part of the service was the setting apart by "the laying on of hands" by all ordained men in attendance, including 87-year-old retired deacon J. C. Pearce and the 89-year-old Rev. G. F. Settlemyre, former pastor of the Central Falls church.

The new minister, the Rev. J. Ernest Mangum, was called to preach in Sept. 1973 and was thereafter licensed to preach the Central Falls church. He has served as the supply and interim pastor at Mt. Lebanon since last Sept. . An employee of J. P. Stevens and Co. in Randleman, he is married to the former Joyce Skeen and they are the parents of two children, Timmy, 6, and Joy, eleven months.

He expressed his appreciation to the Central Falls church for their prayers and support since his acceptance of the call to preach and to the Mt. Lebanon for the blessings which have been manifested during his time with them.

New Officers Installed At Masonic Lodge Here

Jan. 12, 1976 – Joseph W. (Joe) Kearns was installed as Master of Asheboro Masonic Lodge No. 699 Saturday evening, Jan. 3, at an open installation meeting at the Masonic Temple in Asheboro. He became the youngest Master of the Lodge since its organization in 1954. He will be 27 on Jan. 23. He joined the Lodge at the age of 21.

Other officers installed were Robert R. Skelton, senior warden; Joseph J. Humble, junior warden; Paul Smith, senior deacon; C. Eugene Tutterow, junior deacon; Thomas E. Kent, senior steward; James F. Stancil, junior steward; James W. Smith, II, secretary; Lonnie Luck, assistant secretary; Billy C. Tarlton, treasurer; Roland W. Yow, tyler; Leon Thornburg, chaplain, and Alvah L. Skeen, trustee.

An unusual feature of the installation was the participation of Jessie A. Kearns as installing marshal for the induction of his son, Joseph W. Kearns. Also participating as installing officer was the new Master's uncle, J. D. Allred, and his pastor, Rev. Tom Patterson, as installing chaplain.

Also taking part was Alvah L. Skeen, immediate past master. Jesse Kearns and J. D. Allred are also past masters. The first master of the lodge at the time of its organization, Keith Hodgkin, was present for the meeting.

The newly installed Master, a native of Asheboro, resides with his wife and young son at 2153 Rose Lane. He is a graduate of High Point College and is employed at Sapona Manufacturing Co. He is a member of the Balfour Baptist Church.

Note Burning Held At Beulah Baptist

Jan. 13, 1976 – Beulah Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Bennett, started the new year off by holding a note-burning ceremony with the pastor, Rev. Curtis Barbery, and trustees Ray Purvis, Elmo (Bud) Garner, and Roy Lambert participating.

The ceremony commemorated the clearing of the indebtedness on a \$230,000 youth camp, including a gymnasium, a multi-purpose building used for the spiritual and recreational program of the church. Located also within the complex is a pastorium for the music and youth director. An indebtedness of \$100,000 was paid off within a period of 33 months.

Pastor Barbery, who began his 14th year in the pastorate the Sunday of the note-burning, said "the Beulah Baptist Church enters 1976 debt-free so far as property indebtedness is concerned. But so far as the spiritual challenge and ministry of the church is concerned, we shall never be debt-free as long as there are people to be reached for Christ. Our concern will continue and increase as we spend more money and time with reaching people with Christ's gospel."

The gymnasium and home for the director of music and youth is located on the 14-acre tract on which is also situated a two and one-half acre lake, a miniature golf course, two paved tennis courts, and a softball field. Located within the gymnasium is a full-size gym, a 38 by 90 feet recreational room, a banquet room with a seating capacity of 250, a fully-equipped kitchen and a concession room.

Regular use of the gymnasium is made for recreation and weekly Bible studies. These programs are held there on a scheduled basis for the various youth groups of the church. It is hoped to develop the facilities more fully into a youth

camp with dormitory space for sleeping. Other proposed plans would include a junior and toddler's park in the outside area of the recreational tract.

The entire Beulah Baptist Church property, located on the outer edge of Randolph County, near the Moore and Chatham County lines, is not valued at three quarters of a million dollars, all debt free. Plans for the mail church plant, now that the indebtedness has been cleared, call for the re-decorating of the sanctuary, some painting and the installation of new carpeting. It is also hoped that the radio ministry of the church, which is now broadcast from four stations, can be expanded.

The indebtedness on the youth camp facilities was paid off entirely from the regular tithes and offerings at the church. There were no special offerings or efforts made towards its liquidation. This past year total receipts of the church amounted to \$158,178. 05.

Dimes Auction To Sell Quilt

Jan. 13, 1976 – A bicentennial quilt, presented in memory of Richard Powell, will be sold at the March of Dimes auction at the Guy B. Teachey School Saturday evening.

The quilt, made and presented by Mrs. Imogene Powell, widow of Richard Powell, consists of red, white and blue polyester squares with a red lining. It has the inscribed bicentennial dates, 1776-1976.

Several years ago Richard Powell asked his wife to make a quilt for the auction, sponsored by his good friend, Clendon Richardson. This practice continued after that and last year, as Mrs. Powell's quilt was displayed at the auction, he said to his wife, "I want you to make a quilt next year with real bright colors."

The bicentennial quilt was finished just one week before Richard Powell died suddenly while at work as a tree surgeon and wood cutter, an employment which he had taken up after 17 years of service at Union Carbide.

But he lived to see the quilt finished, just as he lived to see his first grandchild, Donald Ray Ridge, who was born a month before his death. He was proud of both and when visitors came to his home he would show them the beautiful quilt, the handiwork of his beloved wife.

Richard Powell was universally liked and praised by everyone who knew him. He liked to help people and causes, whether it was the March of Dimes or the widow to whom he took wood cut especially for her benefit. Clendon Richardson said "I thought the world of him" and other friends, including fellow members of the Richland Baptist Church congregation where he taught a Sunday School class, expressed similar feelings.

He will not be at the annual March of Dimes auction this year. But his quilt with the "bright colors" will be there, to be sold to the highest bidder for the cause which he loved and believed in.

Huldah Baptist Has Note Burning

Jan. 14, 1976 – Huldah Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Asheboro, burned the mortgage on their parsonage Sunday morning, Jan. 11, in a ceremony held at the beginning of their Sunday School hour.

Holding the note for the symbolic burning was the new minister of the church, the Rev. Tom Walker, who came to the pastorate the third Sunday of last Oct. . Applying the matches were Ottis Graves, 73, oldest member, oldest

trustee, and oldest former treasurer, and Wayne Thomas, present church treasurer.

The amount of the note was \$16,700 and involved both the parsonage, which was erected in 1963, and the educational building, which was erected in 1967. The parsonage was the first home for the minister to be erected since the organization of the church in 1896.

Cicero Bennett, the church school superintendent, referred to the occasion as "a special event in the life of Huldah Baptist Church.

He compared the progress of Huldah over the past few years to the old plank building in which they formerly worshipped heated by an old wood stove. The new minister, only 26 years of age, said "we praise God for it and give Him the glory."

Tom Walker and his wife, Linda, are both natives of Marion, N. C. where they attended the same school and the same church. Married at the age of 18, they are the parents of three children, David, 6, John 4, and Melody, ten months. The couple lived in San Diego during Tom's tenure of service with the Navy.

It was in the latter lase, a few months after he entered military service, that he surrendered to the call to preach, also at the age of 18. Following his discharge from the Navy he enrolled at Tennessee Temple Schools in Chattanooga, Tenn. where he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree last May. His wife also attended the same schools for a year.

As the note involving the parsonage and the new educational building burned to ashes, the overhead Sunday School roster registered the amount of \$45,926. 64 in a building fund which will be used at a later date for a new sanctuary at Huldah Baptist Church.

The progress of the church will not be deterred with the liquidation of their indebtedness, they will continue the improvements which have has characterized their ministry over the past years.

Mrs. Parks And Daughters Present For Opening Service

Jan. 16, 1976 – An interesting family group came together recently for the opening service in the new Crestview Wesleyan Church building, Rt. 7, Asheboro. Included were Mrs. Fieta Luck Parks, a member of the church congregation, and her four daughters.

The daughters are Mrs. Virgil (Mary) Mitchell, Marion, Ind., Mrs. Samuel (Ruth) Newby, Jamestown, Mrs. Morris (Kate) King, Sanford, and Mrs. John (Vera) Storey, Rt. 7, Asheboro. Other family members also joined them for the opening service.

Walter Parks, husband of Mrs. Parks and father of the four daughters, died a few years ago at the age of 80. Mrs. Parks, his widow, is now 83 years of age. Both Mr. and Mrs. Parks were active in the affairs of the Crestview church prior to his death. She was invited to cut the ribbon in the ceremonies which preceded the moving from the old building into the new one.

The family were originally from the Pisgah-High Pine area and were formerly identified with the High-Pine Wesleyan Church. Mr. and Mrs. Parks joined the Wesleyan Methodist denomination in 1910 and remained active not only locally but state-wide and on the national level. Prior to Parks' death they had celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

All four of their daughters attended the denominational school at Central, S. C., at that time a junior college. Mrs. Newby continued her education and received her degree from the four-year denominational school in Marion, Ind. Mrs. King and Mrs. Storey received their degrees from High Point College.

Mrs. Mitchell's husband has risen through the ranks of the church to become one of the four General Superintendents of the Wesleyan Church on the world-wide basis.

Mrs. Storey's husband, formerly associated with First National Bank in Asheboro, holds the position of Executive Secretary of the Wesleyan Pension Fund and also serves as General Director of Wesleyan Men.

Both positions, the same as Dr. Mitchell, encompass the entire denomination.

Walter Parks rendered distinguished service throughout his lifetime. He was a plant grower, merchant, served as the first president of the Randolph Electric Membership Corp., he was a member of the Randolph County Tax Commission, a member of the board of directors of Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association, and for many years chairman of the Seagrove School Board. His wife also served as a tax lister for many years.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies Held Recently

Jan. 23, 1976 - A groundbreaking service held in sub-freezing temperature Sunday, at Mt. Shepherd United Methodist Church, Route 2, Asheboro, may herald a new era in the long history of the church, dating back to 1848.

Ground was broken for an educational building, estimated to cost approximately \$89,000 and consisting of six Sunday School rooms, two rest rooms, and a fellowship hall in the basement area. The contract also calls for the installation of a new heating system for the existing sanctuary.

The first shovels of dirt were spaded by Dr. H. Eugene Peacock, superintendent of the High Point District, the Rev. W. Brady Burgin, pastor of the church, and Larry Trotter, chairman of the building committee. Other members of the congregation took their turn with the shovel, including Cameron Morgan, chairman of the board of trustees.

Also on hand for the occasion was S. E. Trogdon, Sr., whose construction firm will serve as the general contractor for the building. The heating and electrical work will be done by Wake Electric Co. in High Point. Construction will begin as soon as the weather permits.

The Feb., 1974, the Mt. Shepherd church separated from the other two churches on the Charge on which it was situated and became a station church, except for sharing its minister with the Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center which is located nearby. The Rev. Burgin, who came to the pastorate last June, also serves as director of the retreat center.

Land for the first structure at Mt. Shepherd, a log building, was deeded in 1848. However, graves in the cemetery date back to the 1700's. A frame building, erected in 1882, was completely remodeled in 1942. New pews, a new floor, a steeple, and other improvements were made later.

These improvements included the installation of six beautiful stained glass windows in memory of Mr. and Mrs. John Watson Morgan, Jesse M. Robbins, A. S. Rush, and donated by Blanche and Ernest Kearns, the Gurney Kindley Family, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Even with the improvements over the past years the educational facilities at Mt. Shepherd were still limited, only three small classrooms to the rear of the sanctuary and no rest rooms, thus pointing to the need for the proposed new construction.

The different colors in the stained glass windows came alive as the sun poured through on the eastern side of the sanctuary on the cold Sunday morning of the groundbreaking service, casting a warm glow over the small group of worshippers and signaling perhaps a new beginning for the church which is located a short distance southwest of the mountain from which it got its name.

Livestock Group Installs Officers

Jan. 23, 1976 - Approximately 100 members of the Randolph Livestock Association and their wives attended the annual banquet meeting of the association Saturday evening, Jan. 17, at the Eastern Randolph Senior High School.

It was the time for election of new officers and Thurman McBride, Rt. 3, Asheboro, was named president of the association, succeeding Arlie Williams, of Rt. 1, Liberty. Other officers named were Leverette Strider, Rt. 8, Asheboro, vice president; E. Foy Gann, Rt. 4, Asheboro, secretary and treasurer; Noel Lee Hayes, Rt. 1, Seagrove, director; Roger Ward, Rt. 1, Ramseur, swine chairman; and Leonard Cox, Rt. 1, Asheboro, cattle chairman. The terms of Reece Amick, Rt. 1, Liberty, and Kenneth Shaw, Rt. 2, Denton, who also serve as directors, did not expire this year.

Speaker for the banquet meeting was Bill Johnson, Editor of The Progressive Farmer, who spoke on "Experiences as an Agricultural Editor." Johnson, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Johnson, of the Grantville community, and a former resident of the community himself, was accompanied by his wife, the former Emily Cox, of Rt. 1, Ramseur. He maintains a large herd of cattle in the vicinity in which his wife formerly lived and is an active member of the local livestock association.

The Randolph Livestock Association, which was organized in 1965, had 126 paid members last year. A planning session for officers and directors is held the first Monday night in each month. Many activities are sponsored by the association during the year.

Some of these activities last year were educational features held in conjunction with the Agricultural Extension Service and participation in the N. C. Pork Producers Conference and the N. C. Cattle Conference. Other activities included a beef and swine barn meeting, performance testing of bulls, a farm-city pig picking, an area beef school, a free steak supper for members and their wives, and some super meetings concerned with the use of liquid supplements.

Steak was on the menu for the Saturday evening banquet and was prepared and served by members of the Eastern Randolph Booster Club. Students served as waitresses.

Oliver's Chapel Honors 'Aunt Julian' On Birthday

Feb. 3, 1976 - For the sixth consecutive year the Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley, celebrated the birthday of "Aunt Julian" Brooks, oldest member of the church and oldest resident of the community.

As in past years the celebrations was held at the church with the pastor, Rev. Ocie Brown, and the choir participating. The celebration this year, which marked the 93rd anniversary of "Aunt Julian's" birth, started off with the processional by the choir singing, "Marching Up To Zion."

Rev. J. C. Gray offered the prayer and his wife, Mrs. Daisy Phelps Gray, a niece of the honored woman, gave the birthday tribute to "Aunt Julian." The Rev. Mrs. Brown, a native of the community, also made appropriate remarks for the occasion. She said "it is good that we come today and celebrate this birthday. We are not going this way but one time, so we need to do all the good we can."

It was pointed out that four of "Aunt Julian's" children are dead. Her surviving descendants include seven surviving children, 45 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren, and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

A love March offering was received for "Aunt Julian" and the choir sang "Show Me the Way" at her request. A birthday cake with the inscription of her age was presented from Mrs. Ruby Strickland. Among the large number of family members and friends in attendance was her only sister, Mrs. Dora Currie, 79, of Rt. 1, Siler City. The program was arranged by a great-niece, Mrs. Helen Headen.

Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the program. Appreciation for the annual event was expressed by a daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Brooks. The birthday celebration next year was mentioned to "Aunt Julian" and she said "nary another one." But she says that every year. Come next year, death withstanding, the people will come again from all directions to the church to honor "Aunt Julian."

Groundbreaking Ceremony Held

Feb. 4, 1976 – Cedar Square Friends Meeting, Route 3, High Point, held a groundbreaking service for a new home for the minister as the concluding part of the worship service Sunday morning, Jan. 25.

Participating in the symbolic observance were the minister, Ben Hurley, and his family, R. S. (Sonny) Davis, chairman of the building committee, who gave a "statement of purpose," Mrs. Allie Peele, who read the scripture at the building site, Harold Beeson, Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, who read a letter from Bill Britt, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting, Hurley Hinshaw, Clerk of Ministry and Council, who offered the prayer, and Eddie Hockett, trumpeter, who accompanied the congregational singing of "How Firm A Foundation"

The groundbreaking service was purely symbolic since some of the men in the congregation, taking advantages of the favorable weather, had come to the site a few days previous, along with the builder, Harvey Adams, and poured the footings for the new building. An adequate source of water had also been secured at the site which is located directly across the road from the Meetinghouse.

The new minister's home, which will replace one purchased several years ago at another location, will consist of something over 2,400 square feet of floor space. Included will be three bedrooms, guest bedroom-study combination, a dining room-den combination, kitchen and utility room

Construction of the building will be supervised by trustees of the Meeting, Harold Beeson, Branson David, Floyd Davis, Chester Peele, Richard Beeson, Edward Davis, and

James Whitesell, and a parsonage committee composed of Bernice Davis, R. S. Davis, Jean Swiggett, Lelia Beeson, Judy Hinshaw, Jay Hone, Jr., Amelia Davis and Chester Peele.

Ben Hurley, Minister of the Meeting, came to Cedar Square in the summer of 1971. Preceding him in the ministry there were Robert Melvin, the first minister, and Thomas Hendrix, Norman Osborne, Elbert Newlin, Ben Millikan, Howard Yow, Reuben Payne, Charles Lamar, Carl Yow, Harold Ritzie, Your Teague, Ora Evans, Floyd Moore, Dallas Rush, John Kennerly, Don Tickle, and Bob Darsch. The Meeting was organized in 1923.

The first meetinghouse at Cedar Square was enlarged in 1925 and served the congregation until it was moved in 1952 and a new structure erected. An addition of eight class rooms and two rest rooms was added in 1959. In 1954 a committee composed of Chester Peele, chairman, Branson Davis, Ben Cox, Lena Hinshaw, and Bernice Davis was appointed to investigate the possibility of a cemetery at Cedar Square. This resulted in the moving of the old schoolhouse on the north side of the Meetinghouse to make way for the cemetery which was plotted out and made available to members of the Meeting in 1960. Prior to that time additional land for the cemetery had been donated by Chester Peele.

Before the congregation filed out of the Meetinghouse to participate in the ground-breaking service the Minister described the occasion as "a day to remember for a long, long time." He said "this is an indication to the people of the community that we are going forward for God." Members of the Meeting joined hands in a gesture of unity and fellowship as the ground-breaking service at the building site was concluded.

Crestview Sanctuary Dedicated

Feb. 5, 1976 – A spacious sanctuary at Crestview Wesleyan Church, Route 7, Asheboro, near Ulah, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, replacing the cramped facilities of the old building which had served the congregation since its organization in 1952.

District Superintendent Watson C. Black, who gave the dedicatory message, described the occasion of dedication as "one of the highlights in the history of this church."

Others participating in the service were assistant District Superintendent J. W. Phillips, the church pastor, Rev. Arthur Moorefield, and three of the six former pastors of the church, Rev. Roy Parker, Rev. Paul Whiteside, and Rev. James L. Kivett.

The veteran builder of the church, contractor S. E. Trogdon, Sr., delivered the keys of the new structure to the vice chairman of the church board, Allen Luther, who in turn gave them to the pastor. The contractor, a builder of many churches, said the Crestview pastor was "one of the most dedicated men I have ever worked with."

Outside dimensions of the new sanctuary are 44 by 90 feet, with a seating capacity in excess of 375. The interior is brick except for mahogany paneling in the pulpit and choir area. The overhead contains laminated beams against pine decking, with cove lighting and also hanging fixtures. The windows on either side are multi-colored stained glass and the large-sized center front window, also of stained glass, contains a full-sized picture of Christ with outstretched hands.

The new pews have upholstered seats and back, the fabric is red and the ends of the benches are oak. The carpeting on the floor is red also and covers the entire area from wall to wall. There are eight class rooms located in the basement area.

The building contains central heating and air-conditioning. It fronts the street and attached to the rear is the old assemble room which will be converted into educational space. Cost of the construction will be in the neighborhood of \$140,000.

The center front window and the steeple were given to the church in memory of Walter Parks and in honor of Mrs. Fleta L. Parks, his widow, one of the older members of the church. The pulpit furniture, choir pews and overhead sanctuary lights were given in memory of Ronald Dunn. Various other items, including windows and pews, were given by other people, some in memoriam and others in honor of loved ones, and other were given as outright gifts.

Several area ministers, other than those participating on the program, were present, including Rev. W. M. Phaup, under whose direction the church was organized Jan. 1, 1952. Also, many out of town family members of the Rev. Mr. Moorefield and his wife, the Rev. Mrs. Dorothy Bulla Moorefield, were present for the auspicious occasion. The Rev. Mrs. Moorefield is the assistant pastor of the church.

Church Makes A Comeback After Destroyed By Fire

Feb. 6, 1976 - Amity Hills Baptist Church is making a comeback from the disastrous fire which completely destroyed their church building on Oakland Ave. in Asheboro in Aug. 1973. On Sunday morning, Feb. 1, they paid off the notes incurred when they built their new church structure.

One year after the fire they moved into a new building at a different location on Route 2, Asheboro, Highway 64 West, after having worshipped in a temporary building during the period of rebuilding.

But they were still faced with difficulties, their indebtedness on the new church structure was large and they had very little money to start over again since there was practically no insurance on the building which had burned. Also, they had lost some of their congregation in the move to another site.

When they entered their new building, valued at \$356,000, they sold bonds amounting to \$100,000 to assist in the financing of its construction. They also borrowed \$16,000 from the contractor, Frank Snider. This was the note which paid off at the note-burning service last Sunday morning. In addition, they have also paid their bond indebtedness down to \$75,000.

Even with their two monthly payments, which amounted to \$1,400 a month before the retirement of the first note, they have still progressed in other areas of their church life.

They have purchased and paid for an organ and a piano costing a total of \$10,000 and they have paid for new pews costing \$15,000. They have paved the parking area for \$3,500 and they are presently engaged in building a carport at the rear of the church building.

Participating in the cancellation of the note were members of the deacon boards, members of the building committee, the church treasurer, Morris Kennedy, and the note grantor, Frank Snider.

The occasion also marked the eighth anniversary of the coming of the pastor, Rev. Harold Parker, to the church and a large floral arrangement paid tribute to his "eight years of faithful service." In view of the retiring of the indebtedness on the \$16,000 note, special emphasis was placed on the morning offering which amounted to more than \$3,200.

Mother, Son Observe Birthday

Feb. 6, 1976 - Mrs. Joe Hop Joyce, Rt. 4, Siler City, mother of twelve living children, celebrated her 94th birthday on Thursday, Feb. 5. Her fourth child, Jack Joyce, observed his 70th birthday on the same day.

There was no big celebration. A few of her children and other relatives who live nearby dropped by for a visit. The main difference was probably the failure of Mrs. Joyce to get her afternoon nap.

But Mrs. Joyce, a woman of small stature, is not easily perturbed. Sometimes she doesn't say much, whenever she does speak it is usually brief and to the point. She don't waste words. She was born as Hessie Lelia Price north of Stoneville in Rockingham County.

She was married at the age of 18 on Aug. 19, 1900. Her husband was 27 or she said "that's what he claimed." Asked if she had known him long before their courtship and marriage, she said "I'd seen him about in places."

Thirteen children were born to Mrs. Joyce and her husband. The youngest, Clarence, was ill from birth and was buried on his ninth birthday. The others are Mrs. Edna Rice, Reidsville, Jeff Joyce, Miss Hallie Joyce, Jack Joyce, Henry Joyce, and Miss Emma Joyce, Rt. 4, Siler City, Mrs. Brooksie Higgins, Franklinville, Mrs. Myrtle Craven, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Woodrow Joyce, Rt. 1, Greensboro, Martin Joyce and Charlie Joyce, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Marshal Joyce, Rt. 2, Ramseur. There are 19 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

All of the Joyce children except two were born before the family moved to Randolph County. Joe Hop Joyce, disturbed because the early frost on his Rockingham County farm killed his tobacco and the creek over-ran his bottoms, came to Randolph County to establish a home for his large family. This was in the year 1919.

After finding the place where they first lived, he made preparations to move his family. The household property was shipped by train to Siler City, then hauled in wagons the twelve miles to their new home in the extreme southeastern part of Randolph County. The family came in a Model T Ford. It took two trips to get all of them down here. They later moved to a house across the creek.

According to Mrs. Joyce, her husband found it hard to get a place to suit him. "He wanted to move back," she said, "but I wouldn't agree to it." The house in which they moved across the creek had big rooms, big porches and two big halls, upstairs and down. Located in an isolated area, at the end of the road, Mrs. Joyce has hardly been back there since her husband's death Feb. 15, 1958, at the age of 84.

She has lived since with her daughters, Hallie and Emma, in a house next to her son, Jack. Neither Hallie or Emma have been married. Mrs. Joyce said "I've got five girls and none of them have a living husband."

But it was in the old big house which is still standing that Mrs. Joyce and her husband mainly reared their large family. Mrs. Joyce recalls that it took a lot of doing to keep a family that size going, she said "it kept me busy cooking and patching." Her husband evidently liked to visit among

the neighborhood, because Mrs. Joyce said "I had to stay home and tend to the children, he is the one that done the visiting."

Her working days, however, are a thing of the past. It is her daughters and sons who are now caring for her. Her hearing is not good and her eyesight is bad also. But her remembrance is good and her statements, although short and to the point, are made with clarity and reasoning. She still sees things as they are and she don't mind saying them.

Since the death of her husband she has been the head of her large family and continues to maintain that position. Her children and grandchildren extend honor and respect to her and bestow all of their love upon her.

Congregation Moves Sunday

Feb. 12, 1976 – The congregation of Friendship Baptist Church, Ramseur, will leave their rented building in the Brooklyn area Sunday morning and move into a newly constructed building on Highway 22, just outside of the town limits.

The 50 by 89 foot building consists of a sanctuary, six class rooms, two offices, and two bathrooms. The outside construction is of plywood paneling, painted brown, and the inside is finished with interior paneling.

There is brown and gold carpeting on the floor with gold upholstery in the padded portions of the pews. The windows are also tinted with gold. A full porch extends across one end of the building and a portion of the front side.

Contractor for the new structure was Ramseur builder W. H. (Willie) Cox. Approximate cost of the building and land is \$80,000. It is insured for a higher figure than that. The church realized \$60,000 in the sale of bonds for the financing of the building. Other than that, only \$8,000 was borrowed.

The church, pastured by Rev. James H. Robbins, began worshipping in the building in Brooklyn nearly three years ago. Crowded conditions, due to increased attendance, necessitated the construction of the new building which is located on a four and one-half acre tract.

Members of the congregation are a dedicated group who have worked hard to improve their facilities. On a cold afternoon, recently many of them were washing windows and getting the building tidied up for the opening on Sunday morning. Questioned about their working in the bitter cold, one member said "we are doing this for the Lord."

A combined Sunday school and preaching service will be held on the first Sunday beginning at 10 a. m. All members of the congregation are urged to be present. Friends and visitors will also be welcomed.

Golden Anniversary Is Celebrated By Pell Pair

Feb. 13, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. James Durant Pell, a couple long associated with the Ramseur community, were honored Sunday afternoon, Feb. 8, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The couple reside at 1020 Brooklyn Ave.

Their family honored them at a reception in the fellowship building at Ramseur Wesleyan Church. Approximately 175 guests called from 3-5 p. m. Most of them, imbued with the

neighborly spirit of the community, remained for most of the time to fellowship and visit with their friends and neighbors.

Receiving the couple were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pell, and Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Pell, Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pell, of Cool Ridge, W. Va. Mrs. Allen, the former Peggy Pell, and Clyde Pell are twins.

Their grandchildren are Mr. and Mrs. James Richard (Rickey) Allen, Kevin Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Phil (Gwen Pell) Bottoms, Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Terri Pell) Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Pell, and Miss Lynn Pell. Great-grandchildren include Julie and Robbie Allen and Ginger Thomas.

J. D. Pell was born in Stokes County but spent his boyhood days in Surry County. His parents were Cebren Franklin Pell and Martha Malinda Stamey Pell. He came to Randolph County in 1911 at about the age of 16. The family first lived in the vicinity of the Antioch Christian Church, near the Riverside Baptist Church which he first joined.

He came to the Ramseur about 1916 and went to work in the furniture company. He was first married to the former Romelia Macon who was the mother of all of his children. She died 24 days after the birth of his twins. He was married to his present wife, the former Maillia (Lillie) Tacy Macon, Feb. 6, 1926. Their marriage occurred at the court house in Asheboro.

The second Mrs. Pell is the daughter of Alfred and Ella Allen Macon and she was born and reared in the Holly Springs community. She was a birthright member of Holly Springs Friends Meeting but later joined the Friendville Conservative Friends Meeting where she remains a member. Her husband is a member of the First Baptist Church in Ramseur but in later years has attended the Friendville Meeting with her.

J. D. Pell, now 80 years of age, quit work at the furniture company several years ago. But in recent years he has worked at Pell's Food Store in Ramseur, owned and operated by his son, Kermit Pell.

Note-Burning Ceremony Held To Commemorate End Of Debt

Feb. 13, 1976 – Shiloh Independent Christian Church, Route 1, Ramseur, held a symbolic note-burning ceremony Sunday morning, Feb. 8, prior to the beginning of the morning worship service.

The ceremony commemorated the paying off of the indebtedness which was incurred following the completion of a two-story addition in Aug., 1973. The note was obligated in the amount of \$30,000 and was paid off much earlier than the time for its expiration.

Participating in the ceremony were the pastor, the Rev. E. L. (Leonard) Routh, deacons Terry Moffitt, Carl Needham, Page Stout, Bill Craven, and Graham Moffitt, and trustees Nicholas Brooks and Dwight Craven. The pastor, who came to Shiloh in Aug., 1974, commended the church for retiring the indebtedness in the short time which has elapsed since its incurrence.

Various improvements in the physical structure of the Shiloh church have been made since its organization in 1843. The latest one, on which the indebtedness has been paid off, consists of a fellowship hall, kitchen area, utility room, two rest rooms and seven class rooms.

The church pastor, the Rev. Routh, is a Randolph County native, the son of W. V. (Vernace) Routh and Theodosia Jenkins Routh. However, he moved with his family to

Greensboro at an early age and it was from that area he answered the call to the ministry a quarter of a century ago.

He received his training for the ministry at the Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem and was appointed a trustee of the college at the time of his graduation. His first pastorate was at the Gospel Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Other pastorates have been served at the Natural Bridge Baptist Church, Natural Bridge, Va., Calvary Baptist Church, Radford, Va., Maranatha Baptist Church, Princeton, W. Va., and Center View Baptist Church near Wingate. During his ministry at Natural Bridge a new church building was erected and while at the Radford, Va., church a two-story education building was erected.

Since the indebtedness has been retired at the Shiloh church discussion is being held concerning the relocating of the choir area, a project which would necessitate the moving forward of the chancel space.

Cedar Falls Bicentennial Mar. 22

Feb. 18, 1976 - A Cedar Falls Bicentennial Day will be held in the Deep River Village on Saturday, May 22, beginning at 10 o'clock in the morning.

This observance is the 200th anniversary of the nation's birth in Cedar Falls will be sponsored by the three churches in the village. Cedar Falls United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls Baptist Church, and Clear View Baptist Church.

Industries in the area will also be asked to participate. The focal point of the centennial observance will be held in the community park, located on a small island across from Jordan Spinning Co. However, one planned feature of the observance will be a wagon train which will wind its way up and down the river.

Details of the observance are still in a tentative stage but many projects reflecting the past history of the village are planned, including histories of the churches and the mills. The display of crafts is planned, along with a program of gospel singing.

Mrs. Carrie A. Pugh is serving as chairman of the bicentennial committee and meeting with her for the initial meeting last week were Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Eaton, Mrs. Bitsy Freeman, and Mrs. Mae Blanton from the Cedar Falls Baptist Church, Mrs. Jane Merritt, Mrs. Norma Smith and Mrs. Mary Ellen Nance from the Clear View Baptist Church, and Mrs. Eva Ferree and Mrs. Juanita Trogdon from the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church. Also present was Jerry Luck, a representative of Jordan Spinning Co.

Perfect Attendance Awards Given Out At Antioch Christian Church

Feb. 19, 1976 - Perfect attendance awards 1975, amounting to compiled total of 559 years have been received by members of the Sunday School at Antioch Christian Church Route 1, Seagrove

Heading the list were Yancy Hayes and daughter Margaret, who received 16-year awards. Last Sunday Yancy was back in Sunday School even though he had submitted to surgery on the preceding Monday.

Other awards went to Lessie Ritter, Vertle Ritter and Clifford Hayes, 15 years; Jimmy Needham and James Kiser, 14 years; Lucy Needham, Hazel Ritter, Lucy Hayes, and Henry Ritter, 13 years; Floyd Caviness, Dora Kiser, Kelly Needham, Lexie Cox, and Neal Kiser, 12 years; and

Beulah Hayes, Sandra Kiser, Joan Macon, Joseph Hayes, Bill Welborn, and Lillian Needham, 11 years.

Also, Dianne Lamb, Vivian Needham, Mae Cox, and Phil Owens, 10 years; Emogene Marley, Hilda Welborn, Bessie Cox, Newman Stout, Holly Hayes, Dale Ritter, Jeff Hayes, Leona Hayes, and Sandra Marley, 8 years; Cathy Marley, Steve Welborn, Steven Hayes, Barry Cox, Lisa Kiser and Susan Asbill, 7 years; and Kevin Lawson and Donna Kiser, 6 years.

Also Barbara Stout, Orene Stout, Wesley Ritter, Deanna Lawson, and Alton Stout, 5 years; Lee Roy Hayes, Peggy Hayes, Sylvia Hayes, Vera Asbill, 4 years; Brian Lamb, Joey Needham, and Jo Kiser, 3 years; Carnie Marley, Robie Kiser, Clinton Asbill, Joan Needham, and Darrell Davis, 2 years; and Christie Lamb, Velma Jessup, Chris Stout, Jean Stout, Henry Hayes, Kenneth Knight, Tim Stout, Craig Asbill, Rhonda Caviness, and Joy Caviness, 1 year.

The Sunday School has an enrollment of 259. The average attendance last year was 204. The Antioch church, located in a strictly rural area, has consistently had an average attendance of better than 200. Present superintendent of the school is Clinton Asbill.

Brower Pair Has 50th Anniversary

Feb. 19, 1976 - An interesting couple with unusual experiences, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Brower Sr., Route 2, Robbins, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a large gathering of family members and friends in the cafeteria at Westmoore School Sunday afternoon.

Guests came from 3-5 p. m. and were served a sumptuous meal. Their children, hosts for the occasion, are Mrs. Margaret Cheek, who lives at home with her parents, Mrs. George (Dorothy) Smith, Jackson Springs, Alvin Brower Jr., of Washington D. C., Louis Brower and Charles Brower, Hyattsville, Md., Miss Christine Brower, Roosevelt, Long Island, N. Y., and Mrs. James (Peggy) Cassidy, Route 1, Seagrove.

Included among their immediate family members are also 32 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren

Alvin Brower, born and reared in the New Zion church section, about 6 miles from where he now lives, was one of 15 children of John and Elizabeth Chriscoe Brower. Nine of his brothers and sisters are still living.

He attended the New Zion School for only three years, recalling that when they got old enough the children in his large family had to quit school and go to work. His first employment was from sun-up to sun-down for twenty-five cents a day. He remembers staying in the house in which the family lived and seeing the moon from the holes in the roof. Hard times remained with him after his marriage, he said, "I raised my family in Hoover's Day."

Mrs. Brower, the former Bertha Mishie Maness, was reared in an old house which is still standing in the sight of her present of her present residence. She was one of 18 children born to James Wesley Maness and Mishie Poole Maness. Twelve of these children, including herself are still living.

There were two sets of twins and one set of triplets in this family. Mrs. Brower was about 12 years old when the triplets were born and she was charged with looking after them. She found this responsibility so arduous that she prayed to the Lord, "if I ever get married and have 25

children, please send them one by one. She did not have twins or triplets.

She attended the Long Leaf School near her home and she recalls helping father and brother cut trees for crossties. She said "I got so I could cut a tree as well as they could." She also became proficient at sawing the trees up, peeling them and making crossties out of them. She also prayed that the Lord would let her live the see the day when she would not see a crosscut saw. The prayer was also answered when the power of chain saw came into existence

Asked how her parents managed with such a large family, she said "just by the mercies of the Lord." But she also thinks that they actually got along better than they do now, with prices so high and other prevailing conditions."This world is upside down," she added.

Mr. and Mrs. Brower fell in love while both of them were working in the peach orchards, although they had known each other all their lives. Their marriage occurred Feb. 21, 1926 at the old house which is still standing in sight of their present residence. They lived in Jackson Springs for some time after their marriage. Alvin Brower has worked mainly with sawmilling. Mrs. Brower was employed for many years in the cafeteria at Westmoore.

Mrs. Brower is an ordained missionary in the Little Oak Church of God in Christ Jesus, located near her home. Her sister, Bessie Maness Brower is Pastor of the Little Oak church and is married to Redell Brower who is a brother of Alvin Brower, husband of Bertha Maness Brower

Jean Is Beginning

Feb. 24, 1976 - After 25 years of marriage Mrs. Jean Johnson, wife of Richard Earl Johnson, has become a career woman working with the Randolph County Social Services Department. She has accepted a position eligibility specialist in the food stamps program, working for two days out of the county offices in Archdale, the remainder of the time in Asheboro.

In Jan. Jean and Richard Earl were honored by their three children, Mrs. Terry (Debbie) Allen, Fayetteville, Mrs. William (Anita) Hemphill, Route 1, Randleman, and Ricky Johnson, senior at Randolph Senior High School, at a reception at the Johnson farm residence on Route 1, Randleman commemorating their 25th wedding anniversary.

Their reception was a surprise to Jean and Richard Earl. Joining their children as hosts for the occasion were the two son-in-laws, Terry Allen and William Hemphill. Many guests called from 2-5 p. m.

Jean's mother, miss Sallie Robbins, Hall, lives at 135 W. River Drive, Randleman, next to Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church where Jean and Richard Earl were married Jan. 6, 1951. Both of the Johnson daughters, Debbie and Anita, were also married at Mt. Lebanon, except their parents were married in the old church structure.

Jean and Richard Earl reside with Richard Earl's mother, Mrs. Frances Bulla Johnson, in the home built by Richard Earl's father, Earl Johnson, before his death. Formerly a large dairy operation existed at the Johnson farm.

Both Jean and Richard Earl attended Randleman High School but not in the same classes. Their acquainting and later courtship began when Jean was working as a nurse's aid at The Randolph Hospital and Richard Earl was a patient there. After high school Richard Earl attended the

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and sold cars briefly before becoming associated with his father in the operation of the dairy farm

Like his father, who was a charter member of the Randleman Rotary Club, Richard Earl rose through the ranks of membership in the club to become Governor of Rotary International District 769

Both Jean and Richard Earl have been active politically in Randolph County in recent years. In addition to their activities on the precinct level, Richard Earl served for two terms as chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee and before that as treasurer of the committee.

Jean has served as president of the county organization of Democratic Women and in many other areas. She was named an outstanding Young Democrat on the state level one year. Both she and Richard Earl have been warm friends of former Governor and Mrs. Robert Scott. Jean introduced Mrs. Scott at a recent appearance of the former first lady at the luncheon recently sponsored by the Democratic Women of Randolph County.

The Johnson family affiliates with the Old Union United Methodist Church, located near their home. Before the marriages of the Johnson daughters, Debbie graduated from East Carolina University and Anita attended Wingate College for two years.

Since the disbandment of operations at the dairy farm Richard Earl has also entered upon a new career and has accepted employment with Shaw Furniture Galleries in Randleman.

Jean had not worked since her marriage to Richard Earl until becoming associated with the food stamps program. But, due to her pleasing personality and previous experience with people on the political level, she has adapted herself readily to the needs of those who are asking assistance.

Congregation Receives Sacraments

Feb. 26, 1976 - Quarterly Meeting, held every three months at Little Oak Church of God in Christ Jesus, includes the receiving of the Sacraments, the taking of the bread and wine (grape juice), and the washing of one another's feet. Both rituals were impressive, even the "foot washing," which was conducted with sincerity and quiet dignity.

Leading the service was the Presiding Elder, James McKinnon, who came from another area to participate in the service. He was assisted by his wife. Usually Bishop Paul McCoy is present to lead the service but illness prevented him from coming to the most recently held Quarterly Meeting.

Twelve chairs placed in a semi-circle before the pulpit, were occupied in the manner of the disciples of the Biblical days as the Presiding Elder administered the bread and the juice, intoning simultaneously the appropriate scriptural verses. As the first recipients lest others came during this of the ritual those not partaking sang "Come and Dine" and "Bread of Heaven, Feed Me Until I Want No More."

The washing of the feet followed, with the women retiring to a partially curtained off part of the church and the men on the other side. The reciting of the scriptural verses was also a part of this phase of the service, including "He riseth from supper, and laid aside His garments; and took a towel and girded himself" and "If I then, your Lord and Master, have

washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet."

The "foot washing" was unbelievably impressive, performed in quietness and seriousness, as the Presiding Elder and the other men divested themselves of their outer garments, their coats, following the scriptural example, before they proceeded with the washing of each other's feet.

Lending an atmosphere of solemnity and a semblance of purity to the service was the wearing of white by all of the women in the congregation, blending with the golden choir robes of the young girls. The Presiding Elder was dressed in a black suit with white shirt and black tie.

Pastor the church is Bessie Brower, a native of the community. A new church building, erected nearly years ago, was built on land, which she inherited from her parents. Builder of the church was Redell Brower, husband of Bessie Brower. Also participating in the Quarterly Meeting service were Ada Gaddy and Bertha Brower, both ordained missionaries in the church and sisters of Pastor Bessie Brower. Another church official participating was acting Elder Walter Brown

Following the service at the church a golden wedding anniversary reception was held at the Westmoore School cafeteria for Bertha Brower and her Husband Alvin Brower, Sr., a brother of her sister's husband, Redell Brower.

At 92, He's Still Pickin', Grinnin'

Mar. 1, 1976 - Carl G. Nance, born Feb. 29 in the leap year of 1854, was the guest of honor at a birthday celebration Sunday at the Grange hall in Farmer.

His five sons, Branson, J. Van, Dwight, Ivey and Charles, and his three daughters, Mrs. B. R. Varner, Mrs. Roy Arnold and Mrs. Edward Hunt, other relatives and friends will come together to celebrate the 92nd birthday of this respected Rt. 2 Denton resident, a quadrennial event which they began 16 years ago.

This was the 22nd observance of Mr. Nance's birthday since it only comes every four years. An exception to this was in 1900 when there was no Feb. 29, therefore he went that time for eight years before he had a birthday.

Carl Nance, a well known banjo picker for more than four score years, lives in the old two-story house where he came with his parents over 80 years ago. It is estimated to be more than 150 years old. It is located directly across from the cemetery at the Salem United Methodist Church, which adjoins the church structure itself, located north of the graveyard.

Mr. Nance has been a member of the church for over 70 years. At one time he served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 30 years. His wife, the former Nannie Hill, is buried in the church cemetery. She died in 1935.

