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Jan. Reception Honors Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Lackey

Jan. 6, 1977 – Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Henry Lackey, members of Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, were honored in the church's fellowship hall Sunday afternoon, Jan. 2, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The couple reside on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Their two daughters, Mrs. Paul (Christine) Parris and Mrs. Josephine Garrison, Rt. 1 Franklinville, and their grandchildren entertained at open house from two until five o'clock. Their grandchildren are Darrell and Neil Garrison, Mrs. Sandra McPherson, Mrs. Vivian McNease, and Teresa Parris.

Their immediate family also includes five great-grandchildren, Todd and Brian Garrison, Angela and Renee McPherson, and Jennifer Beth McNease.

Mr. and Mrs. Lackey were married Dec. 24, 1926 in the town of Liberty. Both of them were reared in the Grays Chapel area, Mrs. Lackey's home was just below the church.

However, her father, the late Sameul Monroe (Rhodie) Underwood, was a veteran Randolph County school teacher and often his family went with him to the school at which he taught. Because of this, Mrs. Lakey, the former Lena Bernice Underwood, attended six schools, Worthville, Spero, Lineberry, Grays Chapel, Hardin's, and Asheboro.

She attended the latter school following the sudden death of her father on Jan. 4, 1924 in the school yard at Spero, his last teaching assignment. She recalled they lived in the

Will Underwood home on Highway 220 for the three months he taught at Spero, during which time the highway was being paved for the first time. Mrs. Lackey, her father and sister walked the distance from the highway to the school which was located on the railroad.

At the time of their marriage Alpha Lackey was working at a sawmill for twenty cents an hour, ten hours a day. He also farmed before becoming employed at Randolph Mills in Franklinville, flour division, from which place he retired after twenty-two years of employment.

Dimes Drive Underway

Jan. 6, 1977 – The annual March of Dimes drive in Randolph County, which has consistently raised more money than any other county according to its size in North Carolina, is currently underway and will continue throughout the month of Jan. .

Richard R. (Rennie) Long, city executive for the Asheboro office of Planters National Bank, is serving as campaign director for the 1977 drive. Ralph Bulla is chairman for the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation-March of Dimes.

Bob Watson served as campaign director for the 1975 and 1976 drives which resulted in raising a combined total of \$91,891.45 for the two drives. This past Oct. at a regional March of Dimes meeting in Atlanta, Ga., the Randolph County Chapter received a national award for its success in the area of fund raising.

A recent kick-off supper for the 1977 drive was held at First Methodist United Methodist Church in Asheboro. Along with this kick-off supper, announcement of the community drive chairmen has been announced by the campaign director.

They are listed here as follows: Archdale, Mrs. Pat Lawrence, and Mrs. Robert Spencer; Asheboro, North, Mrs. Dinah Kirby and South, Mrs. Joyce Lee; Coleridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney G. Coble; Union Grove, Mrs. Colon McNeil' Union-Pisgah, David Cagel' Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Cutis Hollingsworth; Cedar Falls, Rev. W. E. Eaton; Seagrove, Mrs. Barbara Voncannon; and Cedar Square, Mrs. Guy Steed.

Also Brower-Erect, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Chriscoe; Grays Chapel-Red Cross; Sylvan R. Routh' Level Cross, Bill Frazier' Pleasant Grove, Rev. Tom Hill; Liberty, Rev. Richard B. Jarrett; Staley, Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith and Mrs. Daisy Gray; Farmer-New Hope, Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Loflin; Cedar Grove, Harold Brubaker; Ramseur, Junior Jaycees; and Bethel-Grantville, Mrs. C. E. Byrd, Jr.

Also, Trinity, Roy Allen and FBLA Chapter at Trinity High School; Ulah-Flag Springs, H. Clendon Richardson; Pleasant Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Simpson; Worthville, Mrs. Arnold Kirkman; Piney Ridge, Mrs. Verlia Brady and Mrs., Mamie Cheek; First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Oliver Barnes and Miss Irma Jean Goldston; Tabernacle, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Farlow; Randleman, Mrs. Alice Grove; Jackson Creek, Mrs. Carolyn Cole; Hillsville, Mrs. Joe Dunlap; and Black Community of Randleman, Mrs. Ernestine Coble, Mrs. Phyllis Balfour, Mrs. Theola Chestnut, and Mrs. Mary Hatcher; and Gold Mine Acres, Mrs. Ed Blanton.

March of Dimes Receives Bequest for \$2,628. 30

Jan. 7, 1977 – "She liked children" was the explanation given as the probable reason for a \$2,628. 30 bequest to the March of Dimes in the last will and testament of Mrs. Nettie Highfall Coltrane probated recently in the office of Clerk of Superior Court in Randolph County.

Mrs. Coltrane, 87, was a native of Liberty, having been reared northeast of Liberty, near the county line. However, she lived for 34 years in Winston-Salem before coming back to Liberty eight years ago following the death of her husband, Victor Coltrane, a native of the Sophia area.

After coming back to liberty she lived with her sister, Mrs. Gladys Highfill Marshall. She died Nov. 29, 1975, Her nephew, Allen Marshall, was the executor of her estate. Two other bequests authorized in her will included amounts to the Children's Home of the United Methodist church in Winston-Salem and the First United Methodist Church in Liberty.

Mrs. Coltrane was a former school teacher. Her love for children, as evidenced by her bequest to the March of Dimes, an organization whose goal is to eliminate birth defects, and her bequest to the children's home, probably stemmed from the love which she felt for the children which she taught in school many years ago. She and her husband had no children.

Her father, the late Rev. Druary Highfill, was a minister. While in Winston-Salem she was a member of the Centenary United Methodist Church. Upon coming back to her native area to reside with her sister she moved her membership to the church in Liberty.

Receiving the donation to the March of Dimes was the pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Liberty, who also serves as the town's chairman for the March of Dimes, and Rich R. (Rennie) Long, county Mar. Dimes drive director.

Craven Family Holds Third Reunion At Old Homesite

Jan. 7, 1977 – The eight children of the late Lewis and Lena Hendrix Craven, now ranging in ages from 80 down to 63, began holding an annual reunion two years ago at the old homesite on Rt. 1, Ramseur, southeast of Coleridge.

Last Sunday, the first day of the new year, they met for their third gathering at the place of their births, now occupied by one of the children, James Claudie Craven. But this year one of their number, Manley William Craven, High Point, was unable to come because of illness.

The other children, who were there, are Mrs. Eliza Ellen Linberry, Mrs. Manie Forence Richardson, and Mrs. Virginia Lois Carper, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Mrs. Fannie Belle Smitherman, Rt. 7, Greensboro, and Mrs. Lillie Robena Spoon, Norfolk, Va.

In 1925 Lewis Craven moved his family to High Point for the purpose of finding public employment for them. They never moved back to the old homeplace but on Jan. 1, 1935, 42 years from the time of the third reunion, Claudie Craven came back to the old homeplace where he has resided since.

A few years after Claudie moved back the house in which the family lived burned down. However, the Craven brothers and sisters remember another house, older than the one which burned. They especially remember the old log kitchen, a separate building from the main structure, which was left standing after the house was removed.

Some of the children remember attending the old one-room school, located about a half of a mile from their home. Which they attended before going to the school in Coleridge. They also recalled that their paternal grandfather, the Rev. William Craven, lived at the old homestead also, making at least three generations of the family there.

Lewis Carven died in 1934, his wife in 1945. They are buried in the cemetery where the Concord United Methodist Church was formerly located. Only one member of the family, Mrs. Carper, now attends this church where members of the family formerly attended.

Meeting with the family in their reunion this year were the Rev. Tim Brittain, pastor of the Coleridge Charge of the United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Brittain. Included on his charge is the Concord church and also the Maple Springs church where Claudie Craven serves on the building committee presently charged with the construction of a new building at that place.

Bennett Club Honors Volunteer Fire Dept.

Jan. 13, 1977 – For the fifth straight year members of the Bennett Homemakers Extension Club held an appreciation supper for the Bennett Volunteer Fire Department Saturday evening, Jan. 8.

The sumptuous buffet meal was served in the fire station. Wives of the fireman and the board of directors of the fire department and husbands of the extension club members were invited to the annual event.

The firemen took advantage of the occasion to present the "fireman of the year" award to Harold Brady, a young fireman who has also been selected as one of the two training officers for the department.

Presenting the award was Wayne Phillips, president of the Bennett Volunteer Fire Department executive board. The recipient of the award was named though a secret vote of the firemen themselves. Past recipients have been Earl Routh, who currently serves as assistant chief, and Bernard Purvis, the fire chief for the past several years.

Officers of the Bennett Homemakers Extension Club are Mrs. Rebecca D. (Becky) Routh, president; Mrs. Swanna McDaniel, vice president; Mrs. Vernece Willett, secretary; and Mrs. Virginia Smith, treasurer.

Other members are Mrs. Colon Dixon, Mrs. Lillie Gardner, Mrs. Vera Cox, Mrs. Sally Lou Brady, Mrs. Clara Jones, Mrs. Lillian Ferree, Mrs. Lucille Couch, Mrs. Myrtle Coble, Mrs. Estelle Honeycutt, Mrs. Faye Gough, Mrs. Thelma Murray, Mrs. Joyce Willett, and Miss Vera Purvis.

There are three ladies living who became charter members of the club which was organized more than a quarter of a century ago, Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Gardner, and Mrs. Myrtis Brewer.

The club meets the first Wednesday afternoon every other month and the first Thursday evening every other month, thus allowing all members to participate in the meetings. Alternating in their attendance at the meetings of the Bennett club are Mrs. Paul Powers, Chatham county extension agent, and Miss Glennie Beasley, the assistant agent.

In addition to their sponsorship of the appreciation supper for the firemen the Bennett Homemakers also hold a picnic in Aug. to which members of their families are invited.

Final Rites Are Held For Pastor Brower

Jan. 19, 1977 – Pastor Bessie Maness Brower's funeral service was held last Thursday in the Little Oak Church of God in Christ Jesus, Rt. 2, Robbins, which she founded in the early 1950's.

She was buried in the church yard, between the modern new structure which was dedicated in July, 1973 and the smaller 18 by 24 foot building which was first constructed and still stands as a symbol of the earlier beginning of her church.

The newer church building was filled to capacity with relatives and those participating in the funeral service. Others stood in the vestibule area and in the outside cold, numbering as many or more than those on the inside.

Bishop Paul McCoy and presiding Elder James McKinnon led the array of elders, deacons, and missionaries in officiating at the final rites. Robbins Mayor-Protean Mrs. Rick Lewis represented Mayor John L. Frye at the service.

The Little Oak Church of God was erected on land which Pastor Bessie Brower inherited from her parents, James Wesley Manes and Mishie Poole Maness. She was one of the 18 children which were born to their marriage, including two sets of twins and one set of triplets.

Pastor Brower, who grew up in the Methodist Faith, was converted to the apostolic teachings in 1939 before organizing the church which she pastored for many years. Following the organization of the church she left the community to join her husband, Redell Brower, also a native of the area, who was engaged in construction in New York.

But she retained her interest in the church, which was supplied by various ministers during her absence, and she came back a few times during the year to see how the church was getting along. Before leaving she called her bishop and said, "I want you to hold on until I get back."

After a time. However, she responded to the call to "come and get your church." She came back in 1964 to resume her responsibilities and to lead the small congregation in the program of expansion which resulted in moving from the tiny structure which cost \$830 into the new building which has an estimated value of \$75,000. Her husband served as the contractor for both of the buildings.

Bishop McCoy told the mourners at their funeral to "look around and see her work, she preached her funeral while she lived." He said she had "fought a good fight, she has finished her course, she has kept the faith."

Family of Eight Loses Everything In Blaze

Jan. 19, 1977 – A family of eight, living on Rt. 8, Asheboro near Seagrove Pottery, were burned out Thursday afternoon. Practically all of their belongings, including furniture and clothing, were destroyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cox had already left their five-room dwelling for their second shift employment at the Ramsey Plant of Klopman Mills. They had reached the plant and were waiting for their shift to begin when the work reached them that their home was on fire.

At home when the fire started were their eldest daughter, Jonelle, 27, crippled and with a hearing defect, their youngest daughter, Dianna, who was a New Year's baby three years ago, and their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Charlene Cox, who lives with her husband, Danny, in a mobile unit next to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cox.

Nearing their home while the house was still burning were Benny Cox, 13, and William Cox, 12, who were coming

home from school. Other members of the Cox family who live at home are Janet, 21, and Darlene 16. Four other children, Danny, Donald, Richard and Walter, live away from home. Another son is deceased, killed in an automobile accident a few years ago.

The fire, which supposedly started around the chimney, spread rapidly and gutted the frame dwelling. About the only items not completely destroyed were an American flag and a bunk bed in Benny and William's room. Among the items destroyed were a bookcase filled with religious commentaries and a large number of trophies received by Ray Cox for his dog entries in water racing.

There was no insurance whatsoever on the Cox dwelling and its furnishings, including the deep freeze which they thought was covered. The family plans to rebuild, on Saturday morning after the fire most of them were helping to clear away the debris.

For the days immediately following the fire the family split up and stayed in various other homes in the Seagrove area, mainly with relatives. But until their home has been rebuilt they plan to live in a house provided them by Gene Bumberner.

Other assistance is being rendered to them by neighbors, friends, and the Randolph Radio Patrol, a C. B. Club. This group started broadcasting an appeal for the family on Sunday following their meeting Saturday night. Pick-up sites designated by the club include the Shell Service Station in Seagrove and Boone Oil Co. on Highway 64 East.

One of the girls in the family, when asked by the photographer not to bother about "fixing up" for a picture of the family, retorted "I anit got nothing to fix up with." About all of the clothes except what they had on were burned

Jan. 23 Celebration Fetes Mrs. Annie Benbow

Jan. 26, 1977 – Mrs. Annie Danley Benbow, of Cedar Falls, became 90 years old on Jan. 22. On the following day, Sunday, she was honored at a family fathering held at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Benbow, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Present also for the birthday celebration were her husband, C. E., Benbow, and four other children, Mrs. Minerva Robertson, Greensboro, Phil Benbow and Mrs. Edith Shaw, of the Cedar Falls area, and Edgar Benbow, Rt. 7, Asheboro, and members of their families. Another son, Pete Benbow, Newport News, Va., was unable to attend.

Mrs. Benbow is a native of Surry County but was living in East Bend, Yadkin County, at the time of her marriage 64 years ago last Dec. 24. Her husband is a native of Yadkin County.

Her husband is a member of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church but Mrs. Benbow remains a member of the East Bend Baptist Church which she joined many years ago before her marriage.

The family came to Randolph County in 1937. Richard Benbow, their oldest son, came first, the others followed him later. Asked about her children days in Surry and Yadkin Counties, Mrs. Benbow said it was "work, work, work" in the tobacco fields and other farming interests.

Fourteen years ago the Benbow family celebrated the golden wedding anniversary of their parents and for twenty

years or so they have been getting together as a group for the celebration of their mother's birthday.

Mrs. Benbow and her husband have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. For the past several years Mrs. Benbow has spent her leisure time crocheting Afghans, some have been given to her children and others have been sold.

"Aunt Julean" Brooks Feted On 94th Birthday

Jan. 26, 1977 – For the seventh consecutive year the people of the Oliver's Chapter AME Zion Church community, Rt. 1, Staley, congregated at the church to celebrate the 94th birthday of "Aunt Julean" Brooks, oldest member of the church and oldest resident of the community.

A woman who commands the respect of every resident in the community, "Aunt Julean" is plain spoken and to the point. Told she would live to be 100, she said "no, I anit either, this will be the last one."

Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. Ocie Brown, who was reared in the community in which "Aunt Julean" has lived. Talking with the aged woman before the service in her honor started, the Rev. Mrs. Brown told her "she was going to live to see all of us buried."

The young peoples choir sang, Mrs. Daisy Gray read a poem, Mrs. Vera Matthews sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old." And a birthday cake and love offering was presented to the honored guest. Mrs. Carrie Strickland, a friend of "Aunt Julean" who will be 79 next month, sang "I'll Meet You at the Station When the Train Comes Along."

The Rev. Mrs. Brown spoke on the scripture, "Teach us to number our days and apply our hearts to wisdom." She talked about the wisdom of "Aunt Julean", her knowledge of Staley, its beginning and the old fashioned remedies which she still used.

Randolph Radio Patrol Sets Coffee Break Here

Jan. 27, 1977 – The Randolph Radio Patrol, a C. B. Club whose achievements in community service have been many since its organization nearly two years ago, will conduct on of their "famed" coffee breaks Friday, Saturday and Sunday for the March of Dimes.

This coffee break, similar, to the one in which they raised over \$900 for the March of Dimes last year, will be held in the vivacity of the old Lowe's Hardware Building on Dixie Drive in Asheboro. The CB'ers will be monitoring Channel 19, the traveling channel, this weekend.

The Randolph Radio Patrol, with a membership of 98 active members, has a reputation for prompt action whenever an emergency arises or a need exists. Just this past weekend members of the club broadcasted an appeal for a family of eight near Seagrove whose home was devastated by fire last Thursday.

So many people have been helped though the efforts of this CB Club during the nearly two years of their existence. A routine contribution of \$50 is made to a family suffering hardship because of illness. Other families suffering major illness and disaster have been assisted immeasurably; one family afflicted with a cancerous illness received \$1,577. 79 which was raised in a coffee break.

Other contributions have included donations to the burn center and the zoo, assistance to the bloodmobile, and a pole donated to the ballfield sponsored by the Grantville Civitan Club. A CB Radio for the monitoring of Channel 19, the emergency channel, was purchased for the Randolph County Sheriff's Department. Also, one of their members, with the backing of his fellow members, brought in the most money in the March of Dimes walkathon.

Soon after organization the Randolph Radio Patrol was licensed by the Federal Communications Commission to monitor Channel 9 for a period of five years. The club, which meets the third Saturday nights in each month at the Grantville Community Building, has started a building fund which will be used for the purchase of land and a building of their own in which to meet.

On May 28-29 the club will be host to the annual Jamboree of CB Clubs in North Carolina at the National Guard Armory in Asheboro. Hundreds of CB members from all over North Carolina and elsewhere are expected to attend.

People who are willing to donate coffee, cookies, cakes, doughnuts for the March of Dimes coffee break are asked to get in touch with the Randolph Radio Patrol officers, president, Willie Williams, Jr., vice president, Ray Luck, secretary, Mary Frances Stephens and Treasure, Mrs. Kay Luck. Telephones are 629-4036, 629-2204, and 622-4452.

A special guest at the coffee break, who was also present at last year's break, will be Sheila Boykin, county and state poster child for the March of Dimes.

Optimist Club Here Keeps Flags Flying

Jan. 27, 1977 – The first display of flags in Asheboro for the year 1977 took place on Lee's Birthday, Jan. 19. When the installing crews set out at 6 o'clock early Tuesday morning the temperature was nine degrees.

Citizens of Asheboro have gotten used to seeing the United States flag on certain designated days, it has become a familiar sight. But a great many people, including your correspondent, did not know that those responsible for putting the flags out and taking them up were members of the Asheboro Optimist Club.

The display of the flags became one of the first projects of the club following its chartering June 18, 1963; in fact it is their main project. The flags are displayed in cooperation with the various merchants in Asheboro who pay a yearly fee which is used for the purchase and replacement of flags.

But the greatest contribution and personal sacrifice in the flying of the flags comes from the members of the Asheboro Optimist Club themselves. They divide in two different crews, two in each crew, one crew for the north run, the other crew for the south run, for the placing of the flags. Four different members comprise the crews taking up the flags in the evening.

Last Tuesday the extremely low temperature made the installation of the flags a difficult task. At least one crew member tried to keep warm by wearing underwear, shirt, turtle neck sweater, and coat, two pairs of pants, two pairs of socks, boots, gloves, and toboggan. He was still cold, especially when he had to stop and scrap ice out of the flag receptacles.

Members of the club alternate in the display of flags and usually every member of the club has been utilized when the flags have been displayed three times.

Besides Lee's birthday flags are also displayed on Lincoln's Birthday, Washington's Birthday, V. E. Day, Armed Forces Day, Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, V. J. Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, and Pearl Harbor Day.

Other projects of the club include the sponsorship of a Little League baseball team, two \$100 scholarships through Randolph Technical Institute, co-sponsor of bicycle safety program, sponsor of youth appreciation week, conduct of a boys and girls oratorical contest, contribution to Lake Waccamaw Boys Home, host Respect of Law luncheon, and display of the flags of thirteen original colonies.

President of the club is Dick Peterson; vice presidents, Benny Hampton and Colon Auman; and secretary and treasurer, Rodney Haines. The boards of directors are J. C. Smith, David W. Lee, Bill Price, Doyle Craven, Leonard Simmons, and Kelly Lee.

Other members are Charles Browne, Robert Britson, Allan Edwards, Barry Ellison, Furman Greene, Odell Kinney, Raymond Kinney, David E. Lee, Albert Pointdexter, John Skeen, Buck Skeen, William V. Wilson, and R. G. Delk, Doyle Craven, William V. Wilson, and R. G. Delk have been designated life members.

The club meets every Tuesday at 1 p. m. for lunch at Village Inn.

Seagrove Chief First In 44 Years

Feb. 1, 1977 – A chief of police for the town of Seagrove, Arnold Lee Davis, was sworn into office last week, the first person to assume the duties of that office in over 44 years.

According to the town records the last person named to this position was W. E. (Willie) Graves who assumed his duties Dec. 3, 1932.

Prior to that time, beginning in 1929, others holding this position were Columbus Lucas, W. L. Stutts, Hirman L. Graves and Grady Lloyd.

Since the records farther back are not available, it is not known whether other people held the positioning after the chartering of the town in 1913.

Seagrove Mayor Michael Walker stated that consideration of a chief of police for the town had been in the planning stage for about three months. Legal technicalities has to be cleared with the Department of Justice and other governmental agencies.

Working with Mayor Walker and town attorney, Charlie Casper, on the establishment of the position were members of the town council, Clay Davis, Clifford Lucas, Mrs. Martha Comer, Mrs. Louise Bell, and Lloyd Callicutt, and the town clerk, Mrs. Nancy Reeder.

Mayor Walker also wishes to give credit to the assistance of State Representative Harold Brubaker who coordinated the efforts of the local people with the governmental agencies in Raleigh.

The new chief of police, who will work a part time basis is a veteran law enforcement officer with approximately nine years of experience. He served as the chief jailer for former Randolph County Sheriff Lloyd Brown for three years, was a part time deputy for Sheriff Brown for five years and at the time of his present appointment was a member of the Asheboro City Police Reserves.

He qualified himself by obtaining the required 160 basic hours in a law enforcement school at Randolph Technical Institute and also received other courses in this area.

A native of Rt. 1, Seagrove, he presently live on Rt. 8, Asheboro, just outside the town limits of Seagrove, with his wife, the former Lois Cornelison, and their two sons, Ritchie Arnold, 11, and Steven Lee, 6.

He is associated with Davis Auto Sales in Seagrove, formerly ran a used car lot in Asheboro where he lived for about 10 years, operated Davis Restaurant below Seagrove for eight years, and also worked on a Guilford Dairy route for three years.

The new chief of police, who weighs 225 pounds, looks forward to his duties and says once in law enforcement "its tough to quit if it ever gets in your blood." He also said "I like this little town, it has been good to me."

A police car, already owned by the town, will be repainted a dark blue, inscribed with the name of the town and eventually will have emblazoned on it the town seal.

Seagrove officials are pleased with the progress of their town. They point to their successful Bicentennial observance last Sept. in which they cleared over \$2,600, their volunteer fire department, their lighting system, their garbage pick-up, and they state with pride that all of their streets are paved except a real short on which is heavily graveled. They are also talking about the annexation of additional territory and they mention how much it would mean if the town ha its own water system, especially in terms of new industry.

Baptist Minister Honored Feb. 6

Feb. 10, 1977 – Rev. N. Hunsucker, a Baptist minister for over a quarter of a century, was honored on his 66th birthday Sunday, Feb. 6, at the Center Cross Baptist Church where he has been the pastor for seven years.

Family members and people from his congregation used the new fellowship facilities at the church, not yet completed, for the birthday meal in his honor. The new construction at the church also consists of six Sunday school rooms.

Center Cross, located near Montgomery County line in southeastern Randolph, is not the first church to undergo a building program during the ministry of Robert Hunsucker. Three other churches have undergone construction during his pastorates.

Most of his ministry ahs been conducted while he was engages in public employment, mainly at Acme Hosiery Mill where he worked off and on for 38 years before his retirement two or three years ago. However, he had lived and worked in Burlington for seven years just prior to becoming a minister in 1950.

He was a member of the Glen Hope Baptist Church in Burlington but upon returning to Randolph County joined the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge where his wife, the former Nellie Albright, had been a member prior to their marriage. But after they were married Nov. 15, 1931 they had joined First Baptist Church in Asheboro, then located across the street from the present building.

Robert was licensed and ordained into ministry by the Deep River church and served the church as pastor for two years. His next tenure of service was at the Friendship Baptist Mission, and affiliate of First Baptist Church in Asheboro, which later became the Armfield Heights Baptist Church.

He served both of these churches for a period of seven years and at the latter place a new structure was erected

while he was there. His membership was the First Baptist Church during the assignment at the Friendship mission.

His next pastorate was at the Oakwood Park Baptist Church east of Asheboro where a program of renovation and additional construction occurred during his stay there. He served there for five years before becoming the interim pastor of Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, where Sunday school rooms and a fellowship area were built during his two years there, similar to the present construction at Center Cross.

He supplied the Center Cross church for six months before beginning his seven year pastorate. The new addition at the church will mostly be paid for at the time of its completion.

Robert grew up in Asheboro, one of the nine children born to the late W. F. and Nellie Morton Hunsucker, eight sons and one daughter. He and his wife Nellie are the parents of two sons, Richard and George Michael (Whitney), and there are three grandchildren, Rev. and Mrs. Hunsucker reside at 912 Breeze Hill Rd., Asheboro.

West Side Fireman Honor Fireman Killed On Duty

Feb. 11, 1977 – The first Fireman of the Year Award from the West Side Volunteer Fire Department was received last Thursday evening by Mrs. Edna Dorsett, widow of fireman Carlos Dale Dorsett who was killed in the line duty Mar. 13, 1976.

Members of the fire department voted to give the award posthumously to their fallen colleague who was driving a water tanker in the Fuller's Mill area at the time of the fatal accident. The voice of Bill Black, the veteran chief of the fire department, faltered with emotion as he presented the bronze plaque to Mrs. Dorsett, telling her and the others assembled that the deceased fireman "gave his life for his fellow man."

Presentation of the award occurred at the supper meeting of the firemen, members of the board, their wives and sweethearts, at Sea King Restaurant. Funds for the meal came from those participating; the money did come from the treasury of the fire department.

Officers of the department, in addition to Chief Black, are Jimmy Gallimore, assistant chief; Ricky Davis and Micky Seawell, captains; and firemen Tim Cross, Ken Dawkins, Kennie Robbins, Lloyd Hunt, Mark Dawalt, Jerry Barnes, Paul Trogdon, Bob Howell, John Phillips, Steve Bullins, David Whiteman, Wendell Briles, J. D. Skeen, Kenneth Coleman, Roger Hughes, Clarence Ennis, Barry Bunting, Paul Chaney, Keith Seabolt, Jerry Hayes, Ricky Craven, Danny Scott, Nick Miller, Randy Cannon, and Willis McBride.

Officers and directors of the board are Harold Brubaker, president; Jerry Rorie, vice president; Colon Auman, secretary; Melvin Lindsey, treasurer; Otis Smith, Chaplain; and Jerry Barnes, Paul Trogdon, Paul Myrick, and Ray Lucas. Officers of the auxiliary are Mrs. Janet Johnson, president; Mrs. Phylisis Alley, vice president; Mrs. Gayle Davis, secretary; and Mrs. Doris Rich.

The area covered by the West Side Volunteer Fire Department is one of the largest served by a similar organization in Randolph County. The idea of a volunteer fire department for the area took hold quickly and about a month after the discussions began the organization was effected in Mar., 1968.

In the spring of 1969 the fire station was completed, including four bays, a large meeting room, bedroom, office, and two bathrooms. At the time of organization a pumper and a tanker were purchased, later another tanker and two brush units were secured. However, one of the tankers was demolished in the fatal accident.

The fire station and equipment was purchased by funds derived from fund raising suppers, membership fees, and other contributions. Membership fees are \$15 for residents and \$100 for business places and church. Bills for the membership fees, which are mailed out twice a year, are currently being sent out. Residents of the area urged to respond in order that expenses of the department may be met.

Chief Black, who is also president of the county fireman's association, was one of the persons instrumental in organizing the fire department and served as chief for the first three years, resuming this position again in Sept., 1975. He is a certified instructor in fire fighting for the community colleges. Others who have served as chief are Nelson Burcham, Bob Howell, Milton Yates, and Micky Seawell.

In Jan. the department answered thirteen calls, on three days were two calls per day. Since June there have been 46 fire calls. The fire calls are received and dispatched by the Asheboro Fire Station, then are monitored by radio to the West Side volunteer fireman.

At the supper and also to this correspondent Chief Black expressed gratitude for the faithfulness of his volunteer fireman who adheres to their duty,"both night and day in all kinds of weather."

Franklinville Resident To Be Aided By Friends

Feb. 11, 1977 – Friends and fellow church members are combining their efforts in helping a retired textile employee and his wife who have been beset by illness and long periods of hospitalization.

Hurley Spencer, Rt. 1, Franklinville, retired from Sapona Manufacturing Co. the first of last year. He had worked there since 1927 except for a period of six months. He and his wife live in a neatly kept house in the mill community, next to the company owned houses.

At the time of his retirement Hurley was in the hospital for an operation. He was back in the hospital six months later because of a heart attack. A pacer was inserted to alleviate the heart condition.

His medical bills, after two weeks in the hospital in Asheboro, on week in a hospital in Greensboro and the installation of the pacer, amounted to \$9,000. After payments from his hospital insurance he still owes over \$3,000.

Mrs. Spencer, the former Annie Chriscoe, has recently returned home after nine weeks in the hospitals in Asheboro and High Point. Her hospital bills have not yet been determined but are expected to in excess of the hospital bills of her husband. It cost \$85 for each day she was hospitalized.

Afflicted with a heart condition also and a diabetic ailment, she has been sick off and on for several years and has submitted to at least seven operations.

On Apr. Hurley Spencer will become eligible for Medicare but this will not pay the bills already incurred. Since his

retirement he worked on a part time basis at the Sapona plant, thus allowing him to retain his hospital insurance.

But he is conscientious about the bill which he owes, he says "I hope to live until I get it paid." His wife says "It worries him to death about bills."

Recently the congregations at the Clear View Baptist Church, the church he and his wife attend, located near to where they live, receive a love offering for their benefit. Members of the congregation also planted and attended their garden last summer during his illness and finished some painting which Hurley had started on their home.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 22, a benefit singing for them will be held at the Clear View church, featuring the Hunt Family, the Harbor Light Singers, and the Jordan River Boys. The singing will start at 2 o'clock and the evening service at the church will be called off in order that the singing may run its course.

Both Hurley Spencer and his wife were reared in the New Center Christian Church community between Erect and Seagrove. It was from this area that he left at the age of 14 to begin his employment at the Sapona plant, then a cotton mill. He learned to weave, receiving no pay during his initial training period but being paid six and one half cents an hour after learning how to do the job.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer are respected and substantial citizens in the community in which they have lived for many years. They also have a wide circle of friends and relatives in the area from which they came. It is expected that both communities will combine their efforts in helping to ease the financial strain which they are now experiencing.

Couple Honored On Fiftieth Anniversary

Feb. 16, 1977 – Fuller F. Saunders, a veteran of World War I and barber for 58 years, and his wife, the former Myrtle Poole, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, at the VFW building on Albemarle Road.

Their three children and their in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Saunders, Donalsonville, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Saunders, Bradenton, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse (Linda Saunders) Ingold, were hosts at a reception honoring their parents. Approximately 175 guests called from two until four o'clock, several from out of town, including Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stout, former resident, of AltaVista, Va.

Their family also includes seven grandchildren, Jackie, Shane, Patti Sue, and Grayson (Gray) Saunders, and Sherri, Sandi, and Hollie Ingold. Only recently Mr. and Mrs. Saunders motored to Florida to attend the wedding of their grandson, Gray, and Miss Ruth DeMint, of Saratoga, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Saunders were married Feb. 13, 1927 in Bennettsville, S. C. They first came to this area, Central Falls, in 1932, prior to that time they lived for two years in High Point and in other areas for short periods of time. They have lived at their present residence since 1939.

Mrs. Saunders was born west of Norman in Richmond County but was living in more or less the same vicinity in Montgomery County at the time of her marriage. Fuller Fillmore Saunders is a native of Montgomery County. Being reared in the vicinity between Troy and Wadeville.

He left home at the age of 15 to work in a plant in Albemarle but was working in another plant in Thomasville at the time of his enlistment in the Army on Aug. 29, 1917 at the age of 17.

His overseas service lasted for eleven months. He was a casualty twice, being gassed in action in Belgium and wounded in the battle for the Hindenburg Line. After the war he served a reenlistment period of one year.

His barbering, which started in 1919, has been on a partial basis since his retirement in 1965. For many years he ran a shop on North Fayetteville St. in the area formerly known as North Asheboro.

Mrs. Saunders has served for the past three years as president of the VFW Auxiliary, Asheboro Post No. 1159, and also served in this capacity for a previous period. She has also been the teacher of the Ladies Class at the Central Falls United Methodist Church for several years.

Cheek Gets Eagle Award

Feb. 16, 1977 - John Branson Cheek, Jr., received the Eagle Scout Award in a ceremony Sunday morning, Feb. 6, at the Central Falls Baptist Church. He is a member of Scout Troop No. 529, sponsored by the church.

Persisting over the ceremony was John L. Raiguel, associate district executive. Others participating were the recipient's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Branson Cheek, Central Falls, and his scoutmaster, Leon Robinson. The pastor of the church is Rev. J. C. Mangum.

Raiguel termed the occasion "a very special day, a culmination of much work in the scouting program." He said in order to become an Eagle Scout "24 merit badges are required, leadership must be demonstrated, citizenship and personal fitness of mind and body must excel."

But actually the new Eagle Scout obtained 36 merit badges, he became a member of the Order of the Arrow, he attended two summer camps, one national jamboree, and he is currently serving as senior patrol leader.

Now 16 years of age, he first joined the scouts with Troop No. 531, sponsored at the time by the First Baptist Church in Randleman, Darrell Griffin was his scoutmaster while he was in the Randleman troop. One of his advisors in that troop, Bobby Spencer, was singing in the choir during the morning service at which he received the Eagle Award.