Outside of his church and local community, Carl Nance is perhaps best known as a musician. He learned to pick to the banjo at the age of 10. Since that time he has played at many musical functions. Arthritis has hampered his playing in recent years but on the day this reporter visited him he had just completed recording, playing in unison with a grandson, Jerry Varner, who was visiting from Elizabeth City

He still has in his possession a banjo, which he ordered in 1968 from Sears & Roebuck Co. He used this instrument, which cost him \$15.75, excluding case, until a few years ago. He said, "it was the best and finest they had," having

been constructed with a finger board of solid pearl. He recalls going to Asheboro to get it out of the express office, then picking that night with the late Jake Miller, father of Miss Blanche Miller, who was playing the fiddle.

Three nights after receiving his banjo from Sears & Roebuck, he and Miller competed in a fiddler's convention in Ether and both of them won first prizes in their different categories. He made enough prize money at three fiddler's conventions to pay for the prized banjo.

A popular musical group back then was Carl Nance and Tony Johnson on the banjos, Jake Miller and Lee Miller on the fiddles, two daughters of Lee Miller on the autoharp, one sister and another sister on the piano. Carl recalls that they provided the music at a commencement exercise at New Hope.

Carl Nance at the age of 92 is still an active man. He still drives his 1952 automobile. He was having his garden spot plowed the day of the interview. He has done his own cooking since his children have all left home. He said "I got to where I could cook good" then he went further than that, "I can cook good as anybody," he said.

He is a congenial person, he likes people and gets along well with them. His philosophy is "be friendly and keep your nose out of other people's business." He also said "I've always tried to go straight," a statement which his various friends and associates will readily confirm.

Referring back to his last birthday four years ago, he said, "I didn't think I'd be living now." But his health, if anything is better than it was then. He is looking forward to next Sunday when his children, grandchildren, friends and neighbors will join him for the birthday celebration at the grange hall. Carl Nance likes that sort of thing. He spoke of the one four years ago, "it's pretty nice," he said, "I was surprised to see so many people there."

92nd Birthday on Feb. 29

Mar. 2, 1976 - Mrs. J. J. Harper, a spry energetic resident of Route 2, Bennett, celebrated her 92nd birthday Sunday, Feb. 29. A reception was held in her honor in the fellowship hall of the recreational facilities at Beulah Baptist Church.

The former Winnie Ann Boroughs, daughter of Calvin and Rosina Auman Boroughs, she was born on Feb. 29, 1884 in the Asbury Baptist Church section of upper Montgomery County, near the Randolph County line. She attended the schools at Shady Grove and Steeds.

Even though she only observes her birthday every four years, the reception was arranged by her grandchildren with the encouragement from the congregation at Beulah Baptist Church.

Mrs. Harper is a regular attendant of the services at the Beulah Church. She goes on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, Wednesday evenings and attends the camp meetings in the summer months.

She is loved and claimed by the Beulah congregation despite having never transferred her membership from the Maple Springs Baptist Church near Seagrove, which she joined a few years after her marriage on Nov. 16, 1962. She first joined the old Fair Grove Methodist Church at Whynot over three quarters of a century ago.

Her husband was reared near the Quinine Post Office in the lower part of Randolph County, in the general vicinity of her birthplace, but she did not know him until he returned home from his position as a telegraph operator with the railroads to take over a store which had been operated by a

brother who died, He later resumed his position with the railroads, coming home on the weekends to be with his family.

The family lives in various places, including Seagrove where Harper was associated with the lumber plant and roller mill. He also became the first rural carrier to carry the mail out from the Seagrove Post Office. The family has lived on and off at Mrs. Harper's present residence since 1915. At one time they moved to Pleasant Garden so the children would have better educational facilities.

A son, Barts, died two weeks before the death of her husband on Jan. 20 1955. Another son, Will died in 1968.

Two other sons, Tom and Jeffery had died in the earlier years of her marriage and still another son, Luke, died at the age of one.

Her living children are Mary Ruth Williams, Nebo Pope Harper, Morganton, and Carl Harper, Chattanooga Tenn. She visits these children at frequent intervals. In her home community there are grandchildren and many friends to look after her needs, which are few for this self-sufficient woman,

It is said that Mrs. Harper has more company than anybody around. Friends delight in visiting her, especially the folks from the Beulah church.

First United Church of Christ Pays Off Loan, Celebrates Event

Mar. 4, 1976 - First United Church of Christ, Ramseur, celebrated the paying off of the church loan by holding a note-burning ceremony Sunday morning Feb. 29, during the morning worship service.

Participating in the ceremony were Rev. C. L. (Homer) Frye, pastor, Rev. Edwin Alcorn, associate conference minister, the church deacons, Hoyt Burgess, chairman, Marvin Caviness, Russell Craven, Paul Cain, Phillip Ward, and Ray Kirkman, and the chairman of the board trustees, W. R. Burgess, Jr.

The Rev. Alcorn, who was the speaker for the occasion, was also present the new building of the First United Church of Christ was dedicated on Sunday afternoon Mar. 9, 1969. The building, located on 4. 2 acres of land on Oak St., had been occupied by the congregation on Dec. 15, 1968.

Organized on Sept. 5, 1965 at the Ramseur Elementary and Junior High School, services were mainly held in the Ramseur town hall until the completion of the new building. Rev. Don Leonard organized the church and served as its supply pastor. Other supply pastors were Rev. William Everhart and Marlon Smith, a lay minister, until the coming of Rev. Jimmy Norred who remained as pastor for nearly five years. The Rev. Mr. Frye began his ministry at the church Jan. 28, 1973

On Sept. 18 1967, at the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. Norred, the Ramseur church and Union Grove United Church of Christ voted to form a joint parish. This relationship has existed since that time and the Rev. Frye, like his predecessor, serves both churches.

Beginning Mar. 7, 1965 and continuing through Dec. 31, 1969 the total disbursements of the church were \$58,123. 09. The balance due on the church loan, for which the note-burning ceremony was held, was \$18,133. 29.

Following the morning service at the Ramseur church the congregation and guests assembled in the basement area for a fellowship luncheon

Note Burning Ceremony Held

Mar. 4, 1976 - After paying off an indebtedness of nearly \$100,000 in six years and eight months, Union Grove Baptist Church held a note-burning ceremony Sunday afternoon, Feb. 29, as a climax to a special day, which commemorated the event.

The original note for a loan of \$80,000 for 15 years was secured at the time of construction of the new sanctuary, which was dedicated for use on Sunday, Feb. 2, 1969. Interest on the note amounted to \$19,041. 78. Had the note been allowed to go its full course of 15 years the overall payment would have been \$124,000 instead of the \$99,041. 78, which was paid.

For the first 16 months of the indebtedness the scheduled payment of \$675. 00 monthly was made, after that, and for the remainder of the time the payments were doubled. Colon McNeill, treasurer of the church for the past 16 years, reported on the clearing of the indebtedness. He said, "I have never had to worry about no money in the treasury." Prior to the beginning of construction only \$30,000 was on hand for the erection of the new building

Coming back for the day of celebration at Union Grove was the Rev. Clarence Jenkins, who was pastor at the time the new sanctuary was proposed. He delivered the message during the morning service and participated in the note-burning ceremony in the afternoon. Dr. F. A. Lunsford, pastor during the time of construction, was unable to be present to speak in the afternoon due to illness. Speaking in his absence was Rev. Talmage Smith, associational missionary

The Rev. Smith praised the church for its achievements and told the people that during their time of indebtedness "you have increased your associational giving three times over." He said "God has put his finger on you in a special way, on this significant day in the life of Union Grove Baptist Church, I challenge you to continue building the church, both the visible church and the church at large,"

Joining the former pastor and associational missionary in the note-burning ceremony were Rev. W. A. (Bud) Gillett, who came to the pastorate in June, 1975, Colon McNeill, chairman of deacons in addition to be treasurer, and Alton Garner, who was chairman of the deacons at the time of construction. The Rev. Mr. Gillett had previously welcomed the congregation to "our celebration service." A fellowship dinner was held between the morning and afternoon services.

Congregation Honors Minister

Mar. 16, 1976 - George Milgy McDowell, the Minister at Back Creek Friends Meeting for nearly 16 years, was honored at a "This Is Your Life Program" Sunday Mar. 7, during the morning worship service at the Meeting.

Sponsors of the program, which was a complete surprise to the minister and his wife, were the young people's class of the Sunday School whose teachers are Bobby Ledwell and his wife, Carol. Once a year, the class has charge of the morning worship service.

Family member, former teachers, classmates, and church associates appeared on the hour-long program. Letters and voice recordings were received from others.

Three sisters, Exie Snider, Vida Swaney, and Imogene Ridge and four brothers, Ira, Alvin, Pearl and Casper, participated on the program. Another sister, Mrs. Lois

Staley of Prince George, Va., was unable to be present. Another sister Mrs. Bernice Trotter, and a brother, Rev. Dallas McDowell are deceased.

These brothers and sisters are the children of the late Eli Lynvil (Minie) McDowell and Martha Trythenia Pierce McDowell and were born and reared in the Jackson Creek community. George attended the Redberry School, located in the community, and later graduated from Farmer High School in 1933.

Two former teachers at the Redberry School, Mrs. Nell Spencer Jackson, who was his first grade teacher, and C. Roby Garner, appeared on the program along with W. H. Dewar, his principal at Farmer High School, and two former teachers at that school, Miss Leah Hammond and Tom Ward. Also speaking were three classmates at the Farmer school, Claude Williams, Charles Kearns, Jr. and Mrs. Eva Lambeth Lanier, and a neighborhood friend, Ashley Trotter.

George McDowell and the former Dorothy Mae Winslow were married Aug. 3, 1935 and began their marriage in Asheboro where both were employed in the textile plants. One daughter, Joyce Carolyn, now Mrs. Willard Cox and four sons, George Kenneth, Jerry Thomas, Nolan Milby, and Hassell Steven, were born to their union. Their daughters and sons, Kenneth and Nolan, and their children were present for the "This Is Your Life" program. Jerry, who lives in Greenville, Tenn., and Steve, who lives in Wichita Falls, Tex., sent recordings of expressions for their father.

Before entering the active ministry and accepting the call to become the Minister at Back Creek in July, 1960, George taught the Friendly Friends at the Asheboro Friends Class for 19 years. Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Boone represented this class at the program honoring him. Other members of the class sent greetings. Allie Kemp, a Friends minister associated with him at Quarterly Meetings and other church related activities, also appeared on the program along with Horace Tillman, a neighbor for 30 years.

During eight years of his ministry at Back Creek George also served as Minister of the Science Hill Friends Meeting. Mrs. Ova Henson, a member of this Meeting, joined the others who appeared on the program to reminisce about George McDowell and to cite the qualities, which have characterized his life and his ministry.

Sponsors of the program presented him a wooden plaque on which his family genealogy was inscribed, painted by Mrs. Carol Ledwell, co-teacher of the class. A cake was also presented to the minister. Narrator for the program was Miss Rena Gale Hoover.

Lemuel Ballard Of Denton Celebrates 91st Birthday

Mar. 18, 1976 - Lemuel Madison Ballard, Rt. 3, Denton, celebrated his 91st birthday Sunday, Mar. 14, at the nursing home operated by Mrs. Pearl Ferree at 446 E. Pritchard St. in Asheboro where he is presently staying.

In attendance at the birthday celebration were his immediate family, consisting of his daughter, Mrs. Marvin Elliott, his grandchildren, Mrs. Marvene Elliott Surratt and Karl Elliott, his great-grandchildren, Linda and Janet Elliott, all of Rt. 3 Denton.

Also present was his pastor at the Lineberry United Methodist Church where he has been a long time member, Rev. Vernon Morton, and Mrs. Morton

Mr. Ballard's home is located in Davidson County, two and a half miles south of Denton. However his daughter and

grandchildren live in Randolph County. Even though they have the same address as Mr. Ballard. Formerly he was a farmer and carpenters, noted for his skilled workmanship. His wife, the former Estelle Riley, died in 1961.

His fellow members at the Lineberry Church remembered him with many birthday greetings conveyed through the sending of cards.

Old Fashioned Celebration

Mar. 19, 1976 - Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, 1438 Old Farmer Road, observed "Old Fashioned Day" Sunday, with many members of the congregation coming to church dressed in the attire which was worn many years ago.

Also on exhibition were oil lamps, a pitcher, a wood stove, an old bell erected on the church lawn, and other items dating back to earlier days.

Attracting a great deal of interest was an old fashioned organ which was furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Jarrell and played by Mrs. Carolyn Tysinger, church organist, during the service.

The organ originally belonged to Mrs. Jarrell's grandfather, Benoni Stout, a native of the Holly Springs community. The organ was purchased in 1908 and cost \$52.25. It was shipped in from Washington N. J. and carried a guarantee for 25 years. Alvin Jarrell also brought to the observance a wooden wash board which belonged to his grandmother.

During the Sunday School hour a mixed quartet, composed of the Rev. Donald A. Dawalt, Gladys Hinshaw, Steve and Alice Wilson, sang "The Old Fashioned Meeting" and a ladies sextet, composed of Linda Simmons, Evelyn Asbill, Alice Wilson, Rhonda Jester, Treva Hoover, and Carolyn Tysinger, sang "Precious Memories." Pastor Dawalt's sermon subject was "Let's Be Old Fashioned."

The church had previously set aside the month of Mar. as an "Old Fashioned Month for God and Church," the climaxing event will be an old fashioned revival Mar. 28-Apr. 2.

Coordinating the "Old Fashioned Day" observance was the Sunday School Superintendent, Charles Tysinger, and a committee composed of Wesley McDowell, Ann Jester, Ruth Byrd and Dell Bullins.

A prayer meeting on Friday night, which preceded the observance and lasted until past midnight, brought reverence into the observance and thankfulness for the heritage which had been bestowed upon members of the congregation

Recognition was extended to Larry Newcomer who walked over four miles to attend the service Sunday morning, a practice which was prevalent in earlier days when automobiles were not so numerous.

It was a day when both young and old combined their efforts to bring about a re-occurrence of worship services of

Preacher Returns Home For A Series Of Revivals

Mar. 26, 1976 - Rev. Arnold Comer, of Denton, came back to his home church, Needham's Grove, and his native community last week for a series of revival services. It was his first revival meeting in the church in which he was reared, located on Route 2, Seagrove, near the Randolph-Moore county lines.

It was a profitable week for the church and an enjoyable experience for Arnold Comer as he visited throughout the

community accompanied by the Needham's Grove pastor, Rev. John King.

Many of his friends from outside the church attended the nightly services. On Friday evening, next to the last night of the revival, it was estimated that more than 350 people were in attendance, more than had ever attended a service at the church prior to that time.

Arnold is the youngest child of 13 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, 12 of whom are still living. He was reared on a farm and his father and brothers also engaged in sawmilling. After his graduation from Seagrove High School he was employed at Hall-Knott, Inc. in Asheboro and with the Randolph Telephone Membership Corp. before entering the ministry.

To prepare himself to preach he enrolled at Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem where he attended for five years before his graduation last May. Despite being out of school for 12 years before enrolling in college, he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Theology degree. He was named to "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," he served as senior class president and received the Expository Preaching Award.

He became the pastor of Bethel Baptist Church near Denton in the fall of 1972. At that time the congregation was small and the building in which they worshipped was in a dilapidated condition. Two years later they moved into a new building which they had erected on a six-acre tract at the intersection of Klopman Mill Road and Highway 109.

Until recently only the educational portion of the building was used in Feb. the congregation began holding worship services in the newly completed sanctuary. This worship area contains new furnishings, is fully carpeted and features exposed beams against wide pine decking. The outside aisles are separated from the main assembly area by a row of upright supporting columns. The educational building contains 15 classrooms, pastor's study, rest rooms and a large assembly room in the basement.

The men of the church, including the pastor, did a considerable amount of the work on the construction of the new building, even to the extent of going into the woods and cutting the trees which provided some of the lumber used in the building.

The entire church plant, exclusive of its furnishings, has been appraised at \$150,000. However, the cost was considerable less than that, due to volunteer labor and donations of materials and supplies. The indebtedness on the building is \$60,000.

As a graduation gift the Bethel congregation presented Arnold and his wife, the former Patsy Smith, with expenses for a trip to mission stations in Brazil which are supported by the local church group. At one of the mission sites they visited was a pioneer work among uncivilized Indians in a jungle area of the Amazon River.

Arnold will present a program with slides on the Brazil trip at the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church Apr. 27, beginning at 7:30.

The Rev. Comer and his wife are the parents of three children, Neal, 9, Alan, 7, Susan, 4.

Randleman Quakers In Old-Time Service

Apr. 2, 1976 - Randleman Friends Meeting reverted back to past history of the Society of Friends as they worshipped on the Sunday morning of the bicentennial observance of their town.

The service began in a period of quietness, the silence broken only by the occasional sound of a child. The minister and elders were seated in the pulpit in the assembly area the practice of earlier years prevailed with the women seated on one side and the men on the other side.

The men wore wide-brimmed hats which they kept on their heads during the service. Most of their hats were black but there were also some brown ones. The remainder of their clothing reflected varying periods, including the days of the confederacy and the Revolutionary War. Many of the men had beards, including the minister, Wade Craven.

It was an open meeting, conducted only as the spirit moved. There were no musical instruments, the assembly room was plain and unadorned. The sincerity of the meeting was evident in the manifestation of emotion from those who arose to give praise, recall the bygone days, and to express appreciation for the heritage which had been handed down to them.

One man spoke of his attendance years ago at the New Hope Conservative Friends Meeting which came out of the Marlboro Friends Meeting because that Meeting introduced organ music into their services. He mentioned his grandmother, a spirit-filled woman who wore a little bonnet, he recalled sitting for 30 minutes in silence before the preaching started, and he said three preachers sat in the pulpit, all Farlowes by the names of Michael, Elwood, and "Tint."

Others spoke, one giving thanks to the Lord for the occasion, saying "it may never happen again," another one was thankful for the minister, Wade Craven, who has served there for 10 years, a young boy remembered his great-grandfather who also had a wide-brimmed brown hat, and one of the elders in the pulpit, a woman said, "I am glad that I am a member of this Meeting, I'm glad that the people of our meeting can work together in unity and love."

The minister quoted a spiritual verse, "they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength." He said, "Waiting is a painful and refining process, it allows God's spirit to come in and speak to us." Also, he said "it was in the waiting process that those early Christians on the day of Pentecost found Christ."

A float in the bicentennial parade the day before, sponsored by the Randleman Friends Meeting, depicted 320 years of Quakerism in America, 1656-1976.

The float paid tribute to Mary Dyer, a witness for religion who was hanged in Massachusetts in 1660, and William Penn, the English Quaker who founded the first settlement in Pennsylvania. Also inscribed on the float were the preamble to the constitution and two basic principles of the denomination, freedom from slavery and equality for women. It also featured the "symbol of liberty," a huge Quaker bell which was designed by the minister, Wade Craven.

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Sets New Attendance Records

Apr. 2, 1976 - New attendance records in the 97-year history of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church were established Sunday as spring rally day and old fashioned day were observed.

Total attendance for the day in all activities of the church totaled 1,229. This included Sunday School, morning

worship, dinner in the new fellowship hall gym, youth supper and evening service.

The 362 in attendance in the Sunday School, plus 60 in extension classes, set an all-time high of 422 for a service at the Neighbors Grove Sunday School has attained the highest average attendance in the Colfax Conference.

Approximately 80 percent of the rally day attendees were attired in old fashioned dress of varying styles and designs for the occasion. Receiving awards in three categories were ladies, Margaret Murry, men, Bobby Camp, and children, Todd Swaney.

Harold Moon with his mule-drawn stagecoach received the award for the most unique transportation. Riding with Harold was his brother-in law, Duane Davidson, and the children of the two men. Behind them were Mrs. Moon and Mrs. Davidson in a horse drawn two-wheeled cart.

Wilson Davidson drove a 1923 Model T. Ford to the old fashioned day observance, Clegg Pritchard a 1929 Ford Roadster, McKinley Pritchard a 1931 Chevrolet Roadster with a rumble seat, and Donnie Jarrell a 1935 Chevrolet two-seater. Each one of the men were accompanied by members of their families and all of them were attired in old fashioned dress.

School Honors Mrs. Lanier, Retiring Cafeteria Manager

Apr. 6, 1976 – Mrs. Charlotte Lanier Day was proclaimed at the Lindley Park School Friday, Apr. 2, honoring Mrs. Lanier who will retire as manager of the school cafeteria after having served in that capacity since the opening day of school on Feb. 8, 1954.

Brief ceremonies and presentation of gifts occurred at an assembly of students and staff members Friday morning before the beginning of classes. Richard B. Harrington, school principal, presided over the occasion.

Lee C. Phoenix, city schools superintendent, presented a framed copy of the resolution setting aside the day which honored Mrs. Lanier and praising her for "providing the leadership and guidance in the preparation of wholesome and nutritious lunches served daily in our cafeteria.

The resolution further stated, "that this day of Apr. 2, 1976 is recognized as Mrs. Charlotte Lanier Day for services rendered to students, staff, and parents of Lindley Park School."

Pierre (Pete) Oldham, Lindley Park PTA president, presented Mrs. Lanier a Carolina Rocker from his association, and Miss Anne Brown, faculty member, followed up with upholstery for the rocker from staff members. Mrs. Linda Jones presented a gift from members of the cafeteria staff.

The conclusion of the ceremonies honoring Mrs. Lanier came with the large assemblage of students and staff members singing a special song written for the occasion by Mrs. Ruth Burgess, also a faculty member, and directed by Miss Louise Thomas from the music department

The entire occasion was a complete surprise to Mrs. Lanier, who was first employed by the city schools at the Fayetteville Street unit in 1951. When her name was first called by Superintendent Phoenix, she said, "You're kidding." Then she repeated throughout the presentations, "I just can't believe it."

Presentation of the gifts and words of praise at the assembly period did not end the recognition extended to Mrs. Lanier on the day which had been set aside in her

honor. Tokens of appreciation and many gestures of love and esteem came continually from Lindley park students throughout the day.

Church, Family Honor Haithcock On Birthday

Apr. 7, 1976 – Hurley Edwin Haithcock, Rt. 1, Franklinville, one of the oldest persons in the Cedar Falls area in which he lives, celebrated his 86th birthday on Sunday, Mar. 28 at a family gathering in the fellowship hall at Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

He came to Cedar Falls in 1907 and went back to work at the lower cotton mill, Sapona, and stayed there until they "put in silk." Sixteen years old when he went to work, he stayed in the cotton mills until his retirement at the age of 65, working also at the mills in Franklinville and Worthville

A native of Mecklenburg County, town of Matthews, he left there with his family at the age of five and moved with them to Moore County where they remained until they came to Cedar Falls. They first lived in a house upon the hill from the "silk mill" and it's not far from that place that Hurley lives now with a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren

His wife, the former Kathleen McKinnon, a native of the Erect community died in 1968. A son, Floyd Russell (Hasty) Haithcock, died nearly two years ago. Hasty and his family lived with his father prior to his death and it is his widow and children who now live with the aged man.

Other sons are Percy (Tommy) Haithcock, Asheboro, Clarence, Otis, Charles, and Hurley (Bud) Haithcock, Jr., all of Rt. 1 Franklinville. He has 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Two sisters, Mrs. Alex Nance and Mrs. Earl Callicutt, are living, four sisters and two brothers are dead.

After his retirement from the mill Hurley bottomed chairs, "hundreds and hundreds of them," he said. Even though he has quit this due to arthritis he has consented to resume the practice at the bi-centennial observance in Cedar Falls on May 22. A man of many talents, he formerly engaged in photography as a sideline to his work in the mill, to the extent of developing and printing his work.

His remembrance of past history in Cedar Falls takes him back to the time of the "old brickyard church" north of Cedar Falls. He said "I've seen some terrible meetings up there," recalling a preacher there by the name of Joe Allred from Cedar Falls who, overcome by the spirit, used to fall across the benches. He said the people came in such numbers that the parking extended all the way to the lower mill.

Among those present for the birthday celebration was his long time friend, Rev. Charlie Laughlin, a well known retired Cedar Falls minister, and his wife. Also present was the church pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Wilbur Eaton.

Bennett Supper Set

Apr. 7, 1976 – Bennett's biggest event, the semi-annual fried chicken supper sponsored the Bennett Volunteer Fire Department, will be held Saturday in the school lunch room, beginning at 4 p.m. and continuing until everyone has been served.

The chicken suppers have been held twice a year since the organization of the department in 1967. Funds derived the suppers are used for the purchase of equipment and the payment of the modern up-to-date building which has

been erected for the use of the department and the community

The latest piece of equipment which the department plans to purchase is a 1972 model, three quarter ton, 4-wheel drive International truck which will be used to fight brush fires. Cost of this equipment will be approximately \$6,000. Two trucks are already in use by the department.

Plates for the chicken supper will sell for \$2 for both adults and children and you can eat all you want. Take home plates will be available. Forty cases of chicken have been ordered for the supper. At the last supper the 32 cases which were ordered were not enough to feed the estimated 1,200 people who came out to eat.

It is figured from 20,000 to 25,000 pounds of chicken have been cooked and consumed at the Bennett Volunteer Fire Department suppers since they began in 1967.

Mr. and Mrs. Routh Observe Fiftieth Anniversary

Apr. 7, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Wade Goley Routh, a Rt. 1, Franklinville couple who have spent their entire lives in the community in which they still live, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon Apr. 4, in the fellowship hall at Bethany United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their two daughters and son-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. James (Virginia) Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. John Allen (Roberta) Brown, and their seven grandchildren

The couple, in addition to being well known, have wide family connections, and some 300 people called to greet them at their anniversary observance. Many were still there after their appointed hour had come to an end.

Mr. and Mrs. Routh were reared within a mile of each other, and the home in which they have spent their married life is within a half-mile from Wade's old home place. Both of them attended Julian's Grove School, in the same vicinity.

Wade's parents were Page and Roberta Goley Routh. His father was a farmer, sawmill and grist mill operator, and it was these occupations that Wade was engaged during his boyhood and young manhood days.

Mrs. Routh, the former Monnie Mozelle Pugh, was the daughter of S. A. (Sam) Pugh and Ida Mae Hayes Pugh. She and Wade knew each other from their earliest childhood, but it was not until he returned to school after having stayed out for awhile that they became interested in each other and begun their courtship. Their first date occurred when he walked her home from a party they both attended.

After an extended courtship they were married early Easter morning in 1926. Accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pugh and Miss Florence Baldwin, they drove to the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. A. O. Lindley, near Liberty, for the ceremony. The vehicle in which the bridal couple rode was a 1925 Model T Roadster.

Following the ceremony they came back and attended both Sunday School and preaching service at the Bethany church, where both of them have been members for about sixty years. They had Easter Sunday dinner with his parents ate their wedding supper with her parents and stayed with his parents until Nov. while the place in which they still live was being overhauled for their occupancy. Portions of the house have hewn sills and studs and are reputed to be over a hundred years old.

Wade, like his father, has followed farming and sawmilling. He still pursues the former, raising wheat, oats, corn and tobacco. He followed carpentry for awhile and has operated a store next to his home since 1932. He also raises chickens. He hasn't retired yet, even though he has reached the age of 72. Mrs. Routh is 70.

Fergusons Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary

Apr. 8, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Ferguson, 214 Holder St., Randleman, were honored by their children Sunday afternoon, Apr. 4, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. A reception was held in the fellowship building at the Randleman Friends Meeting.

Their children are Robert Clay Ferguson, Asheboro; Lacy Ferguson, Jr., Mrs. Emery (Dorothy) Miller and Mrs. James (Grace) Gunter, Randleman; Mrs. Ray (Mary) Swaney, Rt. 1, Trinity; James Worth Ferguson, Merritt Island, Fla. ; Mrs. Ralph (Pearl) McDowell, Rt. 6, Asheboro; and Leroy Ferguson, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

One daughter, Ina Ruth, died at the age of nine months. There are 18 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Ferguson, son of Union Clay Ferguson and Margaret Emma Batten Ferguson, was born and reared in the vicinity in which he still lives. He attended the Randleman School and fondly recalls two local teachers, Miss Mary Ellen Barker and Miss Jessie Woolen. He went to work at Hunter's Manufacturing Co. in Randleman, a weaving and spinning mill, at the age of 16. His wages amounted to \$13 a week.

Mrs. Ferguson, the former Rosa Mae Richardson, was born and reared in Back Creek Township, near John Wesley's Stand, the daughter of Robert Lee (Bob) Richardson and Minnie Goss Richardson. She attended the one-teacher school at Lena's Grove

The couple got acquainted while attending church services at John Wesley's Stand. Ferguson spotted her during the service and waited on the outside after the service was over to take her home in the Model T. Ford which he was driving. They were married nine months later on Apr. 3, 1926 in the parsonage of the Pilgrim Holiness Church in Randleman.

Following his first employment Mr. Ferguson worked at the White Oak Cotton Mill in Greensboro, Hillcrest Cotton Mill in High Point, Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills and at J. P. Stevens in Greensboro. He retired twelve years ago this July.

At one time, however, Mr. Ferguson worked for himself making concrete blocks. Some of the blocks he made went into the original construction of the Randleman Friends Meetinghouse. Incidentally, the first organization of the group which eventually became the Randleman Friends Meeting occurred in the garage at the Ferguson residence

It is also of interest that the building now used for fellowship by the Meeting, in which the anniversary reception was held, was formerly the home of Lacy Ferguson's parents and the same house in which he was born, except for renovations which were made later.

Dance at Grange Aids Cancer Fund

Apr. 9, 1976 – The annual benefit square dance for the cancer fund was held Saturday night at the Farmer Grange Hall.

Each year the local grange, sponsors of the Saturday night squares dances, sets aside one night when all proceeds go into the cancer fund.

Mrs. Herbert P. (Forrest) Kearns has been the chairman of the cancer fund drive in Farmer for so many years she doesn't remember how many. She is also a member of the grange.

The crowd was slow coming in last Saturday night and it didn't look like many would be there. Then there was a surge and the hall was filled almost to its capacity.

Many of the people came from areas other than Farmer or Asheboro, even though there were several from the latter place. Palmer Phillips, now of Robbins, formerly came to the dance from Fayetteville. Crowell Burris was there from Albermarle. Phillips said the dance is "one of the best" and Burris said it is "one of the cleanest, no drinking."

The Trinity String Band has been furnishing music for the dance for a long time. Playing for the cancer benefit dance were Lowell Hurley, guitar, and J. A. Peace, fiddle, both of Trinity, Waiser Morris, Troy, and Joe Hill, Greensboro, both of whom play the banjo.

Callers of the dance are all veterans. N. M. Lowe, who started when he was just a boy, has around 47 years of experience. Jerry Elliott, still young, has been calling for ten years. Lawrence Williams, of Richfield, has been calling for the Farmer dance for 15 years.

Jerry's grandfather, E. W. (Whit) Elliot, was doorkeeper for the dance since its beginning in 1933 until death in 1972. The present grange master, Gene Hogan, is currently in charge of the dance Saturday night, to be used for the traditional cake walks and to be sold at public auction.

Franklinville Woman Observes 90th Year

A quiet family observance Apr. 7 marked the 90th birthday of Mrs. Betty York Laughlin McDaniel, Rt. 1, Franklinville, whose residence is located near the Allred Plant Farm

Present for the observances were her daughter, Mrs. Emma Trotter; her grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Trotter, Rt. 1, Climax; her granddaughter, Mrs. Brenda Trotter Maness; and two great-grandchildren, Lisa and Dempsey Maness

A birthday cake was cooked for Mrs. McDaniel by a friend, Mrs. Violet Nance. She also received a large birthday card from her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin York, Rocky Mount, Va.

Mrs. McDaniel is a native of the Ramseur area, the daughter of Joe and Martha Emeline York. Her first husband was Tom Laughlin who died 35 years ago. She was then married to Bob McDaniel who is also deceased.

She has lived at her present home for over fifty years. She is a former employee of the cotton mill in Franklinville.

Freemans Celebrate Twenty-Five Years

Apr. 14, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Freeman, Jr., of Rt. 1, Star, received friends and relatives in the fellowship building at Dover Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon in the observance of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

Joining with them in the observance were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Jason Freeman, Burlington, and Miss Linda Freeman of their home. Approximately 100 people called from three until five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman were married Apr. 13, 1951, at the Presbyterian Manse in Robbins. Rev. W. O. Nelson, now of Charlotte, was the officiating minister.

They are natives of the upper end of Moore County. Freeman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Freeman Sr., Rt. 1, Star, while Mrs. Freeman, the former Myrtle Irene Garner, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Miller Garner.

The couple is members of the Dover church where he is the superintendent of Sunday School. Both are teachers in the Sunday school. Freeman is employed at the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills and Mrs. Freeman works at Russell Hosiery Mill in Star.

Marriage Vows Renewed After Forty Years

Apr. 15, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allred of Rt. 2, Randleman, renewed their marriage vows and celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon at a reception held in the new Worthville Community Building

Hosts for the occasion were their three sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Allred, Rt. 3, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allred, Rt. 2, Randleman, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert (Bobby) Allred, Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Christine Bowers directed the reception assisted by the three daughters-in-law. The Allred family also includes six grandchildren.

The minister son of the honored couple, who is pastor of the Bennettsville Wesleyan Church, officiated at the renewal of the marriage vows of his parents.

Mrs. Larry Allred sang "Whether Thou Goes," accompanied by David Stockwell, guitarist. The marriage vows of forty years ago were heard before the late Rev. D. C. Stone in a ceremony solemnized on Apr. 11, 1936 at the home of Mrs. Allred's parents.

Mrs. Allred, the former Dorothy Ludoria Messick, is the daughter of Mrs. Otis Bowers of Rt. 2, Randleman, and the late Hobert Messick who died when she was a child. Her stepfather, Otis Bowers, died a year ago. Although a native of Winston-Salem, she has spent most of her life in the area in which she still lives.

Jack Allred is a native of the Franklinville area, the son of the late Edgar Allred and Alice Chriscoe Allred. His stepmother is Mrs. Nan Allred, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allred are active members of Midway Wesleyan Church and are teachers in the Sunday School. Jack is also vice-chairman of the administrative board. He is a long-time employee of the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills. Mrs. Allred is an employee of Mister Jeans, Inc. in Randleman.

Approximately 100 people attended the reception which honored Mr. and Mrs. Allred, calling between three and five o'clock. When the couple left the reception they found that the people of the church and community had decorated their car in the style and fashion of couples getting married nowadays.

Church Addition Begun With Ground-Breaking

Apr. 23, 1976 - An early morning groundbreaking service at Flag Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 4, Asheboro, was held Tuesday to signal the beginning of construction to enlarge and completely renovate the existing sanctuary at the church.

Members of the building committee gathered with the pastor, the Rev. D. Bryan Fox, Jr., and the district

superintendent. Dr. H. Eugene Peacock for the brief 9 o'clock service. Also present was Tony Ward, representing the architectural firm of J. Hyatt Hammond Associates, Inc., who designed the new construction.

Members of the building committee are Leonard Richardson and Jim Lomax, co-chairmen, Harold Hammond, Mrs. Paul Hulin, Mrs. Billy Brown, Mrs. Seth Trogdon, Mrs. Larry Maness and Raymond Tedder.

The proposed construction, which is expected to be completed in about six months, will consist of a 2,550 square-foot extension of the existing sanctuary, including a new chancel area, choir room with storage area, a pastor's study and bell tower. The new sanctuary, which will have a seating capacity of 260, will be completely air-conditioned. S. E. Trogdon & Sons, Inc. is the contractor. Estimated cost is \$130,000.

The church at Flag Springs was organized in 1839. The name was derived from the great quantity of wild blue flags which grew around a nearby spring.

Its beginnings came about when the Rev. Alson Gray, a pioneer Methodist preacher, rode through the community and preached to the trees. It is said that he came back a month later and preached to a group of fox-hunters. They got religion, according to early historical facts, and suggested that a church be erected on the site.

Services were first held in a log school house, later in a frame building. A frame arbor was also built for holding revival meetings. The church formerly was located below the hill from the present site, near the west side of the cemetery. The last building on this site was finished in 1806.

The present church building was erected in 1954. The educational building was erected in 1963.

Franklinville School, Community To Honor Retiring Yates Holland

Apr. 26, 1976 – When Yates Leander Holland accepted a position at the Franklinville High School prior to his coming there in the fall of 1941, he had not been to the village and didn't know whether he would like the place or not.

He and his wife felt that they could move on the next year if the situation was not satisfactory. However, a sister-in-law, Mrs. Holland's sister, had taught at the school before their coming.

But it was a matter of a man and a town coming together, liking each other, developing a mutual relationship, and working together harmoniously for 35 years.

It will soon come to an end. Because Yates L. Holland, teacher and coach for two years and principal for 33 years, will retire at the end of this school year.

On Sunday afternoon, May 2, from two until five o'clock, the people of the town and the school community will honor Mr. Holland and his wife and express their appreciation to them at the reception to be held in the school gym. A committee composed of representative citizens, including faculty and P. T. A. members, are making plans for the reception.

It is appropriate that the general Franklinville community be a part of the expression of appreciation for Yates L. Holland, because he has meant more to the community than just being the principal of the school. His areas of service in other phases of community life have been many and have extended throughout the period of his residence there.

He has been a member of the Ramseur and Franklinville Lions Clubs for 34 years, has served twice as president of the Franklinville club and held various other offices. He has been a member of the Franklinville Baptist Church for 34 years, teaching Sunday School classes for 24 years and serving 12 years as a deacon.

He has been a member of Hanks Masonic Lodge for 32 years and has served as Master of the Lodge and in other stations. He has served as president and vice president of the Randolph County Unit, North Carolina principals Association, of the North Carolina Education Association. He has worked for 30 years with Boy Scouts, eleven years as a Scout master and the remainder of time on various committees and working with advancement.

Yates L. Holland was born and reared in Forest City, Rutherford County, graduated from the Cool Springs High School there and later from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with the Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Administration and Supervision.

His first job after graduation was as a teacher and coach at Sunshine High School in his native Rutherford County where he stayed for six years before coming to Franklinville. He was married during that time to the former Louise Deviney, a native of Rutherfordton. They became the parents of two sons, Steven and Ronald.

In the summer months before coming to Franklinville he worked with the Hercules Powder Co. near Radford, Va., a defense firm which paid far more money than he was getting for teaching school. He considered staying with the company but as the time drew near for school to start that fall, the urge to return to teaching was too great.

"After six years of teaching, I reckon it was in my blood," he said as he explained his decision to resume his chosen profession.

The Franklinville school, under the guidance of Yates Holland, has operated more smoothly and with less controversies than has existed in most schools. This has been the situation despite two major fires which have occurred at the school during his administration, bringing inconvenience to both faculty and students.

The first fire occurred on Jan. 3, 1953, when the existing two-story building was completely destroyed by a fire in the early morning hours prior to the opening of school for that day. However, only three days of school were missed, as the students were placed at four different sites for the remainder of that school year and part of the next one. Then in Apr., 1957 the school gym burned, causing a great deal of inconvenience to the athletic program of the school.

The philosophy of Yates Holland has been that every child, regardless of creed, color or station in life, "is entitled to a fair chance." His procedure of discipline has been "to treat them right and be fair." Many parents and former students have come back to him following disciplinary action and told him "I'm glad you did it."

These are nostalgic days for the veteran principal, as he contemplates his impending retirement from the school which has been such a big part of his life for so long. He has not been just an eight-hour a day principal, he has spent quite a bit of time at the school when it was not in session.

He admits to having a lot of "side jobs" in addition to his duties as principal. It will be hard for him to break off of the school routine. Perhaps a camper which he and his wife

have purchased and some proposed trips will help him to make the transition.

"I am going to miss it," he said as he talked about his retirement. "It has been really enjoyable working with the people of this school area." Then he repeated, "I am going to miss both faculty and students when it is all over."

Bicentennial Celebration Held

Apr. 28, 1976 – A bicentennial observance was held in the Cedar Grove community Saturday afternoon, and according to Mrs. Allen McDaniels, its chief sponsor, it was "in keeping with what we are."

It was simple but most impressive. There was no effort for a widespread attendance. Mrs. McDaniels, who is chairman of the Cedar Grove Community club, said its only purpose was "to get the neighborhood out."

The observance was marked by two events, the planting of trees in a memorial garden on the community building grounds and a flag raising. Antiques and other historical items were on display within the building.

Trees were planted in the memorial garden in memory of five outstanding citizens of the community, Gayle Hussey, Leonard Watson, Buddy Greene, Mrs. Lizzie Lowe Hoover, and Manley Ashworth.

The trees in memory of Mrs. Hoover and Manley Ashworth were given by the community club. Mrs. E. F. Potthoff gave the one for Gayle Hussey, Mrs. Leonard Watson gave the one for her husband, and Mrs. Gayle Hussey gave the one for Buddy Greene.

G. C. Castelloe, Jr., principal of Southwestern Senior High School, presided over the flag raising ceremony. Assisting were the Southwestern school band under the direction of Kent Duffield and Boy Scout Troop No. 539 under the leadership of Vernon Ray Vuncannon, Scoutmaster. George McDowell, Minister of Back Creek Friends Meeting, offered the prayer at the ceremony. All participants were community affiliated.

The people lingered following the ceremony, enjoyed refreshments, looked over the historical items, and mainly just fellowshiped with each other. It was strictly a community observance of the bicentennial year.

Franklinville High School Class of '39 Has First Reunion

Apr. 28, 1976 – Members of the 1939 graduating class of Franklinville High School held their first reunion Saturday evening, Apr. 24, at the Holiday Inn in Asheboro.

Some of them had not seen each other during the 37 years since their graduation.

Eleven of the class remembers were present for the reunion, Causey Henderson, Franklinville, Worth Coward, Greensboro, Mack Buie, Troy, Mrs. Annie Ruth Martin Russell, Minneapolis, Minn., Mrs. Alice Hudson Nichols, Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Edith Benbow Shaw, Cedar Falls, Miss Mary Cox, Ramseur, Mrs. Peggy Bray Jones, Asheboro, Mrs. Myrtle Coward Stewart, Warner-Robbins Air Force Base, Ga., Mrs. Mary Shaw McCollum, Randleman, and Arlie Cox, Rt. 2, Randleman.

Four class members, Hugh Henson, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mrs. Edith Brown Hatley, Albemarle, Mrs. Mittie McLeod Sills, Baltimore, Md., and Percy Wallace, Gastonia, were absent from the reunion. Two members, Parris Spoon and Mason Buie, are deceased.

Two former members of the faculty at the Franklinville school, Miss Katherine Buie, Franklinville, and Riley C. Fields, Siler City, attended the reunion along with Mrs. Fields and some of the husbands and wives of the class members.

Senior Citizens Travel to Coast

Apr. 28, 1976 – The senior citizens group of the Pleasant Ridge community left early Saturday morning on an all-day trip to the Orton Plantation near Wilmington, traveling by way of Fayetteville.

They lunched at Orton's Restaurant, then were conducted on a tour of the beautiful plantation. They visited Carolina Beach in the afternoon before coming back to White Lake for a picnic supper near the lake.

The group is headed up by Mrs. Ruth Scott as chairman who made the trip along with her husband, Jimmie Scott. Also making the trip were the Rev. John Rhodes, pastor of the Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ and his wife.