Those coming especially for the awards ceremony were his sister, Rebecca, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cheek and Mrs. T. F. Robbins, other relatives and family friends, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Filbert, of Kernersville.

John is a sophomore at Randleman High School where he is a member of the masonry and automotive clubs. Both of these interests are a tradition in the Cheek family and as a furtherance of this tradition John owns a 1951 Chrysler station wagon, of which there were only 600 manufactured.

Branson Cheek, father of John, also attained the rank of Eagle Scout as a member of Scout Troop No. 525, sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church in Asheboro.

Cubs Observe Anniversary

Feb. 17, 1977 - Cub Scouts of Pack No. 501 observed the 67th anniversary of Scouting at a buffet supper Tuesday evening at the Guy B. Teachey School. The pack is sponsored by the school PTA.

The food was brought by parents of the cub scouts who attended along with Ed Hardister, district executive, Steve Glass, chief of Boy Scouts, Randolph District, John McGlohon, Asheboro fire chief, who was speaker for the meeting, and Teachey school principal Grady King and Mrs. King.

Glass praised Clarence Sexton, cubmaster, saying "Clarence has done a tremendous job of reorganizing 501." Prior to this time the pack had deteriorated almost to the point of disbanding.

Other officials of the pack are Charlie Wood, assistant cub-master, and Mrs. Joyce Davis and Mrs. Kathy Alford, den mothers.

Award were presented to Mark Caviness, Tim Smith, Robbie Russell, Todd Oldham, David Pinnix, Jimmy Burrow, Terry Davis, Darin Ridge, Mark Sexton, and Doug Ward. Other members of the pack are Ricky Alford, Steven Brumley, Morry Ward, Kent Lewis, Zackery Jarrell, Danny Thomas, Ricky Dunn, Chris Tutterow, and Mitch Hinesley.

Presenting the awards was the cubmaster who said "we don't have to take a back seat to anybody." Conclusion of the program came when the young scouts rendered a salute to the flag.

Plans are in the making for taking the cub scouts to Wilmington on Easter week-end for a tour of the battleship, the USS North Carolina. Shorter trips have been to the fire station, John Redding's sheep farm, various hikes and a visit to the racing enterprise of Richard Petty.

Skeen Celebrates 90th Birthday

Feb. 17, 1977 - A stalwart western Randolph County native, Enos Skeen, was honored twice on the occasion of his 90th birthday which occurred Thursday, Feb. 10.

He was a lifelong resident of the Poplar Ridge community, Rt. 1, Trinity, until moving into Gregson Nursing Home last summer, following a period of hospitalization.

On the day of his birthday all of his children and some friends, including two ministers, Rev. Dallas Rush and Isaac Harris, Minister of Archdale Friends Meeting, had dinner with him at the nursing home.

On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, friends and relatives visited with him at the nursing home from one until four o'clock.

His children are Robert Skeen, Rt. 3, High Point, Mrs. Radie Kennedy, and Mrs. Ruby Osborn, Rt. 1, Trinity, Mrs. Bertie Nelson and Mrs. Dessie Coggins, Rt. 1, Sophia, John Skeen, Aldridge Road, High Point, and Paul Skeen, Archdale. One Son, Troy Skeen, died in 1962.

Enos Skeen has 17 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, Christopher Seward. Nineteen of his great-grandchildren are boys.

Following the death of his wife, the former Winnie Briles, in 1968 Enos lived alone at his home next to Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse until his hospitalization last summer. He cooked, washed the clothes and attended to other household duties. His daughter, Dessie, said he could cook better pies than her. Her father, noted for his dry humor, said "maybe that wasn't saying too much."

When additional space was needed for erection of a new Meetinghouse at Poplar Ridge a few years ago Enos Skeen and his children gave over six acres of land on which to put it. He is the oldest living member of the Meeting. He has attended there for all of his life except for a few years when he went with his wife to her home church, the nearby Mt. Gilead Methodist Church.

The last living member of his immediate family, Enos Skeen is the son of the late Elihu and Mary Hill Skeen.

His maternal grandfather, Christopher Hill, built the famous one-mile rock fence which was located in the Poplar Ridge community and also gave land for the original

Poplar Ridge Meetinghouse. Enos first attended the one-room, log school building at Poplar Ridge.

Ramseur Scouts Awarded Eagles

February 17, 1977—Two young Ramseur scouts, Christopher (Chris) Craven, 14, and Robin Maples, 15, members of Troop No. 508, were presented with the highest award in scouting in a ceremony Sunday afternoon, Feb. 13, in Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

The Eagle Awards were presented to the scouts by their Scoutmaster Bernard J. (Bud) McManus who termed the occasion "extra special" since they were the first scouts to receive the awards who had joined the troop since his tenure of service began.

Escorting the two Eagle recipients and their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Craven, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Maples, to the honored circle were Sam Rankin, Jr., assistant Scoutmaster, and Randy Parks, junior assistant Scoutmaster, also Eagle Scouts who received their awards while members of Troop No. 508.

Rankin also issued the Eagle challenge to the two scouts. John Raiquel, associate district scout executive, was the guest speaker. Rev. Justus McKeel, pastor of First Baptist Church, pronounced the invocation, the benediction was delivered by Rev. George B. Culbreth, pastor of the Jordan Memorial Church, sponsor of Troop No. 508.

Chris Craven joined scouting in June, 1973 and rose through the various ranks, tenderfoot, second class, first class, Star, and life, to achieve his Eagle rating by Dec. 30, 1976. Robin Maples joined scouting in Feb., 1973 and his advancement in the same ranks paralleled the record of Chris Craven and he too achieved the Eagle rating on Dec. 30, 1976.

Chris is the troops senior patrol leader and Robin is the assistant senior patrol leader. Both are members of the Brotherhood Order of the Arrow.

Scoutmaster McManus said the two scouts, who are both members of the freshman class at Eastern Randolph High School, "competed and pushed each other but they also helped each other." He also said that both of them planned to attend the National Scouting Jamboree in Aug. .

Christ father is chairman of the troop committee, of which Robin's father is a member. Other members are Jerry Boyd, W. Harvey Burgess, Robert H. Henley, J. Harold Holmes, John R. Lawrence, Horace Luther, James E. Rains, Sr., and Joe S. Tripp. The Rev. Mr. Culbreth is the institutional representative.

Scott Simpkins Receives The Eagle Scouting Award

Mar. 2, 1977—Scott Simpkins, a 15-year-old Asheboro High School wrestler, received the Eagle Award in scouting at Central United Methodist Church.

A member of Troop No. 506, sponsored by the church the presentation of the award occurred during an observance of Scout Sunday in which members of the troop participated.

John Askew, an Eagle Scout himself, presided over the ceremony. Greg Bizzell, a Life Scout gave the background of scouting, and Hank Maddux read the scripture. A beautiful trumpet solo in honor of the Eagle Award was rendered by Ricky Cox.

Also participating were assistant Scoutmasters Hassell Patterson and Jim King. Charles Lewis, Scoutmaster, was absent due to week-end duty with the National Guard. Patterson presented the award to the recipient's mother who in turn pinned it on her son.

Scott Simpkins is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Demi Simpkins, of 800 Cliff Road. The family, originally from Christiansburg, Va., came to Asheboro from Riverville, N. J. Scott has a sister, Deborah who is one year younger. Demi Simpkins is a traffic manager with Klopman Mills.

The new Eagle Scout has been a member of the troop for five years, for two years prior to that was a cub scout and one year a Weblo. He earned 32 merit badges on his way to Eagle rank. He served as assistant patrol leader and patrol leader and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. He has attended boy scout camp, the National Jamboree and took part in the General Greene Council Heritage Hike last year.

He has played Little League and Pony League baseball and was a member of the all-star team. He was co-captain of the Asheboro Junior High wrestling team and was designated the most improved of the team. Currently a member of the wrestling team at Asheboro High School, he plans to attend a wrestling school at Appalachian State University this summer.

Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Mar. 16, 1977 - Eighty-three-year-old Elias Carr Gann, a Stokes County native, was named for the man serving as Governor of North Carolina at time he was born May 16, 1893. In 1925 Gann represented Stokes County in the state legislature.

In Randolph County where he has lived since Dec. 1, 1939 he is known as E. C. Gann. He and his wife, who celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Mar. 13, are living at the place where the first moved upon coming to this county, on Rt. 4, Asheboro, near the Union Grove United Church of Christ.

The Ganns remember well their moving into the community on the Friday of 37 years ago. They didn't know a soul, the only person they saw before retiring for the night was Jim Lawson, a neighbor living on an adjoining farm, who came to their new place carrying a lantern.

Although the visit of Jim Lawson, who remained a good neighbor until his death recently, was reassuring, Mrs. Gann said she spent much of the night looking out the window, not knowing what might come out of the darkness.

But their adjustment to the new surroundings began on Sunday when the family went to the Union Grove church where they received a warm welcome and it continued on Monday when the Gann children, then 11, 9, and 7, enrolled at the Seagrove School and resumed their activities with new classmates. They did not miss a single day at school since their moving occurred during the Thanksgiving holidays.

E. C. Gann was born and reared in Snow Creek Township in eastern Stokes County, a mile and a half from the Rockingham County line, where his father was a farmer and county merchant. He first attended the one-teacher log school in the community, replaced by a newer school which was eventually called the Gann school. Gann became a school teacher, after receiving a first class county certificate, and taught at the Gann School for seven years.

Mrs. Gann, the former Mattie Martin, was born and reared in sight of the place where her husband was reared, and a little closer to the Rockingham County line. He remembers when she was born over 71 years ago an she has known him as long as she has known anybody. He taught her two or three times at the Gann School but they didn't do any courting then, she said, "I wasn't old enough."

Their marriage occurred on Mar. 13, 1927 at the bride's home after a courtship of three years, which consisted mainly of him walking over to her home on Sunday afternoons and remaining until nine o'clock at night. E. C. Gann considers his marriage "providential," a matter which he prayed about, and he also considers the family's moving to Randolph County in the same light.

While attending the Stokes County Democratic convention in 1924, E. C. asked the delegate sitting in the next seat to nominate him for the county's legislative post in the General Assembly. He was nominated, perhaps due to having taught school in several areas of the county, and in the fall won by a 27-vote majority. He thinks the Republicans who lived in the community in which he was reared changed enough of their votes to put him across.

The fiscally-minded Governor Angus McLean was in the state house during his term in the legislature and the provision the expenditures must not exceed revenues, a law which still exists, was passed that year. Gann recalled the farewell appearance of Governor Cameron Morrison, who was elected in 1920.

He got paid four dollars a day for the 63 days which he served and was allowed mileage for one trip back home during that time. He stayed in a boarding house while in Raleigh. One of the bills he introduced provided for changing the date of the primary from May until Aug., a change which only took place last year. He has not visited the legislature since the time he served.

After the session was over he was entitled to receive one copy of the House Journal and one copy of the Senate Journal. Due to an error he received two copies of the Senate Journal and did not receive a copy of the House Journal. This error was not rectified until a year or so ago, when he received his copy of the House Journal 40 years later, after having written to Secretary of State Thad Eure about the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Gann reared their three children, Mrs. Clinton (Evangeline) Brown, Frank Carr Gann, and Elias Foy Gann, on the place to which they first came, all of whom are now living with their families in the community near their parents. There are eight grandchildren. The anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Gann was held at the home of Mrs. Brown. Approximately 150 guests called from two until four o'clock.

Eleven Year Debt Paid Off

Mar. 18, 1977 - First Wesleyan church in Randleman held a note-burning service Sunday morning, Mar. 6, commemorating the paying off of an indebtedness which has existed for eleven years.

The note was secured for \$54,000 in Jan., 1956 on the sanctuary which was under construction at the time, that last payment was made in Jan. of this year. The first service was held in the new sanctuary on Sunday, Apr. 10, 1966.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony were the pastor, Rev. W. Don Richardson, former pastor, Rev.

James L. Denny. Present and former members of the board of trustees, Paul Lowdermilk, Mrs. Ila Mae Hill, O. L. Hussey, Shields Dicks, Bill Kidd, and Charles Yow.

All of these except for Mrs. Hill were trustees at the time of the construction of the sanctuary. Also joining the ceremony was Arnold Kirkman, builder at the time of construction.

Speaker for the morning service was the Rev. Mr. Denny who left First Wesleyan Church July 30, 1972 after a successful pastorate of twelve years at the church. During his ministry there both the educational building, occupied a year after he came, and the sanctuary came into existence. He serves now as assistant superintendent of the district, administrator of the Wesleyan Arms Retirement Center in High Point, and as pastor of the Archdale Wesleyan Church

Gospel Music House To Host Convention

Mar. 18, 1977—The Gospel Music House, located on Turnpike Road, Trinity in extreme northwest Randolph County, will be the scene of a singing convention Mar. 18, 19 and 20, beginning at 7:30p. m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 pm Sunday.

Groups appearing on the program will be Joy Unlimited, Beacon Quartet, Cook Family, Tributes, Crusaders, Messenger Quartet, Deep Valley Singers, Gospel Anchormen, Christianaires, Sounds of Joy, Clark Family, Calvary Quartet, Oldham Family, and Faith Christians. There will be no admission charge.

Rev. and Mrs. John B. McArthur, operators of Gospel Music House, will be in charge of the singing convention, assisted Rev. and Mrs. Roy Young who have been associated with them in the operation of the music house. Rev. Mr. Young, an evangelist, has been in the ministry for 32 years.

The McArthurs took over the operation of the music house last Aug. . Located on an old dwelling owned by Joe Reddick, it was formerly run as a country music house. Gospel singing, arranged by the McArthurs, is heard at the music house every Saturday night. On Sundays the Gospel Independent Methodist Church, of which Arnold Johnson is the pastor.

The singings on Saturday night are conducted in a Christian, family-like atmosphere with no cursing or drinking. Often there are words of testimony by the visiting singers and at times there have been people kneeling at the altar for prayer. Since the opening of Gospel House one couple requested that their marriage vows be solemnized there.

Rev. John McArthur, a dock supervisor for 21 years at Overnite Trucking Co., was ordained by the Level Cross Baptist Church where he is the song leader and assistant teacher of the men's class. He supplies various pulpits in this area, speaking several times at the Hilltop Baptist Church and recently at Smyrna Grove Independent Church.

He and his wife, the former Earline We Hunt, formerly comprised the Level Cross Quartet along with Mr. and Mrs. Raymond McDowell. The McArthurs now sing together as a duet, accompanied by Ted Aldridge, bass, and his wife Pauline, pianist, performing regularly at Gospel Music House and at their church in Level Cross.

Mrs. McArthur is an active Red Cross worker, serving with the bloodmobile, Service Men's Families, fund raising chairman, and chairman of the health room at the Randleman Middle School. Last year she was named the "most outstanding Red Cross volunteer in Randolph

County." Rev. and Mrs. McArthur, who reside on Rt. 1, Randleman, are the parents of five sons, Ronnie, Gary, Danny, Dennis, and Tony Ray.

Rushwood Park Wesleyan Weatherbirds Recognized For Perfect Attendance

Mar. 18, 1977 - At the close of the Sunday School assembly period on Feb. 27 at the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church 127 "weatherbirds" were still in flight to receive recognition for having attended Sunday School every Sunday since the beginning of the new year, regardless of inclement weather or sickness.

This was the third year in the observance of the Weatherbird Club at the Rushwood Park church, beginning with the first Sunday in the year and continuing through the last Sunday of Feb. . On the first Sunday there were 226 Sunday School members present, not counting visitors. The average attendance for the weatherbirds period was 252.

Each member successfully completing the weatherbird period was present with a gold pin with a dove emblem, symbolizing both the bird and the Holy Spirit, by the Sunday School Superintendent, Charles Tysinger, and the church pastor, the Rev. Donald A. Dawalt. Following the presentation a group picture was made.

During the past two years the enrollment the Rushwood Park Sunday School has increased from 253 to 408. Over the past four years the enrollment has more than doubled from 198 to the current 408 figure. At the last general conference the Sunday School received the first place award in the Division 2 category in which they had been placed. Now placed in Division 1 the school is leading the percentage rating in that division.

A main contributory source responsible for the increase of interest in the Sunday School was the establishment of the outreach ministry in busing which began in Sept., 1975. Three buses are currently in operation each Sunday. Danny Simmons is in charge of the bus ministry.

Mark Dawalt is the captain and also driver of one of the buses. On this bus Bill Cole is the co-captain and also the mechanic for all of the buses. Assistants on this bus are Linda Cole and Libby Wright.

Mrs. Linda Simmons, wife of Danny, is the captain of the second bus. Doug Patterson is the driver, and the assistants are Jeannie Farabee and Gina Cooper. On the third but Danny Simmons is the captain, Grady Maness the co-captain, Steve Hover the driver, and Treva Hoover the assistant.

Each Saturday morning members of the bus ministry hold a prayer breakfast at the church before going out to visit each person who rides on the buses and also those who are prospective riders of the buses and attendants at the Sunday School.

Other contributory sources for increased interest and attendance in the Sunday School is the leadership of the superintendent and teaching staff, the organization of Christian Youth Crusaders, a part of the family night services on Wednesday evenings, and the children's church on Sunday mornings holding three different services for pre-school children, kindergarten through the second grade, and for children in grades 3-6, all held separately from the regular morning worship services.

110 Attend Mini-Conference

Mar. 21, 1977 - One hundred and ten people registered for the second annual mini-conference sponsored by the Department of Social Services Volunteers at Central United Methodist Church.

The conference dealt with services available through four Randolph County agencies. Department of Social Services, Health Department, Mental Health Unit, and Council on Aging.

Each of these agencies held a workshop pertaining to their operation and the services they offer and those in attendance made the rounds of each of the workshops.

A wrap-up session followed the completion of the workshops, after which came the lunch and a period of entertainment.

Workshops were conducted by Denise Smith, mental health; Dorothy Wilcox, health department; Martha Mead and Grace Bunting, social services; and Joyce Ward, C. O. A. Barbara Arnold was hostess for the conference, Jane King was in charge of registration, and Sarah Jones arranged the displays.

Rev. Thomas N. Rightmyer, chairman of the volunteer advisory board, presided over the mini-conference, Jean Johnson, volunteer coordinator, made the plans for the holding of the conference. Alecia Lilly was in charge of entertainment.

Speakers for the wrap-up session included two out of town guests, Judi Lund, director of the office of volunteer services, and Laura Kirk, coordinator of the volunteer service program, both from the N. C. Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services.

Matilda Phillips, former vice-chairman of the volunteer advisory board and now a Randolph County Commissioner, was present for the conference. Others present were law enforcement officers, including Sheriff Carl Moore, ministers, personnel directors for industry, rest home managers, the attendance counselor for Randolph County School System, hospital social workers, and various other volunteers throughout the county.

Bishops, Others Attend Funeral For Elder

Mar. 23, 1977—Four Bishops and a host of other church dignitaries came to Asheboro for the funeral service for Elder Julia Goldston Ewing last Thursday afternoon at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and the burial service at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Asheboro.

Elder Emmanuel Holland, pastor of the Mt. Zion Holy Church in Asheboro, presided over the funeral service. The presiding Bishop of the Southern District of Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., Bishop Annie Chamblin, of Richmond, Va., delivered the eulogy. Bishop Chamblin is also vice president of the Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc. and pastor of Jerusalem Holy Church in Richmond, Va.

Other Bishops in attendance were Bishop Charles Stevens, of Wilmington, Del., presiding Bishop for Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and his wife, Bishop Amy Ray Stevens, pastor of Bethel Holy Church and secretary of the board of directors of the Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc.

The fourth Bishop in attendance was Bishop James Bell, of New York City, presiding Bishop for New York, the New England States, and the West Coast. Also present were Rev. Randolph Chamblin, husband of Bishop Chamblin, who is an overseer in the Southern District, and Presiding

Elder Mary Sturgis, also of Wilmington, Del., who represents the states of Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Also Mrs. Matilda Watkins, National Mother of the Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., along with other elders and church officials from New York, Delaware, Virginia, Lexington, Burlington, Ramseur, Randleman, Pinehurst, and Siler City.

Elder Ewing was one of 14 children born to Tills and Mary Ann Brower Goldston. She was born and reared in Brower Township. She received her ministerial training through the Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America and served as a member of the board of directors of the church corporation.

She was the founder of the First Pentecostal Church and served as its pastor for 32 years until her death. At the time of her death she was also pastor of St. Peters Holy Church in Burlington, where she had served for 23 years, and the Emmanuel Chapel Church in Randleman, where she had served for 13 years. Deacons and deaconess of the three churches were honorary pall bearers for her funeral service.

At the conclusion of the funeral service Bishop Chamblin announced that Elder Ewing's successors at the three churches, pending the next session of the general conference, would be Mrs. Pearl Lee Goldston at the First Church, William Rogers at the St. Peters church, and Mrs. Mary Alice Baldwin at the Emmanuel Chapel Church.

Mark Gordon Gets Eagle At Age 13

Mark Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gordon, 643 Cyprus Drive, has received the Eagle Award in Scouting at the youthful age of 13. This is a record within his Scout Troop No. 524., sponsored by First Baptist Church, of which his father is Scoutmaster.

Presentation of the award occurred Sunday morning, Mar. 20, at Central United Methodist Church where the Gordon family are members.

A joint presentation was made by Steve Glass, Chairman of Scouting for the Randolph District, and Neal Blevins, chairman of the troop committee, who himself was recently presently the Wood Badge and Silver Beaver awards by the General Greene Council of Boy Scouts.

After two years in cub scouting the new Eagle Award recipient, Mark Gordon, joined Boy Scouts at the age of 11, nearly three years ago. He achieved the Eagle Award in Feb. .

He is a brotherhood member of the Order of the Arrow and secretary and treasurer of the Unaliyi Chapter of the Tali Taktaki Lodge in the Order of the Arrow. He is the assistant senior patrol leader in his troop. Last year he received troop leadership development training and in June will serve on the T. L. D. staff at Camp Wenassa.

He is a member of the wrestling and track teams at Asheboro Junior High School where he is an eighth grade student.

Willard Gordon, an industrial engineer at Burlington Socks, became Scoutmaster of Troop 524 nearly a year ago. Assistant Scoutmaster of the troop is Roland Cox.

Randolph Rest Home: A Happy Homestead For Dora McDowell

Mar. 29, 1977 - Miss Dora McDowell has spent 55 years of her life at the Randolph Rest Home, 2218 N. Fayetteville St., formerly known as the "county home," located in Back

Creek Township near the large city lake, about four miles west of Asheboro.

There are very few people who remember Dora when she lived in the Spero area before she went to the old county home, in the vicinity of what is now the location of Radio Station WZOO and Highway 220 Bypass. Then she was known as "Prissy."

This correspondent was reared in the same vicinity and my parents, my aunts and uncles, visited her at the county home while they lived. She still remembers most of them. My folks often recalled to me the day she came by our house, on her way to the old county home.

Prissy has spent many happy years at the county home, now known as the Randolph Rest Home. Perhaps more happy than the years she spent prior to going there. Her mother died when she was real young, her life with a step-mother was not pleasant and when her father died she stayed with neighbors in the community before going the old county home.

She found a place for herself when she entered the county institution, even though it was then the "poor house," not the pleasant, well-kept rest home it is now. Her contribution has been helping to care for the other inmates, which we refer to now as patients or residents. Through the years there has always been another resident, with particular handicaps, that she has looked after.

For many years it was one of the men, crippled and unable to walk, that she cared for. Right now it is a little woman called "Piggy," because of her size, that Dora looks after. She puts Piggy to bed at night, she gets her up in the mornings, she assists with her bath and helps with her personal items. Piggy is unable to talk. As I visited Dora the other day I found her and Piggy sitting side by side.

Mrs. Lou Wilson, whose parents preceded her as managers of the rest home, said that Dora helped to look after the more retarded patients before they were removed from the home many years ago and sent to state institutions, when the local institution changed from a county home to a rest home.

She recalled that one of those patients could not walk, he slid on the floor on the seat of his pants. He couldn't talk either except for one word, he called Dora "mama." He only lived a short while after being sent to the state mental institution but while there he called incessantly for "mama."

I am concerned about Dora(Prissy, who is thought to be about 77 years old), if she has to leave the home which she has known these many years, a place in which she has been happy and needed. Surely many of the others are in her category but Prissy is the one who came from my community.

While visiting with Dora I was amazed to see the great amount of affection which exists between patients, many of whom are retarded, and the attractive young manager of the home, Mrs. Lou Wilson. There is a bond between them. My conversation with Dora and the manage was interrupted two three times by Piggy who wanted to embrace Mrs. Wilson and did just that. Piggy can't speak so you can't understand her but she knows that she is loved.

Couple Celebrate 25th Anniversary Sunday, Mar. 27

Mar. 31, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Zemiri Alfred Fox, Rt. 1, Seagrove, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Mar. 27, when Mr. and Mrs. Edgar

Owens and sons, Phil and Byron, their neighbors, entertained at a reception in the fellowship hall at Antioch Christian Church.

Over a hundred guests called from 2:30 until 4:30.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Hilda Yarborough, Mrs. Shirley Graves, Miss Darlene Brown, Miss Patricia Asbill, Mrs. Vera Asbill, and Mrs. Kathy Ingold.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox were married Mar. 23, 1952 by the Rev. C. M. Strickland in the parsonage as the Asbury Baptist Church. Mrs. Fox, the former Annie Hayes Cain, is the daughter of the late Jeremiah and Catherine Craven Hayes. Zemiri Fox's parents were John and Sarah Maness Fox.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox were natives of the community in which they are still living. They reside at Mrs. Fox's homeplace, where she has always lived.

Mrs. Fox was first married to Melvin Cain on Oct. 29, 1933, who was also a resident of the same community. His death occurred on Jan. 1, 1949.

Zemiri Fox is a farmer, raising both cows and hogs. Mrs. Fox is a former employee of McCrary Hosiery Mills. She is a member of the Antioch Church.

Among the out of county guests in attendance were Mr. and Mrs., Paul Hudspeth, Kannapolis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Edwards, Middlesex, William Mann, Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Freddy Cannington, Homestead, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Manley Hayes and Mrs. Effie Hayes, Burlington, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hayes and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cook, Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Hayes and Charles Hayes and daughters, Cindy and Kathy, Summerfield, and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Teague, Bennett.

Rev. Ervin Nance, pastor of Mrs. Hayes, and Mrs. Nance, of Cedar Falls, and Rev. Leonard Routh, pastor of Shiloh Christian and Mrs. Routh, Rt. 1, Ramseur, were also in attendance along with Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wright of Ramseur. Mrs. Cannington and Mrs. Wright are nieces of Zemiri Fox.

78-Year-Old Woman Walks 20 Miles For Dimes Here

Mar. 31, 1977 - A 78-year-old Rt. 3, Trinity, woman, Mrs. Bertha Barber, walked the entire distance in the 20-mile March of Dimes walk-a-thon held last Saturday for the fifth time in the Archdale-Trinity area.

Mrs. Barber, who moved to the area four years ago from Philadelphia, Pa., said she got her practice walking due to no transportation in that part of the county.

She said, "if we want to go to Sky City to shop there is no way to go except to put our big feet in the road and walk."

Participating in the walk-a-thon were 220 people, 184 of them went the whole distance.

First Person to complete the distance was Gary Hazelwood, a senior at Trinity High School and a member of the track team. His time was two and a half hours. He was also the winner last year but he got back 45 minutes earlier this year.

Others getting back early were Micky Pope, second, and Tony Pittman and Craig Waitman, who tied for third place. The female who got back first was Jeannie Hicks, 13 year-old 7th grader at Trinity Junior High, who placed tenth overall. Pittman, 18, was the oldest male walking.

Youngest persons walking were Scott Montgomery and Lantonja Burris, both eight years of age.

Sponsoring the walk-a-thon were members of the F. B. L. A. chapter of Trinity High School, of which Miss Donna

Moody is president and Roy Allen, advisor. Those working in the walk-a-thon all day were Larry Beck and Gail Hurley.

Special thanks were given to Byrd's Grocery and other business places who made contributions, along with the students, parents, churches and civic groups, according to the sponsors.

Trophies were awarded to the winners on last Saturday. Later 10-speed bicycles will be awarded to the male and female bringing in the most money in pledges by May 1. Those walking are asked to turn in their money as soon as is possible.

Daughters Honor Couple On Sunday

Apr. 4, 1978—The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Efird Boling, Rt. 4, Asheboro, honored their parents on the 25th anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Mar. 27, at the Boling residence.

Approximately 70 friends and relatives visited with the couple from 2 until 5.

Hostesses were Mr. Donald (Deborah Boling) Garner, also of Rt. 4, Asheboro, and her sister, Miss Karen Boling a senior at Southwestern High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Boling were married Mar. 22, 1952 at the parsonage of the South Randolph Methodist Charge, with the Rev. Henry M. Pollock officiating.

Mrs. Boling is the former Julia Nell Richardson, daughter of the late Wendell and Pearl Thomas Richardson, and her husband is the son of the late George and Martha Lucas Boling.

The couple are members of the First Baptist Church in Seagrove where Boling has served for five years as a deacon and is currently head usher. Mrs. Boling is an assistant teacher in the Sunday School.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boling have worked approximately 25 years at General Electric Co. in Asheboro, however, Boling has recently retired due to disability.

At 46 He Becomes A College Grad

May 25, 1977 - Rufus "Junior" Beck, Jr. Rt. 1, Seagrove acquired his college degree from Pfeiffer College on Sunday May 15, one week after his 46th birthday.

Another momentous event in his life occurred on Apr. 8 when he and his wife, the former Ruth Vuncannon, observed their 25th wedding anniversary.

They are the parents of two sons, Stan, a rising senior at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and Dean, a rising senior at Southwestern Randolph High School.

Junior Beck graduated from Seagrove High School in 1950. 27 years before his graduation from college. He was out of school for 21 years before enrolling in the learning laboratory at Randolph Technical Institute in May of 1971 for tests and a review of his high school level.

In Aug. of that year he began taking the general education extension courses offered at RTI by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He continued these courses for three years and at the same time worked as a second shift employee at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills where he has been employed for a greater part of the time since July, 1950.

He also attended some summer school sessions at RTI and also at Pfeiffer College where he enrolled as a day student in 1974. The distance from his home to Pfeiffer was 43 miles one way. He continued to work on the second shift at Klopman also while a student at Pfeiffer. Most of the time

while at both RTI and Pfeiffer he worked six days a week at the place of his employment.

Beck did not have an easy time with his strenuous schedule at both school and work. But he said, "I've enjoyed every moment of it." He had said earlier, "I had such a determination to begin with, it carried me all the way through."

His sons were only 11 and 15 when he started back to school and both his parents died during the years he was studying for his bachelor of arts degree in business administration. His minor was in economics. He was one of 138 graduates to receive degrees at Pfeiffer.

He praised the school at Pfeiffer, appreciating the consideration extended to him by members of the faculty and his fellow students, especially in view of the age difference. For most of the time he was the oldest student in his classes. He maintained a B average.

His inspiration to resume his schooling after a lapse of so many years came from a former pastor at the Union Grove Baptist Church where he has attended throughout his lifetime and where he is a teacher in the Sunday School.

Present for his graduation ceremony supporting him as they have during the six years of his efforts to gain his degree were his wife and two sons and his daughter-in-law, Beverly, Stan's wife.

Churches Awarded Bicentennial Plaques

May 25, 1977 - Two Missionary Baptist Churches in Randolph County, six miles apart, have been awarded Bicentennial plaques from the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina "for continued existence as a Baptist congregation since or before 1776, the founding date of the United States of America."

Before 1935 both of them were named Sandy Creek, the upper church on Rt. 1, Staley. The upper church, located at the original Sandy Creek site, has been known universally as the "mother Church" of the Southern Baptist Convention.

But this is a designation which has been disputed by the church now known as Shady Grove since the original members of that body separated themselves from the upper church nearly 148 years ago. The people who left wanted to establish a Sunday School and pursue the cause of missions, those who remained were opposed to these beliefs.

The plaque to Shady Grove was only presented at the annual memorial day service on Sunday, May 15. The delay was caused by an error in the inscription. Ironically, the plaque was first inscribed "Sandy Grove."

Historians in recent years have researched material on both of the churches and presented it to the Baptist State Convention, hoping to resolve the matter and identify the real "mother Church." But the convention has adopted a neutral attitude, they have said, "let sleeping dogs lie," they have desired not to get caught in the middle.

Both congregations, who are older than the Baptist State Convention itself, originated with the coming of Rev. Shubal Stearns to the upper Sandy Creek location on Rt. 1, Liberty, where he established a church in the year 1755, composed of himself, his wife and 14 other people.

The church grew mightily and encompassed the people of a large area. The seed of the Baptist faith, which was planted by the small group of believers who organized their church near the headwaters of Sandy Creek, provided the

beginning of the great movement which was later known as Southern Baptist.

Rev. Shubal Stearns, a former Presbyterian, was converted to the evangelical faith under the preaching of George Whitfield, and English Methodist minister who preached in both England and America.

He died in 1771 and it was about that time that the Regulator movement against the British Crown began. The Dissenters used the Sandy Creek church as headquarters against the British Crown. It is said that this was the first overt act of taking up arms against England.

The death of Shubal Stearns left the church leaderless. This along with the difficulties encountered during the Revolutionary War period almost destroyed the church. For 33 years there were no records kept. Then the division arose within the church which resulted in the departure of the people who organized the lower Sandy Creek Baptist Church, now known as the Shady Grove Baptist Church.

It is assumed that those who remained at the original Sandy Creek Church site were Calvinistic or Primitive in principle since they did not subscribe to missions or the establishment of a Sunday School.

It is also assumed that these beliefs came about or rose to the surface after Shubal Stearns' death, since he began the church at Sandy Creek on an evangelical note.

Those who left organized the lower Sandy Creek church in Aug., 1829, erecting a brush arbor one half of a mile south of the present Shady Grove church in which to worship in the summer months. They worshipped in homes during the winter months, particularly in the home of Sidney Kivett, an old place where only the rock chimney still stands and the cellar is still visible.

Their first building was a log structure, erected in 1833 and located one half of a mile east of the present site, near an old cemetery which had already been started. The large foundation stones of this building are the only evidence of its existence. Several grave stones, some going back into the 1700's, remain in the old cemetery, including the gravestone of Zale McDaniel, 1798-1860, on whose land the first building at the present Shady Grove site was built in 1852.

In the meantime the controversy over which was the real Sandy Creek church had not abated. The upper Sandy Creek church had continued to send messengers to the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, the denominational affiliate during that period, until the association meeting at Mt. Gilead Baptist Church in 1836, when the greater number of delegates from the lower Sandy Creek church prevailed and were admitted to the association, replacing the upper church.

The lower church continued to send messengers to the association for a period of 99 years, from the time they gained admittance in 1836 until the time they changed their name to Shady Grove in 1935.