Others going included Miss Velma Allen, Miss Emma Allen, Mrs. H. V. Cox, Sr., Mrs. Lawrence Cox and daughter, Frieda, Mrs. Norda Brown, Mrs. Kenneth Davis, Mrs. Florence Leonard, Miss Elizabeth Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. Colbert Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hakanson, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Coppedge.

Also, Mrs. Hilton Beane, Mrs. Charles Staley, Mrs. Dovie Rhodes, Mrs. Dorothy Craven, Mrs. Myrtle Burke, Mrs. Edith H. Cox, Mrs. Juanita Harvel, Mrs. Emma Bingham, Miss Fannie Cox, Miss Nancy Wright, Mrs. Mary L. Burgess, Mrs. Fred Dixon, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Joyce, Mrs. Pearl Brown, and the bus driver, C. T. Braswell.

The senior citizen group meets monthly. Their principal activity has been quilting. Proceeds from the sale of their quilts were used to finance the trip to the Orton Plantation. Some of the people making the trip were not members of the senior citizen group but were invited to go along to help fill up the chartered bus.

Jesse Brown Observes Eightieth Birthday

Jesse Brown of Rt. 4, Asheboro, a lifelong resident of the Flag Springs United Church area, was honored on the occasion of his eightieth birthday Sunday, Apr. 25, in the fellowship hall at the church.

Members of his immediate family were present for the birthday dinner and period of fellowship. A special guest was his sister, Mrs. Birzella Coltrane of Asheboro. A brother, Garrett Brown of Durham, was not present.

Ten children were born to Jesse Brown and his wife, the late Nettie Newsome Brown, who died in 1967. Their daughters are Mrs. Alene Martin of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Jewel Lucas of Rt. 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Pearl Goins of Rt. 7, Asheboro, Mrs. Gladys Nance of Rt. 3, Asheboro, and Mrs. Florence Kiser of Rt. 5, Asheboro. Their sons are Eddie Brown of Greensboro; Earl, Eugene and Raiford Brown of Rt. 4, Asheboro; and Cline Brown of Great Lakes, Ill.

Other members of the immediately family include 35 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Brown, a retired farmer, is a member of the High Pine Wesleyan Church. The birthday dinner, although special this year due to his having reached the age of four-score years, is an annual event and has been held for several years.

Maple Springs Breaks Ground For New Church Building

Apr. 30, 1976 – Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, broke ground for a new church structure last Sunday afternoon, following annual memorial day services at the church and the buffet dinner in the fellowship hall.

Located on Hwy. 22 between Coleridge and Bennett, the existing frame building, over a half-century old, will be torn down to make way for the new building, to be constructed of brick, both exterior and interior, and with exposed beams against a ceiling of pine decking.

The new building will be attached to the existing fellowship building, which will be retained. In addition to the sanctuary, four classrooms will be erected. During the construction period, workshop services will be held in the fellowship hall. Estimated cost of the entire construction is \$75,000.

Members of the building committee are Edward Cheek, chairman; Bill Smith, Jesse Priddy, Guy Albright, Raymond Hutchings, Claudie Craven, and Albert Chilton. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Frank M. Jarvis, who is concluding his fourth year in the pastorate.

Contractor for the construction of the building will be Colon Cheek of the Clayton A. Brown Construction Co. in High Point. Cheek, a former member of the congregation, was reared across the road from the Maple Springs church. Clayton Brown, Cheek's uncle, is also a native of the Maple Springs community.

March of Dimes Total Exceeds 'Magic Figure'

May 4, 1976 – Clendon Richardson, the March of Dimes biggest money raiser, turned in a 1976 drive report last Sunday which exceeded the "magic figure" of \$25,000 which he and March of Dimes officials had hoped he would reach.

His final figure was \$25,264. 81 and this amount was contained in a certified check which he turned over to Bob Watson, county drive director, at a walkathon awards program at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church presided over by Gilbert Brim.

The Zooland Walkathon, which he sponsored for the third consecutive year, was the last phase of his drive originating in the Ulah-Flag Springs community where he has served as drive chairman for the past 12 years.

Walkathon receipts this year amounted to \$20,288. The remainder of his money came from the following sources: donations, \$252. 60; gospel singing, \$417. 65; and a combined supper-auction event at the Guy B. Teachey School, \$4,306. 56.

Last year Richardson's total receipts amounted to \$24,513. 01. Figures released by the March of Dimes organization reveal that since 1964, when he became the Ulah-Flag Spring chairman, he has raised a total of \$90,573. 29 for the Randolph County Chapter of the National Foundation – March of Dimes.

Eight walkathon winners were announced at the Flag Springs meeting and prizes were awarded to each of them. Arza Brown, an Asheboro sprinter, was given a "battered boot" plaque for being the first male walker to return to the starting point, which involved the time of two hours and ten minutes. He had failed in the two previous walkathons to come back in the lead.

Susan Marie Luckado, an 11-year-old Randleman girl, was the first female walker to get back. Also a walker in the two previous walkathons, she got back in about four hours. She also received a "battered boot" plaque.

Similar plaques were also awarded to B. H. Beane, a 70-year-old Asheboro man, for being the oldest person to complete the 20-mile walk, and to little Madonna Rhea Brown, of Rt. 5, Asheboro, who was the youngest person to complete the walk. Madonna Rhea, a tiny girl, was only two years old at the time of the walkathon on Mar. 6. She reached her third birthday on Mar. 24.

William Paul Tilley, Rt. 1, Star, won the prize for the male bringing in the most money, turning in a record amount of \$866. For the third consecutive year Mrs. Eileen Lynch, of Charleston, West Va., won the prize for the female bringing in the most money, her amount this year being \$816. Both Tilley and Mrs. Lynch were presented with 10-speed bicycles.

Jack Fagg, Jr., Rt. 1, Franklinville, who had placed high in the money category in the two previous walkathons, won second place among males bringing in the most money, having raised \$350. Mrs. Shirley Moffitt, Asheboro, placed second among females bringing in the most money, having raised \$251. Both of them were presented clock radios.

Grantville Civitans Slate Sale

May 6, 1976 – Grantville Civitans will hold an all-day sale at the community building Saturday, May 8, to raise money for the construction of a Little League and softball field and recreational park for the citizens of the Grantville area.

A truck-load of fabrics will be on sale, along with hamburgers, hot dogs and a bake sale. The sale will begin at 8:30 a. m. and continue until 8:30 p. m. All proceeds will go towards the Little League ball park which will also be used for softball and other recreational activities, including a picnic area.

Construction of the park is underway at the present time and is expected to be completed shortly. It is being constructed on a four-acre tract located just off of the dirt road which runs in an easterly direction alongside of Bethel Friends Meeting. The land has been leased without charge from Zim Hinshaw, a Civitan member.

Members of the Grantville Civitan Club did the original clearing of the tract with chain saws, after which they hauled the logs off and buried the stumps. Zim Hinshaw did some of the surface clearing with his small bulldozer, with major equipment being hired for the remainder of the work which needed to be done.

Although adopted as a project of the Civitan club, the ball park and recreational area when completed will be available for the entire community. A committee charged with the responsibility of construction is composed of Homer Frye, chairman, Zim Hinshaw and Donald Johnson.

Officers of the club are Darrell Smith, president, Zim Hinshaw, vice president, Garrett Byrd, secretary, and Marvin Cox, treasurer. The club, organized in 1967, has 25 members. The building of a ball park and recreational area for the community is the largest project taken on by the club since its organization. Approximately \$1,500 will be needed to finance the project.

Lay Witness Mission Slated Here

May 6, 1976 – A lay mission will be held at the Asheboro Friends Meeting, beginning Friday, May 7, and continuing

through Sunday, May 9. A 24-hour prayer vigil will begin at Thursday noon preceding the arrival of witnesses Friday afternoon.

This will be an all-Friends witness as opposed to three previous lay witness missions which consisted of various denominations. General coordinator for the lay witness mission this weekend will be Wayne Allman, associate general secretary of the Friends United Meeting at Richmond, Ind.

Thirty six witnesses are expected from Indiana, various places in North Carolina, and one witness, Terry Vance, is flying in from Mt. Pleasant, Iowa to participate in the lay witness mission. All witnesses will come at their own expense.

General sessions and small group sharing for adults and youth will characterize the sessions Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday morning, along with other planned activities. Primary and junior youth will meet with Weida Swinson of the Child Evangelism Association in Asheboro. Brian Edwards, Ridgeville, Ind., will be the youth team leader.

An open worship service will be held in the worship room of the Meetinghouse Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, to be held without music or leadership and will be followed by a workshop serviced conducted by Wayne Allman and team. Starting at 10:45 the Sunday School classes will be led by team members.

The witness team members will stay in various homes within the congregation during their stay in Asheboro. Serving as general co-chairman for the lay witness mission are Bill and Lillie Lovette. Some 75 or 80 people from the Asheboro Friends Meeting are involved in the planning and coordinating of the various activities.

Leslie Winslow, Minister of the Meeting, said that the witnesses "come to us for one reason: to share what Jesus Christ means in their lives each day." He urged the local congregation to "give God an open door into your heart, and trust Him to lead you to other folks who need His love."

A farewell, carry-in meal for the team will be held in the fellowship hall at noon on Sunday, to which everyone is invited. After the witnesses have gone, an evaluation and follow-up session will be held for everyone in the worship room.

Marlboro Friends Meeting Celebrates Note Burning

May 7, 1976 – Marlboro Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Sophia, observed a service of dedication and note burning Sunday during the morning worship hour.

The symbolic burning of the mortgage came four years following the first service in the newly constructed Meetinghouse, which was held Sunday, Apr. 30, 1972. Funds for the final payment of the note were received Sunday, Feb. 29, 1976.

Cost of the magnificent new Meetinghouse at Marlboro and its furnishings was in the neighborhood of \$225,000. Statistical facts from the beginning of building until the final payment of the indebtedness make a success story comparable to any church building program.

When the first consultation took place with the architect, there was only \$12,800 in the building fund. When the building was completed and occupied by the congregation, only \$50,000 was borrowed on the entire structure. This indicates a large sum of money raised and given through

sacrificial efforts during the planning period and building of the Meetinghouse.

Participating in the note burning ceremony were four men, Theodore B. (Bun) Pugh, chairman of the finance committee, Willis Beeson, treasurer of the Meeting, Wade Pugh, clerk of ministry and counsel, and Cecil Plumlee, clerk of the monthly meeting. Presiding over the service was Merrill W. Winslow, minister of the Meeting.

Although no women helped to burn the note, two of them served on the building committee, one as the chairman. Building committee members were Ms. Halcie Beeson, chairman, Ogburn Loflin, Robert Bulla, now deceased, Max Davis, Ms. Louise Loflin, and Lewis Loflin. A fundraising committee was headed by Arthur Brown, now deceased, and a planning committee was headed by Cecil Plumlee.

Two former ministers of the Meeting, John Pipkin and Don Osborne, were present to take part in the dedication service. Pipkin, now a faculty member at Guilford College, was the minister when the basement for a new brick educational building was begun in 1957. He was told by the people then that "this is just the foundation; we are going to build more later." He said Sunday, "this has characterized the people at Marlboro. I knew you could do it and I think you can do more."

When Don Osborne was approached about becoming the minister at Marlboro he was told "if you are not interested in coming and building a Meetinghouse, don't come." He was the minister throughout the period of planning and building, which he reviewed at the service of dedication. He praised the unity of the people during the building period. "The efforts to build this house of worship became a united effort," he said. "This beautiful place stands as a symbol of your efforts."

The Meeting at Marlboro dates back to 1797 but it is understood that the first Meetinghouse was erected even before that time. The Monthly Meeting, first known as the Marlborough Monthly Meeting, was established in 1816.

Future Homemakers Club

May 13, 1976 – The annual mother-daughter banquet installation of officers for the Southwestern Randolph Chapter of Future Homemakers of America, always a colorful event, was held Friday evening, May 7, at the school.

Miss Debbie Blake, chapter president, welcomed the guests; her mother, Mrs. Charles Blake, Jr., gave the response. Special guests included the school principal and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Castelloe, Jr.; Mrs. Althea Hofstetter of Bethlehem, Pa., mother of Mrs. Nancy Pahel, FHA advisor; and Mrs. Olivia Beahm, also of Bethlehem, Pa., Mrs. Pahel's former home economics teacher, who came especially for the banquet.

Chapter mothers, Mrs. Coline Blake, Mrs. Virginia Bumgarner, Mrs. Annie Graves, Mrs. Jackie Lamb, Mrs. Judy Shore, Mrs. Kitty Smith and Mrs. Barbara Varner, were introduced and presented with gifts.

Gifts were also presented to the chapter president, the advisor and the senior girls in the chapter. Assisting the president in the presentation of the program were the vice president, Miss Welta Smith, and the secretary, Miss Cathy Graves.

Miss Wanda Hill was crowned "FHA'er of the Year" in the annual coronation ceremony. Other "FHA'ers of the Month" from whom she was selected included Miss Denise Mabe,

Miss Regina Leach, Miss Pat Beane, Miss Tami Kiser, Miss Teresa Blake, and Miss Judy Needham.

Officers for 1976-77 were installed in a candlelight ceremony conducted by the retiring president.

Many Tributes Being Paid to McCrary's Inez Lewallen

May 13, 1976 – Many honors are being extended to Mrs. Inez C. Lewallen, principal at Charles W. McCrary School, who is retiring after 41 years of service in Asheboro and Randolph County Schools.

Last Thursday evening at the PTA meeting Lee C. Phoenix, city schools superintendent, accepted the Inez C. Lewallen Garden which had been planted at the Charles W. McCrary School in her honor and the PTA also presented her with a silver pitcher.

Previously she had been honored by her fellow principals in the city school system and the Association of Childhood Education in which she has been active. The principals presented her with luggage and the association made a contribution in her honor, to be sent to the national organization promoting childhood education.

A dinner meeting at the Asheboro Country Club was planned to follow the PTA meeting, to be held by the teachers and all other staff members at the Charles W. McCrary School as a farewell tribute to their retiring principal. Members of her family were present at this dinner meeting, including her 92-year-old mother, Mrs. R. C. Curtis, of Franklinville.

But perhaps the most unique of the tributes which Mrs. Lewallen has received since her retirement was announced is the printed statements posted on the bulletin board in the foyer composed by students from the various classrooms. These original words from the children, written frankly and without censure, reflect their reactions concerning the departure of their principal.

Mrs. Lewallen has served as the principal at the Charles W. McCrary School for 18 years, since its beginning in the fall of 1958. Before that time she served as the principal at Balfour School for 17 years.

Her first teaching job was in her home town of Franklinville where she taught for two years, beginning in the fall of 1932. After staying out for two years following her marriage to the late William K. (Bill) Lewallen, she taught at the Tabernacle School for four years, serving one year there as principal.

After graduation from Franklinville High School, she stayed out of school and worked for a year before attending Campbell and Coker Colleges. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree from High Point College and later a Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a certificate for advanced graduate study in Professional Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She has held memberships in Delta Kappa Gamma, an honor society for teachers, Association of Childhood Education, N. C. Association of Educators and the N. C. Principals Association and has served as president of all of these organizations.

In 1975 she was chosen by the N. C. Principals Association as "Principal of the Year" of District 8, composed of 13 counties. She was appointed by Governor Dan K. Moore to the N. C. Textbook Commission and served on this commission for five years.

She is a member of First Presbyterian Church, is an elder in the church, has taught Sunday School, and was youth advisor for many years. She is also a member of the Thursday Study Club.

Reflecting on her 41 years of school work, Mrs. Lewallen said "if I had my life to do over, I would work with children if I had a chance." She said "I have never regretted it," even though she had first thought she would choose another profession other than teaching. But there was no difficulty in the adjustment to teachings since she had graduated from high school as the valedictorian of her class and received the very top grades in college.

Her 35 years as a principal in the Asheboro City Schools has been characterized by a smooth, efficient operation in both of the schools in which she has served.

Methodist Women Receive Life Membership Pins

May 14, 1976 – Life Membership Pins were presented to four outstanding women of Central United Methodist Church at a mother-daughter banquet held recently by United Methodist Women of the church.

Recipients of the pins were Mrs. Rose Kivett, Miss Lillian Atkins, Mrs. Diane Johnson, and Mrs. Mary Frances McNease whose areas of service within the church have been numerous and extending over a period of years.

All four of them have held positions of leadership in the various organizations of the church. But their consistency and dedication to the church, their willingness to serve regardless of the position or capacity, and their overall attitude toward their fellow church members and humanity in general entitled them more than anything else to receive the honor which was given them at the mother-daughter banquet.

Presentations of the pins were made by Mrs. Imogene Bulla, Mrs. Nell Weaver, Mrs. Virginia Hardin and Mrs. Clarice Brower. Presiding over the banquet meeting was Mrs. Peggy Woodruff, president of United Methodist Women of the Central church. Miss Nellie Bescher gave the invocation.

Mrs. Joan Redding gave an inspiring program entitled "American Hearth's Aglow." The Central children's choir under the direction of Mrs. Edith Edney presented several musical selections, one of which they wrote themselves to honor their mothers. The benediction was given by Mrs. Marilyn Fowler.

Kelley Couple Honored After 50 Years Together

May 18, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Kelley of Rt. 5, Asheboro, were honored by their neighbors and friends in the Pisgah community at a fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration recently in the Union township Community Building.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelley, comparative newcomers, came to the community about four years ago, purchased an acre of land and built a new electric home just south of Lacy Strider's.

Formerly Guilford County residents, they lived in Guilford College before coming to their present residence. Arthur Kelley owned the Wholesale Tire Company in High Point, a business which his son now operates.

Kelley is a native of Des Moines, Iowa, and Mrs. Kelley, the former Thelma Groves, is a native of Findlay, Ohio.

They were married Mar. 13, 1926, in Monroe, Mich. Other states in which they have lived since their marriage are Illinois, Nebraska, and Virginia.

Since coming to the Pisgah community Mr. and Mrs. Kelley have endeared themselves to the people of the area. They participate in the community affairs, helped to build the community building, have joined the Pisgah United Methodist Church and have purchased burial plots in the church cemetery.

The couple were real pleased with the honor which was extended to them by their neighbors and friends in the Pisgah community. Kelley knew about the event beforehand; it was a surprise to Mrs. Kelley. But her husband was surprised in that the response was so great and about 80 of their friends showed up for the covered dish supper which was served to everyone present.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Arthur Kelley of High Point, who were present with the couple's grandchildren, Anna and Richard Arthur, Jr., were also amazed at the number of people in attendance. Their son said "I thought you lived down here in the wilderness — where did all of these people come from?"

Arthur Kelley spoke of the personalities of the people among whom he lives. He described them as the "most marvelous people you have ever met." He said, "They help one another, they are neighbors like I had when I was a boy."

Mrs. Lacy Strider and Mrs. Raymond Slack invited the people to come to the anniversary supper. Mrs. A. J. Williams baked the anniversary cake, and her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Janet Williams decorated it. The other decorations were done by Mrs. Lona Parks.

Cedar Falls Gala Set

May 19, 1976 — A salute to the flag at 10 a. m. Saturday morning and the singing of the national anthem will mark the beginning of Cedar Falls' bicentennial observance, according to Mrs. Carrie A. Pugh, general chairman of the observance. Leading the salute to the flag will be the village Boy Scouts.

Shortly thereafter, a wagon train led by Tommy Shelton as wagon master, will wind its way through the village. The wagon train will form at the White's Memorial ball field and begin its journey towards Cedar Falls at 9:30 a. m.

It will turn right on the dirt road at Allred's Plant Farm and then come into the village by way of the Solid Rock Baptist Church. It will go all the way through the village past Sapona Manufacturing Co. before returning to the bicentennial site, located directly across from Jordan Spinning Co. on an island in Deep River.

Preceding the wagon train will be a caravan of old model cars. Many other events, reminiscent of the past, will take place in Cedar Falls for the remainder of the bicentennial day following the raising of the flag at 10 o'clock.

Food will be available to those who want to come and remain for the rest of the day. The Eastern Randolph Senior High School band will play, beginning at 10 o'clock, and there will be gospel singing. An invitation is extended to the general public to come and join the people of the village, one of the oldest in the county, for this bicentennial observance.

Five Scouts Get Eagles

May 19, 1976 — Five Boy Scouts of Troop No. 518, sponsored by the young adult class at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, received the Eagle Award in Scouting before an assemblage of relatives and friends at the church on Sunday afternoon, May 9.

Recipients of this highest award in Scouting were Tom Baldwin, Forest Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest G. Fields, R. W. Hinshaw, 17, and Weldon Hinshaw, 18, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hinshaw, all of Rt. 1, Climax, and David Poupore, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Poupore, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Presentations of the Eagle Awards were made by Tommy J. Routh, Scoutmaster for the past several years. His assistant Scoutmaster is Ed Baldwin, father of one of the Eagle Award recipients.

Posting of the colors came from the remainder of Scout Troop No. 518 who marched into the church sanctuary as a group following the entrance of the Eagle candidates and their parents. Rev. Ray C. Stephens, pastor of the church, pronounced the invocation.

Grays Chapel School principal Sylvan R. Routh was the speaker for the occasion and Otus Thomas, former principal at the school and a leader in scout activities, told about the meaning and significance of the coveted award.

The Eagle challenge was given by Steve Glass, Asheboro attorney and district chairman for Randolph Scouts, he termed the Eagle Award as "both an honor and great responsibility." He praised Scout Troop 518 as "one of our top troops." Standing with him as he gave the challenge were John Hall and John Spainhour who had received their Eagle Awards at a previous time.

All of the new Eagle Scouts are students at Eastern Randolph Senior High School. Forest, R. W. and David are juniors, Tom is a sophomore, and Weldon is a senior planning to attend Guilford College next year on a scholarship. The latter has both an outstanding record in scouting, where he has served as patrol leaders, junior assistant scout master and has acquired 32 merit badges, and in the athletic programs of his high school where he has also excelled on the conference level.

His brother, R. W., has attained 36 merit badges and also served as quartermaster and senior patrol leader. Like his brother he is also prominent in both student and athletic programs at school where next year he will serve as the vice president of the student government. Both Weldon and R. W. Hinshaw, along with Forest Fields and Tom Baldwin, have acquired the 50-mile hiking award, with David Poupore having received the 100-mile hiking award.

Tom Baldwin, the holder of 28 merit badges, was a member of the 1975-76 champion JV football team, David Poupore is a member of the track team and Forest Fields is a member of the wrestling team. The latter also served as quartermaster and patrol leader in scouting.

Following the presentation of the awards in the church sanctuary, parents of the new Eagle Scouts entertained guests at a reception in the fellowship hall.

Cedar Falls Has Bicentennial Day

May 25, 1976 — The people came early to the bicentennial celebration in Cedar Falls last Saturday, long before the opening flag ceremony at 10 o'clock, and there was still a big crowd on hand for the last event around 6 p. m.

It was the largest number of people in Cedar Falls in the current history of the village and most likely since its

existence. At another time in the life of the village, on Aug. 22, 1847, it was reported that more than 1,500 people witnessed a baptism conducted by the Cedar Falls Baptist church, organized in 1844.

Many of the large bicentennial crowd remained throughout the day, especially the Cedar Falls people who took great pride in reviewing the history of their village and displaying many of the relics of the earlier days. They had worked hard in planning for the historical event and they reflected justifiable pride as they entertained the large number of people who came to join them in the observance.

Heralding the beginning of the observance was the ringing of the old bell, borrowed for the occasion, which has hung throughout the years in the "lower mill," the Sapona Manufacturing Co., organized in 1890.

According to Mrs. Alma Luck, a long time resident, the bell years ago was rung at 4:30 in the morning to wake the people up, then was rung intermittently until the six o'clock starting time, reminding them of the time to go to work.

The "upper mill," now Jordan Spinning Co., was organized in 1836. Before that time a grist mill was in operation in the village. The first cotton mill on Deep River was built in Cedar Falls. At one time the population in Cedar Falls was greater than the population of Asheboro.

Among the unusual displays on bicentennial day was a miniature church, a clock comprising its front, handmade by John W. Allred, III, from lumber dressed from a huge old cedar tree which formerly stood in front of the Cedar Falls Methodist Church. Another item was a violin handmade by Virgil Craven, noted musician of the village.

It was a day which will be long remembered by the people of Cedar Falls, a day in which they paused to recall the glories of the past and a day which will renew their faith and hopes for the future.

Nine Children Honor Mother And Complete Family Circle

May 27, 1976 – Mrs. Savannah Slagle, who has three daughters residing in the Asheboro vicinity, was honored on her 80th birthday on Mother's Day at her home on Rt. 3, Jonesboro, Tenn.

A picnic dinner was the highlight of the occasion and in attendance were all of Mrs. Slagle's nine children and their families. This was the first time in 24 years that the entire family had gathered together at the same time.

Mrs. Slagle's children are Charlie Slagle of Columbus, Ohio, Weldon Slagle of Ostrander, Ohio, Robert Hardin and John Slagle, and Mrs. Nora Walls, of Jonesboro, Tenn., Mrs. Irene Bailey of Rt. 7, Asheboro, Mrs. Dorothy Norris of Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Mrs. Lucille Haney of Asheboro.

Mrs. Slagle has been a frequent visitor in the Asheboro area during the residence of her daughters here. Also, all of her sons except Robert have lived here at various times.

One of the two birthday cakes which honored Mrs. Slagle at the picnic dinner came from her North Carolina relatives. Also, her daughters, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Haney, presented her with a white orchid. All of the honored woman's children except one accompanied her to the church she attends, the Union Church of Christ, on the Sunday morning of the birthday celebration.

Mrs. Haney was not able to accompany the other relatives who motored to Tennessee on Friday and Saturday, due to her employment at one of the local plants. But in order to complete the family circle for the reunion and birthday

observance she took a plane on Sunday morning to join the other family members at the celebration.

Besides Mrs. Haney, others going from the Asheboro vicinity were Michael, David and Karen Haney, Miss Joy Beane, Miss Sherry Snow, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Norris, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Bailey, and Mrs. Cathy Pierce and daughters, Kim and Sonnya.

Also going from Charlotte were Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Harris and son, Randy. Mrs. Harris, Michael, David and Karen Haney, Johnny Norris, Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Pierce are grandchildren of the honored.

Civil War Hanging Recalled

June 2, 1976 – One hundred and thirteen years ago a young 20-year-old man, Alson Allred, was hanged from a tree at Buffalo Ford on Deep River between Ramseur and Coleridge.

Perpetuating the fatal hanging on Jan. 5, 1863, were men supposedly serving in the Civil War who were angered because Allred reportedly "hid out" and did not allow himself to be drafted for service in the war.

Mrs. Edwie Cox Marley, an 86-year-old native of the Coleridge vicinity, remembers hearing her grandmother Bray talk about the incident. According to Mrs. Marley, they laid out, they caught him and killed him.

Asked if the men had a right to do that rather than let the proper authorities handle the matter, Mrs. Marley emphatically replied, "they had a right to do that."

Allred was caught in a house two or three miles from the site of the hanging, supposedly where he had been hiding. It was said by another resident of the community who recalls a version which has been passed down from one generation to another, that he was turned in by a jilted sweetheart who had been carrying food to the fugitive in his place of hiding.

The young victim was taken to Buffalo Ford where he was stood on a horse, a rope placed around his neck, and hanged. His 17-year-old wife, to whom he had been married only a short while, arrived on the scene after the hanging had already taken place.

Mrs. Marley recalls her grandmother's version of the reaction of the young wife at the time of her husband's hanging. "Grandma Bray said she was so sorry for her, she was hollering, and screaming."

Alson Allred was buried in Moffitt's Graveyard, located on the river road running in a southerly direction west of Coleridge. The graveyard is a short distance from the house in which Allred was staying at the time of his death, in a house situated east of the present home of Henry Ritter. A plain granite tombstone, listing his name and the dates of his birth and death, marks his grave.

Buffalo Ford was formerly the crossing point on Deep River between Ramseur and Coleridge, before a bridge was built to span the body of water. At the time of the hanging, according to Garland Allen, there was a little settlement there, a trading post, a post office, and a church which went by the name of Kala.

The hanging tree, a large Maple, still stands at Buffalo Ford, towering above the other trees in the vicinity. It measures approximately ten feet in diameter, is tall, double-forked in its upper branches, and is estimated to be 200 years old.

Coleridge Honors Dry

June 2, 1976 – A warm, friendly atmosphere prevailed at the retirement dinner extended to retiring school principal James M. Dry at the Coleridge School cafeteria Friday evening.

The administrative staff of the Randolph County School System joined faculty members, former teachers and staff members at the Coleridge School, and PTA and advisory board members in paying tribute to the principal who has served the Coleridge School for nine years.

Speaking for the county administrative staff were John Lawrence, superintendent, Dennis Farlow and Fred Shoffner, associate superintendents, and Mrs. Mary Ellis, director of elementary education. Also present were Mrs. Ruby Smith, director of secondary education, and Jerry Jones, director of cultural arts.

Gifts presented to the retiring principal and his wife came from faculty members and the staff at the Coleridge School, from the advisory board members and a bronze plaque present by Garrett Reitzell, assistant principal, who praised Dry for his "direction, leadership and example." The plaque honored the principal for thirty years of service in the public schools of North Carolina and the nine years of service at the Coleridge School.

Earlier in the day at a student body assembly the quiet-speaking principal had been presented gifts and "hugged" by some of the primary children. Described during the program as a man who was always "calm, cool, and collected," the calmness almost disappeared before the extended tributes and presentation of gifts had come to an end.

In response the principal praised the school-related groups for their cooperation and spoke of the "nine real good years" at the school. He said further "it has been a real wonderful experience."

James M. Dry is a native of Stanley County and the community of Aquadale where he graduated from high school, after which he attended Appalachian State University where he received both his Bachelor and Master degrees.

He taught at Norwood High School in his native county for three years before becoming principal of Ridgecrest High School in the same county where he stayed for 14 years. He also served as principal of Lafayette High School in Harnett County for four years before coming to Coleridge.

Some of the gifts presented to the principal and his wife will be used in the new home which they will occupy in Dry's home community of Aquadale, located on Rt. 1, Norwood. In this new home they will be surrounded by the residences of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Dry, his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Thompson, and his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Dry.

Family members attending the dinner in his honor were his daughter and son-in-law, his brother and sister-in-law, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Dry, Jr., who live in Raleigh.

Presiding over the dinner was Mrs. Lindsey Joyce, president of the PTA. The invocation was offered by Miss Emma Allen, a teacher at the school.

Mrs. Addie Moffitt Stout Celebrates 89th Birthday

June 4, 1976 – Mrs. Addie Mariah Moffitt Stout celebrated her 89th birthday Sunday, May 30, at the annual observance which has been held for many years by members of her family.

It was held as usual at her home located in the bend of the road east of Bethel Friends Meeting, to which she came as the bride of the late Walter Marriage Stout on Mar. 10, 1904. Her husband died in 1936.

The old home site was also the residence of her husband's father, Joseph Stout, and his grandfather, Charles Stout.

Present for the birthday celebration were six of Mrs. Stout's seven living children, Miss Fleta Stout, who lives with her mother; Mrs. Gerona Tucker, Amos Stout, and Floyd Stout, Asheboro; Mrs. Vera Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro; and Herschel Stout, Woodlief.

In addition to the various grandchildren and great-grandchildren, other family members in attendance included children of Mrs. Stout's brother, John Harmon Moffitt, and her sisters Mrs. Emma Allen and Mrs. Lillie Louisia Coble, and her husband's brother, Elwood Stout, and his sister, Mrs. Anna Jane Stout McPherson, all of whom are deceased.

One daughter of Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Lola Mae Frazier of New Bern, was not present. Deceased children are Everett Stout and Mrs. Bertha Estelle Wright.

Mrs. Stout was reared by her maternal grandparents, John and Sarah Barker Humble, at Humble's Mill which was started by her grandfather. She was taken into their home at the age of 14 months following the death of her mother, Roxanna Humble Moffitt. Her father, Joseph Moffitt, died when she was eight.

Seagrove Church of Christ Welcomes New Minister

June 4, 1976 – A new minister, the Rev. Charles Dalton Melvin, will assume the pastorate of the Seagrove United Church of Christ Sunday morning, June 6. The minister and his family moved into the church parsonage on Wednesday.

The Rev. Melvin, who will be 32 years of age Aug. 14, is a native of Chipley, Fla., where he attended high school. His mother, Mrs. Mary Dalton Melvin, still resides in Chipley. His father is the late M-Sgt. Whitfield (Dick) Melvin.

He attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky. and graduated in 1973 from Elon College with an A. B. degree in Social Science, and completed his studies for the Master of Divinity and the Master of Religious Education degrees at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary on May 15, 1976.

His wife, the former Loralyn Reynolds, of North Vernon, Ind., is a graduate of Asbury College with an A. B. degree in Christian Education. The couple, who met while in attendance at the school in Wilmore, Ky., have two children, Christiana Marie, 5, and Charles Clay, 2.

The minister and his family come to the Seagrove church from the pastorate of the Center United Church of Christ in South Boston, Va. He is a chaplain in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

On Sunday evening, May 16, the Rev. Dalton was ordained into the ministry at the Center United Church of Christ. Six ministers, including Dr. Clyde L. Fields, formerly of Asheboro, and one layman participated in the ordination service.

Among those in attendance at the service of ordination were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Bumgarner and daughter, Lisa, from the Seagrove United Church of Christ.

A previous pastorate served by the Rev. Melvin in Randolph County was the Pleasant Cross Christian Church located on Highway 64 east. While at Pleasant Cross he held a revival meeting at the church where he was just assumed the pastorate.

On the second Sunday of his pastorate at Seagrove the church will observe the annual Memorial Day Service.

Grays Chapel Pays Tribute To Retiring School Teacher Mrs. Gladys Pugh

June 8, 1976 – Mrs. Gladys Guthrie Pugh became a member of the faculty at the Grays Chapel School 44 years ago. She has retired with the close of the school year. She has served as the librarian for 33 years, the first of these years in a part-time capacity without remuneration.

Her overall record at the school includes 39 years of service. She stayed out for five years due to the births of her daughters, Louise Corder and Emma Bruce Routh, both of whom are teachers. Mrs. Corder will replace her mother as the librarian at Grays Chapel.

Mrs. Pugh was honored at a reception Sunday afternoon, May 30, in the fellowship hall at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church. Patrons of the school came to pay tribute to her years of faithful service.

Speakers were Sylvan R. Routh, principal at the Grays Chapel School, Otus Thomas, former principal whom Mrs. Pugh preceded at the school by one year, and John Lawrence, county school superintendent. Also participating were Mrs. Pugh's pastor, Rev. Ray Stephens, and Mrs. Robert J. Snyder, who was chairman of arrangements. A gold locket appropriately inscribed was presented to Mrs. Pugh as an expression of appreciation for her years of service.

Another honor was extended to Mrs. Pugh when on the following Thursday she was honored at a luncheon at the Holiday Inn by other members of the faculty. This occasion marked the naming of a portion of the library as the Gladys D. Pugh Professional Library.

Mrs. Pugh, a native of Alamance County, came to the Grays Chapel School in the fall of 1932 following her graduation from High Point College. Her starting salary was \$90 a month, the next year it was cut back to \$70 because of the depression. Three years after she came she was married to Bruce Pugh, a native of the community.

She taught in the middle grades for 24 years. But her vision for the school extended beyond her classroom and in 1943 she organized a central library at the school, the first in its history. For several years she served as elementary librarian without pay while holding down her teaching job. To assist her she used her elementary students as library aides, an accomplishment which other librarians believed impossible.

In 1961 librarians were placed in the schools by the county school system and she became the librarian for both the Grays Chapel and Franklinville schools. Two years later she became the full-time librarian at Grays Chapel, the school where she had pioneered in library science so many years earlier.

Ten years later her labors over the past thirty years went up into smoke from fire gutted the Grays Chapel School and completely destroyed the library. But Mrs. Pugh did not

give up, her dedication persisted and her determination was to have a library ready to open when the school was rebuilt.

She worked all summer, including nights and weekends, without pay to have the books ordered, processed and ready to put on the shelves. When the library doors opened she had 3,000 titles ready for use by the students. At the present time, three years after the first, she has 7,500 books on the shelves.

Mrs. Pugh's dedication has extended beyond the call of duty. Her devotion to the school she has served these many years will be unexcelled. Grays Chapel has been a better school system because of her having been there.

It's A Bird, It's A Plane – With Ralph In It!

June 9, 1976 – I had never flown in an airplane before except one trip of some distance in a large jetliner. I should have known flying in a small plan over Asheboro would be different.

But when Garland Allen, a pilot with more than forty years of experience, asked to take me on a trip over the zoo, I couldn't resist the temptation. I wanted to go one time to see how it would be. I didn't let on that I had reservations.

I had reservations because I am allergic to height. One time I went up in the Empire State Building and couldn't look out. The same thing happened at the Washington Monument. A ride in an exposed elevator, enclosed in glass overlooking an Atlanta, Ga., hotel lobby, made me sick and I couldn't go all the way to the top.

The beginning of the flight from the hanger at Garland's beautiful country residence between Ramseur and Coleridge, however, was wonderful. As we came towards Asheboro by way of Ramseur and Franklinville, out skirting the eastern Randolph farmlands, the landscape looked so nice, green, neatly laid off, and more beautiful than it appears from the ground.

I was finding, however, that flying in a small plane with plenty of view from all sides was different from flying in a large jet where you could, if you wanted to, immerse yourself in its large quarters and more or less forget that you were not firmly planted on terra firma. I began to feel that I was seated on a small object, sailing through the heavens without anything to hold on to.

I began to get very warm, even though I learned later that the temperature was about 50 degrees. I pulled my tie off and would have removed my jacket except that I was afraid to move about enough to get it off. Somehow or other, I felt if I moved about I might knock the door open or fall out, falling 2,000 feet or more to the ground.

I began wondering what I would do if my pilot had a heart attack, realizing there was nothing I could do. Actually, I should have been worrying more about the passenger, me, having a heart attack.

We circled around by way of Central Falls and the northern part of Asheboro, where I live, before coming into Asheboro. I was still collected enough to recognize some of the familiar sites in my home community, but not enough to identify my home at 209 Old Liberty Rd., even though we came right over the area.

By that time my stomach felt like it was in my throat and I didn't know where my head was. I couldn't enjoy the Asheboro scenes as I would have liked and the zoo site. I was hoping that we would go straight back to our starting point and that it would all be over. I had still been able to

contain myself enough that my pilot didn't know there was anything out of the ordinary.

He was very generous, wanted me to get the full benefit of the trip, so he turned the plane in a western direction and flew over the beautiful homes in the mountainous Westmont section. We then headed back towards our starting point. We didn't seem to be hardly moving, but I learned later we were flying 125 miles an hour.

We went back more or less along the same route we had taken coming over except when we got back to Ramseur we detoured around by Eastern Randolph Senior High School and Parks Cross Christian Church. I had still been able to conceal my condition and my fears.

Garland then turned to me and said, "Do you want me to take you up above the clouds?" I said, "No, let's go back." I think he only then realized there was something wrong because he said, "we'll be down in two minutes."

I recuperated in a hammock stretched between two trees on the spacious lawn at the Allen residence. Garland had been a gracious host throughout the day. We had toured the countryside that morning in his automobile, visiting many sites of interest.

I wish I could have reciprocated more in the latter phase of my visit. I'll have to confess before I finish that after the trip in that jet plane, I developed inner ear trouble which lasted for a month. Maybe I should stay on the ground.

Student Flyer Solos On 16th Birthday

June 11, 1976 – Despite a strong tailwind last Saturday morning, student flyer Frank Routh realized an ambition to make his "solo" flight on his 16th birthday.

The winds were 17 miles per hour to a gusty 22 miles per hour and ordinarily the flight would have been canceled. Frank, however, "is not an ordinary student," said one spectator, an experienced pilot, and the flight was on.

Frank's instructor, Dave Hege, manager of the Coleridge Airport, where the flight took place, said he would not let another student fly under conditions which existed during the flight. "It would be a handful of wind for an experienced pilot," he said.

The young flyer flew with his instructor over the field in a Cessna 150 two times before he made the initial solo flight. Then, the same procedure was followed in a Cessna 172 except for one extra flight on which they were accompanied by an announcer and cameraman from WFMY-TV in Greensboro.

"Well, I made it," modestly said the youthful pilot as he alighted beaming from the first successful solo flight, afterwards being embraced by his mother and congratulated by the others in attendance.

At the close of the second flight, after he had successfully maneuvered the larger plane through the strong crosswinds, he first said "it was mighty lonesome up there by myself," then the proud young man admitted to feeling tired. After the second flight the traditional cutting off of the shirt tail took place.

Frank Routh has been "logging time" towards receiving his student's license since the age of 14, at which time he began his instructions with Dave Hege at the Coleridge Airport. Besides flying with Hege and Clem Moffitt, another instructor at the airport, he also flew a lot with Harold Carmac, who was also present to watch with pride the successful completion of the flights.

Hege, a veteran airman, described Frank as a "typical airport kid," a rarity in this day and time. He said the young boy had paid for his flying lessons himself, washing and waxing airplanes, cutting grass, painting buildings at the airport, and washing dishes at the Blue Mist Restaurant, operated by relatives. "He is a natural born pilot and a real pleasure to work with," Hege said.

A rising junior at Eastern Randolph High School, Frank is the youngest of four sons of Mrs. Ava Routh, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and the late Brower Routh. He is a member of the high school band and has completed one year in the aero space program. After school he wants to either join the Air force or work for one of the airlines.

Among those present for the solo flight were John Q. Pugh, Jr., owner of Pugh Airport, and Mrs. Pugh, an aunt and uncle of the young pilot. He also spent quite a bit of time around Pugh's Airport and his first flight, even before he was a year old, was on a trip to the beach with his uncle.

On Monday following the flight he was scheduled to go to Asheboro to try to obtain his driver's license. For that undertaking he was planning to drive his Honda automobile.

Mrs. Hill Joins Family For Birthday Celebration

June 11, 1976 – Mrs. Flora Stutts Hill, a native of Moore County, celebrated her 89th birthday Sunday, June 6, at a family gathering at her home at 435 Old Liberty Rd. She has been a resident of Randolph County since 1900.

Daughter of Riley Stutts and Mary Shield Stutts, she was born in a log house at Glendon. The offices of Dr. Eugene Street are presently located at the site of her birth. Two sisters, Mrs. Mattie Ferree and Mrs. Lucy Piklenton, and a brother, Jesse Stutts, are deceased.

When the family first came to Randolph County they lived in Coleridge where they found employment in the cotton mill. Mrs. Hill recalls her work there, learning to spin for ten cents a day. The hours of her employment were from 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. during the week and from 6 a. m. until 4 p. m. on Saturdays.

The family only lived in Coleridge for two years before moving to Worthville. But while in Coleridge Mrs. Hill's mother died. Her father later married Lula Brooks, to which marriage was born a daughter and a son.

In Worthville Mrs. Hill met her husband, Edgebert Hill, whom she married in 1912. One son, John Edgebert, was born to this union. Edgebert Hill, a well-known brick mason, died in 1969. Their son continues to live with his mother.