Proof that the upper church had reverted to the Primitive status was indicated by the organization of another missionary Baptist church also called Sandy Creek, at the original location in 1906, thus making three Sandy Creek Baptist Churches in existence and remaining so until the change of the name of one of them to Shady Grove in 1935.

This newer church remained unaffiliated until 1935 when they joined the Randolph Baptist Association after the lower church had joined the same association and changed its

name to Shady Grove. The name change was made at the request of the association who wished to differentiate between the two Sandy Creek Baptist Churches in the same association.

But the present Shady Grove church persists in saying they are the church which has maintained the missionary belief since the organization of the first Sandy Creek Baptist Church by the Rev. Shubal Stearns in 1755 and they are the one who first established a Sunday School where their children could be taught the Word of God.

They point out they are the church which had the mighty outpouring of the spirit in the early twenties when a protracted meeting, scheduled for two weeks, lasted for six weeks. They say that it took two baptizings at Stony Ford on Brush Creek to baptize the 200 people who were converted in the meeting and that three churches came into being as a result of the protracted meeting.

They may have compromised their position by changing their name to Shady Grove, which incidentally came from the school located near the church by the same name, but they felt led by the Lord to make the change, rather than to be guilty of worshipping a name.

Rev. Steve Chaney, the young pastor at the Shady Grove church for the past four and one half years, who will return to his native Florida at the end of May, said "in spirit we are the mother church." He feels that a historical marker, similar to the one placed at the upper Sandy Creek church many years ago, should be placed at one of the historical sites associated with the history of the church which is now called Shady Grove. This opinion is subscribed to by Vernon Langley, a local historian who assisted in compiling the information for this article.

Pair Celebrates 25th Anniversary

May 26, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. John C. Trogdon, Jr., Rt. 3, Randleman, renewed their marriage vows at the observance of their 25th wedding anniversary held Saturday afternoon, May 21, in the meeting room at the Randleman Housing Authority.

Rev. Joseph S. Johnson, pastor of New Salem United Methodist Church, officiated at the renewal ceremony attended by relatives and friends. Attending the couple were their grandsons, Troy Trogdon, Jr., and Scott Trogdon.

Following the ceremony the couple's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Troy Trogdon, Sr., entertained at a reception in honor of their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon were married May 24, 1952 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Charles Johnson, in Greensboro.

Mrs. Trogdon, the former Nancy Wall, is the daughter of the late Troy and Mattie Loflin Wall. She was reared in the area near Sophia. John Trogdon is the son Mrs. Lelia Hammett Trogdon, Rt. 3, Randleman, and the late John C. Trogdon. He is a native of the area in which they live.

John Trogdon was formerly employed at Brooks Lumber Co. in Greensboro but retired three years ago due to ill health. Mrs. Trogdon is presently employed at Nixon-Reynolds Hosiery Mill near Randleman.

The mother of John Trogdon was among the relatives in attendance at the anniversary celebration.

Baptist Field Worker Retires

June 1, 1977 - Rev. R. Talmage Smith is a name which is synonymous with the Baptists of Randolph County. He has served as their associational field worker or missionary for the past 25 years.

Only two men preceded him in the job and between them, they only remained for less than four years.

His official tenure of service with the Randolph Baptist Association came to a close yesterday, however, and since his successor has not yet been named, he will remain with his duties for a limited time.

On Sunday afternoon, a reception honoring Rev. Mr. Smith and his wife was held at the new associational building at 1106 Old Farmer Road. It was sponsored by the associational Woman's Missionary Union.

Receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Smith were Mrs. Pat Ray, WMU director, Rev. Justus McKeel, associational moderator, and Mrs. McKeel, and Mrs. Pat Kennedy, office secretary.

Since assuming his duties on June 1, 1952, Rev. Smith has been a familiar figure in the Baptist churches of Randolph County, known and respected by the people who comprise the congregations of the various churches.

He has filled their pulpits during the absence of their pastors and when they were without pastors, he has participated in their special observances, and he has taught many study courses in which they have studied and learned. Next to their pastors he has been most vitally involved in the life and activities of their congregations.

He has seen Randolph Baptist Association grow numerically, financially and spiritually. He has also seen the quality of pastoral leadership improve during his years of service and has noted betterment in the fellowship of the association since he came.

During his tenure, nine new churches have been constituted - Antioch, Armfield Heights, Calvary, Clear view, Forest Park, Jackson Creek, Oakwood Park, Seagrove First, and Sophia. Also, one church, Worthville, has been re-constituted, after ceasing to exist for a period of time.

As he officially quits his post, he is optimistic about the future. "I feel like the association is on the threshold of doing the best work it has ever done." He is pleased that two goals have been realized, the separation of the office from the home of the field worker and the procurement of secretarial help.

Rev. and Mrs. Smith will continue to live in the home at 251 S. Elm St. in Asheboro, which formerly served as both the field worker's residence and associational office. However, with the establishment of the new office on Old Farmer Road, the home has been sold to Rev. and Mrs. Smith for a price below the appraised value, amounting to a gift of more than \$11,000 to the retiring field worker.

Mrs. Smith, the former Ruby Bass, is director of secondary education for the Randolph County School system. She taught mathematics at Asheboro High School for 17 years and for three and a half years at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Reuben Talmage Smith is a native of Greensboro but lived with his family in Randleman for six years during his early life.

He quit school at the age of 14 but five years later went back to graduate from high school. He enrolled in college after high school but soon dropped out and stayed out of school for 10 years before enrolling at Mars Hill College in

1944. During the years he stayed out of school he worked in grocery stores and as an insurance agent.

After completing his studies at Mars Hill College, he enrolled at Wake Forest College where he graduated in 1947 at the age of 36. He became a minister in 1945, after an inclination and calling in that direction for several years, and while at Wake Forest pastored three churches in Vance County. While serving these churches he also taught school for one year after graduation from college.

He was called to the pastorate of the Magnolia Street Baptist Church in Greensboro, the church in which he was baptized at the age of 12, and remained there until accepting the position with the Randolph Baptist Association.

Second Top Lions Club Award Received By Franklinville Man

June 2, 1977 - The second presentation of a Presidential Award in Lionism to Otus C. Thomas, veteran member of the Franklinville Lions Club, occurred Tuesday night at a special dinner meeting held by his home club in the school cafeteria in Franklinville.

Members of the Lions clubs in Asheboro, Ramseur, and Grays Chapel, along with their wives, joined Franklinville Lions and Lionesses for the occasion.

The first presentation of the award from Professor Joao Fernanda Sobral, president of Lions International, for "special recognition to Lions who have made outstanding contributions toward the continuing growth of international Lionism." Took place at the state convention in Greensboro about two weeks ago.

But Bill Parrish, Lions District Governor of 31-D, asked that he be allowed to make another presentation before the Lions members who know the recipient best. Joining him for the presentation were former district Gov. Ed Stevens, deputy district Gov. Q. G. McKeel, zone Chairman O. D. Shoe, and their wives.

Thomas was described as "a man who has stood in the background and done all of the work" in the district governor's remarks at the presentation. They could not have selected a better person."

Speaking informally to the people who have long been associated with him in Lionism, the award recipient said he didn't mind the presentation in Franklinville as much as he did in Greensboro, "I am back home among friends tonight," he said. "It is Lions like you who are here tonight that caused it to be. Whenever I wear it, I will think of you and the other Lions I have known." The award was presented to only one other Lion in North Carolina this year.

Thomas also recalled fellow Lion Clyde Williams asking him to come to the organizational meeting of the Franklinville Lions Club over 30 years ago. He told Williams, "I'll come to the meeting, but I don't have time to join." He not only joined but became the club's charter president and for the past 25 years has served as its secretary and treasurer.

Recently he was also given the Humanitarian Award presented annually by the Asheboro Lions Club, becoming the fourth recipient of this award.

Also active for more than 35 years in the Franklinville Baptist Church, and in scouting, he has been presented with the Silver Beaver Award, one of scouting's highest honors.

At the end of the school year in 1975, he retired after 33 years as principal of Grays Chapel School and after 42 years as a member of the school faculty. Upon his retirement, he was honored on two occasions, by his fellow principals and by the people and former students of Grays Chapel community.

Church Breaks Ground

June 2, 1977 - Amity Hills Baptist Church, now on U. S. 64 west of Asheboro, broke ground for a fellowship building Sunday morning less than four years after occupying the building at the church's present site.

The church, formerly located in Asheboro, burned to the ground in Aug., 1973. The congregation worshipped in a temporary building before moving into their present building at the new location a year later.

Something over a year ago, they burned the note on a indebtedness of \$16,000 which had been borrowed at the time of construction. The church also realized \$100,000 from the sale of church bonds.

According to Rev. Harold Parker, who is serving his tenth year as the pastor of the church, the congregation is well ahead of its payments on the bond indebtedness. He said, "The Lord is so good to us."

Recently the church purchased an additional tract of land, adjoining the tract on which the church is located for \$15,000. It has about three acres. Both tracts comprise 12 acres. It is on this land or near it that the new building will be located. Presently the feeling is that its construction will be on a "pay as you go" basis.

Participating in the groundbreaking ceremony were deacons and members of the building committee, composed of John Congleton, Maurice Kennedy, Billy Stanley, Lawson Lowe, Bowden Robbins, Larry Langley, Alton Jordan, Fob Flinchum, Rufus Poole, Eugene Hughes, and the pastor, Rev. Harold Parker. One committee member, Jimmy Turner, was absent.

A fellowship luncheon followed the groundbreaking ceremony. The Sunday School attendance on the day of the groundbreaking was 288, off some from the attendance of more than 300 the Sunday before. The offering for the day amounted to more than \$2,300.

Hughes Re-Elected Head of Area Mission Society

June 2, 1977 - E. Wayne Hughes, layman from Central United Methodist Church, was re-elected president of the Randolph County Area Mission Society for the eighth consecutive at a meeting of the group Sunday at the Central Church.

The mission society was organized in 1950 to give financial assistance in the construction and renovation of Methodist churches and related buildings. A yearly assessment of \$1 per member provides funds for this program.

Other officers elected last Sunday included Earl Taylor, first vice-president; Rev. Billy V. Hunter, second vice-president; Ernest C. Routh, treasurer; I. Hilliard Nance, secretary; and James Hanner, Garland Allen, and Clyde Foust, directors.

The election of officers came from the report of a nominating committee composed of Mrs. Frances Jones, chairman; Elwood Walden, and Rev. George Culbreth.

Allocation of the funds approved at the meeting were as follows: McCrary's Chapel, \$250. 00, improvement of parking lot; Mt. Zion, \$700, installation of aluminum siding on church structure; Maple Springs, \$2,000 new sanctuary; Stout's Chapel, \$1,000 purchase of pews and pulpit furniture; and Pleasant Hill, \$3,000, construction of Sunday School rooms and fellowship hall.

Also, Flag Springs, \$500, new sanctuary; Pisgah, \$500, exterior painting; Old Union, \$1,200, seven Sunday School classrooms and rest rooms; Worthville, \$2,000, fellowship hall; and Cox's Chapel, \$3,000, Sunday School rooms and rest rooms. An emergency allocation of \$1,000 was made to Flag Springs during the interim period since the last meeting for a heating plant for the parsonage.

Dr. George P. Robinson, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church, attended the meeting and spoke briefly. Principal speaker was H. R. (Bill) Trollinger, Jr., also a layman at Central Church, who shared his experience of faith and healing while submitting to open heart surgery about six months ago.

Music was provided by Miss Suzanne McNulty, soloist, accompanied by Mrs. Rose Patterson, and Rev. John Green, who accompanied himself on the piano.

Surprise Reception Honors Stutts Couple

June 9, 1977 - The Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Stutts, Rt. 1, Franklinville, were honored at a surprise reception Saturday evening, June 4, in the fellowship hall at Union Grove Baptist Church which observed their 30th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stutts and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Stutts, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Miss Lisa Stutts, who resided with her parents. The couple were married May 31, 1947.

The minister and his wife were invited by their children to have supper with them at Brewer's Restaurant in Harper's Crossroads, then came back by the Union Grove church where the reception guest awaited them.

Also waiting was the Rev. W. A. (Bud) Gillett, Union Grove Pastor, who heard a renewal of their marriage vows, also a surprise to the couple. As the Stutts family entered the door the traditional wedding march was played by Mrs. Ruth McNeill, one of the musicians at the church.

Afterwards the receiving line formed, with Roger Serving the anniversary cake and Bobby the punch assisted by their wives, Diane and Doris, and their sister, Lisa. Other members of the immediate family include three grandchildren, Wendy and Bobby Ray Jr., children of Bobby and Doris, and Jeremy, son of Roger and Diane.

The Rev and Mrs. Stutts were members of the Union Grove Baptist Church until Clyde was called into the ministry and accepted a pastorate. His first pastorate was at the Sylvan Mission of the First Baptist Church in Martinsville, Va. He became the pastor of the Clear View Baptist Church near Cedar Falls four years ago last November.

Son of the late Hadley and Ida Reeder Stutts. Clyde had reached the age of 42 when he was called into the ministry. His education had been meager prior to that time and he enrolled at Fruitland Bible Institute to prepare himself for the calling which he had received.

He completed his studies at Fruitland before accepting a pastorate and since that time has enrolled at Campbell

College where he has gained the status of a member of the junior class.

Mrs. Stutts is the former Denzil Kearns, daughter of Mrs. Flov Beck Kearns and the late John Kearns, who was serving as Postmaster at Seagrove at the time of his death. She is a graduate of the 1947 class at Seagrove High School and enrolled along with her husband at Campbell College where she is now classified as a sophomore. Both of them are majoring in religion.

Before Clyde entered the ministry he and Denzil lived at his old homeplace on Rt. 1, Seagrove where he farmed and raised chickens. Denzil was also a native of that vicinity.

Their oldest son, Roger, and his family live in the home from which they moved when Clyde went into the ministry. Roger works at Georgia-Pacific Corp. and also attends High Point College, having formerly completed two years of studies of studies at Gardner-Webb College.

Bobby and his family live across the road in the house Clyde and Denzil formerly lived in and Bobby is carrying on the farm duties which formerly occupied the attention of his father. Lisa, the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Stutts, will enroll as a freshman at Eastern Randolph High School next fall.

Church Honors Organist For Years of Service

June 9, 1977 - Mrs. B. C. (Iula) Jones, organist at the Franklinville United Methodist Church, was recognized by the Church Sunday, June 5, "for over 50 years of faithful service."

A bronze plaque, including the above inscription, was presented to her during the morning worship service by Douglas Kimes, chairman of the administrative board.

She started playing the piano at the church around 52 years ago but had taken some time out during the birth of her three children. When small, the children would sit beside her while she played. Mrs. Jones has played the piano and organ continuously for more than 40 years.

When the church purchased an organ in 1954, she was taught to play it and continued in the position she has held since her marriage 52 years ago this August.

A native and lifelong resident of Franklinville, Mrs. Jones began taking music lessons when she was eight, 62 years ago. Her first instructor was Mrs. Mary C. Weatherly, wife of Professor Dave Weatherly, a well known Franklinville school teacher.

Shortly after she began taking lessons, her parents, Edgar A. Routh and Nella Teague Routh, bought her a piano. This instrument was given to the Franklinville Methodist Church 22 years ago and is still in use in one of the assembly rooms.

Mrs. Jones continued her music lessons through elementary and high school days. For one year, she attended Woman's College at Greensboro, where she majored in music. However, she quit at the end of that year to get married.

The Franklinville United Methodist Church has a tradition of excellent music and Mrs. Jones has been no small part of this. The organ music and the anthems by the choir have complemented the worship services in the sanctuary, build around 65 years ago in the "Akron type" of architecture. Few of its kind remain.

Following the presentation of the plaque at the Sunday morning service, the Philathea Class of the Sunday School

gave Mrs. Jones a gift, with Mrs. Mae Pilkenton, president of the class, making the presentation. Mrs. Jones has been a member of this class for 51 years. She has been a member of the church since 1917.

A fellowship luncheon on the church grounds was held at the conclusion of the service.

Conversation Is Hard To Follow

June 15, 1977 - Paul Donald Harsch, a four-year-old boy living with his parents at 325 Greenlawn Drive, probably speaks fluently more languages than any other person his age around Asheboro and elsewhere, for that matter.

He speaks the English language with his sister, Lili and the other children in the neighborhood. He speaks the Russian language with his parents, Erven and Elvira Harsch. And he speaks the German language with his grandparents, Gustav and Elizabeth Harsch, who reside nearby at 320 Sunrise Avenue.

When riding in a automobile with his parents and grandparents, for instance, he will speak Russian with his parents on the front seat and German with his grandparents on the back seat. He has difficulty switching from one language to the other.

Erven Harsch, his wife Elvira and daughter Lili, now 13, came to the United States in February, 1971, from that part of Russia known as Siberia.

Elvira is a native of Siberia, but her ancestors were of German descent. She spoke German until her mother died when she was 5. Afterwards, her father married a Russian woman and she used that language thereafter.

Erven is also a native of Russia but lived in his earlier years with his family in a German colony in the European part of the country near the Black Sea. His parents were of the German descent and German was his native tongue.

However, during the changing cycles of World War II, he and his mother ended up in Siberia, in the city of Novosibirak where his future wife lived, and he learned the Russian language also.

He did not see his father from the time he was five years old until they were reunited 26 years later in the United States. His mother and father were reunited only three years prior to that time.