Joining Mrs. Hill and her son for the birthday celebration were Mrs. Hill's half-sister, Mrs. Virginia Rich of Franklinville; her half-brother, Charles Stutts of High Point; and niece, Mrs. Hazel Allred, daughter of her deceased sister; and members of their families.

Mrs. Hill and her husband first came to the North Asheboro area in 1921. They moved to Mrs. Hill's present residence in 1925. She is one of the oldest and most respected citizens in the community.

Pastor Fuquay Moves On

June 11, 1976 – The Rev. Tommy D. Fuquay, who has spent a lengthy pastorate at the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church, will preach the last sermon in his ministry here this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

That evening he will occupy the pulpit at his new pastorate, the Trinity Pentecostal Holiness Church in Raleigh. In a week or so, the minister and his family will move to Raleigh, following their attendance at the denominational conference and camp meeting in Greensboro.

The minister will leave behind him a commendable record of achievement to commemorate his eight years in Asheboro.

Attendance at the Sunday morning services has more than doubled in the past eight years and the attendance at the Wednesday night services has risen sharply. Already the Sunday School has presented the Rev. Fuquay, his wife, Peggy and their two sons, Ken and Johnny, a plaque "in recognition for your outstanding faithfulness to the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church and Sunday School."

The minister has presented a program over the local WGWR Radio Station each Sunday morning for nearly four years, entitled "Voice of the Cross," and has recently conducted a daily program over a Charlotte station.

An outstanding contribution from his church during the latter portion of his ministry, not only to the local congregation but to the community as a whole, has been the organization of a singing group, The Young Christians, who have delighted many congregations with their talent and dedication, in addition to winning national honors in teen talent competition.

Ken, the elder son of the Rev. Mr. Fuquay and his wife, has been the lead singer for the Young Christians and their arranger. He is a rising high school junior. The other son, Johnny, will be a sophomore.

Before coming to Asheboro the Fuquays served a church in Mt. Pleasant for seven years. The Rev. Fuquay, a minister for 20 years, is a native of Caswell County. His wife, the former Peggy Herring, is a native of Person County.

The new minister at the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church will be the Rev. Billy Phipps who will come to Asheboro from the Asbury Pentecostal Holiness Church near Mt. Airy.

Richland Growth Brings Change

June 11, 1976 - A large number of people, approximately 25, were baptized by Richland Baptist Church Sunday, May 30, in Vancannon's Pond located near the church. Already, six more people are awaiting baptism.

This large increase in membership has resulted since the arrival to the pastorate of the Rev. John W. Wheelles, formerly pastor of the Hughes Grove Baptist Church near Thomasville. The Rev. Wheelles became the pastor at Richland Jan. 18, 1976.

He is only the second pastor in the history of the Richland church which observed its twenty-fifth anniversary last Sunday. Until his death last year the Rev. Ben W. McPherson had served the church since its beginning.

The Rev. Wheelles, a native of Union Point, Ga., has been a minister for the past 15 years. He came to High Point in 1949 and was affiliated with the Grace Fellowship Baptist Church at the time of his call to the ministry.

To prepare himself for the ministry he attended Piedmont Bible College, and Guilford College, and received a Bachelor of Theology degree from Clarksville Seminary, Clarksville, Tenn. Before becoming pastor at Hughes

Grove, where he stayed for nearly nine years, he served briefly the Gospel Baptist Church on Highway 64 east of Asheboro.

The Hughes Grove church during his pastorate grew from a membership of about 50 to an average of 235 in Sunday School and 350 in worship services. Tithes and offerings increased from less than \$100 weekly to \$46,000 yearly. A \$67,000 addition to the church was built, a fellowship building was erected and 15 acres of land added to the land already owned by the church.

His acceptance of the pastorate at the Richland church was preceded by four days of revival services at the church at which a number of people were saved. Since his arrival church visitation has been established and an outreach program in the Sunday School started.

His ministry is evangelistic in nature and his regular workshop services follow the same order. This indication came to the congregation at Richland in the initial services he held at the church. Since becoming the pastor he has held seven revival meetings elsewhere. He is also chairman of ordination for the Randolph Baptist Association.

Currently the Richland members are making plans to enter into a building program which will include the erection of a new sanctuary and the renovation of the existing sanctuary for other uses in the church program. The new addition will include a baptistery. Upon its completion baptizing in the pond will be discontinued.

Stouts Chapel Fights To Goal

June 18, 1976 - Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, has paid off the indebtedness on their new church building which was erected in 1971. Total cost of the building, including interest on the money which they borrowed was \$21,916. 22.

A diligent effort was made over the past few years to build and pay for the new structure. The effort was channeled into many areas by the small group who spearheaded the drive, probably less than a dozen, led by Mrs. Macie Harris, chairman of the finance committee; Mrs. Beatrice Spinks, secretary; and Ernest Waddell, treasurer.

There have been many fundraising rallies, a widespread solicitation from family members and friends, assistance from the Randolph Area Mission Society of the United Methodist Church, and help from the Waddell family reunion, which has donated generously for the past few years.

At the last fund raising rally on the fourth Sunday in May, a group raising the final amount needed by something over \$300. The area mission society again came to their aid, as they had so many times in the past, and gave the amount needed to clear the indebtedness.

The efforts of the small band of people at Stout's Chapel to gain a new place in which to worship has attracted attention not only community and county-wide but throughout the High Point District and the Western North Carolina Conference.

Many area ministers, United Methodists and otherwise, have appeared before the small black congregation, frequent visits have been made by the district superintendent, the present one and his predecessors, and twice Bishop Earl G. Hunt has honored the congregation by his presence.

The old church building, which was pushed aside to make way for the new structure, still sits on the grounds.

Legion Installs Officers

June 21, 1967 – Asheboro American Legion Dixon Post No. 45 installed new officers at a ladies night banquet at the post building on Lanier Street Saturday evening, at which E. Frank Stephenson, Jr., formerly of Murfreesboro was the speaker.

Stephenson, now a resident of Raleigh, served for ten years as Director of Admissions at Chowan College and is currently running for the office of Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina in the Democratic Primary Election on Aug. 17.

He spoke to the legion audience on "community development" and presented a program of slides depicting the restoration of old dwellings in the town of Murfreesboro, many of them dating back to the late 1700's.

He served nine years as the non-paid Executive Director of the award winning Murfreesboro Adaptive Restoration and Community Development Program and during that time raised over \$1,000,000 from public and private sources for this program.

Randy Smith, retiring commander of the legion post, presided over the banquet meeting. Earl Young, a past district commander, served as the installing officer. Officers installed included Tommy Reeder, commander; Hermon Russell, adjutant; and W. C. O'Brien, chaplain.

Charcoal cooked steaks with baked potatoes and salad were served to the legion members and their lady guests. Jack Bass introduced the speaker.

King Family Has Reunion

June 21, 1976 – The descendants of Cummins and Margaret Dean King held their annual reunion Sunday, June 13, at the home of Ima King, youngest child of the couple. The reunion started over forty years ago but for a time after Cummins King's death the annual sessions were discontinued.

Ima King and a 92-year-old sister, Mrs. Sinia Lassiter, of Troy, are the only survivors of the family of Cummins and Margaret King. Although she attended the reunion last year Mrs. Lassiter's health did not permit her coming this year.

Twelve children are deceased. They were Mrs. Tely Hancock, Mrs. Vasti Cagle, Mrs. Mitt Lamb, Mrs. Minnie Hancock, Nunnery King, Mrs. Pence Holder, Mrs. Emmeline Bean, Mrs. Ronie Lassiter, Jonie King, Rev. Bascom King, and two infants, a boy, Walter King, and a girl, Lonie King.

Besides Ima King and his wife, Carrie Bean King, the only family members representing their generation at the reunion were Mrs. Bertha King, widow of Jonie King, and Mrs. Vellie King, widow of Rev. Bascom King. Others present included children and grandchildren of the deceased brothers and sisters.

The old King homeplace is located on Rt. 2, Seagrove, across the Montgomery County line from the Ima King residence which is located in Randolph County. The house in which the twelve brothers and sisters who grew to manhood and womanhood is now gone, only the spring with its old pine box for milk and butter remains.

However, the old family graveyard located near the homeplace is well kept and maintained as the family burial site even though none of Cummins King's children are

buried there except for the two infants who died shortly after their births.

Rev. Walter McNeill is a son-in-law of Mrs. Vasti King Cagle and an ordained minister at the Union Grove Baptist Church.

Another reunion, the Oliver Duckery Bean family reunion, will be held at the Ima King residence on Sunday, June 20. Mrs. Ima King was the youngest daughter of Oliver Duckery Bean and his wife.

Pack 511 'Marches On'

June 22, 1976 – Don Powell and his Cub Pack No. 511, sponsored by the Franklinville Lions Club, have been making a name for themselves for their presentation of a flag ceremony for various events locally and across the state.

They have appeared in parades, school functions, at the scout-a-rama at the coliseum in Greensboro, at the bicentennial observance at Guilford Battleground at which President Ford was the speaker, at the 120th annual session of the N. C. Dental Society, and at many other events both large and small, including the ribbon-cutting ceremony at McDonald's Restaurant.

A hometown appearance will be made by the cub pack on July 3 when they will participate in Franklinville's bicentennial parade.

It all started four years ago when J. H. Allen, a Randolph County scout leader, asked Powell and his cub pack to present the opening ceremony at the pot luck supper gathering of scouts, their leaders and their parents at the National Guard Armory in Asheboro.

Powell got busy, contacted the Army, Navy and Marine Corps for the use of nine flags, also borrowed a spotlight, and presented the opening ceremony as requested. "They looked so sharp, we've been doing it ever since," said the energetic cub pack master. He recalled that the marines flew their colors in from an outlying base for the occasion.

Since that first appearance at the National Guard Armory \$1,200 has been raised to buy flags to use in the popular presentation. The cub scouts have also been interviewed and photographed by personnel from Boy's Life, a national magazine, for appearance in the publication. They have also been asked to serve as honorary pallbearers at two funerals.

Cub scouts participating in the flag ceremony lead by Don F. Powell, Jr., are Eric Lambert, Scott Campbell, Clinton Nance, Michael Cox, Eddie Cockman, Mark Brower, John Luck, Brian Ashworth, Chris Craven, Roger Hayes, David Lynn Cox, Eugene Staley, and Randolph Dunlap.

Other members of the cub scout pack are Keith Allred, Lewis Davis, Ronnie Davis, Marty New, Timothy Ray, Jeffrey Kivett, David Jones, Jr., Alan Palmer, Mark Byrd, David Whitley, Gregory Majors, Charles Lednum, Roger Chilton, Jeff Beck, Rodney Barfield, Keith Beane, Timmy Allred, Vernon Morton, and Dale Pierce.

Assistant pack master and chairman of the committee is Roger Lambert. Assistant to the chairman is Don Powell, secretary is Mrs. Rebecca Powell, wife of Don Powell, treasurer is Mrs. Sharon Rich, and institutional representative is D. L. Mitchell. Other committee members are Yates Holland, Jesse Marley, George Cox, Mrs. Judy Kivett, Mrs. Pat Palmer, Paul Davis, and Terry Cockman.

Since taking over the leadership of the cub pack Don Powell has joined the Franklinville Lions Club and is

currently serving as president of the club. When scouting awards were presented at the last annual meeting he became the third recipient of the Cleveland Thayer Award presented annually to a Randolph District Scouter who was selected as the year's "outstanding leader of boys."

Teams Select Beauty Queens

June 22, 1976 – The American Little League, based at Clarence Smith Ball Park, is conducting a queen contest, selling candy, and holding a car wash to raise money for various projects pertaining to league activities.

Included among these projects are the purchase of new uniforms for the all-star team and the planning of a cookout for the entire league.

Each team is sponsoring an entrant in the queen contest at a penny a vote. The winner will be eligible to compete then in the area, district and state contest. However, she will be awarded a large trophy for winning the American League contest.

The teams, their managers and their entrants in the contest are listed as follows: McDonald's, Leon Yow and Michele Yow; First National Bank, Willie Wright and Tonya McKee; Automatic Vending, Roger Chriscoe and Lynn Willett; Rumbley Brothers, J. D. Wall and Julie Wall; Chisholm's Drive-In, Dick Enzerillo and Cathy Chisholm; Central Falls Klopman, Gary Cox and Kim Deaton; Elks Club, Harold Thompson and Angela Honeycutt; Car Drugs, Johnny Maness and Tonya Maness.

Present officers of the American Little League are Bill Payne, president; Harold Thompson, vice president; and Leon Yow, secretary and treasurer. The league which was organized around 20 years ago is an affiliate of the Little Tar Heel League. Hopefully, a Pee Wee program for boys, 8, 9, and 10 will be held next year.

Last year the area, district and state finals of Little League play was held at the Clarence Smith Ball Park, with tremendous crowds in attendance. Clarence Smith, for whom the park was named, has retired from coaching Little League play. This is the first year that Smith, a veteran coach, has not served as coach for one of the teams.

It has been noted that some of the present coaches formerly played as members of the Little League teams.

Lane Couple Celebrate Fiftieth

June 23, 1976 – A well-known Ramseur couple, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Foust Lane, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage recently in the fellowship hall at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church.

Hosts at a reception there from 3 o'clock until 5 were their children, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. (Martha) Bowers of Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Elizabeth) Spencer of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. William Guy Lane of Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. (Marjean) McDonald of Charlotte. The couple also have ten grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane were married June 3, 1926, in the parsonage of the Ramseur Baptist Church. Officiating was Mrs. Lane's father, the Rev. W. A. Elam, who was pastor of the Ramseur and Franklinville Baptist churches.

Mrs. Lane, the former Byrte Elam, a native of Cleveland County, came to Ramseur with her parents in 1923. At that time she was a junior at Cokey College in Hartsville, S. C. She started teaching in the school at Ramseur the next year but later went back to college and received her

degree. Her teaching career covered a period of around 25 years at different intervals but all spent in Ramseur.

Guy Lane is a native of Ramseur, the son of Captain William Dennis Lane, a conductor on the Atlantic & Yadkin Railroad for 47 years, and Maggie Foust Lane. His maternal great-grandfather, Isaac H. Foust, was the original owner and builder of Columbia Factory which was then both the name of the mill and the town, the name of the town being changed to Ramseur later.

Guy was one of the last graduates of the school building which preceded the present structure in Ramseur. He then went on to North Carolina State College where he graduated with a mechanical engineering degree in 1923. He spent 38 years as a sales engineer with Johns-Manville Corp. before retiring in 1968.

He has been an active member of the Methodist church in Ramseur for approximately 60 years; he served on the county school board for eight years; he has been a member of the Lions Club for 36 years – 35 of those years he attained perfect attendance; he is a past president of the North Carolina State College Alumni Association; and he has been a member of the North Carolina Society of Engineers for 30 years.

Mrs. Lane, who moved her membership to the Methodist church after the death of her father, has concluded four years as district president of United Methodist Women and on the statewide level is serving on the Conference Council on Ministries, in addition to various activities in the local church.

Approximately 200 people attended the reception which honored Mr. and Mrs. Lane. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Garland Blanton and Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pleasants of Cartersville, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Bliss Hoyle of Chase City, Va., all cousins of Mrs. Lane; Mrs. Bill Pruden of Plymouth, a Ramseur native and cousin of Guy Lane; and Mrs. J. B. Redfearn and son Charles, friends from Hartsville, S. C.

At the conclusion of the reception the Lane family remained in the fellowship hall for the supper and extended fellowship. The meal was prepared by the children of Mr. and Mrs. Lane.

Ethel Caviness, Teacher, Retires

June 23, 1976 – Mrs. Ethel Green Caviness, first grade teacher at the Ramseur Elementary and Junior High School, retired with the closing of school after 38 years of teaching.

A native of the Farmer area, she had started teaching 39 years ago but stayed out one year when her son was born. She has taught in Ramseur for the past 25 years, she was with the first grade the last seven years.

Before coming to Ramseur she had taught at Mitchell, a one-teacher school, Glenola, Craven's Schoolhouse near Coleridge, and Liberty. For a time she taught at Ramseur with her husband, the late Vernell J. Caviness, who served as principal of the John M. Caviness School which was named in honor of his father.

In preparation for her teaching career Mrs. Caviness graduated from William Penn High School in High Point and from what was then known as Winston-Salem Teachers College.

She is the mother of a son, Vernell J. Caviness, Jr., of Huntsville, Ala., and a foster daughter, Mrs. Bronna Smith,

also a teacher, who is living in Germany while her husband is in military service.

Mrs. Caviness regarded the first grades as one of the hardest grades she taught but felt it was the most rewarding. She said "they come in knowing nothing but after leaving, they have learned to read."

Asked about her future plans, she said "I'm going to take it easy for a little while." Afterwards, she'll probably engage in some civic and community activities and maybe visit her son in Alabama and even her daughter in Germany.

She was honored twice by her fellow members on the staff at the Ramseur School prior to her departure. At the last PTA meeting she was presented with a corsage and a reclining chair. At the end of school she was honored at a dinner and presented with a memory book in which were placed written testimonials from local and county school officials.

Kearns Couple Honored With Anniversary Party

June 24, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Julius Gilbert Kearns, Rt. 2, Asheboro, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, June 20, at a reception held at their home from 2 until 5'clock.

Hosts for the occasion were their three daughters, Mrs. Phil (Dianne) Bonkemeyer, Mrs. Johnny (Patricia) Hayes, and Miss Janet Kearns, and their two sons-in-law, Phil Bonkemeyer and Johnny Hayes. Another member of their immediate family is the 21-month-old granddaughter, Julie Dianne Bonkemeyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Kearns were married June 15, 1951, at the home of Mrs. Kearns' parents. Mrs. Kearns is the former Canary Lee Scott, daughter of Mrs. Reba Richardson Scott, Rt. 8, Asheboro, and the late John Scott.

Gilbert Kearns is the son of the late Julius C. Kearns and Donna Lowe Kearns. He was reared on the farm on which he still resides with his wife and middle daughter; the other two daughters and their husbands live in separate homes on the same land. He is a veteran of World War II, with 30 months of overseas service, and he is an employee of the State Highway Commission.

The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Kearns, a son named Julius, died thirteen years ago at the age of 5.

One hundred and seven guests called at the Kearns residence during the scheduled hours of the anniversary reception, despite heavy rains which fell during that time.

Couple Gives Land To Asheboro DAV'S

June 28, 1976 – Asheboro Chapter No. 22 of Disabled American Veterans has received the generous gift of a tract of land from an Asheboro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Newman.

The land, comprising 2.5 acres, adjoins Highway 220 By-Pass south of Asheboro and fronts a dirt road situated between Southmont Rd. and the by-pass. It lies in a wooded area ideally located for development and building.

Mr. and Mrs. Newman presented the land in honor of Newman's father, Lum C. Newman, 85, oldest member of the local D. A. V. chapter, and in appreciation for kindness shown the elder Newman by members of the chapter.

About three months ago two chapter members, William H. Spoon, senior vice commander, and Garfield Moran, adjutant, carried Lum Newman to the veterans center in

Johnson City, Tenn., where he is presently residing. Only recently Moran went back to see how he was getting along.

Chapter members plan to start clearing up the tract of land in the near future and then institute a program for the erection of a building to serve as headquarters for Asheboro Chapter No. 22 of Disabled American Veterans.

Richland Congregation Holds Party For Pastor And Wife

June 28, 1976 – The congregation of Richland Baptist Church honored their minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. John W. Wheelles, at a recent reception which commemorated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Congregational members from both the Richland church and Hughes Grove Baptist Church, where the couple formerly served, were invited to greet the Rev. and Mrs. Wheelles in the fellowship building from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Joining the minister and his wife for the occasion were their children, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wheelles II, and their 14-month-old daughter, Kelly Jo; and Mr. and Mrs. Gerry (Kathy Dawn Wheelles) Barker, of Lexington. Kathy Dawn and her husband Gerry were married June 5, shortly after her recent graduation from East Davidson High School.

The Rev. and Mrs. Wheelles were married July 1, 1951, in High Point. Mrs. Wheelles, the former Viola Scott, is a native of High Point, the daughter of J. E. Scott and the late Mary Myers Scott.

The Rev. Wheelles is a native of Union Point, Ga., where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Wheelles, still reside. The minister and Mrs. Wheelles visited his parents, both of whom are 82 years of age, upon returning from a vacation trip to Florida last week.

The Richland congregation presented their pastor and his wife with a silver plaque and tea service as a token of their love and esteem for them. One hundred and fifteen guests registered for the anniversary event.

The Rev. Wheelles became the pastor of the Richland church in Jan. Prior to that time the couple had spent their married life in High Point and Thomasville, the latter place being the site of the Hughes Grove pastorium. Their present residence is at 108 Nolan Ave. in Asheboro.

Church Has Historical Pageant

July 2, 1976 - Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Thomasville, presented a historical pageant, "Celebrating Our Heritage," Sunday afternoon, June 27, as its contribution to the bicentennial year. It was an outdoor event, held on the church lawn, and well attended.

The church is composed of congregational members from both Randolph and Davidson Counties, being situated in the northwestern corner of Randolph County, on the Fuller Mill Road about two miles from the Davidson County line.

Terry Myers narrated the history of Randolph County. Wayne Loftin did the same for Davidson County. The history of Methodism was narrated by Harold Brower.

The first building of the Pleasant Hill church, which was founded around 1852, was a one-room log structure which was later used for the school in 1874-75. A frame structure was completed from 1883 to 1888. The present building was completed in 1954.

The old songs of the church were sung in the church scene, which also marked the appearance of the circuit preacher, Bishop Francis Asbury, who rode up on a horse.

The old organ which had been used in the second frame structure had been brought back for the occasion.

Recognition to ancestors past and present was contained in a memorial tribute to Calvin Harris, first person to be buried in the church cemetery; Mrs. Veola Haywood Hill, a non-member, and Mrs. Stella Thomas Evans, a member, who were the most recent to be buried in the cemetery; and Charlie Hunt, whose funeral was the first held in the present church building.

A listing of names on the markers in the cemetery was contained in a brochure of historical facts presented to each person attending the bicentennial presentation. Included also was the listing of a post office at Eden, across from the Scott Myer's farm, in 1855, and the listing of 15 gold mines in the neighborhood of Tabernacle Township in 1894.

Another tribute was paid to the men from Pleasant Hill who served the cause of freedom in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korean War and the Viet Nam War. A listing of all the veterans of those wars took special note of those who lost their lives, those who were wounded or captured by the enemy, and those who received special commendations or medals.

Other scenes depicted the home life of the community, the quilting party and the school scene which was narrated by retired school principal Tom Kearns. The teacher was Mrs. Isabel Luther Welborn, the assistant was Mrs. Essie Myers Ferguson.

The concluding scene was the re-dedication of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church to the Glory of God and the service of men, with everyone joining in the litany which was used in the act of dedication of the Pleasant Hill congregation on Apr. 5, 1956.

Director of the pageant was Mrs. Peggy Arnold. The bicentennial committee was composed of Margaret Smith Brower, who wrote the text of the historical presentation, and Lloyd Simpson, Tom Kearns, Ruth Crews, Essie Ferguson, Nancy Kearns, Ray Martin, Lucille Martin, and Eula Hepler. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Ardis Payne.

'Oldest' Randolphian Celebrates

July 2, 1976 – Many recollections of past years were brought to mind when Cyrus Rich, Sr., celebrated his 97th birthday at the new Randolph Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center Wednesday, June 23. He is believed to be the oldest man living in Randolph County.

Cyrus Rich was almost like a landmark in the area west of Asheboro before coming to town to live with a son after the death of his wife, later becoming a resident of the rest and nursing homes.

He was reared about five miles west of town and when he married he raised his family within a half of a mile from Back Creek Friends Meeting.

For ten years before his marriage to Bertha Pierce, a country school teacher, he sawmilled around Grays Chapel and Liberty. After that he farmed as long as he maintained a household. He also worked on the farms of D. B. McCrary, who became a prominent Asheboro industrialist, and Dave McCain and Frank Trotter, also well known in the Back Creek area.

He used to recall hauling hay to Asheboro with McCrary on cold, sleety days to the local delivery stables in two two-horse wagons. A son, talking about his father, said "he was thrifty, conservative and always worked hard."

He was a man of knowledge, at nights after he had worked in the fields all day, he would come home and read law books at night. He excelled in mathematics, can still count even though he suffers a loss of remembrance, and he believed in education. He sent all of his children to high school.

He was an authority on the Bible, was often called upon to confirm various Biblical happenings. He knew all of the landmarks in the community, and was often asked to point out graves in the cemeteries, even though some of them were only marked by a rock with no inscription.

Whenever his neighbors got sick he always went to see if the mule and cow was fed or to render other needed services. If you needed anything, you could always go to see him. At one time he, along with Walter Miller and Pearl Hooover, volunteered themselves to dig without charge graves in the area's cemeteries. It is said that they dug some 200 graves.

He has been associated with two churches in the area, Back Creek Friends Meeting and Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church, now Wesleyan. At the latter church, where his wife is buried, he helped to build both structures which have been erected there.

He has lived a clean life, never smoked, never drank, always went to bed early, and it has been said that "Cyrus Rich is one person you can't say one harm word about." Also, "if everybody was like Cyrus Rich, you would have to do away with the Sheriff's Department."

Two sons and two daughters were born to Cyrus Rich and his wife, Bertha Pierce Rich, Albert Rich, Rt. 2, Asheboro, Mrs. May Sawyer, who died in 1950, Mrs. Bertha Lee Burris, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Cyrus Rich, Jr., an Asheboro real estate man. There are 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Twenty-Fifth Anniversary For Winburn Frye Couple

July 2, 1976 – The three daughters of Mrs. and Mrs. Winburn Frye entertained in honor of their parents' 25th wedding anniversary recently at the home of the couple in Seagrove. Around 100 friends and relatives called from 3 until 6 o'clock.

Hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. (Patsy Frye) Newsome of Rt. 7, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Lynne Frye) Williams of Asheboro, and Miss Joy Frye of the home. The family also includes a grandchild, Douglas Wade Newsome, born Jan. 6.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Frye's sisters, Mrs. Betty Russell and Mrs. Evelyn Gallimore, and Mrs. Audrey Cashatt Lineberger, and Mrs. Doris Hunt.

Mrs. Frye is the former Alma Lee Lanier, daughter of H. Wade Lanier of Rt. 3, Denton, and the late Sula Elliott Lanier. She is a 1951 graduate of Farmer High School. Winburn Frye, a Seagrove native, is the son of Mrs. Mary Cox Frye, currently residing in a nursing home in Siler City, and the late Charlie Frye.

The couple were married June 30, 1951, at the bride's home in New Hope Township. They are members of Asbury Church. Mrs. Frye is employed with Stuart Furniture Industries. Her husband is a 27-year veteran employee with the State Highway Commission.

Mt. Zion Holiness Church Hold Fund-Raising Contest

July 5, 1976 – A fund-raising campaign at Mt. Zion Holy Church in Asheboro culminated in the naming of "Miss Mt. Zion" at the conclusion of the campaign Sunday, June 27.

Winner of the contest was Miss Linda K. Spencer who raised \$335. Others participating were Miss Leslie Cassidy, \$218. 25; Mrs. Alene Woodle, \$205; Mrs. Odessa McClain, \$75; and Mrs. R. D. McLean, \$53.

Purpose of the fund-raising was to raise \$1,000 for the denominational home for the aged, with the remainder to be applied towards repair and renovation at the local church building which is located on Greensboro Street. Total amount raised, including an offering received at the rally Sunday, was \$1,882. 12.

Pastor of the Mt Zion church is Elder Emanuel Holland who has attended the church since childhood. The church was organized over fifty years ago by the later Elder Laura Kearns, assisted by Elder Holland's mother, Myrtle Cheek Holland, and her two sisters, Fleta Cheek Luck, and Nora Cheek Everette.

Only one other minister, Bishop Charles Stevens of Baltimore, Md., has served the church. He came to the pastorate for a brief period following the death of Elder Kearns. Afterwards, Elder Holland was assigned to the church which his mother and aunts helped to organize and has served therein for 13 years.

The church is affiliated with the Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

Note-Burning Congregation yet In Debt; says Pastor

July 5, 1976 – The note-burning ceremony at the close of the morning worship service at Asbury Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Sunday, June 27 brought about a time of rejoicing for the church congregation.

The last payment on the original indebtedness of \$345,000 was made June 10. The note-burning took place exactly three years from the Sunday the congregation moved into the new sanctuary.

Overall cost of the entire building project which came to a successful completion three years ago was \$ 131,359.27. The total amount of money paid out by the church, including the interest on borrowed money, was \$138,167.88

Participating in the symbolic burning of the note were the Rev. Bennie L. Maness, who came to the pastorate of the church in 1963, members of the building committee and deacons of the church, J. M. Hancock served as chairman of the building committee and Ather Needham presently serves as chairman of the deacons.

Other members of the building committee were Albert Brewer, Arnold (Red) Hancock, Thomas Cooper and Clovis Haire. Other members of the deacon board are Bobby Mabe, Shuford Hancock, Fletcher Auman, Clay Davis, Edward Hogan, Bobby Maness, Coy Hunt, William E. Cagle, Jr. and Albert Brewer, the latter also serves as treasurer of the church and the building fund.

The Rev. Maness used as his sermon subject "Debt Free and Yet In Debt." He said, "Our last payment has been made on the building but we're still indebted to a lost world. We are responsible to those who are still in sin."

He said the new sanctuary, adequate in every respect, "will stand as a monument, something we can leave for the

younger generation." He gave thanks "first to God and then thanks and appreciation to you who made this possible. You gave what God has blessed you with."

The minister took note that three deacons, Needham, Maness and Hogan, who came on the board three years ago before the first payment was made, had enjoyed the privilege of seeing the last payment before rotating off of the board at the end of June.

Another note of pleasure for the veteran minister himself was the realization that the indebtedness on the Asbury church, which he has now served for over 13 years, had been cleared, the same as the indebtedness on other churches which had been paid off during his pastorates at those places. He said, "I have never left a church in debt."

Some Very Happy People

July 6, 1976 – A gross amount of \$47,390.35 was raised in the 1976 March of Dimes drive in Randolph County, according to a report released by Bob Watson, drive director and Joe Church, treasurer.

Expenses of the drive, including the prorated share of expense in the statewide telerama amounted to \$2,995. 85, leaving a net amount raised of \$44,394.50. A greater part of the expense came from the telerama and the March of Dimes walkathon which accounted for a large part of the receipts.

Bob Watson, assistant personnel director at Acme McCrary Corp. has conducted two successful consecutive drives for the March of Dimes in Randolph County. Total amount raised under his leadership for the past two years has amounted to \$91,891.45

This is the third consecutive year the March of Dimes organization has established an overall record in the annual drive. Each of these years the amount raised has exceeded any previous amount raised in the history of the drive in Randolph County.

Sixty percent or \$26,535.70 of the amount raised this year was sent to national headquarters for medical scientific research, concerned with the cause and prevention of birth defects, and the conduct of various programs of the National Foundation March of Dimes.

The remaining forty percent or \$17,757.80 is being left in Randolph County to pay for the medical services bestowed upon birth defective patients and those who are still afflicted with polio. There are no salaried or paid March of Dimes personnel in Randolph County, neither have the chapter officials and drive personnel been receiving any personal expense.

The towns and communities, their chairmen, and the amounts they raised are listed as follows: Ulah-Flag Springs, Clendon Richardson, \$26,264.81; Archdale, Future Business Leaders of America.

Tommy Rice, president, and Roy Allen, advisor, \$4,700, Asheboro, Dianne Davis and Belinda Helms, \$6,485. 01, this includes receipts from the telerama which was conducted by the Asheboro organization; Pleasant Grove, Rev. Nolan Jackson and Rev. Curtis Barbery, \$2,300.26; Liberty, Rev. Richard B. Jarrett, \$1,840. 54; Randleman, Alice Grove, \$926. 02; Ramseur, Eric Allred and Wayne Burgess, \$779.74, and Brower, Erect, Bill and Hilda Welborn, \$500.

Also, Coleridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney G. Coble, \$474.25; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs. Mamie Cheek, \$430.37; Seagrove, Barbara Voncannon, \$430.37;

Hillsville, Gary Hill, \$158. 56; Union Grove, Mrs. Colon L. McNeil, \$75; Cedar Falls, Rev. W. E. Eaton, \$222. 91; Farmer and New Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hogan, \$250; Holly Springs-Pleasant Ridge, Crouse, \$381. 10; Pleasant Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Hughes, \$119. 28; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow, \$107. 60' and Grays Chapel-Red Cross, Glen Coley Jr. \$352. 37.

Also, Cedar Grove, Brenda Hanes, \$51. 65; Level Cross, Bill Frazier, \$120; New Market, Mrs. Grace Steed, \$103; Trinity, Mrs. Melba Skeen, \$381. 30; Staley, Mrs. Hicks, \$158. 40; First Pentecostal Holiness Church; Oliver Ray Barnes, \$81; Union-Pisgah, David Cagle and Amanda Greene, \$180. 33; Franklinville, Miss Debbie Smith \$161. 69; Jackson Creek, Mrs. Carolyn Cole, \$123. 92, and Bethel-Grantville, Mrs. Frieda Waisner, \$129. 84

Gospel Baptist Church Youth Present Historical Pageant

July 7, 1976 – An original pageant, "America," written and directed by members of the youth group at Gospel Baptist Church, Rt. 3, High Point, was initially presented Sunday evening, June 27.

The church is located in upper Randolph County, just north of Glenola. Pastor of the church is the Rev. A. F. Blackburn.

Described by one member of the congregation as "a salute to God and our country," the pageant brought alive the historical beginning of our nation, complete with colorful costumes, stage settings, sound, fury and the musical effects of a country coming into existence.

The sanctuary was filled to capacity for the dramatic presentation. The congregation sat enraptured throughout, except for spontaneous applause when Patrick Henry, patriot, orator, and statesman, made his "Give me liberty or give me death" speech and Abraham Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address.

Pages of history were relived as the symbolic representatives of those who figured prominently in the formation of our government paraded before the bicentennial congregation, such as Jonathan Edwards, Ben Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, George Washington, Nathan Hale, Betsy Ross, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe and Fanny Crosby.

There was a tribute to the American flag, the Christian flag, the statue of Liberty, and the bible, concluded by an essay written by Diana Penry, entitled "What it means to be an American."

Leaders of the youth group at the Gospel Baptist Church are Jim and Peggy Walker and Johnny and Betty Akines, with Peggy Walker assuming the initiative in the overall direction of the pageant.

According to the pastor, the Rev. Blackburn, the youth group is willing to present the pageant at other churches. Contact may be made to Mrs. Peggy Walker, Rt. 3, Box 558, High Point.

Asheboro Man Attends Church With Carter In Plains, Ga.

July 13, 1976 – I went to Sunday School with Jimmy Carter last Sunday and also to the morning worship service at the Baptist Church in Plains, Ga. The corner room on the second floor where the Sunday School class met was

crowded despite a partition having been removed during the week to allow for more space.

Jimmy arrived early and sat chatting with his fellow class members waiting for the lesson to begin. To begin with class members outnumbered the news people by one. But more of the media came in, not including the television cameraman and the photographers who remained on the outside during both services.

Visitors in the Sunday School class room came from various other places in Ga., N. Y., Va., Washington, D. C., Texas, Ind., Mass., Holland and France.

The teacher of the men's adult class was a little late, another member asked Jimmy if he had been called about teaching the class that morning. He said he had not but would teach if the regular teacher didn't show up. However, he did assist the class secretary by counting the offering. Later, in the morning worship service he was called upon to offer the prayer.

When a show of hands was requested in the class as to how many had brought their bibles, learned their readings, studied the lesson, planned to stay for worship, and made their contacts, Jimmy raised his hand for each one except the latter, but remarked if that included the newsman, he could be counted for that too.

I asked some of the people in Plains if Jimmy Carter's religion was sincere or contrived. They said it was real, said he had been living it too long for it not to be, he didn't acquire it when he started running for office. He is a former deacon in the church but had to relinquish the active position when he moves his membership to a church in Atlanta while he was Governor of the state.

When I arrived at the southwestern Georgia town of Plains population 683, Saturday afternoon the street on which Jimmy resides was crowded with newspeople, cameramen and tourists. The only member of the Carter family in evidence was Jimmy's 8-year-old daughter, Amy, a spitting image of her father, who was working vigorously at her lemonade stand. She reported she had taken in over \$14, which would be split three ways between herself and two partners, the children who live next door.

The uptown area, consisting mainly of a cluster of nine store fronts, is antiquated. One of the stores had a 1906 date on it, some of the others looked much older than that. The activity that evening revolved around the antique auction sale conducted in his country store by State Senator Hugh Carter, a first cousin of Jimmy, a deacon in the Plains Baptist Church, and also the choir director.

Hugh told me that the Carter family is very close, all of them are planning to leave Next Sunday evening for the convention in New York. When Hugh walked into the Sunday School class room Sunday morning, Jimmy asked "did you have a big sale last night?"

People in Plains think well of Jimmy Carter and his family. A. L. Blanton, the barber and also the Mayor, said "I don't know of anybody in Plains that would say anything against Jimmy." Cody Timmerman, president of the Sunday School class and a retired railroad man, said the Carters are hard workers, Ernest Turner, former business partner of the presidential candidate, operator of the hardware store, and a deacon in the church, said "Jimmy believes in people working" and also said "before he goes into anything he studies it from all angles."

George Hollis, a Negro, said of Jimmy, "I used to work in the field with him, he's a good fellow, I've been knowing him

all of my life, I ain't found no fault with him, I have eat at his table with him many a time."

The people in Plains, the same as the candidate, are confident about his chances. One man at the filling station said "Ford might as well pack his bags," another man, Guy Domineck, said "I don't think there is any question about it, he has really made progress since he sartered," Timmerman said "he's going to be the President of the United States."

I met both Jimmy's wife, Rosalynn, and his mother, Lillian. Both were nice, friendly women and completely unpretentious. I drove out in the country, over a red dirt road, to visit Lillian's "pond house," as the people in Plains call it. Mrs. Carter spends much of her time at this modest place situated above a pond instead of staying at her brick residence in Plains, also modest.

I also met Billy Carter, Jimmy's brother who manages their peanut business. I recognized him before being introduced by the familiar Carter characteristics, round features, the teeth and the smile, evident also with little Amy and Mrs. Lillian Carter. Billy was an affable person. He lives with his family in a frame structure near the Baptist church.

There is no sign of affluence about any of the Carters, their homes or their businesses. Jimmy's home, the only one fronting Woodland Drive on which he lives, is a modern ranch-style house not much nicer if any than some of the other homes in the Plains vicinity. His driveway, in which he conducted the news conference after church announcing the coming of Senator Muskie, is unpaved.

After the church services and the news conference, I drove with the caravan of newspeople and secret service agents accompanying the candidate, his wife and daughter to the town of Lumpkin, Ga. Where Jimmy spoke at an Independence Day observance commemorating Westville Village, reconstructed to symbolize a typical community in Georgia in 1850.

As I left to return home after the speech, Jimmy was still there, surrounded as he is these days by the mass of people, seeking to shake his hand and get his autograph. Rosalynn Carter was standing on the porch of the old courthouse from which Jimmy had spoken, greeting people in an improvised receiving line, and Amy, who had already explored all of her areas of interest, was standing with one of the secret service agents.

Church Of God Of Prophecy Notes Pastor's Anniversary

July 14, 1976 – A special service will mark the eighth anniversary of the Rev. James R. Ricks at the Asheboro Church of God of Prophecy on Cross St. Sunday, July 18, beginning at 3 p. m. Visiting choirs will help provide the program for the occasion. James Morrison will be in charge.

The Rev. Ricks, now a resident of Rt. 3, Trinity, has been a minister for 25 years. He served as a pastorate in Rockingham for five years, in Robbins for the same period of time, and in Durham for six years before coming to the church in Asheboro. He is a native of High Point and a graduate of the William Penn High School.

Since coming to the Asheboro pastorate, the church structure has been enlarged and renovated, the walls have been paneled, new windows installed, and carpet laid on the floor. New pews have also been purchased. Additional space is still under construction. The church has also secured a permit to build a parsonage adjoining the church, having purchased three house locations for that purpose.

Taking the initiative in the enlargement and renovation of the physical facilities at the church has been the pastor, who has served as brickmason, engineer, and overall supervisor for the work. Attendance at both Sunday School and preaching services at the church is good. The future of the church looks bright. This is in contrast to the Rev. Ricks' first pastorate where he had only one member to begin with and the offering only amounted to a few cents.

Disabled Veteran Honored For Volunteer Service

July 14, 1976 – William H. (Harrell) Spoon, Rt. 3, Asheboro, a disabled veteran of World War II, has received commendation for outstanding contribution as a "deputy volunteer service representative" at the Veterans Hospital in Salisbury.

The commendation which came from veterans administration national headquarters, took the form of a special cap and a gold pin denoting 300 hours of volunteer service.

Actually, Spoon states he has already compiled another 300 hours of volunteer service at the hospital, which will be recognized by the veterans administration at a later date.

He began his volunteer service in Aug., 1974. This past year he has visited the hospital in Salisbury every week. His duties include talking with the veterans about the Disabled American Veterans organization, in which he is active on the local level.

In addition to counseling with the veterans, he also assists those in occupational therapy who work with small engines and in the shoe shop.

Besides his volunteer service at the veterans hospital, he also spends some time at a golden age home in Lexington, in which place 12 veterans also reside. In this place he said he runs errands, uses his car as a taxi and helps all of the patients in whichever way he can.

Spoon is a charter member of Disabled American Veterans, Asheboro Chapter No. 22, and has recently been named senior vice commander of the chapter. He has also served in other capacities since its organization.

He is married to the former Artie Brady and they are the parents of a son, Don Spoon.

Friendship Baptist Church Plans Open House Sunday

July 15, 1976 – Friendship Baptist Church, located on Spero Road west of the Highway 220 bypass, will hold open house for their new church structure this Sunday afternoon from 1:30 until 3 o'clock. The public is invited to tour the facilities during that time.

This occasion marks another milestone in the short but otherwise fruitful existence of the Friendship church which only had its beginning in Jan., 1974. Between that time and July 14 of the same year the new congregation had purchased the land at the present site, had built and occupied a fellowship hall in which to worship until a church building could be erected.

By Apr., 1975 the church had paid off its indebtedness on its land, the fellowship hall and the equipment if had purchased, and prior to the groundbreaking on Aug. 27, 1975 had accumulated approximately \$10,000 towards the new church building.

On Sunday, June 27, the congregation moved into the new church plant, comprised of sanctuary, baptistery, nine classrooms, pastor's study, Sunday School office, nursery, and three rest rooms. One of the classrooms is large enough for an assemble area. Seating capacity of the sanctuary is 464.

The sanctuary has a brick interior, the same brownish red brick lined with black mortar as was used on the exterior construction of the building. The educational part has an interior construction of concrete blocks. The floors in the entire building are covered with carpeting of an orange or rust coloring, including the stairway to the baptistry.

The windows in the sanctuary and the educational building are made from crinkled glass copper except for the window with a cross, located to the rear of the pulpit area and fronting the highway, which is composed of 12 different colors, representing the disciples of Christ.

Contractor for the new structure was the Frank Snider Construction Co. The church wished to express appreciation to Snider, who went beyond the terms of the contract by assistance in grading, pouring walks and building the rear steps to the building.

The church borrowed \$181,000 for the new construction. The piano, organ and furniture were paid for during the period of construction. It is estimated that the entire cost of the land, the fellowship hall, a mobile unit, the new building and its furnishings has amounted to \$275,000.

Friendship Baptist Church is confident for the future as it enters into a new and larger phase of its ministry and worship in its splendid new facilities.

Randolph Student Goes To Europe

July 16, 1976 – Sixteen-year-old Nancy Ruth Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rice, Rt. 4, Asheboro, will leave this Saturday for a year's stay in Lutschental, Switzerland, as a part of the International Christian Youth Exchange.

The exchange program is sponsored by 11 Protestant church denominations, of which the United Church of Christ is a part. Nancy is a member of the Union Grove United Church of Christ where she is assistant secretary of the youth fellowship.

She will live in Switerland with the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ernst Stalder, whose three children are Daniel, 17, Adrian, 16, and Beatrice, 14. However, Daniel will not be at home since he is coming to the United States for a year as a part of the same exchange program which is taking Nancy to Europe.

Nancy will attend school while in Switzerland, riding from her exchange home on a motor-powered bicycle to the train station, from there to the school she will attend. The home in which she will stay is located in a mountainous region, amid a resort area in which ski slopes are located. If Nancy had remained at home she would have been a junior at Southwestern High School this fall.

Before entering the home in Switzerland Nancy will participate in a language course in which she will study Swiss German. Fortunately, the people in the home in which she will live speak English, German, and French. They have learned these languages due to their rental of rooms in their home to the tourists who frequent the area.

Five young people between the ages of 16-19 from Region 18, composed of North and South Carolina, will be leaving to participate in the International Christian Youth

Exchange. Four of these will be going to Europe, one to Japan. Each of them was give three choices of countries to visit and Nancy was permitted to go to the country of her first choice.

Those from Region 18 will meet in Salisbury Saturday and go from there to Philadelphia by train. On July 20 they will join all other exchanges from the United States, about 120 in all, for a chartered flight to their destinations overseas.

Nancy Rice has been a 4-H member for nine years, both as an active member of the Northeast McLeansville Club in Guilford County and the Grantville 4-H Club in the community in which she presently lives. Her projects have been health and safety, and she will complete this year in the state health peageant through credentials which she has already submitted, even though she will be absent when the pageant is held. She has also served as an officer in the Future Homemakers Club at Southwestern High School.

Rev. York Retires After 53 Years

July 16, 1976 – The Rev. T. R. York is retiring from pastoral ministry after continuous service for the past 53 years. He will preach his last sermon as pastor of Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, this Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

He has served as the pastor of the Mt. Olivet church for the past nine years. He feels that it has been a privilege to conclude his long ministry in the vicinity in which he was borned and lived until he was 14. He was born in Ramseur but was living in Asheboro when he entered the ministry.

The Rev. and Mrs. York have chosen to live in Thomasville in their retirement, at a home at 19 Vivian St. This will be closer to the home of their only child, Mrs. Charlotte Sumwalt, whose husband is the Rev. Frederick Sumwalt, pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church near Winston Salem.

It will also be near their first full-time pastorate at the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church near Thomasville where they stayed for a total of 28 years. While there the church became the largest rural congregation in the conference.

But there is some question as to what retirement will include for this busy minister. He plans to be back in Ramseur on July 28 for a bus tour conducted by the senior citizen club which he organized and is serving as president. There are also two missionary trips planned to the Bahama Islands and the West Indies, similar to the trips he has taken many times before.

Only recently, he and Mrs. York visited friends in Clarksville, No., while their daughter and son-in-law attended general conference in Kansas City. He also says he plans to engage in supply work and evangelistic campaigns after he retires.

Throughout the more than half century of his ministry as a pastor, the Rev. Mr. York's ministry has not been confined to the local church while he served. His ministry has extended to all aspects of the community life. While at Mt. Zion he had a radio program and even though he has been gone from there over 20 years he is still called back to participate in funerals.

While in the Ramseur area he has served for several years as the president of the ministerial association, he has joined with other congregations in various undertakins and he has affiliated himself with the needs of the community as a whole. All of this occurred along with the progress at the Mt. Olivet church, where renovation and additions to the

physical structure took place and increases in membership and attendance were noted.

His familiar face and his interest in the community will be missed. A big gap left by this energetic minister will have to be filled. This reporter, who has been associated with him during the nine years of his ministry at Mt. Olivet, realizes as much as anyone else what he has meant to the people of the community in which he has served. He leaves with our wishes for contentment and happiness for both him and his wife in whatever channels their retirement takes them.

Huldah Church Breaks Ground For New Sanctuary Building

July 23, 1976 – The congregation of Huldah Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Asheboro, broke ground for a new sanctuary Sunday following the morning worship service.

It was a big step in the life and history of the Huldah church. It is estimated that the new building and its furnishings, plus the cost of moving the old structure, will cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

Participating in the groundbreaking service were the pastor, the Rev. Tommy Walker; members of the building committee, Lewis Thomas, Cicero Bennett, Robert Yates, William Moran and Vernon Brown; and the oldest active member of the church, Ottis Graves.

Clegg Pritchard, an Asheboro contractor, will build the church. He planned to start as soon as the old structure was moved to a location near the northern portion of the existing educational building. The new building will be located at the site of the previous sanctuary, except for extending nearer the road than the old one.

The new building to be constructed of brick both inside and out will feature a Colonial front with a contemporary interior with exposed beams. The assembly area will have a seating capacity of 476. Additional space will include two rest rooms, pastor's study and church office. Furnishings will be completely new including the organ and piano.

This will be the third place of worship for the Huldah congregation. The first building, a frame structure with pillars for its foundation, was erected after the organization of the church in 1896. The building which is now being moved to another site was built in 1954. The educational building which will be retained as a part of the new construction was erected in 1967.

The Rev. Walker came to the pastorage of the church in Oct. of last year. He will be identified with the construction of the new building in conjunction with the members of the building committee.

Congregation Honors Pastor At Ramseur Wesleyan Church

July 23, 1976 – The congregation of Ramseur Wesleyan Church honored their pastor and his wife, The Rev. and Mrs. Leon Thompson, at an appreciation dinner Sunday following the morning worship service.

The occasion, which was a surprise to the minister and his wife, also marked the eighteenth wedding anniversary of the couple. Congregational members crowded into the fellowship hall as an expression of appreciation to the couple, who are completing their seventh year in the pastorate of the church.

Both the minister and his wife are natives of Kentucky. Mrs. Thompson, the former Joyce Leadingham, was living

in Falmouth, Ky. At the time of their marriage on July 19, 1958. Her father, who is still living, was a pilgrim Holiness minister for 40 years.

Leon Thompson was living in Wurtland, Ky. At the time of their marriage but was reared in Fullerton, Ky., just across the river from Portsmouth, Ohio. He is a graduate of Southern Pilgrim College and High Point College. The couple are the parents of two sons, Jeffrey, 14, and Todd, 12.

Present for the special occasion honoring this minister and his wife were two of Mrs. Thompson's sisters and their husbands, the Rev. and Mrs. Larry Freeman, Albermarle; and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Rouse, Kernersville. Numerous gifts were presented the Thompsons by members of the congregation.

Only recently the church membership voted unanimously to extend the pastorate of the minister and his wife for two more years. This call indicated approval of their ministry over the past seven years. At this time official meeting it was voted to purchase the house and lot across the street in which the new ministers of youth, Dennis and Carolyn Heckman, are residing. This purchase completes the ownership of the entire block on that side. The corner lot had been purchased previously.

Last March a note-burning ceremony celebrated the clearing of the indebtedness on the fellowship hall which was erected in 1972. Although this is probably the most outstanding construction facility of the minister's pastorage, other improvement and additions have included a new steeple, a P. A. system, carpeting, painting, a new roof, and resurfacing of the driveways.

All auxiliary organizations of the denomination exist within the framework of the local church organization, including Young Missionary Workers Band, Wesleyan Men, Woman's Missionary Society, Wesleyan Youth, children's church, and Christian Youth Crusaders.

New members have been received, others are expected, and substantial increases have been noted in attendance and contributions. Besides the pastor, other ministers holding membership in the church are the Rev. Charles Stout, the Rev. James Newell, and the Rev. Larry Freeman.

The pastor, the Rev. Thompson, has been an active member of the Ramseur Ministerial Association and other ministerial groups in the county. Since coming to Ramseur he has identified himself with the spiritual needs not only of his own church but also of the town and community in general.

Friends Honor Arthur Ruffin

July 26, 1976 – Arthur Ruffin (Chuck) McCollum, 709 S. Main St., Randleman, was honored on his 90th birthday at a gathering of family members and a few friends Sunday, July 18, at the home of son, Joe McCollum, 205 Forest Drive, Randleman.

Other family members include another son, Jack McCollum, a daughter, Mrs. F. M. (Ruth McCollum) Shaw, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Mrs. Shaw and her husband live with her father at his 709 S. Main St. home.

One of his grandsons, called Art, has the same name as this grandfather. Arthur Ruffin McCollum. He is 19 years old and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCollum.

Chuck McCollum is a native of Randleman. He was married to the former Ira Harrell who died 25 years ago.

Shortly after her death he retired from the mercantile business which he had operated in Randleman for around 40 years.

However, he remains active working in his garden each year, according to this daughter he has had "a pretty garden this year," and his mind is still keen. He keeps up with the ball games and still posses the collection of Coca-Cola bottles which was once the subject of a Courier-Tribune feature article by Henry King.

He is a member of the Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church.

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Loses Successful Pastor

July 28, 1976 – Achievements unparalled in the 97-year history of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church occurred during the four-year pastorate of the Rev. R. H. Kindschi which comes to a close with the services on Sunday Aug. 1.

The native South Dakotan has accepted the pastorate of the Forest City Wesleyan Church in Rutherford County. This week he is attending annual conference sessions in Colfax where he will conduct the service on tithing.

During his pastorate at Neighbors Grove the Sunday School has attained the second highest average attendance out of the 95 schools in the conference. The Sunday School has also received second place in the proficiency grading of the schools.

Last year the Sunday School was ranked nineteenth in the approximately 1,400 schools in the denomination on the national level. It is anticipated that the ranking will reach even a higher level this year.

In the four years of his pastorate the total church membership has gone from 145 to 244; the average attendance in morning worship services has gone from 126 to 223; in the evening service from 73 to 154 and in the mid-week service from 20 to 68. Marked increases in attendance have also been noted in the other organizational units of the church.

Total income of the church has increased from \$50,391 to \$80,390.

A house and lot north of the existing parsonage were purchased and the church is now in the process of purchasing a seven-acre tract south of the existing church property for the amount of \$50,000. A gymnasium attached to the existing youth building has also been erected.

Dorothy Kindschi, wife of the Rev. Kindschi, has long been active in home demonstration circles in the communities in which she has lived and on the state level. While living in Asheboro she has been named "Mother of the Year" by the homemakers organization and entered in state competition.

Recently members of the congregation held an appreciation supper for the Rev. and Mrs. Kindschi, at which time a love offering was presented to them.

McCaskill Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

July 30, 1976 – A reception in the Level Cross Community Building Sunday afternoon honored Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewey McCaskill, Rt. 3, Randleman, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. McCaskill Jr., Rt. 3, Randleman, and Mr. and Mrs. James F. (Ruth Ann) McCown, Perry, Ga.

Also joining in the anniversary observance were their grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Ricky (Katherine McCaskill) McPherson, Charles D. (Chuck) McCaskill III, Heath McCaskill, Deborah McCown and Deanna McCown, and their great-granddaughter, Teresa McPerson, age 3.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaskill live on one side of the business, M&M Motor Co., which McCaskill started in 1938; the son and his family live on the other side. But the elder McCaskill retired in 1969, leaving the business for his son to operate.

The couple were living in Greensboro at the time of their marriage on July 21, 1926. They were married at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Charles Young, and they enjoyed the distinction for which he performed the marriage ceremony.

However, Mr. McCaskill is a Randolph County native, having been born in Randleman, the son of E. A. (Alex) McCaskill and Ella Graves McCaskill. He moved to Greensboro with his parents at the age of 10.

Mrs. McCaskill, the former Annie Mae Cockman, daughter of Ulysses Frank Cockman and Margaret Myrick Cockman, is a native of Moore County, near Carthage, but also moved to Greensboro with her parents at an early age.

McCaskill's first job at a youthful age was selling cars for a motor company in Greensboro. He continued selling cars after establishing the business to operate, but this phase of the business has been discontinued with the main emphasis now on used parts. The family moved to their present home on old Highway in 1936, two years prior to the beginning of the business.

Mr. and Mrs. McCaskill enjoyed a pre-anniversary vacation in Mar. when they took a trip to Nassau in the Bahamas Islands, accompanied by their grandson, Chuck. While aboard the ship on which they went to Nassau, they were honored for being the couple who had been married the longest.

The couple are active members of the Level Cross United Methodist Church. Approximately 175 guests called at the community building to congratulate them upon the observance of their anniversary.

After 85 Years, Mrs. Lackey Takes A Well-Earned Rest

Aug. 3, 1976 – Ill health has forced Mrs. Ada Langley Lackey, 85-year old Rt. 1, Staley, resident, to finally quit working despite her determination to continue the various activities which have occupied her busy existence.

The first-born child in a large family, she helped her father at the sawmill, firing the boiler, piling sawdust, stacking lumber and even cutting crossties. On the farm she hoed corn, picked cotton, plowed and harrowed the ground.

She continued to do similar work after her marriage. At the age of 63 she broke her leg from jumping off a tractor which overturned while she was operating it. She did the maintenance work and the painting of houses she owned in the Staley area, and she built a chicken house at the place where she lives. Some of this work was done after she reached her seventies.

A slight stroke suffered just before her 80th birthday did not deter her much, she continued her usual activities and purchased a second tiller to cultivate her two gardens. She

continued to drive her car and pick-up truck and still has her driver's license.

At the time of her 84th birthday she was still working in her gardens but shortly thereafter a severe stroke brought to an end the pursuits in which she had always engaged and enjoyed. She remained in the hospital for a period before coming back to her home, where she is cared for by her two daughters, one who lives in the house with her.

She is now able to be up and around but is prevented from doing any work. Her speech is also impaired, which is surely a disappointment to the friendly, talkative woman.

Several years ago, Ada adopted as a project for her church the making and selling of old fashioned bonnets which she herself always wore while working in the fields and also at other times. She made an estimated 500 bonnets while engaged on this project.

Ada's 85th birthday, which came on July 16, was celebrated at a gathering of her family at the home of a daughter who lives up the road from her.

Parents Explore Better Education For The Deaf

Aug. 4, 1976 — A group of parents whose children are students at the N. C. Central School for the Deaf in Greensboro are concerned about the training methods at the school, they are disturbed that total communication is not being taught their children.

They the fact that only sign language is taught, they feel that every means of communication should be taught, including speech, lip reading and signs. They also feel there should be speech therapists at the school to work with the students.

Four couples with deaf children held a picnic supper recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chriscoe, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and afterwards talked with this reporter about their situation at the school. Also among the group were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Kennedy and their son, Bryan, of Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe and their son, Ched, 12, just this past summer came back to their native community after six years of residence in Morganton where their son was enrolled in the deaf school. They had enthusiastically waited in Greensboro so their son could receive the training he needed close to their home.

But disillusionment set in early and Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe and the other parents at the picnic supper feel that their children are not getting the training they will need to cope with the environment outside of a deaf institution.

One of the parents, David Branson, of Greensboro, asked concerning the new institution, "did you ever see a hospital without an operating room?" Pursuing the matter further, he said "its just like a hospital without an operating room, there are no electronic equipment, no speech therapists, and no electronic teaching aids."

Another one of the parents said "they are teaching deaf people to get along in a deaf world." Referring to her deaf daughter, she said "I want her to be able to get along in a normal world when we are gone." Mrs. Chriscoe speaking of her son, said "he can make it with signs at the school but when he gets out on his own, he is going to be lost." She stated that every few people knew the sign language.

Mrs. Chriscoe and her husband are also concerned that their son, already 12, does not have much more time to learn the art of total communication, they feel that time is passing him by, that he needs to learn now the various

methods of communication so that he will be able to take his place in a world that is not deaf.

A ray of light for the parents has been the enactment of a North Carolina statute which permits the establishment of special classes for the deaf in the public school system, similar to the classes now being held for the mentally retarded. But it seems there has not been much, if any, implementation for teachers or equipment.

Guilford County, according to one of the parents, has frowned on the idea, telling the parents, "there is no way, we don't have the room." Randolph County school officials, according to the parents, have pleaded the unavailability of teachers.

An official of the exceptional children's program here told Mrs. Chriscoe if and when a program for the deaf is set up everything needs to be in good working order with the correct equipment. But Mrs. Chriscoe, aware of her son's age, said "he can't wait."

Three schools in the state, according to the parents, have established the special classes for the deaf, Winston Salem, Gastonia, and Thomasville. Some of the parents visited the class in Winston-Salem and said each child was equipped with a head set, with the teacher wearing a microphone during the teaching period.

The parents at the cook-out felt that the program they observed at Winston-Salem should be set up in every county of the state, especially since the procedures have been outlined by the state legislature. One mother from Alamance County, speaking bitterly, said "Burlington is too much concerned with tearing down school buildings that don't look good."

Ched Chriscoe's mother said the 12-year-old boy asked her if she would go with him to the Brower Elementary School in their community, sit with him in the classroom and convey to him what the teacher said. There are approximately 75 day students out of the 180 students at the N. C. Central School for the Deaf in Greensboro, the parents of these day students feel that special classes in the local schools would be the ideal situation.

Parents of the day students sacrifice a great deal by enrolling their children at the school in Greensboro. Take Mrs. Chriscoe for instance. She drives her son to the school and back, a round-trip distance of 119 miles, waits for him at the school from 8:30 a. m. until 2:30 p. m. when she brings him back to their Rt. 1, Seagrove home. Formerly she stayed much later than 2:30 and still does whenever there are special activities at the school.

She asked for employment at the school to help pass away the time of waiting. They couldn't find anything for her even though she offered her services in the kitchen and as a maid. Vacancies came up in those areas but she was not hired.

It is recognized by the parents of the deaf children involved that the new N. C. Central School for the Deaf is comprised of beautiful structures, architecturally speaking, and that its physical construction leaves nothing to be desired.

But they feel that it is being used more as a "show place" rather than a place to train their deaf children, citing many tours that are conducted through the facilities, with their children more or less being placed on exhibition.

They are frustrated, yes, but not without hope. They cannot afford to give up hope as long as their children are still not receiving the instruction which will prepare them to

live a more normal life. They will continue their efforts and they will investigate every source which they feel will help them to achieve their goal.

Lodge, Chapter Observes St. John's Day

Aug. 4, 1976 – The recent observance of St. John's Day, the honoring of the Biblical St. John the Baptist, by Masons of Oakland Lodge No. 501, Prince Hall Affiliated of Ramseur, and members of the Unity Chapter No. 522-I, Order of the Eastern Star, Oakland Auxiliary, was an impressive occasion.

The Masons, dressed in the traditional formal attire, black suits, white shirts, black ties and wearing the emblematic white aprons, participated in the processional and recessional portions of the program, followed by the Eastern Star members attired in white dresses with the black fess, complete with tassels and gold stars.

Sponsors of the occasion were more than pleased with the large crowd who was present for the annual observance. The guest speaker was Dr. Reuben Gilliam, pastor of the Greater St. John church and also a member of a Masonic Lodge in Minot, Minn.

Officers of the Oakland Lodge are George Parsons, worshipful master; Henry Allen Baldwin, senior warden; Waldo Austin, junior warden; John Scott, senior deacon; Jodene Goldston, junior deacon; Earl Jones, secretary, and James Smith, treasurer.

Other members are James Matthews, Clayton Marley, Leo Payne, John Bittle, Earl Glover, Grady Ritter, Nathan Gales, June Hill, Joe Davis, Melvin Marley, Elvin Marley, Rufus Matthews, Elsworth Cheek, Howard Spinks, J. N. Gill, Philip Siler, Floyd Spinks, Junior King, Joe Roseboro, Arlen Cheek, Henry Atlas Baldwin, Junior Brown, Clyde Goldston, Junior Goldston, Ezelle Leach, Ralph Woodle, Harold Isbell, Elmer Graves, Harveston Gales, David Goins, Emery Whillite, and Avery Garner.

The Oakland Lodge, one of the oldest black lodges in the state, was organized Dec. 14, 1910. The lodge meets the first Tuesday in the month and the Tuesday after the third Sunday in the month.

An unusual feature of the lodge is the active participation of eight past members, Earl Glover, Junior Brown, June Hill, J. N. Gill, Henry Atlas Baldwin, Ezelle Leach, Leo Payne, and Grady Ritter. This participation has been recognized at state conventions and in the Masonic Journals.

Officers of the Unity Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star are Arlen Cheek, worth patron; Beatrice Spinks, worth matron; Ethel Caviness, associate matron; Clarice Spinks, secretary; Jeanette Cheek, treasurer; Ruby Gill, conductress; and Geraldine Siler, associate conductress.

Other members are Hollis Glover, Hazel Goldston, Eliza Davis, Bessie Gales, Patty Gales, Joy Ridley, Cynthia Brown, Betty Brown, Gwen Keitt, Corina Graves, Clayton Marley, John Bittle, and Daisy Craven. One member, Mrs. Leola Marley, died shortly after the observance of St. John's Day.

The Oakland Auxiliary meets on Monday after the fourth Sunday in each month.

Club To Help Family Of Seven

Aug. 11, 1976 – An organized effort is being made to assist financially a family of seven in Franklinville which has been stricken by illness.

George Fisher, 39, has been critically ill with leukemia since last Nov. He entered the hospital in Chapel Hill the Tuesday before Thanksgiving and did not come home until the day before Christmas.

Since that time he has been in and out of the hospital, he was taken again last Wednesday on which day he remained in a coma for seven hours before regaining consciousness. On Monday, at his request he was brought back home so that he could be with his family.

His wife, Mrs. Janet Fisher, works on the third shift at the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills but has missed some work recently due to going back and forth to the hospital. George Fisher was an employee at the same plant before his illness.

The couple's children are Chris, 15, Key, 14, Amy, 13, Kim 11, and Lily, 4. All of them will be in school this fall except Lily. The family lives in a large two-story dwelling, formerly a company house for the cotton mill, which they are trying to pay for through financing from a savings and loan association.

Neighbors and the churches of Franklinville have helped the family since the illness of George Fisher, especially last Christmas soon after his illness began. However, friends and fellow employees are now seeking to assist the family.

On Labor Day weekend, beginning Friday afternoon and continuing through six o'clock Sunday evening, a coffee break will be sponsored for the benefit of the family by the Moon Rakers C. B. Club of Franklinville.

The club will accept donations of cakes, cup cakes, cookies, drinks, and coffee for use in the break, whether the donors are members of the C. B. Club or not. It is requested that the cakes be sliced and wrapped if practical to do so.

Those desiring to donate anything for the coffee break are asked to get in touch with the club president, Henry Davis, Phone No. 629-6785, or the club secretary, Mrs. Linda Britt, Phone No. 672-1429. The club president said that every cent of money received in the coffee break would be given to the Fisher family; none of the money will be retained by the club, not even for expenses.

Bailey's Grove Baptizes Nine

Aug. 13, 1976 – Nine members were baptized into the membership of the Bailey's Grove Christian Church last Sunday afternoon in the pool at Camp Nawaka, northeast of Randleman. The church itself is located at North Fayetteville Str.

Camp Nawaka, built on Polecat Creek under a program financed by the government during the depression days of the early thirties, formerly served as a Y. M. C. A. facility out of Greensboro. At another time one of the religious denominations purchased the camp, which consists of buildings, cabins, and two lakes.

But in recent years the various units have been purchased by individuals who used the facilities mostly for weekend outings. Many picnickers and others enjoying the picturesque surroundings were on hand when the Bailey's Grove congregation arrived for the baptism.

However, most of the activities ceased as the baptismal service began and many of the people gathered around to watch the proceedings. The traditional songs were sung and a visiting minister, the Rev. Norton Vail, offered the prayer. The Bailey's Grove pastor the Rev. Martin Davis, opened the doors of the church at the poolside and two

additional people were received into the membership, joining those who had been received previously.

Nine new members were baptized: Brenda Cox, Linda Myers, Steve Cox, Curtis Cox, Brian Henderson, Debbie Henderson, Myrtle Staley, Beulah Hamlet, and Rhonda Cox. Two others were also baptized, including the 13-year-old son of the pastor, Douglas Davis.

The Rev. Davis became the pastor of Bailey's Grove last Nov. . A minister for three years, Bailey's Grove is his first pastorate and the service Sunday afternoon was the first baptismal at which he has officiated. He came from the New Hope Baptist Church east of Star. In earlier days he had attended the Dover Baptist Church.

Many of the new members at Bailey's Grove resulted from a spring revival at the church which the Rev. Odis Dupree was the guest speaker. Seventeen people were converted during his services. The pastor, described by one of the members as "one of the most humble men I have ever seen," said "The Lord has blessed us." The Rev. Davis, a resident of Rt. 2, Seagrove, is a long-time employee at the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills.

The Bailey's Grove church, which was reduced to two or three active members a few years ago, continues to make improvements in its physical structure as well as attendance and the addition of new members. New pews for the sanctuary are expected within a few days.

Kearns - Wood - Johnson Families Celebrate Annual Reunion

Aug. 13, 1976 - The Kearns-Wood-Johnson families held their annual reunion Sunday at the grange hall in Farmer. Members of the Kearns and Wood families have been meeting in reunion since 1921, the Johnson family joined them later.

Deceased family members, whose memory was honored at the reunion session, were Nerius Michael Lowem whose death occurred just prior to the meeting in Winter Haven, Fla; Howard Johnson of Liberty, and Flada Kearns Myers of Asheboro.

Presiding over the session was Robert Johnson of Asheboro, who has retired after serving over 30 years in the Air Force. Vice President is Mrs. Julia Chalmers, of Charlotte, Miss Leah Hammond, of Farmer, serves as the secretary and treasurer.

Recognized for coming the farthest distance to attend the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. Julian (Olivia Kearns) Clark, of Clearwater, Fla. Mrs. Clark was born in Farmer at the home of her grandfather, Harris Kearns. Her father was Walter Kearns.

An increase in attendance was noted at the reunion this year.

Cheek Couple Honored On Fiftieth

Aug. 18, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. Clarence C. Cheek, Rt. 1, Franklinville, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Aug. 15, at a reception held in the Franklinville fire station. Over 200 guests called from 5 until 5 o'clock.

Hosts were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Branson Cheek, Central Falls, and their grandchildren, John and Rebecca Jane.

Clarence Cheek, a native of the area between Asheboro and Franklinville, is the son of the late well-known stone

mason, James Arthur (Dink) Cheek, and Nannie Martindale Cheek, both of who died near the age of 90 six years ago, three weeks apart. He attended the old Franklinville Academy, to which he walked a distance of three and a half miles each way.

Mrs. Cheek, the former Gertrude Presnell, is the daughter of Mrs. Ida Cole Presnell Hill, age 91, and the late John B. Presnell. She was reared south of Asheboro, down the New Hope United Methodist Church road, which church she attended until her marriage. She attended the one-teacher Mountain School and the schools at Seagrove and Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheek got acquainted at the county fair held in Asheboro, at that time on North Fayetteville Street. Cheek recalls that he drove his new Chevrolet Roadster over the muddy dirt road to Asheboro where the mud was ankle-deep at the fairgrounds. Mrs. Cheek's father was a stockholder in the fair organization. The couple were introduced by the late George Presnell, a longtime Asheboro car dealer.

Their marriage occurred Aug. 15, 1926 at the bride's home with her pastor, the Rev. D. I. Garner of the Whynot Charge, officiating. After a Sunday wedding dinner at her home the couple left for a honeymoon at Wrightsville Beach, traveling in a 1922 two-seated Essex.

Like his father, Clarence Cheek was also a stone mason, a trade which he followed for 25 years. There are many houses in Asheboro and vicinity which were built by the two of them working together. Mr. and Mrs. Cheek's own home, in which they lived 49 years this next month, reflects the handiwork of his trade, in the columns and the fireplace and mantel in the front living room.

But several years ago Cheek quit his stone masonry occupation and turned to raising broilers. He has been joined in this task by Mrs. Cheek since her retirement from Kellwood Manufacturing Co. in Siler City at the age of 65. She will be 70 the last day of Aug. Her husband is 72. The couple are members of the Franklinville United Methodist Church.

House of Balfour Annual Reunion Held In Asheboro

Aug. 18, 1976 - Descendants of Col. Andrew Balfour, Revolutionary War hero, and members of other Balfour families from twelve different sates made a pilgrimage to his grave near the Asheboro Municipal Airport while they were in Asheboro Aug. 13-15 holding the annual reunion of the House of Balfour.

The family members, around fifty or more, came from Oklahoma, California, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kansas, North Carolina, Kentucky, Missouri, Georgia, Virginia, Florida, and South Carolina.

Last year the reunion was held in Woodward, Okla., next year it will be held in Dodge City, Kansas. But members of the family wanted particularly to come to Randolph County this year, to celebrate the freedom of the Colonial bicentennial and to pay tribute to the memory of Col. Balfour at his grave site.

Col Balfour, who came to America from Edinburg, Scotland, was murdered by David Fanning and a band of Tories as they invaded his home, located not far from the grave site, on a Sabbath morning, Mar. 10, 1782.

The cemetery, located in a field owned and cultivated by Clegg Rush, contains five graves, side by side. First is the

grave of Andrew Balfour, Jr., who died in 1825, then the grave of Elizabeth Dayton, wife of Col. Andrew Balfour who died in 1818. The center grave is where Col. Balfour was interred, and the other graves in successions are those of Margaret Balfour, sister of Col. Balfour, and Margaret Hughes, his daughter.

When Col. Balfour came to America in 1772 he left behind in Edinburg, Scotland a young wife and daughter. His wife died soon after he came to this country and soon thereafter he married Elizabeth Dayton who is buried beside of him in the cemetery. Elizabeth Dayton Balfour, who was not at home when her husband was brutally murdered, was later appointed Postmistress at Salisbury and resided there.

Col Balfour's sister, Margaret, came to this country after his arrival here, bringing with her Tibby Isabella, the daughter of his first wife. Andrew Balfour, Jr. and Margaret Balfour Hughes, who are buried in the cemetery, are children of his second wife. It is said that Col Balfour's wife and sister came back to live on the 1900-acre plantation, on which the cemetery was located, prior to their deaths.

Tibby Balfour married John Troy from the area around Liberty and their direct descendants include John B. Troy, Thaddeus Lebbeus Troy, Thaddeus Sims Troy, Guy Troy, Sr., who was present for the reunion, and his two sons, Thaddeus Walter Troy and Guy Troy, Jr. Guy Troy, Sr., a retired Colonel now living in Greensboro, said his grandfather, Thaddeus Lebbeus Troy, gave the land on which the Bethany United Methodist Church near Liberty was erected.

On the Sunday morning of the reunion here, after the visitation at the grave of Col. Andrew Balfour on Saturday, members of the reunion attended the service at the Bethany church and later as a group visited the grave site of Tibby Balfour Troy, interred in the Bethany church cemetery.

After the death of Andrew Balfour, Jr. in 1825 his wife, Mary Henley Balfour, a Randolph County native, and her children, all of whom were born in Randolph County, went west and eventually settled in various states in that part of the country. Mary Henley Balfour is buried in Quincy, Ill.

The children of Andrew Balfour, Jr. and his wife Mary Henley Balfour, were Eliza Drake, Keziah Walker, Andrew Balfour, III, John Balfour, Margaret Burke, Sarah Irvin, Samuel Dayton Balfour, Jess Henley Balfour and Nixon Balfour. The husbands of Eliza, James Murray Arthur Drake, and the husband of Keziah, Jabez Walker, were Randolph County men.

Members of the Troy family attending the reunion were descendants of Col. Andrew Balfour through Tibby Balfour Troy, the daughter by his first wife; his other descendants at the reunion were descendants at the reunion were descendants through Andrew Balfour, Jr. his son by his second wife. Nothing has been determined yet about the descendants of his daughter, Margaret Balfour Hughes, if any. It is said that her husband's name was Hudson Hughes.

Most of the other members of the family attending the reunion were descendants of Col. John Balfour, brother of Col. Andrew Balfour, a Royalist who had command of British soldiers, a resident of Charleston, S. C. Among these descendants were John Goldie Balfour, Sr., of Lumber Bridge, N. C., president of the reunion, who handled the arrangements for the event which had as its headquarters the Holiday Inn. Although on different sides of

the Revolutionary War conflict, family members said no animosity existed between the two brothers, Andrew and John Balfour.

After the death and burial of Col. John Balfour in South Carolina his wife and family returned to Scotland and none of them came back until Napier Balfour, father of the reunion president came in 1907. Lineage from Col. John Balfour extends down through his son, Andrew, his grandson, John Hutton, his great-grandson, George Goldie, his great-great-grandson, Napier, his great-great-great-grandson, John Goldie, Sr., and his great-great-great-great-grandson, John Goldie, Jr.

Reunion officers, in addition to the president, were Mike Balfour, of Edmond, Okla., vice president, who was not present; Virgil Balfour-Grice, Norman, Okla., secretary; Mrs. John Goldie, Sr., Lumber Bridge, treasurer; and Mrs. Pearl Balfour Rogers, Laverne, Okla., historian. Mrs. Rogers, great-great-great granddaughter of Col. Andrew Balfour, planned to remain in Asheboro for a few days after the reunion to search local records for additional information on the genealogy of the Balfour family.

Coming the farthest were three family members from California, Mrs. Glenna Cook Barber, Mrs. Neloise Cook Warner and her daughter, Mrs. Jan Warner Cranston, of Rialto. Also present for the reunion were Guy Walker, 89, and his wife, Inez, 88, of Dodge City, Kansas. The reunion began in 1969.

Two local men greeted the family members as they visited the site of the Balfour Cemetery, Clegg Rush, who owns the land surrounding the grave site, and Garrett Dawson, whose family formerly owned some of the Balfour plantation. Rush was praised by family members for clearing and cleaning the cemetery for their visit. Dawson pointed out to family members the site of the old Balfour residence, as he had been told by members of his family and others who have preceded him.

A clump of boxwoods, said to have come from England, almost hide the graves of the two Margarets who are buried in the cemetery. A verse of scripture, "In the day of my trouble, I sought the Lord," is inscribed on Col. Balfour's tombstone. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints" is inscribed on his wife's tombstone and "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God" is inscribed on the tombstone of their daughter.

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Welcomes New Minister

Aug. 19, 1976 – The Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, a minister whose background includes two successful pastorates over a period of 28 years, has become the pastor of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, 1928 N. Fayetteville St.

His first service as the pastor of the church was Sunday, Aug. 8. On the following Saturday evening members of the congregation honored the minister, his wife and son at a buffet supper in the youth building.

The minister comes to Neighbors Grove from the pastorate of the First Wesleyan Church in Gastonia, where he remained for eight years. During his pastorate there the entire church plant was rebuilt at a cost of one-half million dollars.

His first regular pastorate after entering the ministry was at the Aldersgate Wesleyan Church at Falls Church, Va., which he founded and served for twenty years. While there he provided the leadership and assisted in the organization

of the Chantilly Wesleyan Church in Fairfax County, Va. And the Aspen Hill Wesleyan Church in Rockville, Md. He is a native of Fairfax County, Va., an Army veteran of World War II, having served in the European Theater where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He is a graduate of Strayer College. Prior to entering the pastorate full time he supplied a Methodist church for a year.

His wife is the former Virginia Mateer, a native of Arlington, Va., and they are the parents of three sons, two of whom are married. The oldest, Dr. Gareth Lee Cockerill, is serving with his wife and two daughters as missionaries in West Africa; the second son, Dr. James W. Cockerill, a captain in the U. S. Army, is serving his medical residency at Ft. Bragg, N. C. ; and the third son, Dan, 14, will be a tenth-grade student at Asheboro High School this fall. The oldest son's doctoral degree was acquired in theology.

The Rev. Cockerill, who is a member of the conference Board of Christian Education, says he is "looking forward with a great deal of anticipation" to his pastorate at Neighbors Grove.

Seagrove Woman Celebrates Eighty-Sixth Birthday

Aug. 20, 1976 – Mrs. John Wiley Ritter, Rt. 1, Seagrove, whose 86th birthday came on Aug. 18, was honored by her family at a previous time, Sunday, Aug. 8, in order to avoid a conflict with the birthday celebration of another older resident of the community.

All of her seven living children, her 24 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren were present for the annual birthday celebration, except for one grandchild who is living in another state.

The celebration was held at the old home at which Mrs. Ritter has lived since the day of her marriage to her late husband on Apr. 11, 1915. Mr. Ritter died in Jan., 1966 following the observance of their golden wedding anniversary in Apr. of the preceding year.

One daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, died in 1962. Her other children are Robert and Jesse, Rt. 1, Ramseur; Mrs. Luther (Lillian) Needham, Lexie Ritter, Mrs. Kelly (Lucy) Needham, Henry and Willie, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Mrs. Ritter, the former Candace Arena Garner, was born and reared in Moore County near Howard's Mill. Although she has been gone from the community for 61 years, she still retains her membership in the Smyrna United Methodist Church, which she joined as a child. In the early years of her marriage she recalled driving back to Smyrna in her husband's covered wagon to attend the "big meeting" services, a distance of about 10 miles.

For several years her husband peddled chickens, eggs, hogs, turkeys and other produce to Pinehurst, Southern Pines and Aberdeen. For the first years of this occupation he hauled these products in the same covered wagon which his wife used for her transportation to the revival meetings. Sometimes Mrs. Ritter and their young children would make the trip with him, spending one night on the way, two nights in the towns where he sold his produce and one night on the return trip.

Despite Mrs. Ritter's advanced age, she continues to produce a garden each year.

She said "I work a garden; I do all of the hoeing, planting and gathering." Asked why she cultivated such a large garden, she said "I'd rather have something to give than to have somebody give me something."

All of her children live within five miles of her residence, one each on either side of her and two more on the same road.

York Reunion Is Held

Aug. 25, 1976 – The biennial reunion of the George Mike York Family was held Saturday and Sunday of this past weekend. Out of state members came from South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, and Indiana.

Three reunion officers were retained for another two years, Dennis Raymond York, Jr., president; Aytch York, vice president; and Mrs. Jane York Embree, secretary. A new treasurer, Welford Goldston, was elected.

Immediate ancestors of the reunion members were the late George Mike York and his wife, Lou Velia Routh York. Their living children are Sally Ward, Toy York, W. Mike York, Sr., and Vaughn York, Rt. 1, Staley, Raymond York, Pawley's Island, S. C., Aytch York, Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Mozelle Lane, Asheboro, and Mrs. Louvelia Jane Goldston, Leesville, S. C. One daughter, Mrs. Pearl Fowler, is deceased.

Rev. Joe Fowler, of Gary, Ind., husband of the late Mrs. Pearl Fowler, came to be with her family at their reunion. Others from out of the state were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond York, Pawley's Island, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Aytch York, Atlanta, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Raymond York, Jr. and sons and Mr. and Mrs. John Charles York and sons, of Dallas, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Welford Goldston, Leesville, S. C., Mrs. Edris York Yates, West Palm Beach, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Guy York, Panama City, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. George York, Spring, Texas.

First on the agenda for the reunion was a cook-out Saturday evening at the Ramseur Park, followed by a square dance at the Grantville Community Building. On Sunday morning they followed their customary procedure of attending the worship service at the Shady Grove Baptist Church where they attended during their childhood years and where their parents and sister are buried.

The picnic luncheon came afterwards at the old homeplace on Rt. 1, Staley. For the afternoon program Mrs. W. Mike York, Sr. conducted a panel discussion which elicited from the children of George Mike and Lou Velia York recollection of the years which they had spent together.

A bicentennial presentation featured Mike and Mark York, sons of the reunion president, derived from a choral group with whom Mike recently joined on a tour of Europe.

George Needham Celebrates 85th

Aug. 25, 1976 – George K. Needham, Rt. 1, Seagrove, father of 13 children, reached the age of 85 years Aug. 14, the next day his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and other relatives and friends joined him for the annual celebration of his birthday.

He still lives in the house which he started building about the time of his marriage to the late Rachel Ellen Hayes Needham sixty two years ago. The couple moved into the house as soon as the roof and a portion of the floor were completed. Mrs. Needham died in 1969.

Their children, all still living, are Mrs. Moleta Staley, Luther Needham, Kelly Needham, Mrs. Mary Caviness, Edsel Needham, Mrs. Vera Asbill, Mrs. Rosa Owens, Joe Needham, and Monroe Needham, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Brewster Needham, Mrs. Emma Ritter, and Amos Needham, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Hansel Needham, Rt. 1,

Asheboro.

There are 47 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren in the George Needham family. However, it was only this past Feb. 10 that a fourth generation member of the family bearing the Needham name was born. This was Charles Jason Needham, son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie M. Needham and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Needham, all of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

A long time member of Antioch Christian Church, George Needham is still carried on the church roster as an inactive deacon. For many years he served as an active deacon and in other positions in the church near which he has lived throughout his lifetime.

Since his health does not now permit him to attend the regular services a quartet from the church came to sing at his birthday celebration and other people from the church were on hand to wish him well.

Another resident of the Antioch church community, Mrs. John W. Ritter, celebrated her 86th birthday four days after Mr. Needham's birthday, even though her annual family gathering was held one week earlier to avoid a conflict with the Needham celebration.

Two of Mrs. Ritter's daughters, Lillian and Lucy, married Luther and Kelly Needham, sons of Mr. Needham, and one of her sons, Robert Ritter, married Emma, a daughter of Mr. Needham.

Franklinville Methodist Welcomes Young Minister

Aug. 25, 1976 – Franklinville United Methodist Church, organized 137 years ago, has a new pastor, 26-year-old Danny Brown, whose first Sunday there was June 27. It is his first full-time pastorate.

He is a native of the Asheboro area, having been reared just outside the city limits near Delk's Florist. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Harris Brown.

Formerly his parents, his brother, Eddie, and himself sang together as the Brown Family Singers and became well-known locally and elsewhere. The family began to disband as a singing group when Danny went off to college and they now only sing together on rare occasions.

Danny graduated from Asheboro High School in 1968, where he was president of the glee club and a member of the Junior Jaycee Club. Four years later he studied toward a degree in elementary education at Appalachian State University, where he also sang with the men's glee club.

His graduation with a Master of Divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary at Wilmore, Ky. Occurred in May of this year. While at Asbury he was a student pastor on the Port Royal-Mt. Gilead Charge in the Kentucky Conference.