For a further summary of their language situation: Erven and Elvira Harsch speak Russian to each other and to their children. Erven speaks German to his parents, Elvira speaks English to her father-in-law and Russian to her mother-in-law. Both the parents and grandparents speak broken English to people outside of the family.

Lili speaks Russian to her parents and her grandmother, she speaks English to her grandfather because she doesn't speak German and doesn't speak Russian. She speaks both English and Russian to her brother.

Referring to her brother, she said "when he doesn't listen, I holler at him in Russian." Lili speaks English quite well, considering that she couldn't speak a word of the language when she enrolled in the local school here at the age of 7. Her grades at school are good, more A's than B's, and she will be enrolling in the 9th grade at North Asheboro Junior High School this fall.

Erven Harsch became a naturalized United States Citizen last fall, his wife and daughter expect to become legal citizens in the near future. Both Gustav and Elizabeth Harsch earlier became citizens of this country. Paul Donald

Harsch is a citizen by virtue of his birth in this country on December 1, 1972 at The Randolph Hospital.

Both families are members of St. John's Lutheran Church in Asheboro. Erven is employed at Allen Machine and Supply Co. and Elvira works at Stedman Manufacturing Co. Gustav and Elizabeth are retired.

Feted On Anniversary

June 15, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. John C. Long, Rt. 6, Asheboro, were honored on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary at a reception in the fellowship hall at Richland Baptist Church Sunday from Two until five o'clock.

Hosts were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William (Peggy) Winslow. Approximately 140 guests called during the appointed hours. Also present were the couple's grandsons, John Nathan and Travis Aaron Winslow.

Assisting during the reception were Mrs. Carl Steedman, sister of John Long, of Macon, Ga., and Mrs. Joe Long, Mrs. Lacy Long, Mrs. E.T. Long Jr., and Mrs. Algie Long, his sisters-in-law, who did the serving, and Miss Karen Steedman, Mrs. Roger Burrow, and Mrs. Glen Humble, who received the gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Long were married June 28, 1932, in Chesterfield, S.C. Mrs. Long is the former Eva Mae Cox, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Glenn Cox. John Long is the son of Elisha T. Long Sr., Rt. 1, Franklinville, who was present for the anniversary celebration, and the late Mary Gallimore Long.

Mrs. Long is employed at Pinehurst Textiles, Inc. and her husband works in the garage and maintenance division of the Randolph County School System. The Couple are members of the Richland Baptist Church.

Degree Is Awarded To Dr. Blackburn

June 17, 1977 - Dr. Arthur Franklin Blackburn, who was recently awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Tabernacle Bible College in Greenville, S.C., has had a long career as a pastor and evangelist.

For 12 years he has been pastor of Gospel Baptist Church, Rt. 3, High Point, located in upper Randolph County. He has been preaching for 42 years, he has been an ordained minister for 39 years.

He has pastored 14 Baptist churches throughout his years of preaching, he has started four new churches, and he has served as the evangelist for conferences and camp meetings in nine different states.

When D. Harold Sightler, president of Tabernacle Bible College, cited the accomplishments of Dr. Blackburn in presenting him with the honorary degree the entire audience rose in a standing ovation, in tribute to his successful career as a pastor and evangelist despite the obstacles which he faced in the earlier part of his life.

This was the first honorary degree awarded by the president of the college, and old friend of Dr. Blackburn, and the board of trustees. A bus load of people from the Gospel Baptist Church motored to Greenville for the awarding of the degree to their pastor.

Dr. Blackburn pastored churches in the counties of Lincoln, Gaston, Rowan, Iredell, and Burke and in Greenville, S.C. before organizing the church which he now serves as pastor. Since coming to Randolph County he has also organized another church, the Gospel Light Baptist Church in Salisbury, which his son the Rev. Gary Blackburn, serves as pastor.

Gospel Baptist Church, organized in a private home without a public place in which to worship, now owns two parsonages, estimated to be worth half a million dollars. The church sanctuary and educational buildings were built in three different phases of their building program.

The church has a membership of approximately 250 and the Sunday School averages in the neighborhood of 275 each Sunday.

Quilt Sold Money Raised

June 17, 1977 - Mrs. Hannah Pierce Thayer, 89, oldest woman present at the annual event honoring senior citizens at the Cedar Grove Community Center, brought with her a quilt which she had made in recent months.

The quilt inscribed with the names of the citizens of the community, was given away in a fund raising drive for the New Union United Methodist Church, of which Mrs. Thayer is a member.

Winner of the quilt was 88-year-old Mrs. Belle Johnson. Both Mrs. Thayer and Mrs. Johnson are residents of Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Mrs. Thayer stated that she was not able to give as much money to her church as she would like to, since she is living on a fixed income. She raised the money on the quilt to supplement her contributions to the church where she has been a member for over 35 years.

Despite her advanced age and a period of hospitalization a few months ago, she leads an active life and participates in community activities. Last weekend, a typical one, included her attendance at the senior citizen supper, Sunday morning worship service at 9 a.m., followed by the Sunday School session, guest of friends at lunch and attendance at a wedding in the afternoon.

Sunday mornings, they bring her vegetables from their gardens and extend to her other courtesies. She said, "it is as good a neighborhood as I have ever lived in."

Before coming to the community in 1940 with her husband, O. A. Thayer, she lived in many communities. She is a native of western Randolph County, near Tabernacle United Methodist Church. Her husband died in 1959. They had no children. They came to the Cedar Grove community to her husband, a sawmill operator, could saw some timber for Wade Walker.

She continued to praise her "real good neighbors," as she described them. One of them was in the house while she talked with this correspondent, bringing squash and cucumbers from her garden for Mrs. Thayer. "I live on my check," said Mrs. Thayer, "with my neighbors help."

Mrs. Allen McDaniel is president of the Cedar Grove Community Association where Mrs. Thayer brought her quilt to raise money for the church.

Congregation Honors Rev. Wright On 65th Birthday

June 17, 1977 - The Rev. Diffie O. Wright, pastor of historical Sandy Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, was honored by members of his congregation on his 65th birthday Sunday, June 5.

Gifts were presented, a brief, "This Is Your Life" presentation was rendered, and a fellowship dinner was held on the church grounds during the noon hour. The arrangements came as a surprise to the veteran minister.

Many people from his former pastorates were present for the occasion.

The Rev. Wright, who is serving his second pastorate at Sandy Creek, has resigned the pastorate of the church but has "promised to stay on until they get a pastor." One reason for leaving the church is the ill health of his wife.

When the minister first came to the pastorate of the church in 1947, the church had deteriorated and was close to disbanding as an organized church. The cemetery, in which the bodies of the church founder, the Rev. Shubal Stearns, and other pioneers of the Baptist movement were interred, was grown up and only the top of the higher monuments could be seen in the winter months.

He remained at Sandy Creek the first time nearly nine years. During that time the church was revived, the membership increased and one of his first tasks was the cleaning of the cemetery. He later served on a committee representing the Randolph Baptist Association, the Sandy Creek Baptist Association, and the N. C. Baptist State Convention charged with the responsibility of establishing historical markers and monuments in the cemetery.

Diffie Wright was born near Coleridge, the son of James Lee Wright and Lucy Jane Craven Wright. He united with the Concord United Methodist Church at the age of nine and graduated from Ramseur High School in 1931. He was employed at the Central Falls Plant of Burlington Industries for over 18 years beginning in 1933.

His wife is the former Olivia Jeanette Ferree, of near Cedar Falls, whom he married in 1935. They are the parents of three daughters, Mrs. Colvin Lee (Patricia) Kirkman, Bassett, Va., Mrs. Paul (Peggy) Hawkins and Mrs. Albert (Janet Lee) Smith, Greensboro. They also have eight grandchildren.

Also in 1935 he was baptized into the membership of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church and the next year was ordained a deacon in the church and became the superintendent of the Sunday School. He was licensed to the ministry at the church in 1945.

Until he came to his first regular pastorate at the Sandy Creek Church in 1947 he did supply preaching in the following churches: Panther Creek, Center Cross, White's Memorial, Summerville, Trinity, Calvary in Moore County, Riverside, and Deep River. While at Sandy Creek, he also served the pastorates at Riverside, Cool Spring and Macedonia.

After leaving Sandy Creek the first time he served the Hill Memorial Baptist Church in Kolan, Va., Oak Ridge Baptist Church in Sandy Ridge, Providence Baptist Church Dan Valley Association; and the Pleasant View Baptist Church, Patrick Springs, Va. He came back to Sandy Creek in October 1974.

When the Rev. and Mrs. Wright leave the parsonage at Sandy Creek, they will move into their home on Rt. 2, Randleman, near Cedar Falls, the place where she was reared.

But their 12 years of labor and service at the historical site at Sandy Creek will not be forgotten. They have to many ties there both personal and otherwise, to sever their remembrance from the place where they have served the longest. In fact, it is their plans to have their bodies brought back there for the final committal.

Quakers Hear Idea To Aid Needy

June 24, 1977 - Two Asheboro men have returned from the National Conference of Quaker Men in Richmond, Ind. Where they made a special presentation concerning a project sponsored by the Quaker Men organization of the Back Creek Friends Meeting, of which they are members.

Carl Stout and Doyle Vaughn appeared on the program of the national group to talk about the "Good Neighbor Fund" which was started by the Quaker Men at Back Creek in November, 1972.

The fund was established to have money on hand to assist needy families of the community and elsewhere. Since the beginning of the fund 40 families have been helped. Total expenditures from the fund have amounted to \$4,621.

Money for the fund is derived from projects - usually one or two each year - sponsored by the Quaker Men.

Total amount raised from these projects, along with donations, have amounted to \$8,722.68, as of June, 1977.

The Good Neighbor Fund at Back Creek was started as a home missions phase of the overall ministry at the Meeting. Assistance is rendered to those in need, regardless of denomination or residence. Determination of recipients is made by a committee named for that purpose.

Those facts and others were related by the two local men to the delegates attending the National Conference of Quaker Men which was held June 15-19 on the campus at Earlham College.

An invitation to send representatives from Back Creek to the conference had been extended by Pike Johnson, of Liberty, and W. L. Brown of Asheboro, respective presidents of the National Conference and the North Carolina Conference of Quaker Men.

Another Randolph County man appearing on the program at the conference was Fred Hemric, also of Liberty, who spoke on "Sword of Peace," an outdoor drama which will be presented for its second season near Snow Camp in Alamance County.

The fund for needy families at Back Creek is unique within circles of the denomination and in other religious groups also.

Following the presentation of the program at the national conference, the local organization was commended for its initiative in setting up the fund. It is anticipated that other Quaker Men groups will follow suit.

Pastor's Anniversary Held, A Sum Of \$ 870.14 Collected

June 24, 1977 - A total of \$870.14 was raised during the successful observance of the "pastor's anniversary" at the Redeemed Church of God, a small religious body located on Rt. 1, Seagrove.

This was the third anniversary of Pastor Betty J. Lee, who comes from Carthage weekly to minister to the small congregation, consisting of 17 members, including children. But as one speaker pointed out, "little people can do big things."

A king and queen for the celebration were crowned on Sunday afternoon, the concluding service of the three day observance, the winners consisting of the man and woman who raised the most money. Deacon Coble became the king for raising \$34.40 and Ollie J. Day the queen for raising \$130.

Other contestants were Emma Maness, runner-up to the queen, who raised \$122; Elizabeth Brady, \$72.08; Eva

Green, \$55; Gertrude Spencer, \$50; Portia Johnson and Josephine Cassidy, \$50 each; and Dottie McGriff, \$15.

In addition to the money raised by contestants, the membership and offerings during the anniversary celebration accounted for \$503.48 of the entire amount raised.

Speakers during the series of services were Sister Hortense Jackson, Asheboro, Sister Averta Howard, Greensboro, Sister Melba Cole, Carthage, and Elder Ed Sanders, pastor of Christian Tabernacle Church in Greensboro, who spoke at the final service.

Presiding over the service Sunday afternoon and a leading figure in the anniversary celebration was the venerable Mrs. Gertrude Spencer, referred to as "the church mother."

Reception Honors Pugh Couple On Silver Wedding Anniversary

June 29, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. George Wilfred Pugh, Rt. 1, Franklinville, were honored Sunday afternoon, June 19 at a reception which commemorated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Their son, Tony, was host to approximately 125 friends and relatives who called at the Pugh residence from two until five o'clock.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Mazie Craven and Mrs. Elaine Craven, sisters-in-law of Mrs. Pugh, Miss Denise Craven and Miss Kristie Craven, her nieces, Mrs. Letha Saunders, sister of Wilfred Pugh, and Miss Arey Ruffy.

Among those in attendance were mothers of the couple, Mrs. Dorothy Craven, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Mrs. Ethel Pugh, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Mrs. Wilfred Pugh, the former Marie Craven, is also the daughter of the late Theodore Craven. Wilfred's father, Arthur Pugh, is also deceased.

Mrs. Pugh is a 1952 graduate of Franklinville High School, her husband is a 1947 graduate of Grays Chapel High School. Their marriage occurred at her home on July 4, 1952. Rev. J.C. Dunevant was the officiating minister.

Both are employees of Klopman Mills. Marie works in the office of the personnel department at the Central Falls Plant while Wilfred has been an employee at the Asheboro Plant for 29 years.

The couple are members of White's Memorial Baptist Church, located near their home where they have lived all of their married life. It is in the vicinity of the place where Wilfred was reared.

They are the godparents of three children, Michael Dean Strider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Dean Strider, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Tracy and Shannon Craven, children of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Craven, Rt. 1, Franklinville, all of whom were present for the observance of their wedding anniversary.

Senior Citizens Are Honored

June 30, 1977 - A mother and son were among the group of senior citizens from the Brown's Crossroads Community who were honored by the Homemakers Club recently.

This was the first time a parent and child have both been included in the annual event which began 20 years ago.

The mother-son combination were Mrs. Emma Brower, and her oldest son, Alfred, 70. The minimum age for those participating in the Brown's Crossroads event is 70.

Six other senior citizens, other than Mrs. Brower, 80 years of age and older, were honored, including Mrs. Lela Johnson, 85, Ray Smith, 84, Mrs. Lucy Smith, 84, Mrs. Edna Smith, 82, Bert Lineberry, 82, and Mrs. Eliza Lineberry, 80.

Other senior citizens 70 years of age and older were Mrs. Hazel Barker, Mrs. Zephel Staley, and Mrs. Thelma Burgess.

The Brown's Crossroads Homemakers Club, formerly known as the home demonstration club, was organized in 1939. Mrs. Emma Brower, the oldest member, joined the club in the springs of 1940, after the first two meetings of the club.

Many churches and community groups honor their senior citizens sometime during the year in Randolph County. But it is thought that Brown's Crossroads was the first group to begin this practice, especially to have continued it for a period of 20 years.

Present officers of the club are Mrs. Sheldon Parks, president; Mrs. J. V. Langley, vice-president; Mrs. Roby Coe, Secretary; and Mrs. Henry Lawson, treasurer. Mrs. Parks presented Mrs. Brower and Ray Smith with prizes for being the oldest woman and man present for the buffet supper which was extended to the senior citizens.

Brief remarks and prayer was offered by Rev. Tim Brittain, pastor of the Coleridge Charge, which includes Rehobeth United Methodist Church where the supper was held.

The annual event at Brown's Crossroads is an enjoyable occasion for the senior citizens and club members and their families who attend. But it is also a time for remembrance of the scores of community residents who once came together with their friends and neighbors, those who have died since the annual get-together started.

Rick Radford Speaks At Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting

July 1, 1977 - Rick Radford, the first speaker at the Sunday morning service at Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Trinity, told about reading the Bible and spending time in prayer while he waited for the release of his wife, Gaye Pierce Radford, who was detained by rebel mercenaries in Kapanga, Zaire, Africa.

He said, "We are here today as the result of prayer."

Gaye followed her husband to the pulpit of her father's church and told of her anxiety during the first days of her confinement before "I finally decided I had to let to and let God take over."

The daughter of Rev. Barney Pierce, the Poplar Ridge minister, and his wife, Frances, Gaye said, "I just had to keep hanging on to Romans 8:28; 'And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose.'"

Rick was serving as a pilot for the Board of Global Missions of the United Methodist Church, flying in and out of Kapanga with hospital patients, other passengers, medical supplies and food for the mission station there at the time of the invasion by the mercenaries from Angola.

He was on a flight when the rebels attacked on March 8 and placed Gaye and the other missionaries in Kapanga under house arrest. He was not allowed to return until after their release on May 28,

He told of his difficulty establishing radio communications with his wife who usually monitored his flights and kept him advised of weather conditions and with other information pertinent to his various flights in and out of the town.

Another radio station finally cut in and told him the town had been overrun by troops from Angola. After which he said he flew over Kapanga at a high altitude, two miles high before going on to Kolweze, 260 miles away, where he remained during the internment of his wife.

Gaye said she was writing letters and following Rick on the radio when a neighbor came to her door with a soldier, said they wanted her radio and left. The neighbor came back later to explain that the soldiers had come, supposedly to liberate Zaire.

The one radio which was not taken was used to alert Rick not to come back to the town while it was under siege. At the time Gaye felt that it would only be an overnight matter, not knowing then it would be nearly three months before she would see her husband again.

Her faith in Christ, which she had held over a period of nine years, was tested during the ordeal, she said. Pregnant with their first child, she wondered if their baby would be born under those conditions or worse, if they were forced to flee from the mission into the jungles.

But she eventually realized that "God was wanting to show me He could supply all of my needs. Now I had needs only He could supply," she said, "I had the Lord with me. If I died I would have a more wonderful life. I was finally able to let go of this world."