He met his wife, the former Myra Moss, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Moss, Burlington, as a sophomore at Appalachian, and they were married June 6, 1970 before going into their junior year. They are parents of a two-and-one-half year old daughter, Dana. Mrs. Brown will teach this school year at the Charles W. McCrary Elementary School in Asheboro.

It was also in his sophomore year at Appalachian that Danny received the call to preach. His home church was the Brower's Chapel United Methodist Church near Asheboro, where his parents still attend. In this church a year ago he performed his first marriage ceremony, uniting his brother, Eddie, and Miss Margaret Edmond, in

marriage.

The young minister, who is endowed with the faculty of adjusting himself to the culture of a group without the sacrifice of principle, has been received warmly at the Franklinville church, along with the remainder of his family. Already, he has received commendation from members of the congregation, including 83-year-old Mrs. Anna (Annie) Brady, one of the oldest members.

On the other hand, the minister and his wife are happy to be assigned to the church, they are excited over the prospects there and Danny is "glad to be back in Randolph County." Incidentally, Danny's great-grandfather, the late Rev. D. H. Hill, was a veteran Methodist minister in Randolph County.

Kate Hinshaw Honored At Belvidere Reunion

Sept. 2, 1976 – Mrs. Kate Hoover Hinshaw of Randleman was honored at the 14th session of the old Belvidere School reunion Saturday evening at the Sawyersville Wesleyan Church located near the old schoolhouse site.

Mrs. Hinshaw, who will be 88 years of age Sept. 11, is one of the older former students of the schools still living. She has been one of the more faithful members of the reunion group, having been present at each of the reunion sessions.

The program which honored Mrs. Hinshaw was arranged and presented by Mrs. Frances Walker Smith, of Greensboro, who has served as president of the group for several years. First she read a poem, "Little Things," which could also be applied to Mrs. Hinshaw who is small in stature.

At the outset of the program, which was a complete surprise to the one being honored, Mrs. Hinshaw was presented with a pinafore, a child's apron, symbolic of the garments which little girls wore to school when she attended some four score years ago. Placing the pinafore on Mrs. Hinshaw was her niece, Mrs. Lucinda Hoover Ball.

Later on in the program a white crocheted shawl, also a symbol of earlier years, was placed around the shoulders of Mrs. Hinshaw by her sister, Mrs. Fleta Hoover Trotter, also a gift from the former students of the Belvidere School.

Mrs. Hinshaw and Mrs. Trotter, along with an older sister, Mrs. Fannie Hoover Johnson, 91, are the surviving children of the late Franklin Harrison Hoover and Lucinda McDowell Hoover who were residents of the Belvidere School community. Three other children, Lewis Edgar Hoover, Ola Hoover Arnold, and Dewey Harrison Hoover, are deceased.

Mrs. Hinshaw attended the Belvidere School through the 7th grade. She recalled the on-room frame building with the wood stove, and also three of her teachers, Roland Blair, Ella Glass and Jennie Bulla. She said there was no other person at the reunion who attended school at the same time she did, all were younger. She enjoys the reunions and the remembrance of the days when she attended the school. Although people have more material things today, she thinks they were happier back then.

She went to Randleman at the age of 17 and she lived there since that time. She was married to John Hinshaw in 1919 and she and her husband became the parents of a son, Worth Hinshaw, who lives across the street from his mother. Mrs. Hinshaw is still active despite her advanced age, she keeps her house, she sews, she works in her yard and garden and she cans and freezes the things she

grows.

She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Randleman even though she was reared a Quaker in the Back Creek Friends Meeting, at which place her parents are interred.

Mrs. Frances Walker Smith was reelected president of the reunion and Mrs. Ruth Kearns Lawrence was reelected secretary and treasurer. Mrs. Lucinda Hoover Ball was elected vice president to succeed Mrs. Bess Walker Finch who declined to accept reelection.

Church Continues Steady Progress

Sept. 8, 1976 – Faith Temple Baptist Church, located just north of Millboro, continues the progress it has steadily maintained since its organization something over five years ago.

Two achievements recently have been the completion of a new addition and the calling of Joe Farlow, 28, as the assistant pastor and youth director. He also teaches a teenage class.

The Faith Temple church has had an unusual ministry. Its beginning was preceded by a tent ministry in the yard at the home of its found, the Rev. Richard J. Trogdon, on Rt. 1, Franklinville. Afterwards the church was organized in the minister's living room.

At first worship services were held in a mobile unit placed in the yard at the Trogdon residence. Later a second organization both mobile units were moved to its present four-acre site, joined together by a vestibule and front entrance.

Two year later the space between the two mobile units was utilized in the erection of a sanctuary with a seating capacity of approximately 225, including the choir area. This has now been followed by an addition attached to one of the mobile units for use by a children's church.

The new addition is used during the Sunday School hour by the adult class and two junior classes. A small kitchen area has also been provided for the men's fellowship breakfast meetings which are held monthly. Air conditioning has been installed in the sanctuary and the most recent addition.

The new assistant pastor and youth director, Joe Farlow, lives in Randleman with his wife, the former Toni Maness, and their two-year-old son, Thomas Thad. He is employed by the Randolph County Sheriff's Department as the Crime Prevention Officer. In this capacity he makes many public appearances at church, civic, school, and community meetings. An Air Force veteran with two years of service in Southeast Asia, he was formerly employed as an ambulance driver for Ridge Funeral Home.

While living in the northwestern part of the county Mr. and Mrs. Farlow attended the Church of God in Lexington where the young minister taught a Sunday School class, served as president of the Young Peoples Endeavor, and was affiliated with Pioneers for Christ. He is evangelistically inclined and occupied the pulpit at the Faith Temple church during the indisposition of the pastor before being asked to assume his present positions at the church.

Called to the ministry a year ago and recently licensed by the Faith Temple church, an ordination service for Joe Farlow will be held in the near future. The pastor, the Rev. Mr. Trogdon, manifested the pleasure of himself and the congregation towards the securing of Farlow and his wife as additions to the staff and congregation of the church.

The pastor also stated that it is the intention of the congregation to adopt as their next project the erection of a full-fledged sanctuary in the area between the present complex of buildings and the cemetery which was established after the church located at the present site.

Brush-Arbor Revival Planned

Sept. 14, 1976 – Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro will hold an old-timey brush arbor revival beginning Wednesday evening and running through Sunday.

The brush arbor has already been erected on a piece of land across the road from the church, adjacent to the cemetery, which the church is in the process of purchasing. Services will begin each evening at 7:30. The Sunday morning service is expected to begin about 10:45.

This old-fashioned revival meeting will be the church's contribution to the bicentennial observance. Many members of the congregation will be dressed in old-fashioned attire for the Sunday morning service and it is anticipated that an earlier mode of vehicles will be brought to the service, such as a covered wagon, horse and buggy and other means of transportation reminiscent of former days.

The Parks Richey Family from Guilford Wesleyan Church will provide special singing during the brush arbor services. On Sunday evening the youth choir will present a patriotic rendering entitled "In God We Trust." Dinner on the grounds will be held during the noon hour on Sunday.

Members of the congregation spent two weekends clearing the site and building the brush arbor. The ground underneath the arbor has been covered with sawdust. Kerosene lamps will provide the lighting and songs will be sung to the accompaniment of an old pump organ. Timber from the sawmill of one of the members will provide the benches for seating.

The idea for the brush arbor meeting most surely must have come from the veteran pastor of the church, the Rev. D. R. Saunders, who recalled that the first revival meeting he conducted was in a similar structure on his grandfather's farm in Montgomery County, north of Troy. At that time he was only 17 years of age.

Then, too, this first brush arbor revival meeting the minister held was located near the Lovejoy Methodist Church, where he attended as a child and as a young man, the place where he was converted, and the burial site for his parents and grandparents.

Lovejoy has always been noted for its outdoor brush arbor and tabernacle-type structure, which is still standing in a restored condition, and its camp meeting days. The Rev. Saunders also remembered attending some of the "tremendous" camp meeting services at Lovejoy, when the people would come in wagons to stay throughout the duration of the services, preparing their food at the camp meeting site, sleeping on straw beds and sometimes even bringing their cows with them.

the active ministry of the Rev. Saunders has extended over a period of forty years. He served pastorates in Albemarle, Lexington and Burlington before serving with his wife as missionaries to the West Indies for four years and in South America near the Brazilian border for two years. After their missionary assignments they served a pastorate in Salisbury for ten years before coming to Sawyersville church, were they have just gone into their fifth year.

Mrs. Effie Kirkman Celebrates 90th Birthday

Sept. 15, 1976 – Mrs. Effie Mae Steele Kirkman celebrated her 90th birthday Sunday, Sept. 5, with family and friends at a dinner held in the Worthville Community Building.

Mrs. Kirkman came to Worthville at an early age to work in the cotton mill. She was a native of the Flint Hill section west of Sophia.

She was married in 1964 at the age of 18 to John Franklin (Frank) Kirkman whose death occurred in 1966. Their marriage occurred in the mill office at an early hour in the morning, after which the couple went to nearby Millboro where they boarded the train for Greensboro.

The couple worked for awhile at the Revolution Cotton Mill in Greensboro before coming back to Worthville where Mrs. Kirkman has lived since that time. Her husband purchased the mill company farm and it is at this place that she is still living. Since the death of her husband her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Kirkman, have been living with her.

Other living children are Mrs. Colon (Ola) Garner, Randleman, Junius Kirkman, Rt. 3, Randleman, Mrs. Edward (Virginia) Allred, Rt. 1, Climax, Ray Kirkman, Denton, A Sergeant with the State Highway Patrol with 29 years of service, and Cleo Kirkman, Rt. 1, Randleman.

One daughter, Mrs. Annie Davis, died in 1937. There were four other children who died at an early age. There are 17 grandchildren and 29 great-grandchildren.

Among out of town relatives in attendance at the birthday celebration were members of the families of both Mrs. Kirkman and her late husband. Also present was her former neighbor from "across the mountain," Mrs. Fannie Hinshaw Pritchard, who will be 77 in Oct., and members of her family.

Mrs. Kirkman was presented with a birthday cake and various other gifts on the occasion of her birthday. She is a member of the Worthville United Methodist Church and was extended special recognition at the morning worship service prior to the celebration in the community building. She is especially known in the Worthville area for having formerly sold for many years milk and home made butter.

Mrs. Sarah Scott Notes Birthday

Sept. 20, 1976 – Mrs. Sarah C. "Sadie" Scott, a lifelong resident of Ramseur, celebrated her 87th birthday Tuesday, Sept. 14, at her home on the Coleridge Road. Her husband, Eligah (Bige) Scott, died in 1960.

All of the children of Bige and Sadie Scott are still living. The first born were their six daughters, the last to be born were their two sons.

Their children are Mrs. James (Artis) Hicks, Rt. 1, Staley; Mrs. Herbert (Pauline) Brower, Rt. 4, Siler City; Mrs. J. T. (Mae) Smith and Mrs. Mary Stutts, Ramseur, Mrs. Ray (Gillie) Smith, Rt. 1, Asheboro; Mrs. Hugh (Mildred) Henson, Rt. 1, Franklinville; Cletus Oliver (Buddy) Scott and Howard Scott, both of whom live at home with their mother.

Mrs. Scott is afflicted with a heart ailment but is still able to be up and around. She is looked after by her six daughters who take turns staying with her and assisting with the

duties of her household, including the cooking and laundry of the clothing.

The two oldest girls, Artis and Pauline, take their turns during the day since they are not engaged in public employment. Their sisters, who work, come in at other times. Mae and Mary live nearby and are available in time of need, especially Mary, whose husband is deceased.

Mrs. Scott has attended throughout her lifetime the Ramseur Christian Church which is located near her home. A fixture in the town in which she has spent her life, she has reared eight children who are devoted to her and she is held in respect by the others who know her.

Her father, Dallas Coward, died in 1940. Her mother died when she was quite young. She has two half-brothers, Sam Coward, Ramseur, and March Coward, Danville, Va.

Church Facilities Dedicated

Sept. 23, 1976 – A service of dedication for a New Fellowship Hall and Youth Center at First Presbyterian Church took place in the courtyard of the new structure recently at the conclusions of the worship service.

Leading the ritual of didication was the church minister, Rev. Wilkes Macaulay, a symbolic presentation of the keys to the new building was made by W. R. Gray, III, chairman and also participating was the architect, Robert W. Hedrick.

Facilities provided for in the new \$226,680 building which is attached to the existing structure, located four Sunday School classrooms, offices for the minister and associate minister, secretary's office, a larger fellowship hall, a youth center, rest rooms and storage space.

Other committee chairmen involved in the building programs were E. Reid Craig, Sr., building fund, and Archie I. Smith, Jr., church furnishings. General contractor was S. E. Trogdon & Sons.

The day of dedication started off with breakfast in the New Fellowship Hall, served by the Covenant Class. Speaker for a church school rally day program in the same area followed breakfast, at which Albert Long, a prominent sports figure, was speaker.

Rev. Mr. Macaulay's sermond subject for the worship service was "Here We Raise Our Ebenezer." His text came from 1 Samuel 7:12, "Samuel then took a stone and placed it between Mizpah and Jeshanah and named it Ebenezer (meaning, "the Stone of Help"), for he said, The Lord has certainly helped us."

Asheboro's First Presbyterian Church was organized in 1850 with 13 charter members. It was the first Presbyterian congregation to be organized in Randolph County. Two years later the first building was erected on Worth St. In 1967 the congregation moved to its present structure at the corner of Walker and Park Streets.

Wilson's Hold Reunion

Sept. 24, 1976 – The fourth reunion of the family of Henry and Fannie Blalock Wilson was held Sunday, Sept. 19, at New Center Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, located in the vicinity of the Wilson homeplace.

Children of Henry and Fannie Wilson, all now deceased, were Mary Beatrice Spencer, Ida Florence Smith, Heppie Davidson, Joe Wilson, David Wilson, and Robert Wilson. Also, Fannie Wilson was the mother of a son, Ross Allred, who was born to her marriage with Snyder Allred, who died prior to her marriage to Henry Wilson.

Two of the sons, David and Robert, served in World War I. David was sent overseas to serve in Germany. A few years after his return, on May 27, 1925, he was killed in the Cummock land mine disaster near Glendon in Moore County. However, the first death in the family occurred in 1918 when Ida Florence Smith died at the age of 33 while her brothers were away from home because of their military duties.

Henry and Fannie Wilson and their son, David, are buried in the cemetery at New Center church which was considered the "home church" of the couple. But around 1912 a brush arbor was erected at their home on Fork Creek and camp meetings were held there with people coming by horses, wagons and buggies from far and near to take part in the all-day services.

Fannie Wilson served the people of her community and elsewhere as a midwife. She answered the calls for her services at all times of the day and night and in all kinds of weather. Those desiring her help would come from miles around with horse and buggy to procure her services. Sometimes she would be gone for a week. She died suddenly in 1921, her husband died ten years later.

Officers of the reunion are Wilson Davidson, president, who has served since the reunion was organized the third Sunday in Sept., 1973, David Wilson, vice president, and Mrs. Dorothy Wilson Chriscoe, secretary and treasurer.

Speaker for the fourth reunion session was the Rev. Bill Roberts, pastor of the New Center church. The reunion has contributed generously to the construction of the new fellowship building at the church.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Swannie Spencer Waugh, oldest member of the family present, Jamie Wilson, four-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Wilson, youngest member of the family present, Hobert Wilson, largest family present, and to Mr. and Mrs. Howell (Daisy Wilson) Sheppard, who traveled the furthest distance.

One member of the family, Albert Wilson, had died since the last reunion had been held.

New Officers Installed

Sept. 24, 1976 - Installation of new officers at the New Market Civitan club took place Friday evening at the club's meeting in the Community Building. Installing officer was Carl L. King, Lieutenant-Governor for N. C. District West.

Elected to serve as officials of the club for the incoming year are Chris Hinshaw, president; Theodore B. (Bun) Pugh, vice president; Guy Steed, secretary and president-elect; and Max Farlow, treasurer.

Both retiring president, Gary Bishop, and Julian Blalock, selected by his fellow members to receive the "Civitan of the Year Award," received standing ovations when presented their respective plaques. Awards were also received by Lewis Loflin, who served as treasurer for the past three years, and Chris Hinshaw, who left the position of secretary to become the incoming president.

The lieutenant-governor presented "minute men awards" to Gary Bishop, Lewis Loflin, Herb Smith, Gib Davis, Clyde Henderson, and Alfred Thomas for having recruited new members during the year.

Presentation of the annual awards to students at the New Market School also occurred at the meeting. Those receiving these awards were Eleanor Farlow, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Colon Farlow, scholastic; Julie Spangler, 10, daughter of Mrs. Irene Spangler, citizenship; and John

Johnson, II, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Johnson, citizenship.

It was announced at the meeting that Curtis Farlow, former president of the club and former Lieutenant-Governor for N. C. District West, had been named as the state-wide chairman of Boys Home and also the chairman of the committee for the physically handicapped and mentally retarded.

New Assistant Pastor

Sept. 24, 1976 - A new assistant pastor, the Rev. Joe Peterson, has assumed duties at the First Wesleyan Church in Randleman. He accepted the call to the ministry two years ago.

A native of the area west of Flint Hill, he is the son of G. W. and Flava Lanier Peterson. He attended the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting during childhood and young manhood, but was affiliated with Mt. Olive Wesleyan Church upon coming to the position at the Randleman church.

He attended the school at Trinity, God's Bible School in Cincinnati, Ohio, and is currently a sophomore at John Wesley College in Greensboro. He was married to the former Jean Threadgill, of Randleman, in 1968 and they are the parents of two sons, Joseph Wesley, 7, and Brian, who will be four next month. Mrs. Peterson is an employee of Laughlin Hosiery Mill.

Duties of the new assistant pastor will include responsibilities for the outreach ministry of the church which began with a busing program on Sunday morning, September, 19.

Gunter Couple Celebrates Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sept. 29, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gunter, Merle Drive, Rt. 3, Trinity, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Sept. 26. Gunter is a religious leader and a retired educator with 46 years in the teaching field.

Their children Mr. and Mrs. Kent (Pat) Brendle, Boonville; Mr. and Mrs. James Millard Gunter, Archdale, were hosts at the reception in the fellowship area at Trinity United Methodist Church from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Another son, George T. Gunter, Jr, died in 1959. His children, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gunter, III of Houston, Texas; and Mrs. Cynthia Gunter Smith and daughter Christina, of St. Petersburg, Fla., were among the two great-grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Gunter at the anniversary reception.

George Thomas Gunter was born in the area west of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church, where he spent his formative years, the son of John and Sonda Brown Gunter. His great-grandfather, The Rev. William R. Brown, was a pioneer Christian minister in that area. He received his first education in the Center School, located near the Holly Springs Friends Meeting and more familiarly known as "rabbit gnaw." The school, a one room building, was later curtailed off for two teachers. Later a two-room structure with an upstairs assembly room was erected.

After going through the ninth grade at this school he completed his high school education at Liberty where he "batched" for two years, graduating in 1921. It was at the Liberty school that he met his wife, the former Eva Wrenn, a native of Erect and daughter of Millard F. and Cora Tyson

Wrenn. But it was not until after he attended Elon College for two years, taught school at Seagrove and completed a year of teaching at Mt. Olivet, the school his wife first attended, that they began their courtship.

They were married Sept. 30, 1926 at the Methodist parsonage in Coleridge by her pastor, the Rev. H. F. Starr, whose circuit included Mrs. Gunter's home church of Mt. Olivet. Their residence also began in Coleridge where Gunter had been hired to teach for that school year.

Besides Seagrove, Mt. Olivet and Coleridge, schools at which he taught were Parks Cross Roads, Central Falls, Ulah, New Hope, Cedar Falls, Brower, and Trinity in Randolph County and Davis-Townsend in Davidson County. For the first twenty years of his career he served as principals of the schools at which he taught for 19 years. He retired at the end of the school year in 1969.

For many years he was an active layman in the church at Pleasant Ridge and served in various capacities within the denomination, including president of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Congregational-Christian Conference for two years, 1947-49. He also taught Sunday School classes in churches of other denominations in the communities where he taught.

Upon moving to Trinity 33 years ago he and Mrs. Gunter began attending the Trinity Methodist Church where he has taught a class and served a general superintendent of the Sunday School. During his attendance and participation at the church he has been named to Who's Who in the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Gunter before her retirement was employed at the Belk-Beck Department Store in High Point for 16 years, many of these years as the head of a department.

Williams Pair Honored On 25th Anniversary

Oct. 1, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Williams were honored Sunday afternoon, on the occasion of their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary at a reception at their home at 315 Old Liberty Road. Approximately 100 guests called.

Hostess for the occasion were Mrs. Williams nieces, Misses Debbie and Denise Bonkemeyer, Misses Sharon and Christie Bonkemeyer, Miss Teresa Laughlin, Miss LuAnn Rumbley, Mrs. Darlene Reeder and Miss Elaine Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married Sept. 28, 1951, in High Point. Mrs. Williams, the former Loretta Bonkemeyer, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Bonkemeyer and a lifelong resident of the North Asheboro area. Marvin Williams is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Willie Williams and a native of Moore County.

At the time of their marriage, Williams was serving with the Army during the Korean War period. For most of the time since their marriage he has been employed with Laughlin Hosiery Mill in Randleman. Mrs. Williams is associated with Bonk's Cleaners, Inc. a business owned by her family.

The couple are members of Giles Chapel United Methodist Church. Among the guests present for their anniversary celebration was their pastor, the Rev. Bill Hedgpeh, and his family,

Gallimores Hold First Reunion

Oct. 6, 1976 - The first reunion of the family of Jesse and Eugenia Surratt Gallimore was a nostalgic event, it was

their first get-together as a family group since the death of their parents. Even though Jesse Gallimore died in 1958 and Mrs. Gallimore ten years later there was still much sentiment and emotion in evidence at the reunion.

There are 113 direct descendants of Jesse and Eugenia Gallimore. 11 Children, 40 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. Approximately 100 of them including in-laws, were present for the first reunion Saturday afternoon, Sept. 18, in the grange hall at Farmer.

Children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gallimore are Mrs. Hayes (Grace) McDowell, Mrs. Alfred (Beulah) Hinesley, Mrs. Everett (Neta) Cagle, and Mrs. Russell (Thelma) Wallace, Asheboro; Talton Gallimore, Rt. 2, Thomasville, Mrs. Danny (Esther) Garner, Rt. 2, Denton; Mrs. Ashley (Zeola) Trotter, Rt. 3, Asheboro; Starling Gallimore, Durham; Milton Gallimore, Rt. 11, Lexington; Ratio Gallimore, Rt. 2, Trinity; and Monelle Gallimore, Thomasville. Their order of their births were, Grace, Talton, Esther, Zeola, Beulah, Starling, Neta, Milton, Ratio, Thelma, and Monelle.

The family was reared at the old home place in western Randolph County, in sight of the Davidson County line, near the Canaan Methodist Church where their parents area buried. Living at the old home place before them were Emsley and Mirinda Gibson Gallimore, parents of Jesse Gallimore.

Grace, the oldest, opened the meeting by reading Psalm 121. Her son, the Rev. Everett McDowell, of Tucson, Ariz., prayed and also expressed appreciation for his grandparents, Jesse and Eugenia Gallimore, saying, "I hold many memories of their lives." Later on in the program, Jerry Trotter, a lay speaker in the Seagrove Christian Church and son of Zeola, expressed similar feelings about his grandparents and offered prayer prior to the partaking of the bountiful reunion meal.

Entertainment for the meeting was provided by the Carolinian Singers, of which Ken McDowell, also a son of Grace, is a member. The family roll was called, including all descendants, their husbands and wives, but most of the time was spent in reminiscence and fellowship. The family has talked for years about holding a reunion and they made the most of it.

Plans were made to hold another reunion next year. Officers named were Mrs. Grace McDowell and Mrs. Neta Cagle, co-chairmen; Mrs. Zeola Trotter, secretary; and Mrs. Esther Garner, treasurer.

New Sanctuary

Oct. 6, 1976 - A new sanctuary for the Balfour Baptist Church, 1644 North Fayetteville St., will be occupied by the congregation Sunday morning, Oct. 10, but a "new look" will also pervade the complex of buildings, in addition to the new structure. Last week a new 36-foot steeple was hoisted in its place atop the new building. The congregation has worshipped at its present site since 1933 but neither of the two previous buildings have had a steeple. The people of the church are real happy about the steeple, many of them expressed a desire that one be placed on the new building. Others in the community, not knowing of the plans to acquire the steeple, had manifested concern that the plans might not include the steeple. But now everybody is happy, the congregation and the residents of the community. Present plans call for the dedication of the new sanctuary Sunday morning, Oct. 24.

Full Slate Of Activities

Oct. 6, 1976 - Club 21, organized now for the past six months or so, has engaged in various activities of a social nature. It is hoped in the future the club will become involved in a community project or projects. The club is also known as the "singles club."

Beach trips, dinner dances, a pig-picking, pool parties and covered dish suppers have kept the club members busy up to the month of Sept. For Sept. and Oct. another covered dish supper and pool party, a bowling outing, another pig picking, volley ball, par 3 golf, and old timey hay ride and weiner roast, and a Halloween "mask" party was planned.

Some activities such as dinner and general get-togethers also occurred prior to the organization of the club while a steering committee, composed of Frank Timberlake, Donna Shaw, Tim Smith, Susan Freeman, and Jim Wright, formulated the preliminary plans which preceded the organization of the club.

Discussion with the Chamber of Commerce and the writing of rules and bylaws went into the organization of the club. Three requirements were established, a prospective member had to be 21 years of age, a resident of Randolph County and legally single.

Officers named were Michael Flack, president; Bill Hefner, vice-president; Mae Brantley, secretary; and Ruth Hayes, treasurer. Committee chairmen are D. K. McLaughlin, Jr., membership; Becky Bulla, rules and bylaws; Peggy Haywood, activities; and Janice Chriscoe, program. Officers and committed chairmen, along with two members-at-large, Lynwood Allred and Teena Presness, comprise the board of directors.

The general meeting of the club is held the third Thursday evening in the each month. The directors meet every second Tuesday. Out of the county visitors are allowed to come with a member. But if they are a resident of the county you must join the club after three visits.

Membership in the club consists of more than 80 members. Usually 40 or more are in attendance at the regular meetings. At one function of the club the attendance reached 170. Persons interested in joining the club are asked to contact the membership chairman, D. K. McLaughlin, Jr., at Radio Station WGWR, phone no. 625-2187.

Reason for the organization of the club was the absence of a facility for a single person to meet other single people. This particularly applied to a single person who just moved into the county or a person who had become divorced.

At 83 He Still Sets His Own Pace

Oct. 7, 1976 - Lexie Williard Cox, Rt. 1, Seagrove, has never given way to the mad rush of living and the desire for modern conveniences like most of the rest of us. He has never accelerated his way of living just because somebody else does.

He celebrated his 83rd birthday Sunday, Sept. 26. He still lives in the house to which he first moved 18 months before his marriage to Bessie Kearns, daughter of B. F. Kearns, a Methodist preacher. This too was not a "hurry up" matter, he was 38 years old when he got married.

He has been a farmer all of his life but he has never owned a tractor. Although mostly retired from farming, he still keeps a horse, according to him the "plowinest horse

in the country." He used to keep "four good horses." He said, "I'm a horse man."

Also on his farm lot are two milk cows and a calf. One of the cows is a four-gallon milker. Asked if he sold milk, he said the cows were kept for company, that they did not use much milk. There are also a few chickens.

Actually, Lexie Cox has bought and sold horses and cows for most of his life. He recalled his first trade in Asheboro in 1910 when he swapped his horse for a mule. "I didn't lose anything," he said. He can tell the age of a horse or cow by looking at their teeth and prides himself that the out-guessed a local veterinarian recently in this area.

At the age of 14 he started cutting wheat with a hand-operated scythe which carried a 52-inch blade. He started plowing with a two-horse plow when he was too small to turn the plow around at the end of the field. All of this occurred on the farm on which his parents, Simon and Rebecca Needham Cox, reared their seven children. When the corn was laid by he recalled working in his father's blacksmith shop.

Lexie still lives on about half of his father's original farm of 207 acres. The neatly kept house in which he and his wife live was built for the sawmill hands to live in when he was a little boy. He built more on to it when he got married.

When the rural electrification company came by his house he gave them a right-of-way to go on to the other houses on the road but he did not connect up for 25 years. Another thing he was not in a hurry about is the purchase of a television, he said, "I'm not going to get one, not for a while." But perhaps the most unusual of his lack of habits is the fact he has only drunk one bottle of ale in the past 45 years.

His health is "pretty fair," attributable maybe to the abstention of soft drinks, he said "I sleep good, I eat good." He and his wife live quietly, they attend regularly the services at the Antioch Christian Church, located near their home. Lexie said, "I've been 12 years without missing, son it will be 13." He said he was raised to go to church, "as long as I can remember.

He is statistical expert on the past history of the community in which he was born and has lived these 83 years and he keeps up on what is going on at the present time. He said there are six men in Brower Township, in which he lives, who older than he is. They include his double first cousin, George Needham, his first cousin, Eben Cox, Coy Comer, Clayton Kiser, Lexie McKinnon, and Archie Brady.

Lexie Cox and wife, Bessie, will continue to live out their lives in the manner to which they have become accustomed. They have not allowed the swift pace of living to overtake them. They are better off because of it. Perhaps the world would be better off if the rest of us followed their example.

Ninety-Fourth Birthday Celebrated With Humor

Oct. 13, 1976 - Mrs. J. E. Shaw, 232 Uwharrie St. widow of a pioneer preacher, became 94 years old on Oct. 1. On the Sunday following her birthday, open house was held in her honor.

The former Corinna Alice Voncannon, born in the Pisgah area, Mrs. Shaw has 100 living descendants—seven children, 24 grandchildren, 50 great-grandchildren, and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

Her living children are Dora Wright, Ora Leonard, Preston Shaw, Little Parks, Harvey Shaw, Martin Shaw, and James Shaw. A daughter, Ruth Shaw, died Sept. 12, 1938, and another daughter, Etta York, died eleven months later. Two children died while babies.

She was married to her late husband over 77 years ago. He died June 23, 1967, at the age of 89. For 60 years he was a preacher, 54 years of which he served as a pastor in various Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist churches.

He pioneered at many of the churches he served, receiving very little money at this early pastorates and often having to work at public jobs to maintain a livelihood for his wife and family. He preached 20 years after the age of retirement, accepting superannuation only at the age of 85, but serving as supply pastor three years after that.

Some four years ago Mrs. Shaw published a mimeographed edition of "The Life and Work of Rev. Jesse Edgar Shaw," her husband. Two years later she published a similar edition of "Things I Really Know About Asheboro."

She recalled the Charleston Earthquake which occurred in 1866. She was living with her family at Central Falls at the time. She said, "I remember seeing people, even grown men, running down the streets in their night clothes, while they carried their clothes in their hands. The houses shook, the windows and dishes rattled, and it was indeed a scary time."

She remembers later moving to Asheboro when there was only one place which sold lumber. "Petty's Lumber Shop," and only one place where people could get "ready made" clothing, Wood and Moring. Her father operated a shoe shop where he made solid leather shoes both inside and outside for \$2.50 to \$3 a pair and half-soled shoes for fifty cents a pair.

Mrs. Shaw's mind and memory are remarkably clear. She said, "I cook for myself, I get around the house, I read, crochet and do anything I want to do." Her hair is still black, even though she admires white hair, and she doesn't know what a beauty shop looks like; she's never been in one. Her constant companion is her little dog, Frisky, who was secured for her by her husband just a short time before he died.

A rare display of humor was injected by her into the birthday celebration when she put on one of the bonnets which she had made this past summer along the styles of the 1890's and paraded before the family, typifying an old granny by using her cane and stooping her shoulders. She cut and sewed the stylish looking bonnets from memory, she used no pattern.

Cravens Hold 32nd Annual Reunion

Oct. 13, 1976 - Members of the Craven family expanded their annual reunion into a two session event this year as they observed their 32nd observance of the family gathering.

The first session was held Saturday evening, Oct. 2, in the fellowship hall at the Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, consisting of a barbecue supper and the awarding of prizes for bicentennial costumes.

Mrs. Madge Craven Wray won first prize by wearing her mother's wedding dress, hand sewn, dating back to 1903. Mrs. Wray also wore the dress at her own wedding in 1933. Mrs. Hettie Craven Mottern won the second place award.

The second day session was held at Holly Springs Friends Meeting where the one-day sessions have been held in

past years. Dr. W. R. Frank Craven, Professor of History, Princeton University, was the speaker.

Prizes were awarded to Mrs. Ida Stalkner for having the largest family in attendance; Claude W. Craven, 86, oldest person present; Mrs. Edwie Marley, also 86, second oldest person present; Gregg Stalker, less than a year old, youngest person present; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lambert, most recently married couple in attendance; and Miss Murl Clark, Indinola, Iowa, the person who traveled the farthest to attend.

Deceased members of the family, honored in memorium during the 1976 reunion, included J. H. Cox, Ben F. Craven, Macie Cox Craven, Myrtle Smith Craven, Edna Huffine Downs, Homer Moffitt, Golda Craven York, Everett E. Rains, Sadie Craven Swing, Grace Brown Suggs, and Thomas F. Vestal.

Officers of the reunion are president, Gary Craven; first vice president, Wayland Ingold; second vice president, Virtle Craven Holloway; secretary and treasurer, Mary Craven Purvis; and assistant secretary and treasurer, Edyth Craven.

Members of the Craven family stem from the original Peter Craven who settled on 597 acres of land on Deep River (Flat Creek) in 1761. His sons were Thomas, Peter II, Joseph, Esquire John, Daniel, and Henry.

Ether Church Congregation Burns Note On Mortgage

Oct. 14, 1976 - The congregation of the Ether Congregational Christian Church (United Church of Christ), consisting of only 32 active members, paid off the mortgage on their indebtedness in less than four years, enabling them to hold a note-burning and dedication service Sunday morning, Oct. 3.

A complete new church plant has replaced the previous building at Ether which was erected at the time of the organization of the church in 1910. The new facilities include sanctuary, classrooms, pastor's study, rest rooms and a fellowship area in basement. Cost of the entire structure was approximately \$100,000.

Groundbreaking for the new building took place on Sunday, Nov. 28, 1971, with many friends, out-of-town members in attendance. At this time a total of \$15,330 was raised in cash or pledges towards the erection of the new building, to be added to the amount of \$11,056.03 which already existed in the building fund.

The first worship service in the new building took place on the fourth Sunday in Sept. in 1972, even though portions of the building had not yet been completed. On Oct. 1, 1972, a loan was secured for the amount of \$24,860 to enable the congregation to complete the building. This money was borrowed for a period of seven years.

But the small, dedicated group of people at the Ether church did not let the mortgage on their church run its full course, they authorized their treasurer to pay \$500 on the note at any time it could be spared from the treasury. Because of this determination they were able to pay it off far ahead of the allotted time.

Modestly, the active members of the Ether church do not claim the full credit for the achievement which has been wrought. They give credit first to God; then they recognize the prayers, the loyalty and the generosity of so many interested people.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony were the co-chairman of the building committee, Jack Floyd and Leonard Kern, and the board of deacons, Lacy Ingold, Richard Kern, Floyd Mabe, Paul Phillips, and Benjamin Kern.

The Rev. Edwin Alcorn, associate conference minister of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, delivered the sermon and led the congregation in the litany of dedication.

Staley Class of '49 Holds Reunion

Oct. 14, 1976 - The class of 1949 at Staley High School, numbering 14, held their first reunion Saturday night, Oct. 2, at the Shrimp Boat Restaurant, Rt. 1, Staley. The high school was discontinued in 1958, the older classes a few years later.

Some members of the class had not seen each other since graduation. A slight restraint prevailed as the former graduates became re-acquainted for the years of absence. But that soon disappeared as pictures of children and grandchildren were passed around, along with old school pictures, and many incidents of their school days together were recalled.

Cordelia Moffitt Hicks, who served as the class president 27 years ago, presided over the first reunion. Other class officers were Vernelle Holmes Leonard, vice president; Clara Edwards Burgess, secretary; and Ben Smith, treasurer.

Only two class members married each other, Linda Allred and Clarence W. (Poodle) Williams. Other class members are Clyde Clark, Shirley Snoddy Garland, Annie Vickery Black, Betty Lou Lednum McPherson, Patsy Martin Hall, Lucy Lane Ingle, Lucy Mae Lineberry, and Alice Poe Vickery. Only two of them were absent for the reunion, Alice Poe Vickery, and Annie Vickery Black.

Franklinville Native Returns To Celebrate 80th Birthday

Oct. 15, 1976 - Hazel Pilkenton, of Gray Court, S. C., located in Laurens County, came back to his home town of Franklinville for the celebration of his 80th birthday.

He and his wife, the former Lucy Stutts, left Franklinville in 1952 to live in Laurens, S. C. At one time they had both a daughter and son living there. However, neither live there at the present time.

Despite the death of his wife in 1966 and the departure of his daughter and son from that area, Hazel Pilkenton continues to live in the adjoining state. But his heart remains in the place where he was born and lived until he was past the middle years of his life.

At the family gathering in his honor, held in the dining area at the Franklinville Fire Station, he reminisced about his life in Franklinville and recalled what his mother had told him about his birth at 3:30 in the morning exactly 80 years from the day of his birthday dinner.

He said his birth took place in an old two-story house, across from the school building on the "biggest frosty morning" that had been witnessed. The house is still standing and Hazel Pilkenton said, "if I had the money I'd come back and buy it."

He said he attended the school which operated as a free school for four months but if you went the other three months of the school year you had to pay for it. But

Professor Dave Weatherly, a famous Franklinville teacher and principal, let him attend the extra three months without paying, in exchange for his services at the Weatherly home, splitting wood, and tending to the cows and hogs.

His parents were Joseph Edgar and Caroline Mullinax Pilkenton. A brother, Bennie Pilkenton, who was present at the birthday celebration, and a sister, Mrs. Ethel Jones, are also living, another brother, Harvey Pilkenton, and a sister, Mrs. Bernice Curtis, are deceased.

Four children were born to Hazel and Lucy Pilkenton, Mrs. Mary Hazel Allred, Franklinville, Mrs. Amy Gatlin, Belmont; John Wesley Pilkenton, Alexandria, La., and Mrs. Lillie Mae Wilson, Bremen, Ga., all of whom were present for their father's birthday celebration except Mrs. Wilson. Six of his eight grandchildren were also present for the family gathering.

Rev. Elmer Graves and his wife, Corina, who had many contacts with the Pilkenton family in previous years, were also among those present. The Rev. Mr. Graves offered the prayer for the occasion. Also mingling with the family on the occasion were more long time friends, James and Lizzie Matthews.

Church Celebrates Opening

Oct. 15, 1976 - The "final opening" of the new Shady Grove United Methodist Church building, located at Rt. 6, Asheboro, just off highway 64, was held Sunday afternoon, Oct. 10.

Rev. Billy Hunter, pastor of West Bend United Methodist Church, was the speaker for the occasion. Music was provided by the choir from the church pastured by Rev. David Strickland who served as contractor for the new structure. Rev. Mrs. Sophia East is the pastor at Shady Grove.

The plight of the Shady Grove congregation and their need for new facilities was called to the attention of the denomination and the community something over a year ago by Dr. Eugene Peacock, then district superintendent, and Rev. Mrs. East, the church pastor.

The church building at that time was in the neighborhood of 80 years old and had become unsuitable for the holding of worship services, particularly during the winter months. At various times the congregation had to move out of the airy building which was heated only by a small, wood-burning stove.

The new building, which cost about \$21,000, was built with concrete blocks, has a mixture of paneling within its interior, has rest rooms and is carpeted wall to wall. It is centrally heated with gas. Rev. Mrs. East said prior to the beginning of its construction, "we don't want anything fine, just a good, comfortable place to worship."

The new building fulfills Mrs. East's desire, it is a substantial structure, it is neat, well-lighted, and it will be warm during the cold months. It stands in wide contrast to the old frame building, whose outside framing had been covered with pieces of roofing. This old, dilapidated building, situated in front of the newly erected building, right next to the road, was being torn down as late as the Saturday evening before the first opening of the new building on the fifth Sunday in May.

Mrs. Edna Robinson, who welcomed the guests to Shady Grove last Sunday, said, "we have received so many blessings, we are so grateful for the help we received, there is no church in the district that has so many friends."

Mrs. East, the pastor, echoed her statements, saying, "we are thankful to the Lord that he opened people's hearts."

But the congregation is small, only about 15 when all of them are there, not counting the babies. They had to borrow \$10,000 to complete the structure, even after gifts from Randolph Area Mission Society, Global Missions Society, of New York, and the various gifts from their friends in the local community.

Miss Inez Marley, chairman of the building fund, will accept donations to help the small congregation make their payments on the amount they borrowed. Her address is Box 402, Rt. 6, Asheboro, N. C.

Sumerford Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Oct. 20, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. Howard W. Sumerford, 1912 Greenwood Road, renewed their marriage vows Saturday, Oct. 16, 50 years from the date of their wedding in Bennettsville, S. C., on Oct. 16, 1926.

The next day their family entertained at a reception in their honor at the Sumerford home. Guests called from two until four o'clock.

Hearing their renewal vows the day before was their minister, Rev. Tom Patterson, pastor of the Balfour Baptist Church. The couple stood before the portrait of their son, the Rev. Howard Lamar (Buck) Sumerford, who died in 1973. At the time of his death he was pastor of the Baptist Church in Stuart, Va.

Other members of their family are their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Benson, Jr., Asheboro; their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Sue Sumerford, Aberdeen; their Benson grandchildren, John, Larry, Keith and Anne; and their Sumerford grandchildren, Steven, Don, Mark, Frances (Fran) and Douglas; and two great-grandchildren, Jeffrey and Kevin Benson.

Hanging alongside the picture of their son is a bronze plaque presented to Howard Sumerford by the Sunday School class he taught at the Balfour Baptist Church. The plaque, presented on the occasion of his recent retirement as the teacher of the class, stated, "In gratitude and appreciation for 24 years of (dedicated) service to Christ and to the Balfour Baptist Church."

Howard Sumerford grew up in Marlboro County, S. C., near the town of Clio. He left at the age of maturity and got a job at a textile plant in Red Springs, N. C. Mrs. Sumerford, the former Frances Culbreth, a native of the area between Hope Mills and Fayetteville, also came to Red Springs and was working in the same textile plant.

Their acquaintance began in the weave room and their marriage occurred thirteen months later. They worked on the Saturday morning of their marriage before leaving that afternoon in Howard's 1924 Model T Ford on the trip to their marriage site in Bennettsville, S. C.

Both of them continued their employment in textile mills until their retirement from the North Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills in 1972. They had worked and lived in Red Springs for 10 years and in Robbins for 16 years before coming to Asheboro in 1951.

Many out-of-town and out-of-state relatives and friends came to join the couple during the observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Held At Church

Oct. 22, 1976—Old Fashioned Sunday was observed at the New Union United Methodist Church Sept. 26 with many of the members of the congregation dressed in old fashioned attire, including the pastor, the Rev. Leroy Hunt.

The minister also rode into the service on a horse, symbolic of the circuit riders of earlier days. Riding astride the horse behind him was his daughter, Tracey. Larry Little also rode a horse and two of the younger girls, Tammy Rogers and Amy Little, rode double-back on another horse.

The church was lighted for the service by old lamps and the choir sang "The Old Country Church." The pastor spoke from a text in the 21st chapter of Revelation, "And I saw a new Heaven and new Earth."

Corsages and boutonnières were pinned on the senior citizens of the community who were honored at the service. Those present included Miss Portia Hussey, Mrs. Hiram Jenkins, Mrs. Hannah Thayer, Mrs. Leola Watson, Mrs. Evan Gunter, Mrs. Emma Bingham, Ervin Stout, Miss Pearl Hussey, Mr. and Mrs. Colvin Poole, Mrs. Eva Rush, Mrs. Christine Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thornburg, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Lassiter, Mrs. Ada Ledwell, Clegg Rush and Clyde Kearns.

Senior citizens, unable to attend, included Mrs. Daisy Varner, Mrs. Ada Hoover, Mrs. Wincie Rich, Charlie Cooper, Hiram Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Emery Ledwell. Of those present Mrs. Thayer, 89, received the prize for being the oldest woman present and C. T. Lassiter, 76, received the prize for being the oldest man present.

Dunnings Honored After 50 Years Of Marriage

Oct. 25, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dunning, 1822 Newell St. were married Oct. 13, 1926, at the courthouse in Greensboro after receiving their marriage license at the Register of Deeds office.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17, 1976 they were honored at a reception in the fellowship area of Balfour Baptist Church, which celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Over 150 guests came by to greet the couple from three until five.

Hosts were their children, Mrs. Wayne (Edith) Lanier, Rt. 5, Asheboro; Mrs. Luke (Larea) Lamb and Mrs. Bill (Faye) Ledwell, Rt. 3, Asheboro; Mrs. Bobby (Dorothy) Callicutt and Clinton Dunning, Asheboro. Their family also includes 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Dunning, despite their respective ages of 71 and 69, are still actively employed at L-Ranch Shop, Inc., in Asheboro where they are long time employees and where Walter serves in a supervisory capacity.

They were both living and working in High Point at the time of their marriage. Walter had left his boyhood home in the Healing Springs community in Davidson County, between Denton and High Rock, at the age of 19. Mrs. Dunning, the former Mary Elizabeth Brady, had left her home in the Antioch Christian Church community on Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Mrs. Dunning went first to High Point to stay with a relative who was ill but later went out on her own, got a job and stayed at a boarding house. She met Walter through and acquaintance with his sister, and two and a half years later they motored to Greensboro in his 1925 Model T Ford for their marriage.

Their marriage occurred on a Wednesday morning and before returning to their jobs the next Monday they visited his people in Davidson County, her folks in Randolph County, went down to Badin and to various other places.

They left High Point in 1930, lived for a while near his old home place in Davidson County and came to Asheboro in 1934. They have lived at their present residence since 1939. They are members of the Balfour Baptist Church where their anniversary celebration occurred.

Third Union Missionary Rally Scheduled For This Sunday

Oct. 27, 1976 - The Third Union World Missionary Rally, sponsored by 28 Wesleyan churches in Randolph and surrounding counties, will take place Sunday afternoon, Oct. 31, at Central Wesleyan Church on Hoover St. in Asheboro, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Sponsoring churches are identified with Colfax and Kernersville Districts of the Wesleyan Church in North Carolina. The Rev. W. S. Brady is pastor of the host church and in that capacity will make the address of welcome. The Rev. A. J. Kendrick, pastor of First Wesleyan Church, Asheboro, will offer the opening prayer.

The missionary rally will feature the presence of three missionaries; Morris Davis, a missionary to Zambia, Africa; Miss Lois Curtiss, a missionary to Sierra Leone, West Africa; and the Rev. Paul Downey, a missionary to Brazil, South America. The missionaries will be introduced by Rev. T. R. York, a former Randolph County pastor and secretary of missions for the Kernersville District.

Missionary Davis has served as the English and Bible instructor on the staff of the large Choma Secondary School in Zambia. Miss Curtiss has served as an elementary teacher and principal at Rupp Memorial School at Kabala, Sierra Leone, West Africa since 1969.

The Rev. Downey began his overseas missionary service in 1958 on the Dutch Island of Curacao in the Caribbean. A year later he was chosen to pioneer the work of the Wesleyan Church in Manaus, northern Brazil, work which he proceeded to do after spending a year in Portuguese language school in Sao Paulo, south Brazil.

Wesleyan churches sponsoring the missionary rally are Mt. Olive, Staley, Why Not, Trinity, Midway, Randleman First, Ramseur First, Kildee, Mt. Olivet, Friendly in Liberty, Franklinville, Crestview, Hoover's Grove, Browers Memorial; Asheboro First, Central, Foster St., Neighbors Grove, and Rushwood, also in Asheboro; Sawyersville, and High Pine in Randolph County; Robbins First and Mt. Zion in Moore County; Siler City First and Hill Brook in Siler City; Troy First and Reynolds Memorial in Troy; and Pleasant Union in Alamance County.

Special singing at the rally will be presented by the Central Wesleyan Church choir and by the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Sheets from the Browers Memorial church. After the missionaries have made their presentations and offering will be received for world missions. The latter part of the meeting will be devoted to workshops.

The public invited to attend the missionary rally. Congregations from the sponsoring churches are particularly urged to be present. Theme for the meeting is "afame for missions."

Area Minister Seeks To Start New Nondenominational Church

Oct. 27, 1976 - An Asheboro minister, the Rev. Wilton L. Turner, 207 South Park St., has manifested a desire to start a church that would be non-denominational in nature, "a church that would meet the needs of all people, regardless of denomination, a church that believes nothing is impossible with God."

The Rev. Turner, a resident of Asheboro for the past 18 years, was formerly active as a layman and former superintendent of the Sunday School at the Asheboro Missionary Alliance Church. After that, he was licensed and ordained by the Bailey's Grove Congregational Christian Church, where he served as pastor. He is a native of Wayne County, having lived in the town of Green Gables near Goldsboro.

The congregation was almost non-existent when he became the pastor at Bailey's Grove, rising later to a record attendance of 111. An indebtedness was paid off and many improvements made to the church property. Since leaving the pastorate there has continued to counsel and pray with those who need and seek his help. He has also involved himself in a ministry at the prison camp and supplied various pulpits.

Many have approached him about starting a church as above indicated. In response to these appeals he has issued the following statement.

"Since God called me into the ministry, I have had a burning desire to start a house of worship that would be pleasing to the Lord. A church that would meet the needs of all the people, regardless of denomination, a church that believes nothing is impossible with God."

"I would like very much for you to write me. Let this preacher know what is in your heart. Pray about it before you write to me. Let this preacher know what is in your heart. Pray about it before you write. If I get enough response, I will set up a meeting with all of you. We will get to know each other and let the Lord have His way."

I'm trusting God for everything. My desire is to work with you, and you with me, to establish a place of worship that we all will be pleased. Give me your full address and I will personally contact you. May God richly bless you and yours. In Him we have hope." Rev. Wilton L. Turner, 207 S. Park St., Asheboro, N. C. 27203.

New Liberty Pastor Is A Pastor's Son

Oct. 27, 1976 - The Rev. Clyde K. Penry, the new minister of the Liberty United Methodist Church Charge, formerly lived in Randolph County when his father was pastor of the Seagrove United Methodist Charge.

He said his father, the Rev. Herbert Penry, became the pastor of the Seagrove, Zion and Pleasant Hill churches, comprising the Seagrove Charge, when he was three years old. He was in the second grade when they left Seagrove.

The young minister's assignment to the Randolph, Staley, and White's Chapel churches, comprising the Liberty Charge, is his first as a full-fledged pastor. Previously he served as an assistant at the Muir's Chapel and Proximity churches in the Greensboro area and the Westwood church in Madison, N. J.

His duties in New Jersey came about during his attendance in the theological school at Drew University for a year. Before enrolling at Drew University he had

graduated from Northeast Guilford High School, attended Brevard College for two years and then graduated from Greensboro College. His present plans are to enroll at Duke Divinity School next semester.

It was during his attendance at Greensboro College that he met his wife, the former Elisabeth Costin of Hendersonville, whom he married Dec. 28, 1974. She is a talented musician, has taught music in the public school system, served as director of music at the Westwood Church, and is assisting with the music at the churches on the Liberty Charge. She will also be available for private music lessons at her home. On last Tuesday evening she was the guest soloist at Pleasant Hill, one of the churches her father-in-law pastored while in Randolph.

There are ministers also on Elisabeth Penry's side of the family. A grandfather, uncle and cousin of hers are also Methodist ministers to balance out the ministries of her husband, father-in-law, and a sister-in-law's husband on the Penry side. The Rev. Herbert Penry is now pastor of the Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church in the Greensboro area.

Clyde Penry, 24 years of age, was called to the ministry during his second year at Brevard. He is conscientious about his calling and has enthusiastically entered into the responsibilities of his assignment to the Liberty Charge. Parishioners in his three churches, on the other hand, have received the young minister and his wife with warmth and anticipation of progress during their ministry with them.

Church Honors Ada Caveness

Oct. 27, 1976 - "Ada Caveness Day" was observed Sunday afternoon, Oct. 17, at McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church in Ramseur, honoring Mrs. Caveness, age 94, who has been a member of the church for approximately 75 years.

Mrs. Caveness, the former Ada Allred, a native of Franklinville, estimates that she first joined the church, Shady Grove, located near Franklinville, about 80 years ago. This church, which recently occupied a new building, is her home church. Her parents, Calvin and Ann Allred, and two brothers and two sisters are buried there.

She joined the McCrary's Chapel church after moving to Ramseur with her mother after her father's death, probably more than 75 years ago. Referred to as the "church mother," she has held many responsible positions within the church over the past three-quarters of a century.

The program honoring Mrs. Caveness was initiated by Mrs. Thelma Fox. The welcome remarks were extended by church member Bennie Glover; the response to the welcome was made by Dr. Howard Robinson, grandson of Mrs. Caveness and a member of the faculty at A&T State University in Greensboro, who referred to Mrs. Caveness as "the leader of our clan."

The Rev. J. W. Gwyn, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, was guest speaker for the occasion. His first pastorate 25 years ago included McCrary's Chapel and he said, "She meant so much to me and my early ministry." Joining him in praising Mrs. Caveness was the current pastor, the Rev. Mrs. Sophia East, who said of Mrs. Caveness, "I adopted her as my mother when I came here to McCrary's Chapel."

Many testimonials from various people were read by Mrs. Fox as a tribute to Mrs. Caveness, including many verbal tributes from those in attendance. Among those from the uptown section of Ramseur attending and speaking in

behalf of Mrs. Caveness were Mrs. Nina Foust, Mrs. Mary Graham, Mrs. Madge Kivett, Mrs. Floyd Moffit, and Mrs. Mary Lambert.

Special music was provided by the neighboring Oakland Baptist Church and Mrs. Jacqueline M. Wright, soloist. A love offering, amounting to more than \$300, was received and given to Mrs. Caveness. A buffet dinner was enjoyed at the conclusion of the service.

Balfour Dedicates Sanctuary

Oct. 27, 1976 - Balfour Baptist Church, 1644 North Fayetteville St., dedicated their new sanctuary and additional Sunday School facilities Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, for which ground was broken nearly a year ago. Occupancy of the new building had taken place three weeks earlier.

Dr. Cecil A. Ray, general secretary and treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, was the dedicatory speaker. Others from state headquarters included Dr. Woodrow Hill and Charles Richardson, representing the Biblical Recorder, and Miss Janice Haywood, the Sunday School department. Miss Haywood attended the Balfour church as a child.

Rev. Tom Patterson, the Balfour pastor whose vision for the magnificent structure became first a dream and then a reality, led the vows of consecration. Rev. John Woody, a former pastor, and Rev. Talmage Smith, associational field worker, also participated on the program.

Others joining in the service of dedication were J. L. Benson, Jr., chairman of deacons, Bill Bridges, immediate past chairman, Waldo Hodgkin, chairman of the building committee, and Troy Hackett, general contractor and also an active member of the church congregation. The splendid choir was under the direction of Mrs. Joe Church.

The front of the new brick building is imposing with its four, large white columns, its steeple and two front doors. The educational portion of the building, containing 3,864 square feet, including two floors, is attached to the south side of the existing educational structure. The temporary sanctuary in the existing facility is being renovated into a fellowship area.

Seating capacity for the new sanctuary is 600, including choir and balcony. Its interior is also constructed from brick except for the chancel and choir area which is constructed from birch paneling stained to match the laminated arched beams, the pine decking comprising the overhead, and the cushioned oak pews. The plush carpeting, wall to wall, is blue. The windows are equipped with tinted glass.

Included in the sanctuary is the baptistery screen, featuring a lighted figure of Christ with outstretched hands, shown in multi-colored stained on memorial glass. Constructed on either side of the vestibule are rooms for the convenience of brides and grooms preparing themselves for the bridal trip following the ceremony.

Included in the educational facility, in addition to 12 classrooms, are a pastor's study, church office, secretary's workshop, and two restrooms. The offices are also paneled. Outside of this portion of the building is a carport for use in inclement weather with spaces for two cars.

Cost of the new building is expected to exceed \$325,000, including furnishings, the placement of a new roof on the existing structure and other renovation.

First service in the new sanctuary was the marriage ceremony for the general contractor, Troy Hackett and Mrs.

Eria Heath, who were united in a private family service on Saturday, Oct. 2, prior to the first worship services the next day.

Near capacity crowds were present on the day of dedication, both for the morning worship service and the service of dedication. Many former members came back for the dedication. A luncheon was held in the fellowship area during the noon hour between the two services.

Bethel Friends Meeting Celebrates 155th Year

Nov. 3, 1976 – Bethel Friends Meeting, Rt. 4, Asheboro, held a special service last Sunday morning to observe the bicentennial year and also the 155th anniversary of the founding of the Meeting.

The Meeting was organized in 1821 as a Preparative Meeting under the supervision of the Holly Spring Monthly Meeting. The first two houses of worship were log structures.

The first part of the bicentennial service was an open meeting, characterizing the worship services in the first years of the Meeting. The silence was broken only by the ticking of the clock and those members who rose intermittently to express their faith and give thanks for their forefathers, their country and the place where they worship.

The second part of the service was a sermon delivered by a former minister, J. Norman Osborne, who served the Meeting for seven years, beginning a quarter of a century ago. His text was "Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, today and forever." Others taking part in the service included the minister, Odis Dupree, and a local minister, Allie Kemp.

Many members of the congregation were dressed in clothing symbolic of the early days of the Meeting, including Odis Dupree, who wore an extra-wide brim hat and knee breeches. Mrs. Tom Pugh wore a dress, 55 years old or older, which belonged to her grandmother, Sabrah Hinshaw Cox, who had also been a member of the Meeting. The guest minister, Norman Osborne, recalled that his mother, Ada Hendrix Osborne, had attended services at Bethel a hundred years ago.

One old vehicle, a 1924 Overland belonging to Marvin (Buck) Cox, was driven to the service by one of his sons. For the luncheon which followed the service there were some old black pots in evidence, in which some of the food had been cooked. Although most of the food had been lavishly prepared, some of the items represented the simpler offerings such as cabbage, onions and hominy.

The theme for the observance was "Our Heritage, a Foundation for the Future."

Two Ramseur Classes Hold Joint Reunion

Nov. 4, 1976 – The 1939 and 1940 graduating classes at Ramseur High School held a joint reunion Saturday evening, Oct. 23, at Bill's Restaurant in Siler City.

This was the first reunion for both classes. Some of them had not seen each other since graduation, and needless to say it was a lively affair.

Those attending from the 1939 class were Ed Parks, Beryl Grimes Brady, Mary Lee Craven Brooks, and Antionette Gilmore Marley, Ramseur, Jasper Allen, Louise Martin Pugh, James Fesmire and Frances Burgess Cox, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Louise Duncan Brewer, Elizabeth Stinson

Rhinehardt, and Mary Lois Rightsell Wright, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Judith Curtis Eastwood, Milford, N. J., Henrietta Hodgkin Dorsett and Virginia Hodgkin Macon, Asheboro, Hayden Ward and Odell Cox, Greensboro, Frances Baldwin Walker, Montgomery, Ala., and Esther Burgess Butler, Rt. 1, Liberty.

Absent members of the 1939 class were Ellen Kirkman Staley, Dorothy Smith Cooper, Mary Deane Brown Hankovich, Martha Crutchfield Parks, Fred Chriscoe, Katherine Caviness York, Maxine Burgess Ward, Ethel Freeman Allred, Nellie York Wood, and J. C. Souder. Deceased members are Gladys Burgess Sudimak and J. C. Newell.

Members of the 1940 class in attendance were Betty Jones Dorsett, Georgia Caviness McKinnon, Mary Jane Poe Tucker, Ruth Craven McAlister, Clara Nixon Pugh, Doris Fesmire Evington, Thelma Highfill Parks, Tate Brown, and Howard Brady, Ramseur, Maizie Richardson Reece, Rt. 1, Ramseur, C. H. Burgess and Mary Ruth Cox, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Louise Gilmore Naus, New Cumberland, Pa., Lena Coward Martin and Virginia Scott Smith, Asheboro, Blanche Coward Cox, Camden, S. C., Marie Pell Bray, Siler City, Berthalene Ward McKinney, Burlington, Mildred Scott Henson, Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mary Elizabeth Parks Allen and Vaughn York, Rt. 1, Staley, Frances Herndon Smith, Raleigh, Mary Ann Park Buie, Troy, and Margaret Scott Williams, Rt. 1, Garland.

Those not present from the 1940 class were Sybil Brown Weant, Elizabeth Caviness Hockett, Eva Burgess Thompson, Luet Richardson Cranford, Clara Mae York Cartwright, Nellie Newell Campbell, Sarah Leonard White, Herman Kivett, Marvin Luther, Lillie Welborn Isley, and Maudie Hurley. There is one deceased member, Ann White Ingles.

Teachers in attendance included Mrs. Leo Rich, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Cora M. Whitehead, Clemmons, and R. H. Abernathy, Mebane. One grade mother for the 1940 class, Mrs. Irvin Jones, Rt. 1, Ramseur, was also present.

Intermarriages between members of the classes included Ed Parks, class of 1939, and Thelma Highfill, class of 1940, and Howard Brady, class of 1940, and Beryl Grimes, class of 1939.

Odell Cox served as master of ceremonies for the class of 1939 and pronounced the invocation. Mary Ann Parks Buie, class of 1940, welcomed the members and guests and, along with Marie Pell Bray, served as mistresses of ceremonies for the 1940 class.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd Cox Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Nov. 9, 1976 – Miss Joan Cox and her brother, Gregg Cox, entertained in honor of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Lloyd Cox, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, at an occasion celebrating their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary.

A reception was held at the Cox residence, Rt. 1, Ramseur, from three until five o'clock. Approximately 100 guests called during the appointed hours.

A former pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, alternated with the present pastor at the Deep River Baptist Church and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Brown, in greeting the guests.

Others assisting at the reception were Mrs. Florence Wright and Mrs. Hilda Welborn, sisters of Mrs. Cox; Mrs. Emogene Marley, her sister-in-law; and Mrs. Frances

Simmons, Mrs. Cleta Brady, Mrs. Mildred Garner, Miss Barbara Graves and Mrs. Louise McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married Oct. 30, 1951, in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Cox is the daughter of Mrs. Dora Kiser and the late Carrie Marley. Lloyd Cox is the son of Mrs. Lossie Cox and the late Robert Cox. Both mothers were present for the anniversary celebration.

The couple are members of the Deep River Baptist Church. Mrs. Cox is employed at Randolph Apparel in Asheboro, her husband at Randolph Mills in Franklinville. Their daughter is a student at Asheboro College and their son a junior at Eastern Randolph High School.

Melodie Crochets Blue-Ribbon Dolls

Nov. 10, 1976 – Melodie Waitman, age 10, has been crocheting since she was 6 years old and in the first grade. She has made three afghans, a cape, and numerous doll outfits.

She exhibited and sold many of her crocheted items at Seagrove's recent bicentennial observance. Some of her dolls, which are used for bed decorations, are designed around the bicentennial theme.

For the past three years she has entered her handiwork for exhibiting and judging at the Guilford County Fair. For two years she has received blue ribbons on her dolls and afghans and a red ribbon on her necklaces which she makes out of beads.

Something new added to her creative designs recently has been crocheted bouquets of flowers. This, however, is not as large a variety as her original items.

Her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Pauline Kindley, first talked her into learning to crochet. Her mother said, "we haven't been able to stop her since. She learns real easy."

She does her crocheting after school, on weekends and during the summer months.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Waitman, Rt. 2, Trinity, she is now a fifth grade student at Trinity Junior High School. She has never missed a day since she entered school. She also has seven years of perfect attendance at the Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting where she and her family attend.

Chaplaincy Program Enlarged at Hospital

Nov. 12, 1976 – The chaplaincy program at the Randolph Hospital, sponsored by the Asheboro Ministerial Association, has been enlarged since the opening of the new emergency room facilities at the hospital.

An evening chaplain, the Rev. W. M. Phaup, is now on duty from 6 until 10 p. m., extending the services of the Rev. Hansel C. Neathery, the day chaplain, whose scheduled hours are from 7 a. m. until 1 p. m. The chaplains, however, are on call at times other than the scheduled hours.

Supplementing the services of the two regular chaplains is the volunteer work of Dr. Nelson A. Jones, a retired medical doctor from Paoli, Pa., now living on Rt. 3, Asheboro, who assists the Rev. Mr. Neathery on a part-time basis during the day.

The assignment of a permanent chaplain at the hospital, financed through the sponsoring agency, the Asheboro Ministerial Association, from contributions of the various churches in Asheboro and vicinity, began about seven years ago. The Rev. John L. Jackson served as the first

chaplain until the Rev. Mr. Neathery assumed the duties something over three years ago.

But the hospital was not without the services of a chaplain before the assumption of full time duties by the Rev. Mr. Jackson seven years ago. Prior to that time members of the ministerial association alternated in the duties on a weekly basis.

The chaplaincy program is handled under the direction of a committee from the ministerial association composed of the Rev. Don Leonard, chairman, the Rev. Gary Lyerly, and the Rev. William Slate. Committee members are pleased to be able to offer an expansion of the program and they, along with those who serve in the position of chaplain, are gratified with the response and cooperation which they receive from the hospital administration.

The establishment of the evening chaplaincy has especially proved to be essential since many automobile accidents and other catastrophic events occur during that period. The Rev. Mr. Phaup, who began the evening duties on Nov. 1, successfully completed 12 weeks of full-time clinical pastoral education under the direction of a certified supervisor of the Association for Clinical Pastoral Education, Inc. at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill.

A native of Buckingham, County, Va., he has been a Wesleyan minister since 1934, serving as a pastor in North Carolina and Virginia and in general evangelism for eight years. He also served as conference secretary for 13 years.

The Rev. Mr. Neathery, born near Wilburton, Okla., served for 20 years in the medical department of the U. S. Army before enrolling at Wake Forest College where he entered Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1961, later receiving also the Master of Divinity degree.

During further studies he earned credit in the field of theology and Christian Ethics and also took two semesters of hospital chaplaincy and pastoral counseling. He served as a pastor for ten years before retiring and assuming the chaplain's position at the hospital.

Dr. Nelson A. Jones served as a practicing physician in Paoli, a suburb of Philadelphia, Pa., for over 30 years before retiring due to ill health. Since that time he has occupied himself with the affairs of the Episcopal denomination, in which he has long been active, and more recently his assistance with the chaplaincy program at Randolph Hospital.

Before coming to this vicinity, where he has daughters living in Thomasville and Greensboro, he had been active in the Good Samaritan Episcopal Church for all of his lifetime, serving in many capacities, including vestryman and senior warden. He now holds the position of lay reader at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Asheboro.

The hospital chaplain keeps a card file on patients admitted. He immediately gets in touch with the pastor of those who list a church affiliation. When a church affiliation is not discovered, the hospital chaplain serves as the patient's pastor during the period of hospitalization, visiting the patient daily, if possible, and offering prayer when desired.

For all patients he carries around an assortment of reading material to their rooms each day, allowing them to select the type they would like to read. He also stands by to make telephone calls for those unable to make the calls

themselves and he is available at all times for counseling and the manifestation of personal concern.

He is particularly helpful when emergency cases are brought in, serving as a coordinating factor between the medical personnel and relatives who congregate on the scene.

Sometimes the chaplain takes patients home after discharge when they have no transportation or money to hire a taxi. On rare occasions he performs weddings and conducts funerals for patients. He is an all-round pastor for the patients during their stay at the hospital, fulfilling their needs the same as they would receive from their pastors at their individual churches.

The chaplaincy program has become a vital part of the services offered at Randolph Hospital. It has its place along with the skill of the surgeon in the operating room and the care and attention which comes from the nursing staff. It is no longer operated haphazardly on a voluntary basis; it is a well planned operation which moves along on a fixed schedule but still geared to take care of the emergencies which occur often at the hospital.

Lions Recognize Charter Members

Nov. 12, 1976 – Five charter members of the Franklinville Lions Club were recognized at the thirtieth anniversary observance of the club Friday evening, Nov. 5, in the Franklinville school cafeteria.

Four of the members, John F. Brower, Bernice C. Jones, Earl W. Thomas, and Otus C. Thomas, were also recognized for perfect attendance throughout the tenure of their membership. The other charter member is Clyde L. Williams.

Two other members of the club, Yates L. Holland and Ernest C. Routh, transfers from the Ramseur Lions Club, have been Lions longer than the five charter members of the Franklinville Lions Club. Routh first joined the Ramseur club in 1939 and Holland in 1941.

The Franklinville Lions Club was organized Aug. 29, 1946. Charter night for the club was held Nov. 5, 1946, exactly thirty years prior to the anniversary observance last Friday evening. Thirty four charter members were enrolled on that charter night three decades ago. Otus C. Thomas served as the first president.

A portion of the anniversary observance memorialized the lives of eight charter members who are deceased, Connie Allred, George Allred, Elzie Brower, Thomas Burke, W. A. Elam, Herman Ellison, Ray Sills, and Clarence York.

The observance, which was a ladies night gathering, featured the presence and participation of Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., Lions International Director and Past District Governor, 31-D, H. Glenn Holsoppie, immediate Past District Governor, 31-D, Edgar Stevens, Past District Governor, 31-D, and Q. G. McKeel, Deputy Governor, 31-D.

Service chevrons and attendance awards were presented at the Banquet meeting at which the club president, Earl Thomas, extended the address of welcome. Past president John Brower served as toastmaster.

Randolphians Visit Guatemala Relatives

Nov. 12, 1976 – Five Randolph County people who visited relatives in Guatemala, a country in Central America, in recent weeks and months have many interesting observations of their trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cagle and Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Davis made the trip in Sept. Mrs. Snowdene Beane, sister of Mrs. Cagle and A. F. Davis went last June. Accompanying the Cagle and Davis couples was Floyd N. Rich, a former Asheboro resident now living in Reidsville, who is a cousin of Mrs. Cagle, Mrs. Beane and A. F. Davis.

All of them went to see their uncle, Floyd Davis, who never came back to his native Fork Creek community, between Erect and the Moore County line, to live after serving in the Navy during World War I. He married a Guatemalan during his military service and after visiting his people at the end of the war they went to Guatemala to make their home.

Floyd Davis brought his wife and their four children back to visit his relatives and his old home place, located near New Center Christian Church, in 1938. His father, Wright Davis, has died during the intervening years, his mother, Mrs. Annie Murray Davis, was still living to welcome her son and his family back to his native soil. Floyd Davis, now 80, has never come back.

None of his nieces and nephews who visited Floyd Davis in Guatemala had never remembered seeing him, Mrs. Cagle, the former Annie Daile Davis, having only been two years old at the time of his visit back home in 1938. Annie Daile said "this was the first time we had ever seen him but all of our lives we had heard of him." They talked about the visit a long time before they went.

The nieces and nephews flew to Guatemala City, the capitol city, where they first visited with the three daughters of Floyd Davis, from his first marriage. There is also a son by this marriage living in San Francisco, Calif. Upon the death of his first wife Floyd remarried and there are two sons by this marriage.

The daughters and their families are very affluent people; the husband of one of them is president of the Federal Reserve Bank in Guatemala. While in Guatemala City they were dined and entertained in a lavish manner. They were taken to see all of the sights.

But it was a different situation when they left to visit their uncle at Lake Izabal. Accompanied by Floyd Davis, Jr., one of the sons by his second wife, they rode in a 4-wheel drive jeep for over 200 miles on a tar and gravel road, which according to Annie Daile, "was not as good as our dirt roads." They drove 30 miles on a dirt road, and then went by row boat 13 miles down a river to their uncle's house.

Their uncle and his wife live in a jungle among primitive conditions. Their thatched-roof house is completely open, they live, eat and sleep in the same room, with mosquito netting around their bed at night. Their visitors slept together in an area fenced in by chicken wire. There is no electricity or running water in their uncle's house. For lighting there is one light bulb operated by a generator and one Aladdin lantern. For news of the outside world there is a battery operated radio.

However, they said the area around their uncle's house was beautiful; they especially spoke of the huge lake, the pleasant conditions of the climate, and the variety of the citrus fruits. Their uncle and his family live on leased land; he cannot own land since he is still an American citizen.

It was hard for them to reconcile the primitive conditions in which their uncle lives, considering the luxurious living of his daughters in Guatemala City and that his two sons by his second wife are students at the University in Guatemala

City, one a student of law and the other one a student of architecture.

Nellie Mae Bescher Ordained Into Evangelical Ministry

Nov. 15, 1976 – Miss Nellie Mae Bescher was ordained into the ministry of the Evangelical Church Alliance Sunday afternoon, Nov. 7, in a service at Central United Methodist Church.

The unusual service of ordination was held in the presence of family members, friends and colleagues of the Rev. Bescher. The call to worship and invocation was spoken by the Rev. Howard Allred, host pastor, who also gave some "thoughts on the call to ministry."

Miss Bescher is a member of the Central church and has in the past year returned to participation in the church's activities after having served the Charlotte United Methodist Church as director of music.

Before her ordination was authorized by the Evangelical Church Alliance, Miss Bescher successfully completed a course of study and was granted a diploma in Missionary theology. She has received a call into the special ministry of home missions.

According to the precepts of the Alliance group, "One does not have to resign from other churches or reputable organizations. We are not competitive, but cooperative. We are a body of Evangelical ministers who hold their membership with us while they labor in their respective churches. Our purpose is to promote Christianity throughout the world."

The Rev. John W. Bray, ordained minister and authorized member of the Evangelical Church Alliance, served as chairman of the ordination committee. Other members were the Rev. Howard Allred, host pastor; the Rev. Melvin Beeker, pastor of the Fairfield United Methodist Church; the Rev. Joel B. Davis, pastor of the First Assembly of God; and the Rev. Danny Brown, pastor of the Franklinville United Methodist Church.

Following the ordination vows and responses, the laying-on of hands and the extending of the right hand of fellowship, the newly ordained minister delivered her words of testimony. She gave credit to her home environment where she was taught Christian principles and to the Central church she has attended since early childhood. She spoke of the time when she "felt the need of a deeper walk with Christ."

Many eyes were moistened with tears as she concluded her testimony by singing "The Longer I Serve Him the Sweeter He Grows." It was the same song she sang two years ago when she told the congregation at the Charlotte church of her call to service.

Special singing was rendered at the service of ordination by the Alleluia Singers which Miss Bescher has directed since the organization of the group.

Daughter of Mrs. Eula Bescher, with whom she resides at 1311 Sunset Drive, and the late Treiler Bescher, she has been an employee of Acme-McCrory Corp. for 27 years. She holds the position of assistant traffic manager.

Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire Celebrate Anniversary

Nov. 17, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Avery M. Shropshire, Rt. 3, High Point, natives of Surry County, were honored on their

fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14. Their marriage had occurred on the same date in 1926 at Pilot Mountain, six miles from where they lived.

Their three daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. (Helen) Weaver, Jamestown, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard (Jackie) Stroud, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl (Mildred) Phillips, of Rt. 3, High Point, entertained at a reception at the Ebenezer United Methodist Church Hut in honor of the couple.

Guests called from two until five o'clock. The hosts, along with the honored couple, formed the receiving line. Grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire, Mrs. Susan Weaver Harrison, Mrs. Kim Weaver Leonard, Mrs. Cathy Hunt, Melinda and Mark Stroud, and Kevin and Jeff Phillips, along with Mrs. Lee Whitesell, assisted in the serving and entertaining. Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Frazier and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Batty.

In addition to their seven grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire have one great-grandchild, Keith Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Leonard, Rt. 3, High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Shropshire, were reared three miles apart in the vicinity of the small Surry County community of Ararat, described by them as "a small spot in the road." They courted for three years prior to their marriage. Mrs. Shropshire is the former Mamie Wall.

They left Surry County the latter part of 1928, coming first to Guilford County. They have lived at their present residence in upper Randolph County, near the Ebenezer church where they are members, since around 1936. Shropshire has been a farmer and carpenter throughout his lifetime. He has retired from the former occupation and only works part time at the carpentry trade.

Sanctuary Dedication Ceremonies Held By Flag Springs Methodist

Nov. 18, 1976 – The new sanctuary at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church was filled to overflowing Sunday morning, Nov. 14, for the service of consecration in the new edifice.

The hinged doors to the rear wall of the new meeting room were opened, chairs were placed in the renovated foyer area, which formerly comprised the chancel area in the old building, but there was still not enough space to seat the people who came to this first service. Many people stood throughout the service.

The minister at the church, the Rev. D. Bryan Fox, Jr., delivered an appropriate message for the occasion, "The Fulfillment of a Dream." He became the pastor of the church in June, 1974. A large number of the guests in attendance were family members of the minister and his wife.

The construction and renovation program at Flag Springs took approximately six months. It featured a 2,550 square foot extension of the sanctuary, including a chancel area, choir room with storage area, pastor's study, and a 40-foot bell tower rising over a baptismal font extension of the sanctuary.

It also included carpeting of the new and renovated areas, air conditioning and supplementary heating of sanctuary, new sanctuary furniture, including new pews. All of the stained glass memorial windows from the old sanctuary were utilized in the design and construction of the new worship area. Three of the windows were used in the

construction of the baptismal font extension of the sanctuary.

Total cost of the new construction has been placed at \$131,497. S. E. Trogdon and Sons were contractors for the new addition, J. Hyatt Hammond and Associates were the architects, and the design was by Tony Ward. The pews and new furniture came from Drexel Furniture Co. in Hickory.

Participating in the service of consecration, in addition to the pastor and choir, was the chairman of the building committee, Leonard Richardson. Co-chairman for the committee was James (Jim) Lomax, Mrs. Betty Sue Brown was treasurer, Mrs. Olive Trogdon, secretary, and Mrs. Nancy Maness, corresponding secretary. Other members of the committee were J. Harold Hammond, Coy Kiser, Raymond Tedder, Miss Donna Ruth Brown, Clarence Brown, Doug Mann, Jay Simpson, Mrs. Eva Hulin, and Bobby Spencer.

The bell tower was erected through the generosity of Mrs. Bronna Mae Cox Whitener, a devoted member of the church, a gift which became a memorial to her life due to her death before its erection. The floral arrangement for the service of consecration was given in Mrs. Whitener's memory by her brothers and sisters.

Other specified memorial gifts were the flower table given by Mrs. Thelma H. Whatley and sons in memory of Bill Whatley; the outside cross given by Mrs. Alene Whatley and family in memory of Ralph Whatley; and the inside cross by Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer C. Presnell and family in memory of their grandparents who are buried in the church cemetery.

Numerous other contributions to the building fund were made by individuals and groups honoring the lives of people of the community, some of whom are now deceased.

Flag Springs United Methodist Church was organized in 1839 after Rev. Alson Gray, a pioneer preacher of the Methodist Protestant Church, came through the community and preached, first to the trees and later to some fox hunters who gathered on a hill to hear him preach.

The first organized services were held in the log school house, then in a frame church. A frame arbor was used for revival services. The frame structure was torn down after the completion of the new building in 1898. This building was replaced in 1954 by the building which has now been partially torn down and renovated into the new sanctuary. An educational building was erected in 1965.

An interesting history of the Flag Springs church, researched and written by Miss Sarah Caudill, a member of the church, was handed out along with other printed information to those who attended the service of consecration Sunday, Nov. 14.

Asheboro Rotary Club Celebrates 50th Year

Nov. 22, 1976 – Asheboro Rotary Club celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding at a banquet session Friday evening at the National Guard Armory. Members and guests, many from out of town, comprised an attendance of 325.

Charter members of the club were W. J. Armfield, Jr., James M. Burns, C. C. Cranford, Dr. M. G. Hayworth, R. J. Hiker, H. L. Ingram, D. B. McCary, E. L. Moffitt, E. H. Morris, Hugh Parks, Rev. J. E. Pritchard, J. O. Redding,

Arthur Ross, J. D. Ross, J. A. Spence, Cleveland Thayer, and W. L. Ward.

Families of the charter members were seated at a special table at the anniversary celebration. Eighteen families from the original 21 members were represented at the meeting, some of them came a considerable distance to attend. Dr. Edwards, a former Asheboro veterinarian, is the only charter member still living. He now resides in Wilkesboro.

Thomas H. (Tommy) Radding, Jr., current president of the club, presided over the meeting. In welcoming the members and guests, the youthful president and "I am humbled to stand here before a Rotary Club who has practiced 'service above self' for fifty years. Dr. Donald W. Haynes pronounced the invocation.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow Award posthumously to Dr. Thomas F. Wheeldon, a Richmond, Va. Orthopedic surgeon who conducted a crippled children's clinic under the sponsorship of the Asheboro Rotary Club for nearly 40 years. When Charles W. McCary, one of the initiators of the clinic, presented the award to Mrs. Wheeldon the entire assemblage rose in tribute. The award carries with it a contribution of \$1,000 to Rotary Foundation from the local club.

Attending the celebration along with Mrs. Wheeldon was a daughter and Miss Mavis Haywood, an assistant of Dr. Wheeldon who accompanied him to the clinic in Asheboro for many years. She was presented with a plaque in appreciation for her long and faithful service by Same Current.

Recognition was also extended to L. Barron Mills, Jr., whose membership in the club has been marked by consistency and cooperative effort in applying himself to various duties and William A. (Red) Underwood, Jr., who served as editor of the Tar Wheel, weekly publication of the club, for the greater part of a period extending from 1939 to 1976.

Joseph D. Ross, Jr., past district governor, Paul Harris Fellow recipient, and referred to as "Mr. Asheboro Rotarian," spoke as the chairman of the fiftieth anniversary committee.

It was a historical presentation which went back, not only to the beginning of the club half of a century ago, but also to the official proclamation of Asheboro on that Christmas Day of 1779. He talked about the families comprising of the charter membership of the club, related the communities from which they came, and spoke of the time when they became a part of the citizenry of the town.

Present for the anniversary celebration were even past district governors, Charles W. Phillips, who brought greetings from Rotary International, Arnold Shiffman, W. D. Lee, John Hough, E. W. Freeze, Jr., Richard Earl Johnson, and Joe Ross, Jr. Communication of Rotary International, Dr. Bob Sprinkle, present district governor, and Wade Marr, of Elizabeth City, who was district governor at the time of chartering fifty years ago.

Trinity Club Wins Honor

Nov. 24, 1976 – The FBLA chapter of Trinity High School, otherwise known as Future Business Leaders of America, won first place awards on both the state and national levels for their participation in March of Dimes during the last school year.

Their participation was in conjunction with the national FBLA sponsorship of the March of Dimes drive for the past two years. Their first place award on the state level was received at the FBLA convention in Charlotte, their national award was received later at the FBLA convention in Washington, D. C.

Under the leadership of their advisor, Rev. B. Allen, and then local FBLA president, Miss Donna Moody, the chapter will again sponsor the March of Dimes drive for the Trinity area. They will be assisted by the other 96 members.

The chapter advisor and Miss Moody recently attended an area March of Dimes personnel from the states of North and South Carolina and Georgia. Roy Allen and Tommy Rice, who was president of the award winning FBLA chapter at Trinity High School last year, were invited to participate on a youth panel at the orientation meeting but Rice, now a student at Appalachian State University, was unable to join the FBLA advisor for the panel discussion.

Other rewards won by the Trinity FBLA chapter at the state convention last year included second place for the chapter of the year award, first place in spelling, represented by Miss Laura McHugh and Tommy Rice placed in the Mr. FBLA competition.

At the national convention, in addition to winning the first place March of Dimes award, Trinity was selected as a gold seal chapter for all-around participation and Miss McHugh took part in the spelling competition.

Project which enabled the Trinity chapter to win the March of Dimes state and national awards included the sponsorship of a walk-a-thon, door to door solicitation and business solicitation, selling balloons in shopping centers, and selling tickets on two autographed basketballs from North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.

Other projects of the chapter, past and present, include the sponsorship of National Education Week, the observance of National FBLA Week, carrying personal items to Gregson Rest Home, tracing educational trends in the school area, cleaning the roadside in the vicinity of the school, improving the parking lot facilities, and the sponsorship of a proposed Mr. Heartthrob Contest on Feb. 14, a money-making project.

Since last year the chapter has risen from a membership of 44 to the current 97 members. The imports of the chapter began last year and has continued its acceleration for this school year. Chapter members hold their meetings the first and third Wednesday mornings at 7:45.

Officers in addition to Miss Moody, are Alison Love, vice president; Annette Morgan, secretary; Jackie Hodges, treasurer; Teresa Saxton, Historian; Kimball Lawrence, parliamentarian; and David Garner, reporter. Other faculty members assisting Roy Allen with the chapter are Mrs. Carol Gibson, Mrs. Karen Smith, and Mrs. Becky Kiser, teachers in the business department.

Couple Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Nov. 25, 1976 – The Children of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glass, Sr., 951 Central Falls Rd., entertained in honor of their parents' 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Nov. 14, in the fellowship hall at Balfour Baptist Church.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lynn Glass, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Glass, Jr., Timothy Glass, Jeffrey Glass, and Kimberly Glass. Assisting them were Mr. and Mrs. Ken Byrd. Brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Glass, and Mrs. J. C.

Routh. Around a hundred guests called from two until five o'clock. The reception was a surprise to the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Glass were married Nov. 17, 1951 in York, S. C. Mrs. Glass is the former Mona Byrd, daughter of Mrs. Gertie Byrd, High Point, and the late C. B. Byrd. Charles Glass is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Glass, of Mount Airy.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Glass are members at the Balfour church. Charles, a building contractor, served as a member of the building committee for the recent construction of the new sanctuary and is also a member of the deacon board. Mrs. Glass is the teacher of a Sunday school class.

Church Honors Senior Citizens

Nov. 26, 1976 – A supper for senior citizens, the first major even in the newly erected fellowship hall at Hopewell Friends meeting, Rt. 5, Asheboro, was held Saturday afternoon, Nov. 20.