On May 25 the detained missionaries heard an explosion, the sound of bombs. A Catholic Father, the only missionary left with transportation, a motorcycle, went out to let the counterattacking soldiers from Zaire know they were still there. "It was an opportune time. They were all set to bomb," she said.

She cried and members of the congregation cried with her as she told of their departure from the town following their release. Their happiness upon being freed was tempered by sadness at the death of one of their number, a doctor, during the invasion.

But they will never forget the words of an aged pastor who came to the airport to see them off. Too old himself to heave, his words of goodbye were "I'll see you in heaven."

Their return home was delayed at the International Airport in Rome where they lost their little dog, Happy, to whom they had become very attached during their stay in Africa. They had spent much effort in making arrangements to bring the little dog home with them.

They stayed overnight to try to find him, they prayed for his return, if it was God's will. Just before their departure the next day, as Rick went to check at the freight office for the last time, the little dog ran out to him. As Rick said, "he found me, His way, His time."

They resumed their journey home and to the joyous reunion which awaited them with Rick and Gaye's parents and other relatives and friends at the airport in Greensboro.

Church Here Installs Custom Made Organ

July 6, 1977 - A \$110,000 pipe organ has been purchased by the Central United Methodist Church and has been installed.

The 50-stop, four division instrument, plus a set of Mayland Chimes, cost \$110,000. The instrument was used for the first time on Sunday, June 26.

The organ was built by M.P. Moller, Inc. Hagerstown, Md., one of the world's largest pipe organ builders.

Some of their installations are found at First United Methodist Church, Asheboro; First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro; First Baptist Church, Lexington, and Wake Forest University.

Dr. Richard Peek, of Covenant Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, was employed by the Central church as a consultant in the building of the organ.

His recommendations are engineered to fit the two organ chambers by Philip Young, of Henderson, the Moller representative in North Carolina.

The instrument was custom built in Hagerstown, put together, tuned and played. It was then dismantled, shipped to Asheboro, reconstructed and tuned again.

The head of the tonal finishing department then came to Asheboro from Maryland and balanced the tone to acoustical characteristics of the sanctuary.

With a total of 2,212 pipes separated into four divisions, the instrument is in effect four organs, - Great Organ, Swell Organ, Choir Organ, and the Pedal Organ.

Each division has separate controls and may be played individually or each may be blended to play with the other division.

The Swell and Choir Organs are enclosed in expression chambers with shades that open and close to permit the sound to be muted. Pipes in the Great and Pedal Organs are unenclosed.

Rev. Howard Allred, pastor of Central church, said, "from earliest recorded history the organ has been used in the worship of God."

He cited Genesis 4:21 where Jubal is called "the father of all such as handle the harp and organ" and Psalm 150 which instructs worshippers to "praise him with stringed instruments and organs."

He said pipes are referred to in I Samuel, I Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah and I Corinthians.

Pipe organs are considered a life time investment. Some of the great organs of England and Europe date back to the 17th and 18th century. The organ in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, on which Handel played the "Messiah" is still in use.

Ordination Service Held Saturday, June 26

July 8, 1977 - An ordination service, "publicly setting apart Charles Levine Hucks Jr. to the gospel ministry of Jesus Christ," was held Sunday, June 26, in the Ramseur Christian Church.

The Rev. Mr. Hucks has served as pastor of the Ramseur church since the last Sunday in April of this year. A native of Burlington, he is 26 years of age.

Members of the ordination council were the Rev. Don Sweitzer, pastor of Zion Christian Church, Sanford, the Rev. Jim Turner, pastor of Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur, and the Rev. Jack Sherron, Minister-At-Large, Rt. 3, Randleman.

Also the Rev. Gail Craven, pastor of North Clayton Christian Church, Clayton, the Rev. Franklin Pierce, pastor of Catawba Springs Christian Church, Apex, and the Rev. Richard Whiteheart, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Randleman.

The candidate was questioned by the council on "his Christian experience, his call to the ministry, and his views

of Bible doctrine." At the conclusion of the presentation by the candidate and the inquiries of the council the motion to approve was unanimous.

The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Pierce, a former pastor of Parks Cross Roads church who has served his present church, Catawba Springs, for 27 years. The charge to the candidate was delivered by the Rev. Mr. Sweitzer, a former pastor of the Ramseur Christian Church, who announced Sunday that he had been accepted into the active service of the Air Force.

The presentation of the Bible, in behalf of the Ramseur congregation, was made by the Rev. Mr. Sherron, who served as a supply pastor at the church prior to the coming of the Rev. Mr. Hucks. A dozen red roses were also presented by the congregation to the wife of their young pastor.

The Rev. Charles Hucks, Jr. grew up in the Hocutt Memorial Baptist Church in Burlington and made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ at the age of 12. His call to the ministry was felt in the years following his conversion, even though he took no definite steps in that direction until about five years ago.

He prepared himself by attending Wngate College, Breadloaf Bible College in Burlington, and John Wesley College in Greensboro, graduating from the latter institution with a B.A. degree. While still a student he served the pastorate of the Lee's Chapel Christian Church near Sanford.

He is married to the former Denise Carol Crabtree, a native of Haw River, and they are the parents of two sons, Brian, 3, and Jason, 1.

Following the ordination service, a reception was sponsored by the Women's Fellowship in the fellowship hall. Coming by for this phase of the afternoon's activities were ministers from the other churches in Ramseur and some members of their congregations.

Couple Honored at Luncheon

July 13, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Elvin Beane, 1920 Greenwood Rd., observed the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Saturday, July 9.

On the following day Dexter's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Beane, and his sisters, Mrs. Clara Bonkemeyer and Mrs. Inez Craven, hosted a luncheon in their honor at the Village Inn.

The couple were married July 9, 1927 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. A. P. Buck, a Baptist, on South Cox St. Witnessing the ceremony were Mrs. Buck, Mrs. Tom Williams, a neighbor of the minister, and Gurney Craven, who drove them to the minister's home in his car for hire.

Mrs. Beane, the former Lottie Mae Bonkemeyer, was born and reared in Central Falls, the only daughter of Charles and Ethel Laughlin Bonkemeyer. She had five brothers, Lucian and Arlie, now deceased, and Hazel, Ector and Angus. She walked the two miles to the school at Central Falls.

Dexter Beane, son of Arthur and Hattie Bristow Beane, was born near Ramseur but was reared in the vicinity of Cedar Falls. He attended the school at Cedar Falls and the Cross Roads School at White's Memorial Baptist Church.

Their acquaintance began when he went to her home to visit one of her brothers. The brother was not home but it

was the beginning of their courtship which ended in their marriage over a year later. Since Dexter did not own an automobile before their marriage, he walked the 12 miles to their home there and back before using a cross-cut down the river by Cox's Dam.

Dexter was working at the cotton mill in Cedar Falls at the time of their marriage and they lived there in a house across the mill for 20 months. They recall that after moving in they received "an old fashioned belling" by their neighbors in the mill village.

But less than a year after their marriage, on Apr. 1, 1929, he went to work at Bossong Hosiery Mill where he remained until July 31, 1973. At the time of his retirement he received a watch from the company "for 45 years of faithful service" and a reclining chair from the employees of the preboarding department in which department he had been the supervisor for around 35 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Beane are members of the Central Falls United Methodist Church. At one time Dexter attended Sunday school for 15 years without missing a Sunday. His wife Lottie, only missed two Sundays during that time.

County is Assigned Three New Ministers

July 15, 1977- Three new pastors were assigned to Randolph County at the 98th annual session of the North Carolina District of the Wesleyan Church at Colfax June 28-29.

The new ministers are the Rev. Willard Kiser at the Crestview Church, Rt. 7, Asheboro, the Rev. Leon Fowler at the High Pine Church, Rt. 5, Asheboro and the Rev. Robert Thomas at the Trinity Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Ministers who returned to their pastorates are the Rev. A. J. Kendrix, First Wesleyan; the Rev. Hal T. Brown, Hoover's Grove; the Rev. G. K. Andrews, Midway; the Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, Neighbors Grove; and the Rev. Donald A. Dawalt, Rushwood Park.

Also returning to churches near the county line are the Rev. Robert Freeman, Callicutt Mission in Montgomery County, and the Rev. Denny Camp, Pleasant Union in Alamance County.

Other district ministers in Randolph County include three who are retired, the Rev. Paul E. Allred, the Rev. S. T. Baye, and the Rev. Paul Teague, the Rev. W. M. Phaup, chaplain at the Randolph Hospital, the Rev. Boyd C. Kistler, a general evangelist, the Rev. Wilson Goins, a conference evangelist, and the Rev. Randy Haithcock, assistant pastor at the Neighbors Grove Church.

Two young ministers, natives of Randolph County, were ordained at this session of the conference. They were the Rev. Steve Jordan, who was assigned as the assistant pastor at First Wesleyan Church in Charlotte, and the Rev. Arnold Luther, who received a similar assignment at the church in Concord.

Both of them have older brothers in the ministry, the Rev. Mark Jordan who was assigned to the Ridgewood Church in Raleigh, and the Rev. Edwin Luther who was returned to the church in Mount Airy.

Two Asheboro men, the Rev. Donald A. Dawalt, and L. Clegg Pritchard were re-elected as members-at-large of the district board of administration.

The Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Allred, who have established residence at 807 S. Main St. in Asheboro, formerly lived here while the Rev. Mr. Allred served the pastorate of the

Neighbors Grove Church. He has just retired from the First Wesleyan Church in Wilmington, to which church the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur S. Moorefield, former pastors of the Crestview Church, have been assigned.

Five Missionaries Attend Church Services

July 15, 1977- Five missionaries connected with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, Asheboro Branch, were present for the services on Sunday morning, July 10th.

Two of them, Scottie Aldridge, 21, and David Heier, 22, have just returned from tours of duty on foreign soil. Another one, Andy Busby, 19, will leave shortly for a tour of duty in Tokyo, Japan.

Aldridge served in South Africa and Rhodesia, Heier served in Bangkok, Thailand.

All three of these young men are members of the Asheboro Branch. Scottie is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Aldridge, 811 Central Falls Rd., David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David Heier, Rt. 8, Asheboro, and Andy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Delano Busby, Westbury Dr.

The other two missionaries connected with the church and present for the services were Elder Robert Gordon, 20, of Yorba Linda, Calif., and Elder Scott Snider, 21, of Santa Cruz, Calif., who are currently assigned to the Asheboro Branch.

Elder Gordon and Elder Snider are the two young men attired in white shirts with ties and conservative trousers who are seen frequently riding around Asheboro on bicycles as they make their calls in behalf of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

All five of these young men are among 25, 000 missionaries representing their church, numbering nearly 4,000,000 members, on mission fields, both in the United States and in foreign countries. They leave their homes for a tenure of service lasting for two years, they serve without pay and they are responsible for their own expenses.

Scottie Aldridge, who graduated from Asheboro High School in 1974, and David Heier both hope to enroll in Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah at some time in the future. Elder Gordon and Elder Snider also plan to resume their education at the end of their missionary duties.

Aldridge is a Randolph County native, but the Heier and Busby families are comparative newcomers to this locality, the former family having come here from Newport News, Va., and the latter family from Upland, Calif.

Officers of the Asheboro Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are L. Delano Busby, president; Jerry Randall, first counselor; Tommy Lowrance, second counselor; and Richard Lamar, clerk. Wilburn Browder is president of the Elders Quorum and Mrs. Wade Davis is president of the Relief Society.

The Relief Society is an organization in which the women of the church learn how to become better wives and mothers in addition to extending help to those who are in need. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints is noted for its welfare program, maintaining welfare farms and other sources of food supplies where those in need can receive help instead of depending on the government to keep them up.

Sunday School services at the Asheboro Branch are held each Sunday from 10 until 11 a. m. Worship services begin at 11:30 a. m. On the first Sunday in each month, a fast and testimony meeting is observed during the worship services. On the other Sundays various members are usually assigned as speakers

Golden Anniversary Observed

July 20, 1977- The Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Evans, of Star, formerly Rt. 6, Asheboro, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows Sunday afternoon, July 17, in a ceremony at the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The Asheboro church is one of several churches which the Rev. Mr. Evans helped to organize during his years in the ministry. He felt the call to preach following his conversion 49 years ago, he was ordained in 1941.

The Rev. Billy D. Phipps, pastor of the Asheboro church, heard the renewal vows in a candlelight ceremony in the presence of family and friends. Music was provided by Mrs. James Laws, organist, and Miss Cindy Laws, soloist. Ushers were Jonathan Beane and Rickie Dean Evans, grandsons of the honored couple, and child attendants were Lisa and Amy Greene, great-granddaughters.

There are 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Most of them who were present were ushered in together and sat in a group for the ceremony, followed by the daughters and sons-in-law and the sons and daughters-in-law.

The latter group hosted a reception in the Rev. J. L. O'Ham Fellowship Hall at the conclusion of the renewal ceremony.

The Rev. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of eight children, Mrs. Bill (Frances) Green, Troy, Mrs. Herman (Rosa) Jarrell, Star, A. D. Evans, Jr., Greensboro, Harold R. Evans, Phoenix City, Ala., Mrs. Ray (Mary) Campbell, Asheboro, Harvey Evans, Cream Ridge, N. J., Billy S. Evans, Altavista, Va., and Mrs. Hoyle (Brenda) Beane, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

Among those present for the ceremony and reception was the Rev. Mr. Evans' 85-year-old mother, Mrs. Lora Vesta Evans, Rt. 1, Asheboro, her presence constitution 5 generations in attendance at the anniversary celebration.

The minister, also a son of the late C. A. Evans, is a native of Surry County who came with his parents to the Franklinville area at the age of 14.

Mrs. Evans, the former Ola Agnes Barber, is a native of Carthage in Moore County. She got acquainted with her future husband after coming to Franklinville where an aunt, Mrs. Connie Allred, lived. She started to work in the mill there where he was also employed.

Their marriage occurred on July 16, 1927 in Bennettsville, S. C. The large crowd in attendance at their anniversary celebration was in contrast to the two people who attended their wedding 50 years ago.

The couple were charter member of the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church, which was organized after their marriage, and also the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church which was organized later. Since the retirement of the Rev. Mr. Evans from the active pastorate, the couple have returned their membership to the latter church.

He served another church in Randolph County, Holly's Chapel, at two different periods for a total of seven years.

He served for many years as chairman of evangelism for the Western North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Church and in this capacity assisted in the organization of new churches.

Other churches which he served and in some cases helped to organize also include Star, Statesville, Yadkin County, Hurt, Va., and Johnson City, Tenn.

Wesleyan Church Installs New Pastor

July 22, 1977- The Rev. Steve Saunders, 25, was installed as pastor of Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, Sunday morning, July 17.

The installing minister was his father, the Rev. D. R. Saunders, who had served as the pastor of the church for the past five years.

The Rev. D. R. Saunders is retiring from the active ministry of his denomination after more than five decades of service. He began preaching while still in his teens in his native Montgomery County, he was ordained in 1934.

His first assignment was a circuit in the Albemarle- Gold Hill area and it was in the latter place that he and his wife will live in retirement. Their address will be Rt. 1, Gold Hill.

Other phases of his ministry have been pastorates in Lexington and Burlington before serving with his wife as missionaries in the West Indies and South America for six years, followed by a 10-year pastorate in Salisbury before coming to Sawyersville.

His son, Steve, was born during the pastorate in Burlington and at the age of two was taken by his parents to the mission field.

Steve said he had felt from college days that the Lord wanted him in some type of full time service. He attended Kernersville Wesleyan Academy and Central Wesleyan College in Central, S. C., graduating from the latter place with an A. B. degree in Bible.

He served a student pastorate at a church in Seneca, S. C. and then a two-year pastorate in Charleston, S. C. before accepting the call to succeed his father at the Sawyersville church.

He is married to the former Carolyn Downey, a native of Columbus, Ohio, whom he met while accompanying a Youth Enlisted Service Corps on a mission to Brazil where her parents were serving as missionaries. They were married June 22, 1973.

The young minister said that he and his wife had been afforded a real cordial welcome at Sawyersville and that they were delighted to have the opportunity to serve there.

Present for the installation service were his two brothers, Farrell Saunders, of Bedford, Va., and David Saunders, of Charlotte, and his sister, Miss Sara Saunders, who is the assistant principal of Trinity Elementary School. He joined his brothers and sister in providing special music for the service.

The sermon for the installation service was provided by the retiring pastor, Rev. D. R. Saunders, whose text was "So built the wall (church) for the people had a mind to work." He recalled that his sermon text on his first Sunday there five years ago had been "For we are laborers together with God."

He also recalled achievements such as the liquidation of the church indebtedness, the purchase and the paying for a new organ, the purchase and paying for a tract of land

costing \$12,500 on which to build a new structure, and the accumulation of over \$2,500 in a building fund.

Installed along with the new pastor were members of the church board. At the conclusion of the service, after the new pastor and board members had knelt at the altar of the church for a prayer dedicating them to their duties, veteran board member, Mrs. Harris Poole, presented red roses to the wives of the retiring and incoming pastors.

Afterwards, the entire assemblage, including many visitors, adjourned to the fellowship hall for a buffet luncheon.

Family, Friends Honor Mrs. Julia Gordon Harris

July 17, 1977- A gathering of family and friends honored Mrs. Julia Gordon Harris, Rt. 1, Trinity, on her 87th birthday Sunday, July 17, in the fellowship hall at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Harris was reared and lived in the vicinity of the church prior to her marriage to Lolar P. Harris who died two years ago at the age of 88. They had been married over 67 years at the time of his death. Six children were born to Mrs. Harris and her husband, all of whom are living and were present for their mother's birthday celebration.