Dimensions of the building, which was built east of the existing Meeting house, are 62 by 38 feet. The exterior is brick, the inside is constructed of concrete blocks and paneling. Within its walls is the fellowship area, with kitchen space and cabinets, three Sunday school class rooms and two rest rooms.

Overseeing the construction of the building was a committee compassed of Lee Hunsucker, chairman, Rex Hurley, John Hill, Boyd Hinshaw, Carl Sawyer, Mrs. Clinton Nance, Mrs. Wayne Brady, Denzil Walker, and the minister, Bobby Choplin.

Cost of the building has been placed a \$26,000. Some of the material and labor was donated. One of the class rooms was furnished by Mrs. Ermalee Williamson in memory Backer and Effie Hammond; the other two rooms were furnished by J. Boyd Hinshaw and Class No. 6.

The concrete was donated by Rex Hurley, the stove and refrigerator by the United Society of Friends Women, the cabinets by Gilbert Miller, the painting by Denzil Walker and Bobby Choplin, the mantel by Clinton Nance, the shrubbery by Thurman Hogan, and general donations from John Hill, Richard Belle, Ernest Luck, Amos and Cora Hunt.

The occasion which brought the senior citizens of the Hopewell Meeting and community together was sponsored by the United Society of Friends Women, of which Mrs. Rex Hurley is president. Some of those who came were associated with the Meeting and the community in the earlier years of their lives.

The honored group included Penn and Exic Hammond, Amos and Cora Hunt, Rupert and Fannie Thornburg, Henry and Beulah Varner, Clegg Rush, Mary Hancock, Flata Cranford, Ora Brown, Eulalia Miller, Mattie Lewallen, Mary Garner, Sallie Garner, John and Myrtie Parish, Mattie Henley, Sarah Hurley, Mamie Belle, Josie Luck, Millie Voncannon, Alvis Luck, and Boyd Hinshaw, Ivey and Ruby Luck, and Ernest Luck.

A program was presented, after which the senior citizens participated in a bingo game and cake walk before enjoying the fellowship meal. Each of them was presented with a nice pillow before returning to their homes.

Joining with the sponsors and the senior citizens for the occasion were Bobby Choplin, Minister of the Meeting, and his wife, Helen. The Choplins, natives of Yadkinville, and their two children, Bobby Daren and Dana, came to the Hopewell Meeting in July, 1975. The minister is currently a student at John Wesley College in Greensboro.

A dedication service for the new fellowships hall will be held next Sunday Nov. 28, during the morning worship service beginning at 11 o'clock. Speaker for the service will be Billy Britt, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Miss Cox, Mr. Lowdermilk Recognized By Church

Nov. 26, 1976 – Recognition Day Service at St. Luke United Methodist Church Sunday, Nov. 21, honored two long time members of the congregation. Miss B. Alline Cox and Artie Lowdermilk.

Miss Cox, 84, attended the church when it was known as Bulla's Grove and located on S. Fayetteville St. She played the organ in the old church before it was moved to its present site in 1921.

Artie Lowdermilk, also 84, has been a member at St. Luke for 40 years, before that he as member at Mitchell Methodist Church in which vicinity he was reared. He moved to Asheboro in 1926.

Miss Cox, a resident of 628 E. Salisbury Rd., is a lifelong resident of Asheboro, having been born at what is now the eastern end of Worth St. She as a public school teacher for 39 years, 13 of those years were spent in Hickory and 21 at the Central School. Other schools at which she taught were Caraway, Liberty, Rams, and Ramseur.

She has always been a faithful member of her church and regrets that ill health now prevents her regular attendance at its services. Besides playing the organ and piano she has held many positions within the church, such as chairman of the commission on evangelism, president of the Wesleyan Service Guild and treasurer of the woman's society.

Artie Lowdermilk remembers attending Sunday school at Bull's Grove when he was a boy, even though his home church was Mitchell and he grew up between there and Ulah. He has been a church member for 55 years. His parental grandfather, Emmsley Lowdermilk, was a Methodist preacher.

Asked about his office in the church, he said "I've held about everything the Methodist church here has to off." He attends the services regularly; he said "I don't miss if I can help it." Despite his advanced age, he'll be 85 next Feb., he is still actively employed at the Asheboro Friends Meeting, a position he has held for the past 16 years.

Speaker for the service at which Miss Cox and Arlie Lowdermilk were honored was the Rev. Charles E. Tyson, formerly of Asheboro, now chaplain at the Federal Institutional Center for Correctional Research at Butner. The Rev. Mr. Tyson is a former student of Miss Cox.

Mrs. Ruby B. Fill and Mrs. Mabel Patterson were sponsors for the Recognition Day Service. J. N. Gill introduced the speaker.

Dream Come True

Nov. 30, 1976 – Mrs. Rosa Welborn, who died Oct. 5, had been president of the woman's missionary society at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church for 22 years. Except for the first two months she has headed the organization since its beginning. Some time ago it was designated as the Rosa Welborn Missionary Society.

For a long time she had wanted to visit the Wesleyan Indian Missions and the Brainard Indian School in South

Dakota. These were institutions supported by the efforts of her missionary society and the missionary program of her denomination.

On Sept. 11, her dreams were realized when she left with a bus trip, 42 people in all, for the missionary stations in South Dakota, conducted by her daughter, Joyce. Her daughter got up the trip at her request.

The trip to South Dakota was a delightful experience to Rosa Welborn. Despite ill health for the past few years and periods of hospitalization, this dedicated woman, already past her allotted three score years and ten, made the bus trip without difficulty.

She was sustained, not only by the divine presence in her life but also through the realization of seeing first hand those places with which she had been identified from a distance these many years.

She was admitted to the hospital a week and half after coming back home. Two weeks from the day she came back she was called to her heavenly reward. Her pastor, who sat with her hours before her passing, said the missionary society was on her mind. She spoke to him about the meeting the next week and directed him as to what should be done if she was unable to be there.

Five ministers, including her pastor, Rev. Leon Thompson, sat in the pulpit at her funeral service. Other ministers were in the congregation. The Rev. Mr. Thompson referred to her passing as "a celebration, a homegoing." Among other things, he also said "she was a down to earth person, she made the best of adverse circumstances, her roots and faith in Jesus Christ were deep she was a woman of missions."

He also said "she was not limited by her church relationship." This was evidenced by her long membership in Church Women United, in which organization she served on two committees and her relationship with the people of the other denominations of the town in which she lived.

The Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church recognized her passing and expressed its sympathy through its church publication. Many of the towns people remembered her fortitude and determination years earlier when her husband died and she was left with several dependent children.

A Rosa Welborn Memorial Fund has been established by the missionary society which she served as president. Her fellow travelers on the trip to South Dakota me recently, paid tributes to her memory and took an offering to be sent to the Indian School. New Testaments will be sent to the school in her memory. Tributes to her faithful service were also a part of the proceedings on a special missions day to the Ramseur Wesleyan Church recently.

Her successor as the president of the Rosa Welborn Missionary Society, Mrs. Joyce Thompson, has written a poem as a tribute to her life. The concluding verse is as follows, "Our hearts feel Oh so empty, nothing could erase the warmth and love we had for her. No one could take her place. But we must carry on the work, that's left for us to do. Let us work harder for missions, and her memory and God be true!

Eleven Children Honor Mr. and Mrs. Miller

Dec. 2, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Emory Columbus Miller, Rt. 2, Asheboro, were honored by their 11 children at a reception Sunday afternoon, Nov. 21, at the Cedar Grove Community Building commemorating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Their children are Mrs. Herman (Marilyn) Bunting, Rt. 7, Asheboro, E. C. Miller, Jr., Randleman, Johnny and Don Miller, Asheboro, Charles Miller, Farmer, and Mrs. James (Joyce) Skeen, Rt. 3, Asheboro.

The couple also have 22 grandchildren and one great-grandson, Henry Hughes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hughes.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are both natives of Tennessee, Emory Miller from Elk Mills on the Elk River and Mrs. Mills, the former Mary Jane Barnett, from Roan Mountain. But both were living in Johnson City, Tenn., when they were married on Nov. 17, 1926.

Their acquaintance began in the latter city, in the mill where both of them worked. Their marriage occurred three months later.

They came to Asheboro about two years later where Emory Miller helped to start the Cetwick Silk Mill. They first lived in the May McAlister home on Worth St., then in an apartment on Hill St. They have lived at their present residence for 36 years.

Emory Miller worked at the same mill which brought him to Asheboro for 41 years. He of much talent, having sung in an organized quartet about 25 years ago. His talent is also evident in his children and some of them are identified with various musical groups in this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have retained their interest in the areas from which they came and where they still have many relatives. They go back up there often, visiting relatives and to obtain apples. Emory Miller enjoys his trips back to the place where he was reared but prefers the warmer climate during the winter months here, he doesn't want to go back there to live. But Mrs. Miller said, "I'd just soon go back and live there all the time."

The couple are members of the West Chapel United Methodist Church, located near where they live.

Approximately 125 people attended the anniversary celebration during the appointed hours from two until four.

'Retirement Is Not What It Is Cracked Up To Be'

Dec. 3, 1976 – "This retirement is not what it is cracked up to be. I tried it for a year." Speaking with Calvin Graves Frazier, 205 Tremont Drive, who continues to work even though he passed his 86th last Oct. 6.

His formula for living and probably the reason he's still working is "eat regular, sleep regular, don't worry, and don't do things you are not supposed to."

He retired in 1950 after more than 20 years at Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills. But he couldn't stand it and went back to work at the L & L Laundromat in North Asheboro where he is still employed.

He came to Asheboro from Staley, shortly after the turn of the century, when his family on account of the schools, his father desired better school facilities for his children. His father had been the Postmaster and a merchant in Staley.

The family settled on a 30-acre farm, located at the present site of the Donna Lee Loflin School, and Calvin recalls that they farmed both sides of Holly St., Kivett St., and Park St.

After graduation from high school in 1912 his father wanted him to go to college but instead Calvin went to work at The Home Building where he received 35 cents a day, plus 10 cents for feeding the horses. But he was soon asked by George Hillard to go to work for the railroad, the

High Point to Asheboro line filling the position of ticket agent and cashier.

He also worked at the Asheboro Post Office for about 20 years, during the administrations of J. Milton Burrow, U. C. Richardson, Frank Wright, and J. O. Redding. His brother, June, who followed their father's advice and went to college, became an attorney and practiced with A. I. Ferree in Asheboro for a short while.

When he first came to Asheboro there wasn't any streets, you used stepping stones to cross Sunset Ave., which was described by Calvin as being muddy and like crawfish hole all the way from the Randolph Bank to the railroad.

He said there were some good people in Asheboro back in the first years he lived here, he mentioned Mrs. W. D. Stedman, Mrs. Will Moring, and a Mrs. Kephart, wife of the engineer, since there was no Baptist Church in Asheboro then he attended the Methodist Church, located in the City cemetery, and served as president of the Epworth League.

The Methodist talked to him about joining their church, they gave him a copy of their ritual, but the Baptist the Staley Baptist Church in 1902, when he was 12, and was baptized in the Staley Mill Pond.

When the Methodist gave him their ritual, he asked his father about a Baptist ritual, to help make up his mind about the two denominations. His father consented to get him one but when he brought it to him, it turned out to be the New Testament.

His father became the superintendent of the Sunday when the Baptists started holding services in Asheboro and the whole family started going. Calvin served as the sexton for the Baptists when they worshipped in the old wooden school building and also at the Presbyterian Church, receiving a dollar a month for his services.

He recalls his father, Calvin G. (Dock) Frazier, Sr., his father-in-law, George W. Berry, and W. W. Jones, pioneer Asheboro merchant, as serving as the first deacons in the church. He said they spent much time in prayer, praying that the Baptist in Asheboro would be "a shining light."

Calvin Frazier, whose membership in the Baptist Church has lasted for 74 years, talked about the Baptists in Asheboro as he knew them back in the earlier days of their existence here. He said, "I liked the Baptist people, we were close together then, we loved each other and we visited each other."

Ramseur's Class of '44 Has Reunion

Dec. 3, 1976 – The 1944 graduating class of Ramseur High School, the first class in the history of the high school to publish a school annual, held a reunion Saturday evening, Nov. 27, at Bill's Restaurant in Siler City.

This was the second reunion the class has held, the first one occurred two years ago. Present for this reunion were three teachers of the class, Mrs. Kittie Caviness, Mrs. Leo Rich, and Mrs. Cora Whitehead.

Former students in attendance were Harvey Burgen, who presided over the meeting, Josephine Allen Moore, Howard Jester, Sam Phillips, Miriam Scott Sims, Arnold Davis, Gladys Hardin Anick, Doris Duncan Teague, Veina Allen Craven, Millie Cox Bray, Hida Benner Pell, Paul Ward, Staton Raines, and Phillip McKenzie.

Members of the class not in attendance are LaRue Hodgin, Doris Welch Pugh, Donald Baldwin, Ellen Parks Cox, Hida Burgess Brower, Iris Jean Jones Kivett, Nancy Trupin Holland, Cecil Williams, Jr., Billy Roberta Roger

Kivett, Betty Brady Pinski, Howard Wright and Helen Caviness Wright, only members of the class to marry each other and Jimmy Chishion. One member of the class Helen York, is deceased.

President of the class Betty Brady Pinski and editor-in-chief of that first annual to be published, The Ramsonian, was Howard Jester.

Celebration Of 89th Birthday Fetes The Rev. William Dennis Brower

Dec. 3, 1976 – The celebration of the 89th birthday of Rev. William Dennis Brower took place during a worship service at the New Zion A. M. E. Zion Church near Robbins on Thanksgiving Day. Beginning at noon.

The aged patriarch, a native of the area in which the church is located, has been a preacher since 1906, he served as a pastor from 1913 until retirement in 1989. He served a total of 16 churches, one of them at two different times.

His churches included Star, Troy Chapel, Wadesville, Roper Grove, Mt. Zion, Chestnut, Mt. Airy, Ingram Chapel, Brommwood, Zion Grove, and Mt. Olivet in Montgomery County, his home church at New Zion, Roberson Chapel and Cross Roads in Union County, St. Phillips in Greensboro, Wesley Chapel in Danville, Va., and back to Troy Chapel before his retirement. All of his pastorates were in A. M. E. Zion Churches.

Since retirement the Rev. Mr. Brower has been living in Greensboro, the home of his second wife, the former Emma Haith, who he married following the death of his first wife, the former Wincy Ann Shamberger in 1932. Eleven children were born to his first marriage, all of them still living.

They are Mrs. Vellie Lilly, Baltimore, Mr. Eddie Hugh Brower, Eagle Springs, Ollon Brower and Lanie Brower, Robbins, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Orange N. L., Mrs. Cum Maness, Chester Pa., Mrs. Nicy Ewing and George Thomas Brower, Asheboro, Talmadge Brower, Roy Brower, and Ferrell Brower, Newmark, N. J. He as 20 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

All of his children came back to their native area for the celebration of their father's birthday except one. Mrs. Ewing gave the welcome address at the combined worship service and birthday celebration and Mrs. Lilly, the oldest of the 11, gave a tribute to father and mother.

In addition to his service as a minister, the Rev. Mr. Brower maintained a farm and operated a sawmill as a means of supporting his large family. All of his children learned early in life the importance of work, something each of them was required to do while at home under their father's supervision.

The Rev. Mr. Brower was a dedicated minister, husband and father. He recalled that he used to walk back to his home in Robbins area after the Sunday night service at his churches in Montgomery County, particularly during the illness of his wife, instead of waiting to come home the next day on the bus. This involved the distance from Troy or further.

Nine ministers were present for the worship service which celebrated the 89th birthday of Rev. William Dennis Brower at the church where he attended before becoming a pastor himself and where he also served pastor during his long tenure of service.

The pastor, Sister Mary D. Shamburger, the assistant pastor and principal speaker for the service, Rev. James E. Abernathy and Rev. J. D. Perry, former pastors, Sister Bessie M. Brower, pastor of the neighboring Little Oak Church of God, Elder Walter J. Brown, also of the Little Oak Church, Rev. Leonard Shamburger and Sister Julia S. Shamburger, nephew and niece of the Rev. E. M. Kearns, a fellow A. M. E. Zion pastor.

The observance of the Holy Communion concluded the service the combined choirs sang, "God Be With You," and the group re-assembled in the dining area for the serving and partaking of the sumptuous Thanksgiving dinner and period of fellowship.

Riverside Baptist Dedicate Parsonage

Dec. 8, 1976 – Riverside Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, dedicated a new parsonage during the worship service Sunday morning, Dec. 5, and held open house in the new structure in the afternoon from 2 until 5.

This is the first parsonage in the history of the Riverside Church, located in the extreme southeastern portion Randolph County lines. The church was started something after the turn of the century.

A 76-year-old former pastor, Rev. W. M. Leonard, who served the church 39 years ago, was the dedicatory speaker. He reviewed the progress of the church, contrasting it with the condition which existed at the time his pastorate.

He recalled the dilapidated condition of the building back then, said it was leaning to one side and pointed out some other effects which existed. He told about being interrupted one Sunday morning as he began his sermon by some boys who were laughing. He stopped and asked the boys, who were usually quiet and well behaved, "what's so funny." They pointed to a big owl who was setting on one of the benches. The owl, after being pursued by some members of the congregation, flew out a hole in the ceiling.

Talk about building a parsonage at Riverside, although motioned over the years, was revived last Easter Sunday and this time members of the congregation got serious about the matter. A building committee was named, composed of Ronald Garner, chairman, Dempsey Gatin, Curtis Maness, Lewis Hussey, Eugene Garner, Mrs. Patricia Ritter, Mrs. Valleen Maness, Mrs. Myrtie Hussey, Mrs. Dorothy Mae Ritter, and Mrs. Frieda Maness.

A contractor, Wayne Wright, was hired and the project was started in June. The cost of the structure, not including the well, septic tank and pump, was \$28,800. The church had accumulated \$10,000 in a building fund after paying off the indebtedness on the fellowship hall four years ago, part of which has been used on the new building. The amount borrowed on the structure is \$20,000. As evidence of their faith in the project some members of the building committee contributed a total of \$900 towards the expenses incurred in building the parsonage.

Comprising the various units of the building are living room, three bedrooms, two baths, combination dining and kitchen area, storage room and carport. The house has a brick exterior, the inside rooms are paneled, the living and bedrooms have wall to wall carpeting to match the design of the paneling.

Moving in on Monday following the open house, despite the inclement weather, were the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Lassiter, and their 10-year-old son,

Keith. Moving in was easy, the minister and his wife was assisted by Carl Hussey, Hoover Hussey, Hampton Moore, Lewis Hussey, Eugene Garner, June Ritter, Curtis Maness, and Dempsey Gatlin, all of whom had trucks except one. Also assisting were Ollie Mae Sanders and Julia Garner.

White the above were helping with the moving in, Julia's husband, Ronald Garner, chairman of the building committee, was out with his truck hauling gravel for the driveway to the new parsonage. The committee chairman praised his fellow members, said "we all worked together. I was proud of them" and everybody agreed that Riverside had come a long ways since that old big owl flew out through the ceiling around 40 years ago.

State Grange Master Speaks At Annual Rural-Urban Gala

Dec. 15, 1976 – State Grange Master Lloyd Massey spoke forthrightly to Farmer Grange members, their guests from the community and surrounding towns, at the annual rural urban Christmas meeting in the gaily decorated grange hall Saturday evening.

He told grange members "the challenge is before us just as it was 109 years ago." At the time of the founding of the grange. He said "it is fitting and proper that you invite the town folks, you need to work together."

He spoke of the new incoming president, the new incoming governor, and the return of the legislature, and said "we have got have a new agricultural act." He declared "there is no way a farmer can make a living under the present act, the farmer ought to be guaranteed a return."

Citing the big wheat crop this country has experienced, he said "some of this reserve, there needs to be a reserve system set up."

Saying the grange behaved in the family farmer, he started "the family farm today is under attach," urging owners would not have to sell their farms to pay inheritance taxes.

He praised the grange's belief in education, spoke about a school building, which still stood in his home county of Wayne which had been erected by the grange, but said "the grange doesn't believe in busing children across the county for integration."

He was concerned about energy, saying "we have no energy program, if we continue to use petroleum in the year 2010 our recourses will be gone." He urged the need to explore atomic energy.

"there is nothing wrong in Washington, there is nothing wrong in Raleigh, there is nothing wrong in the county seat," he said, "the problem is with the electorate." He based this statement on the fact that an office holder was re-elected even after the people in his district knew about his immorality while in office.

The veteran grange member, he joined in 1937, served as state treasurer of the grange and as a member of the state executive committee before being elevated to his present position. A former dairy farmer, he spoke at times with evangelistic zeal, interspersing his talk with Biblical references.

Asked if he was a "born again Baptist" he said he was a member of the Society of Friends and at on time had been a conservative Quaker. A local family connection was made when his son, Frank, and Miss Beth Phillips, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phillips, of Rt. 1, Ramseur, were

united in marriage. He was accompanied to the grange Christmas party by his wife.

Farmer Grange Master Gene Hogan presided over the meeting. Grange Leeturner R. C. Adams was personable for the program. The speaker was introduced by former Grange Master Alton Wall, Mrs. G. C. Castelle, Jr., was in charge of the arrangements, the decorating was done by Mrs. Herbert P. Kearns and Mrs. Carl Kearns. Finishing the music were Miss Debra Cranford and Bill Bates, members of the facility at Farmer School.

Among these in attendance were new elected state legislature, Harold Brubarker, and Richard P (Ronnie) Long, county campaign director for the March of Dimes drive.

AARP Charter Received

Dec. 15, 1976 – Randolph County Chapter No. 224 of the American Association of Retired Persons, (AARP) belatedly received their charter Friday evening, Dec. 10, at a dinner meeting at First United Methodist Church.

Joe Paxton of Brevard, state AARP representative presented the charter to Mrs. Margareite Miner who was recently elected to her Second term as president of the association and also installed officers into the various positions.

Other officers are Alex Fox, vice president, Mrs. Eloise Poe, secretary, Donald Kimbel, treasurer, Walter Hall and Garland Allen, board of directors, Mrs. Kay Mimbel, Mrs. Laura Snider, and Mrs. Marge Eisels nominating committee.

Speaker at the meeting besides the state representative included Jim King, vice president of First Peoples Savings and Loan Association, whose organization assisted the AARP in their initial efforts to organize in Oct., 1964.

Recognized for those initial efforts were members of a steering committee which met prior to the official organization of the group. These included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eisele. Mr. and Mrs. Don Kimbel. Mrs. Alice Ward, Mrs. Dorothy Carpenter, Arthur Frank and Ralph Hartman, who is now deceased.

Compton Barnes, who was named first president of the organization was particularly signaled out for his efforts in getting the group organized.

Paxton, the state representative, said that an average of one half chapter were being organized every working day in the United States and Proto Rico. Since the number 2204 was assigned to the Randolph chapter the numbers being assigned have gone to more than 2,500. it is estimated there are around 9,000,000 members in the United States.

The organization is an out growth of the National Retired Teachers Association which was formed 28 years ago by teachers who were retired without adequate retirement compensation and no insurance. A trusteeship now operate both the NRTA and AARP. Various types of insurance is available.

The Randolph chapter meets on the third Friday evening of every month at 7:30 at the First United Methodist Church. The meeting consist of a business session, program and a social period. The motto of the group is "to serve rather than be served." According to Mrs. Miner, the chapter president, "we do things."

Lee Poe is chairman of the legislative committee nd this phase of activity was urged by the state representative. However, he pointed out that exploration of the needs of

the elderly was not so much getting new laws but the execution of those already on the books. He asked that members phone or write letters to their legislators. It was also suggested that if they wanted the letters read it would be good idea to "write them on brown paper with pencil and not to correctly spell half of the words."

Mr. And Mrs. J. E. Dunlap Celebrate Silver Anniversary

Dec. 15, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Dunlap, Rt. 2, Robins, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Dec. 12 at the reception in the fellowship Hall at Dover Baptist Church.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. James Shelia Dunlap, Myrick Aberdeen, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dunlap, Robbins, and Miss Joanna Dunlap, of their home, a senior at Northmoore Senior High School.

Their family also includes their grandson, Travis Neale Dunlap, 6-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Dunlap.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap were married Dec. 15, 1951 at the parsonage of the Tabernacle Methodist Church in Robbins where Mrs. Dunlap, the former Lenora Williams, was attending at the time of her marriage. Rev. J. W. Page, pastor of the church performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Dunlap is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Williams, Rt. 2, Robbins and the late Howard Williams, J. E. Dunlap is the son of Mrs. Mattie Dunlap, also of Rt. 2 Robbins, and the late Henry Dunlap.

J. E. is an employee with 28 years of seniority at Deering-Milliken in Robbins. Lenora McCary Corp. in Asheboro for 15 years.

The couple are members of the Dover church where J. E. serves as superintendent of the Sunday school and is a past chairman of the deacon board.

Guests called at the reception from two until five o'clock. Assisting were Mrs. Mary Green and Mrs. Judy Davis, who opened the gifts, and Miss Judy Brewer and Mrs. Betty Sue Garner, who did the serving.

Association Holds Annual Banquet

Dec. 15, 1976 – Members of the West Liberty Improvements Association and friends packed the meeting room in the old town hall Saturday evening, Dec. 4, for a fellowship banquet which reviewed their efforts and gave expressions of appreciation for what has been accomplished.

The association was formed some ten years ago or more by West Liberty residents who desired better facilities for the black community and who wanted as much as anything else to change the image of the area which had heretofore been known as "pig foot."

Rev. M. Phillip McCleave, pastor of Edwards Grove Baptist Church, was present at the banquet to talk about "the occasion," to discuss the beginning of the association and its future. He said "we came together to remedy the situation."

His Honor, the Mayor of Liberty, Dr. Joe Griffith, was present also at the banquet along with his wife to receive raise for this part in the improvements which have come to West Liberty. But he said, "this has been a team effort."

The group bowed their heads in silent tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Clegg Avent, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Liberty, who initiated the citizens

council which played a big part in the improving of relations between the white community and the blacks. The Rev. Mr. Avent died recently.

Speaker for the occasion was Roy J Phillips, of Washington, D. C., a Randolph County native. Introduced by Elvin Marley, he is a brother of Mrs. Mary Eva Headen, of Liberty, and Mrs. Monte Smith, of High Point, who were present for the occasion.

Greensboro attorney Joel Bowden, an outstanding athlete both locally and at Wake Forest College, introduced the platform guests which included many present and former residents of West Liberty whose achievements reflect credit to the community from which they came. Included in the group was Steve Bowden, cousin of Joel, also an outstanding athlete and now a law student at Campbell College.

A bronze plaque presented to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kimes, Sr., "with fond remembrance for outstanding community and civic work" was received by Kimes' sisters, Mrs. Annie Love and Mrs. Olanda Carter.

Mrs. Julia Newberry, co-chairman of the program committee, served as mistress of ceremonies for the banquet. Mrs. Alice Matthews served as chairman of the planning committee. Mrs. Frances Clay has served as president of the association for several years.

Music was provided by the Dudley Senior High percussion ensemble, directed by Shelton Williams who was born in Liberty. Rev. Sampson Buie, community relations specialist from A & T State University, pronounced the invocation while Rev. Ocie Brown, pastor of Oliver's Chapel A. M. E Zion Church in the neighboring town of Staley, delivered the benediction.

Couple Honored On Anniversary

Dec. 21, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Amos Garlin Stout, 618 Penwood Drive, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Dec. 19, at their home. Open house was held to commemorate their anniversary, with friends and relatives calling from two until five.

The couple were married Dec. 22, 1926 by the Rev. Fred R. Love, pastor the New Union Methodist Church where Mrs. Stout attended. At the time of their marriage both were living and working in Asheboro, Amos at the Acme Hosiery Mill and Mrs. Stout at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill.

Mrs. Stout is the former Mattie Pauline Ledwill, on of 14 children born to Charlie and Lillian Robbins Ledwall. She was reared in Cedar Gove township and attended the Back Creek School.

Amos Stout, son of Mrs. Addie Moffitt Stout and the late Walter Marriage Stout, was reared in Grant Township and attended the Bethel School. His mother, age 89, still lives at the old homeplace, located east of the Bethel Friends Meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout's acquaintance began after coming to Asheboro to work and "boarding" in the vicinity of each other on Uwharrie and Dixon streets.

Accompanying them to their marriage ceremony at the Methodist parsonage were two sisters of Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Eva Gunter and Mrs. Elva Rush, and Mrs. Daisy Hoover Henson. Mrs. Gunter and Mrs. Rush were among the guests at the anniversary reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout on Gluyas Rd., off of Sunset Ave., for 35 years before the highway acquisition of their property. After that they built and moved to their present residence in

the northeastern part of Asheboro, near the Pritchard Street Plant of Acme-McCray Corp. where Amos retired in 1971 after continuous employment of 46 and a half years.

Two sons were born to their marriage, Maxton Stout, Rt. 3, Asheboro, and Charles Wayne Stout, Raleigh, a former teacher who now is employed as the administrative assistant to the executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Educators. There is one grandson, Charles Wayne Stout, Jr., 4.

The couple are members of Asheboro Friends Meeting where they have attended since shortly after their marriage. Amos has served as Clerk of Ministry and Counsel and clerk of the Monthly Meeting and is currently serving as Clerk of the Southern Quarterly Meeting, comprised of Friends Meetings in Randolph and Moore Counties.

Amos has beautifully landscaped the two-acre tract on which he and Mrs., Stout built their present home, formerly a part of the property of the dairy operated by Garland Pritchard. He maintains a vegetable garden and two flower gardens, along with 200 more rose bushes. During the flower season he often furnishes the floral arrangements for the worship services at the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

One hundred and eighty guests registered during the hours of the open house which honored Mr. and Mrs. Stout on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

Asheboro Man Attends Church, Meets Jimmy Carter

Dec. 21, 1976 – Joe Farlow, Rt. 4, Asheboro, a real estate man and builder, attended Sunday school at the Plains Baptist Church in Plains, Ga. Last Sunday and sat with President-elect Jimmy Carter in the same class.

At the conclusion of the lesson, the president-elect shook hands and spoke with 'those present, including Farlow.'

Mrs. Jim (Lizzie) Farlow, aunt of Joe Farlow, attended the morning worship service with the church and shook hands with the president-elect and also received the autograph of Rosalyn Carter,

Other members of the Farlow family making the trip to Plains were Mrs. Joe Farlow and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Farlow and son, Shannon, the son, daughter-in-law, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Farlow.

The Farlows drove down to the Warm Springs area of Georgia on Saturday and spent the night at the motel in the vicinity of Ft. Benning. They drove the 35 miles or so to Plains the next morning arriving before the Sunday school hour.

The area around the church was roped off, the people were standing in line to be admitted. Joe Farlow was fortunate enough to be in the last 10 people admitted to the class area. As Joe and the others waited for the class to begin, the president-elect and his daughter, Amy, descended the steps to the basement area where their class groups were assembled.

The president-elect declined to greet those present when he first arrived, since the preliminaries had already began, and he didn't want to disturb the proceedings, but at the conclusion of the class he talked and shook hands with everyone present.

Joe said a hippish-type man who went in with him was wearing a topcoat which bulged around the middle. Prior to Carter's arrival secret service agents took man from the room. Upon his return the coat had been removed and folded neatly.

According to the Asheboro visitors the movement of tourists at the Plains church is strictly regulated and channeled into the various areas of the church, if they are among those who gain admittance. Despite the rain on last Sunday a large crowd was grouped outside the church, including the Rev. Clennon King who has been seeking membership in the church.

Larry Joyce Coleridge 'Fireman Of The Year'

Dec. 23, 1976 – Larry Joyce, veteran member of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department, received the "Fireman of the Year" award at the annual Christmas party held by members of the annual Christmas party held by members of the club Dec. 14.

The selection came from a vote by the volunteer fireman themselves. Joyce, a builder and part owner of Joyce-Brady Funeral Home in Ramseur is a veteran fireman, he joined the Coleridge Fire Department as a charter member in 1966 and has served on the board of directors and as secretary and treasurer of the department since that time.

Presentation of the award was made by Robert Ritter. Who received the award last year. Other past recipients have been Alton Gray, Amos Needham, Therman Teague, and Larry McAlister.

A new chaplain, the Rev. Thomas G. Brown, pastor of Deep River Baptist Church, is now fulfilling his duties within the department. He is an experienced fireman, having served as a volunteer and regular paid fireman for nine years in Guilford County before entering the ministry.

Amos Needham has served as chief of the department for five years. Assistant chiefs are Larry McAlister and Charles Teague, the latter a resident of Erect where the department has operated Station No. 2 for nearly two years. Captains are Walter McNeil, C. E. Teague, Jr., Thurman Teague, and Johnny Needham.

An expanded board of directors include Alton Gray, John Early Powers, Larry Joyce, Charles Davis, Robert Ritter, Bob Macon, Edsel Needham, Cecil Gatlin, and Thurman Teague. One new member, Reece Needham, has been added to the membership of the department comprising around 40 members.

The department is making plans to conduct a mail solicitation for funds in the areas covered by the fire department. Requests will be mailed asking for yearly donation of \$10 from each home in the district which includes parts of Ramseur Route 1 and 2, Seagrove Routes 1 and 2, Asheboro Routes 1 and 4 and Siler City Route 4.

A gospel musical group, Brook-In-The-Way, from the Chimney Lane Church of God, provided music for the Christmas meeting. Members of this group were Lynn York, bass guitar, Harvell Smith, Piano player, Doyce Smith, acoustical guitar, and Richard Watson, drummer. Wives of the Volunteer fireman were guests at the meeting.

Couple Observing Anniversary At Home

Dec. 27, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Claude Washington Craven are observing their 60th wedding anniversary today at their home at 305 Jordan Road, Ramseur. No formal observance is planned.

Their marriage occurred Dec. 27, 1916 at the home of the bride in the vicinity of the Shiloh Christian Church

community, just off of Highway 42. Mrs. Craven is the former Allah Moffitt.

It had been planned that they would marry on Christmas Day; the mother of the bride had already prepared the food for the marriage feast. But the word about the wedding got out and Claude Craven wanted change the date so that the crowds would not come in as it was the custom back then to do, if knowledge of the wedding was gained beforehand.

Mrs. Craven, daughter of Willie and Mary Wrenn Moffitt, was reared in the old big two-story house in which her marriage took place, now unoccupied but last lived in by Mr. and Mrs. Maud Lawson. However, she was born in the Riverside Baptist Church community, near the Chatham and Moore County lines.

Claude Craven was also living in the Shiloh community at the time of their marriage, near Little Beane's Store, but he had been born near Buffalo Ford between Ramseur and Coleridge, the son of W. A. (Bud) Craven and Annie Belle Patterson Craven.

His Father, who was known as "Hopping Bud" because of a limping walk, was a miller, working at Cox's Mill near the birthplace of Claude Craven and also later at Brower's Mill. There was also later at Brower's Mill. There was also another Bud Craven, who was known as "Red Faced Bud" due to the color of his complexion. The nicknames were given so that a distinction could be made between the two Buds.

Some years before his marriage Claude Craven, like many young men of that time, went west to Indiana and worked for three years. It was after his return that he courted and married his wife of the past 60 years. Mrs. Craven, age 79, is about eight years younger than her husband who will be 87 years old on Jan. 2.

Claude Craven retired in 1958 after something over 30 years of employment with the State Highway Department, retiring as section foreman. He worked for four years on the roads of Randolph County before the state took them over, while the county was still maintaining them. For the first two years mules were used instead of mechanized equipment. Each employee had to furnish his own mules.

After two years the county bought two tractors, one of which was operated by Craven and the other one by Rufus Lawrence. At the time Claude said the county didn't have many roads you could get over in a car. He said the road from Asheboro to Ramseur was not paved then.

Despite their ages Mr. and Mrs. Craven are still active members of the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur, where both are charter members. Other churches which have been a part of their lives have been the Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, Shiloh Christian Church, Mrs. Craven said she had been a member of the church for around 65 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Craven have two children Russell Craven, Ramseur, and Mrs. A. C. (Dorothy) Blackard, Julian, and four grandchildren, Bill and David Craven, Cathy and Beth Blackard.

A formal celebration marked their 50th wedding anniversary and a more recent one observed the 86th birthday of Claude Craven. But a cataract condition of Claude's eyes prevented the holding of a public reception on their 60th anniversary.

But a wide acquaintance of friends will still wish to congratulate them on their anniversary and wish for them the best of health and happiness in the years ahead.

Liberty Legion Has Annual Gala

Dec. 29, 1976 – Liberty American Legion Post No. 81 held their annual Christmas Party and Ladies Night meeting on Dec. 25.

The occasion also observed Police and Firemen Appreciation Night. Invited as special guests were member at the auxiliary. Gold Star Mothers, and widows of deceased members.

Cecil M. William, assistant chief of police in Liberty, received the police award, Howard E. Godwin, the highway patrolman's award, and Edsel A Hicks, Staley fire chief, the fireman's award.

Wesley Rogers, Chief De Gare of 40 & 8, received an award for his organization having been their third in the state to reach the membership quota. L. T. Smith is the correspondent for the 40 & 8.

Elbridge Smith, adjutant, and Cary McMaster's, Co. adjutant, reported that the legion post had already acquired 325 members for this year, 35 ahead of last year's membership for the same period. An all-time high in membership is predicted. The goal is to be one of the 10 largest posts in the state department.

It was also reported that a \$10,000 remodeling project on the post kitchen had been completed and paid for; a cub scout pack with three dens and some 40 members was not being sponsored; and a flag pole had been erected at Firview Cemetery, donated by Mrs. Elberta Smith Lemmond in memory of her husband, Joe W. Lemmond, and her nephew, Johnny W. Smith, both former members of the post.

Officers of the post, in addition to the two adjutants already named, are H. L. (Buster) Kivett, commander; Winfred McMaster, 1st vice commander; Mickey Teter, 2nd vice commander; David Hargis and H. B. Wicker, sergeant-at-arms; Eldon Jones, chaplain; Gene Pugh, historian; and Elbridge Smith, service officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Zannie Bane Cole...Honored on Fiftieth Anniversary

Dec. 30, 1976 – Mr. and Mrs. Zannie Bane Cole, Rt. 2, Seagrove, are living in a big two-story house off a dead-end road at the same place where his parents and maternal grandparents lived before them. However, Zannie's birth occurred in an old log house which formerly stood at the site.

On Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28, the couple were honored by their children on their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Family members and friends greeted them at a reception in the fellowship hall at Maple Springs Baptist Church, also located on the dead-end road.

Their children are Mrs. Caiborne (Juanita) Ellis and Mrs. Albert (Maxine) Yates, Durham, Mrs. Ray (Kathleen) Hunt, High Point, Mrs. Franklin (Elsie) Hogan, Baltimore, Md., Norman Cole, Asheboro and Seagrove, and Clinton Cole, Rt. 1, Trinity. One son, Lester Cole is deceased. There are seven grandchildren.

Zannie Cole's parents were George and Tomessie Boone Cole. The place where Zannie and his wife live was formerly owned by Willard Boone, Zannie's maternal grandfather. Zannie first attended Blalock's School, walking two miles along a path through the woods to reach this institution.

He spoke of the cold winters during his childhood, remembered walking on the ice which formed on Little River and said it was "thick enough to hold up a mule." He recalled also the big fires which the family built in the log house in which they lived, saying the house had "cracks big enough to throw a cat through."

Mrs. Cole, the former Ila Maie Freeman, was reared in Montgomery County, in the vicinity of Ether and then nearer Troy. Her mother, Mrs. B. E. (Sarah Catherine) Freeman, is still living at the age of 96.

The couple got acquainted at a revival meeting at Center Cross Baptist Church and four months later, on Dec. 26, 1926, they were married in Bennettsville, S. C. Accompanying them were her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Freeman, her sister Alease, who later married Zannie's brother, Talmadge, and Reece Allen.

They rode in the latter's Dodge automobile and Mrs. Cole recalls they had several flat tires on the way down. Although they left early in the morning the sun was going down in the evening when the marriage ceremony was performed.

Zannie Cole became a full-fashioned hosiery mill knitter and worked in many places in Asheboro, Burlington, Graham, and Durham. He and his wife lived away for several years before coming back to purchase the old homeplace where they now live. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cole retired from Stedman Manufacturing Co. where Mrs. Cole was employed for 25 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Farley Voncannon... Observe Fortieth Anniversary

Dec. 30, 1976 - The two daughters and sons-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Farley Voncannon, 1247 Sunset Drive, honored Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, 1976 marking the 40th anniversary of their marriage.

The reception was held in the fellowship the New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 8, Asheboro, where Mr. and Mrs. Voncannon have been members the greater part of their lives. Approximately 100 guests called from three until five o'clock.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Jake (Brenda Voncannon) Outen, Winston-Salem, and Mr. and Mrs. Bryce (Donna Voncannon) Griffith, Reno, Nevada. Other members of Mr. and Mrs. Voncannon's immediate family include two granddaughters, Shannon and Kerri Outen.

The honored couple were married Oct. 16, 1936. The anniversary celebration was delayed in order that the daughter and son-in-law from Reno, Nevada could participate.

Farley Voncannon, and employee of B. B Walker Company, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arlie Voncannon. Mrs. Voncannon, the former Vaden Dorsett, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Dorsett. Both of them were reared in the vicinity of the New Hope Church.

Reception Honors The McPherson's

Dec. 30, 1976 - Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. McPherson, 200 Davidson Rd., were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday afternoon, Dec. 26, at the youth building of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Guest called from two until five o'clock. Hostesses were their two daughters, Mrs. Leon (Ermel Lee) Furr and Mrs.

Mary Ellen Bulla, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Leon McPherson.

In addition to their two daughters and son, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson have six grandchildren, Steve and Phillip McPherson, Rodney Furr, Mrs. Tammy Needham, Scott and Lori Bulla and two great-grandchildren, Angela Dawn and Sandra Renee McPherson.

Mr. and Mrs. McPherson were married on the day after Christmas in Chesterfield, S. C. Accompanied by a brother and cousin of Ernest, Mrs. McPherson recalled that it was a cold trip in an open 1924 Model T. Ford. The curtains flapped, the heater placed in the back of the car did not provide enough warmth, and the radiator heated up and they had to stop often and out in additional water.

Mrs. McPherson, the former Donna Lee Williams, is the daughter of the late Thomas (Tom) and Emma Vuncannon Williams. She was born near Ulah, lived in the North Asheboro area where she became acquainted with Ernest who lived at an adjoining place, but was living in Asheboro at the time of her marriage. She attended the school at Spero.

Ernest is the son of the late Braxton (Brack) McPherson and Mary Ellen (Sallie) Cox McPherson. He was born and mostly reared in the vicinity of Bethel Friends Meeting and attended the Bethel School before the family moved to North Asheboro.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson who were both employed at Acme Hosiery Mill set up housekeeping in a five dollar a month apartment at the home of former Sheiff Alf Brady. But Ernest said "we can't stand this" and they went out and bought a three-room house and two acres of land for \$800.