They are Jim Harris, Mrs. John (Marinda) Barnes, and Brown Harris, Rt. 1, Trinity, Mrs. Vaden Harris, Asheboro, Mrs. Fred (Lillian) Robbins, and Mrs. Richard (Mattie) Coltrane, Rt. 2, Asheboro.

There are also 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild, Valerie Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Owens of Decatur, Ga.

Mrs. Harris is a woman of small stature who despite her advancing years remains mentally and physically alert. She still does her house work, sews, works in the garden and does canning and freezing.

She is a member of the Pleasant Grove church where her husband is buried. The pastor, Rev. Luther Harris, attended the birthday dinner and offered the blessing for the meal which was served buffet style. Mrs. Harris received gifts of money and other items to commemorate the occasion.

Reception Honors Mrs. Thompson on 89th Birthday

July 25, 1977-Mrs. Sarah Tucker Thrower Thompson, formerly of 1415 S. Fayetteville St., was honored at a reception which celebrated her 89th birthday Sunday afternoon, July 24, at Randolph Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Daughters of the honored lady were hostesses for the occasion. They were Mrs. Flora McCall, Greensboro, Mrs. Frances Harrelson, Asheboro, Mrs. Claytie Norton, Southern Pines, Mrs. Betty Frye, Rt. 8, Asheboro, and Mrs. Virginia Caudill, Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Mrs. Thompson has one son, Carl Thrower, 70, of Greensboro, who was unable to be present for his mother's birthday reception. Three other sons, Charlie and George Thrower and A. J. Thompson, Jr., are deceased. Her family also includes 19 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

Invited to the reception were family members, friends, nurses and other patients at the nursing center. Singing

was provided by Mrs. Thompson's great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Strider, and Michael Hsu, director of music and education at Oakhurst Baptist Church where she is a member.

Mrs. Thompson was reared in the Ether section of Montgomery County but moved with her parents to Scotland County as a young girl. There she was married to Henry Clay Thrower who died in the flu epidemic of 1918, leaving her to support six young children.

Five years later she was married to Archie Joe Thompson who died in 1936 after they had become the parents of three additional children. She came to Asheboro 33 years ago. She entered the nursing center May 4.

Mrs. Thompson worked hard in the earlier years of her life on the farm. She plowed, hoed and picked cotton and also worked in the tobacco crop. Widowed twice she carried the burden of supporting and raising to maturity her nine children.

There were times when the family didn't know where the next meal was coming from, but Mrs. Thompson always came up with something. She also looked after the medical needs of her family, hardly ever having to call in a doctor to take care of them.

Until ill health overtook her she always had a child in her home from the time her first one was born. After her own children had grown up and left home she looked after and cared for other children while their parents worked. Her face still lights up when the children she loves come into her presence.

In addition to her children she also has four stepdaughters, Mrs. Janie Neathery, and Mrs. Maggie Baker, Asheboro, Mrs. Flora Davis, Pineville, and Mrs. Amanda Merritt, Charlotte.

Volunteers Keep Watch Over Patients

July 29, 1977- Hospital Helping Hands Club, organized over a year and a half ago, is busy serving Randolph Hospital patients, especially those without family members.

Members of the club alternate on four-hour shifts sitting with patients who require attention to a lesser degree than those who need trained nursing personnel.

Some patients have no members of their immediate families to sit with them during their illnesses. Other patients may have relatives, but during a long period of illness even these family members need assistance.

One recent case, in which members of Hospital Helping Hands Club assisted, involved Mrs. Jennie Doby Carver, 84, who was admitted on July 18 and discharged July 26.

Only one member of Mrs. Carver's family was physically able to come to her assistance. This was a daughter, Mrs. Alyce Kelley, of Long Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Carver, formerly of Gold Hill, resided in Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home, Rt. 1, Asheboro, for seven and a half years until being moved to Care Inn in Graham prior to her latest physical ailment. While in the hospital this time, her right leg was amputated above the knee. She returned to Clapp's upon discharge.

Members of the Hospital Helping Hands Club sat with Mrs. Carver around the clock except for the assistance Mrs. Kelley could give them.

The service rendered by club members is coordinated by Mrs. Nancy Hunter, director of volunteer services at

the hospital. They do not begin sitting with patients until called by Mrs. Hunter. However, they are available to those families who need their services.

Coordinator of the club is Kelly Lee, the assistant coordinator is Joyce Davis. Frances Cooper is secretary and Doris Smith is treasurer.

Other members of the club are Brenda Ambrose, Bertha Brown, Wayne Cox, Estelle Cox, Edsel Cox, Violet Cox, Margaret Eubanks, Ruth Fagge, Gaynell Frazier, Evelyn King, Wayne Morgan, Carolyn Moon, Mattie Owens, Richard Peterson, Jo Ann Peterson, Helen Ragsdale, Bill Suggs, Odene Suggs, Delette Davis, and Estelle Crutchfield.

Also, Dorothy Sours, Carrie Vuncannon, Margaret Weeks, Diane Hammer, Buddy Hammer, Jo Ann Hammer, Treva Hughes, Clarence Hinshaw, Bernice Hinshaw, Henry Jones, Bertha Kenyon, Johnny Maness, Mebane Maness, George Maness, James (Buddy) McNeill, Shirley McNeill, Gipsy Moriarity and Ray Davis.

Church Observes Anniversary

July 29, 1977- A notable day in the history of Beulah Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Bennett, occurred Sunday, July 17, when the church observed the 75th year of its founding.

The actual date of its organization was July 13, 902. The observance of its "diamond" anniversary during the Sunday morning worship service marked "the beginning of the fourth quarter of its first century."

Participating in the service were the Rev. Curtis L. Barbery, pastor of the church since Jan. 1, 1963, six representatives of various age groups within the congregation who told what the church meant to them, including 6-year-old Lisa Riley, and 84-year-old Bennie Powers, and Jimmy Russell who delivered a historical sketch of the church's activities during its existence for the past 75 years.

Three people who were present at the constitution of the church three quarters of a century ago, Mrs. Betty Caviness Kennedy, 87, E. S. (Pink) Powers, 86, and Bennie Powers, 84, were in attendance at the anniversary celebration.

Mrs. Kennedy was also the only person present who was baptized in the first group after the church's organization in 1902. None of the 31 charter members are living.

A plaque "in honor of your 75 years of Christian witness in this community and throughout the world" was presented to the church by the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Curtis L. Barbery.

Beulah Baptist Church is perhaps the largest rural church in Randolph County and larger than most of the churches in the towns. The church has 530 members, its tithes and offerings amount to over \$150,000, and its Sunday School attendance has averaged over 400 for the past nine years.

Its present Sunday School plant and church auditorium, completed in Jan., 1965, and its youth camp erected later are valued at nearly three quarters of a million dollars and are clear of all indebtedness. The youth camp consists of a lake, home for the music director, tennis courts, ballfield, miniature golf course, and a gymnasium with kitchen and dining facilities.

All of these facilities are in contrast to the brush arbor in which the first revival meeting was held shortly after the

organization of the church and the frame building, 30 by 40 feet, which was built later.

Couple Celebrates 50 Years of Marriage

Aug. 2, 1977- Mr. and Mrs. G. Talmadge Cole, 124 Nolan Ave., first got acquainted at a corn shucking held at the home of her parents. This acquaintance led to their courtship and marriage on Sunday, July 31, 1927.

On the same day, fifty years later, a reception honored them in an observance of their golden wedding anniversary. Guests numbering over 175 called from two until four o'clock.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Zelma Louise) Yates and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Cole, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Cole, Tallahassee, Fla. Their immediate family also includes seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cole, a hard working couple, came from large families. Talmadge was one of 15 children born to the late George and Tomessie Cole. Mrs. Cole, the former Alese Freeman, was one of 15 children born to Mrs. Sarah Catherine Cagle Freeman, 93, Rt. 2, Randleman, and the late Bennett Freeman who lived to be 96 years old.

Talmadge, 71, was reared near Seagrove, in the vicinity of Maple Springs Baptist Church. He dropped corn when he was six years old, he pulled fodder and he cut wheat with a cradle. Later, before his marriage, he worked at a sawmill, loaded crossties, and hauled lumber.

Alese, who still works full time at the age of 67, refusing so far to collect her Social Security benefits, was born west of Ether but was reared north of Troy, near the post office of Martin's Mill. Talking about her days at the home of her parents, she said "we all had a job to do and we did it."

They courted in Talmadge's 1924 Model T Ford, the same vehicle in which they motored to Bennettsville, S. C., where they were married fifty years ago.

Following their return they lived for a short while with her parents. During this time, Talmadge helped her brothers dig an 80-foot well at her home. She recalls how scared she was when she allowed her new husband to lower her down to the bottom of the well after it was completed but before it was filled with water.

Soon after their marriage the couple came to Asheboro where Alese accepted employment at Acme Hosiery Mill and Talmadge became the third full fashioned knitter employed by the newly organized McCrary Hosiery Mill, being hired for that position by Charles W. McCrary, president of the company.

He remained with the company and the merged Acme-McCrary Corp. until something over five years ago when he retired after 44 and one half years of continuous employment. Since then he has kept busy doing carpentry and various other miscellaneous jobs, including plowing the gardens of his neighbors.

Alese quit public employment during the rearing of her children but is presently employed at York Hosiery Mill. She would rather work than stay at home and only stayed out three days in preparation for the celebration of her golden wedding anniversary.

They have lived at their present home since its erection in 1932. Before that they lived with his brother, Zannie, and her sister, Ila Mae, who married seven months prior

to their own wedding. They also lived in an apartment in the home of her aunt and uncle, Ben and Lula Hogan, and they lived in a Acme Hosiery Mill company house on West Salisbury St. for ten dollars a month rent with the water furnished.

Church Observes Day of Thanks

Aug. 5, 1977- Cox's Chapel United Methodist, Rt. 1, Ramseur, observed "a day of fellowship and thanks" on Sunday, July 31.

The thanks was extended particularly to the congregation of the nearby Parks Cross Roads Christian Church and the descendants of Calvin Cox.

Calvin Cox first allowed members of the black community to hold worship services and a camp meeting in buildings located on his premises, following the Civil War period over a hundred years ago.

Later, he gave them a one-acre tract of land on which to erect a log structure. The church was then named Cox's Chapel and services have continued now for more than 100 years.

Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, located a half of a mile or so down the road from Cox's Chapel, was organized some years before the Civil War. The first structure for this congregation was also a log structure.

Around 1904 Parks Cross Roads decided to replace their second church structure, a 30 by 50 foot frame building. The decision was made to give this building to Cox's Chapel with the provision that the log building at the latter place be torn down and used in the kiln for the making of brick for the proposed new building at Parks Cross Roads.

This was done except for a later decision by the Parks Cross Roads congregation to build another frame structure and the brick was used in the construction of some business sites in Ramseur.

According to John C. Cox, 80 year-old historian of the Parks Cross Roads community and son of Calvin Cox, it took a month to move the Parks Cross Roads building up the road to the Cox's Chapel site.

The building was moved through the fields, away from the road, and was propelled by spikes in the hands of manual labor. Many volunteers helped with the moving under the supervision of Levi Macon and W. O. Cox, also a son of Calvin Cox.

It was appropriate that the present pastor at Parks Cross Roads, Rev. James Turner, came to the Cox's Chapel church on the fifth Sunday in July, nearly three quarters of a century later, to preach to the congregation, telling them of the supremacy, the sufficiency and the simplicity of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

His message was soundly received by the members of the neighboring congregation. He was accompanied by his wife and daughter and present also from Parks Cross Roads were Tally Cox, grandson of Calvin Cox, Mrs. Tally Cox, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Caviness.

Rev. Johnny Green, a local minister at Cox's Chapel, was in charge of the service which commemorated the history of the church. Sandy Wright is the superintendent of the Sunday School. Mrs. Daisy Craven, 83, oldest member of the church, was also in attendance. An offering coming from various families of the church, along with a public offering, amounted to \$509. This will be used for an addition to the existing building.

86-Year-Old Woman Attends Sunday Services

Aug. 12, 1977- Hessie Newlin Davis attended the service last Sunday at the West Grove Conservative Friends Meeting in Alamance County prior to going on to the 17th reunion of the Southeastern Newlin Association at a nearby Meetinghouse.

She sat in the small, modest Meetinghouse, unadorned except for a Friends calendar on the wall, along with 22 other worshippers. It was a completely silent service except for very brief remarks from two of the four elders who sat on the men's facing bench.

The 86-year-old Conservative Quaker woman, who lives north of Sophia in Randolph County, is unable to attend the service every Sunday at West Grove, usually attending only on the day of the reunion and at the time of the Quarterly Meetings.

She has been a member at West Grove for about 15 years, since services at New Hope Conservative Friends Meeting in her home vicinity were discontinued.

Only one Conservative Friends Meeting now exists in Randolph County, Friendsville, located on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

But when the New Hope meeting was discontinued, Hessie Newlin Davis chose to transfer her membership to West Grove where a cousin, Harvey Newlin, was the senior elder.

Harvey Newlin, now deceased, an outstanding Conservative Quaker, and his cousin, Hessie Newlin Davis, had known each other since 1912. Hessie referred to him as "our preacher, our cousin, and our friend."

Hessie was the last active member at New Hope. Only two other women were members there at the time of its discontinuation, her sister, Hettie Newlin, and Ada Farlow, both of whom are now dead.

The New Hope Meeting was established in 1906 when several members of the Marlboro Friends Meeting left that Meeting when the congregation at Marlboro "accepted the new ministry," according to Hessie.

The departing group "didn't believe in the hired ministry," said Hessie. Other aspects besides the paying of the minister included congregational singing.

For a period of time the Conservative Meeting at New Hope thrived and Hessie remembers the large crowds which came even from other towns and from other states.

But at the last there was only Hessie who was active and she faced the necessity of transferring her membership to a Meeting at another site. At that time the property reverted back to the family of the owners and the Meeting ceased to exist.

The years have taken their toll on Hessie Newlin Davis. She walks with a cane and her hearing is impaired. But her determination and her beliefs are still there. She remained motionless throughout the service at West Grove last Sunday, continuing the form of worship which she has practiced these many years.

Pastor Returns To Church

Aug. 12, 1977- Rev. T. R. York is coming back to Randolph County to serve the Staley Wesleyan Church after a year in semi-retirement and residence in Thomasville.

He is the former pastor of Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, where he served for nine years before his retirement last year.

Always a busy man, his year of retirement was spent in supply work and a missionary trip to the Panama Canal, Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia in South America.

At the time of his retirement he had spent more than a half of a century in the active ministry.

He had spent 28 years in the pastorate of the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church near Thomasville, three years at the Bethlehem Wesleyan Church in Alamance County at Mt. Olivet.

He is the past president of the Ramseur Ministerial Association, the Ramseur Area Senior Citizens Club, and the York Reunion Association. He was elected district secretary of world missions this year.

He is replacing Rev. Leonard Connor who served as pastor of the Staley church for several years. He will conduct services at the church each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. At other times he will be on call to assist in the other activities of the area.

The Staley congregation is not unfamiliar to the Rev. Mr. York, neither is he a stranger to them. The church is located in the same general vicinity of the Mr. Olivet church where he served. Also, at the time of the erection of the Staley church many years ago, he served as its supply pastor.

GE Marks 25th Anniversary Here

Aug. 15, 1977- A Family Day and open house marked the 25th anniversary observance of General Electric Company's location in Asheboro Saturday.

Terry Lanning, communications specialist for the company, said the observance was held "in honor of 25 years of General Electric's mutual growth and progress with the residents of Asheboro and Randolph County."

The company began its operation here June 11, 1952 with general officers of the national organization on hand for the formal dedication.

The anniversary observance also included the official dedication of the company's new club house, erected at a cost of \$200,000. This air-conditioned building is available to employees, without charge, for their functions.

Placed in the lobby of the new club house is a plaque recognizing the employees who have worked at General Electric in Asheboro since the beginning of the operations here.

Known as members of the "quarter of a century club," they number 119 from an original group of some 200 employees. About a hundred of these had never worked at General Electric before. The remainder came here from other General Electric plants.

When General Electric first started up in Asheboro the heating pad was the first product manufactured, followed immediately by the electric automatic blanket. The first item is still being made at the local plant. The blanket, although discontinued, characterized the operation of the plant in the first years of its existence here.

Products now being made here, besides the heating pad, include the deep fat fry pot, drip coffee maker, skillet, bag sealer, hair dryer, iron, massager, hairsetter, lighted mirror, tooth brush, food warmer, and curling iron. Some of these items, especially the coffee maker, are made in different styles.

Other products which have been made here during the past 25 years, have included aqua pulse, cigarette lighter, manicure set, vaporizer, clothes brush, flashlight, detangle comb, can opener, and hot lather dispenser.

Four expansions of the physical plant have marked the progress of General Electric in Asheboro since 1952, the latest a building in which the die casting operation is located.

On the day of the anniversary observance employees, their families and guests toured the plant from 1 until 5 p. m. and were shown the various phases of operation. Members of the quarter of a century club assisted in conducting the tours. Over 100 door prizes were given to employees. A prize was also awarded to the department having the best exhibit.

Following the tour of the plant employees and their guests were transported by buses to the new club house where they were shown the new facilities, provided with music and served hot dogs, potato chips, ice cream and soft drinks.

Dr. Bulla's Long Dead, His Office Still Stands

Aug. 18, 1977- The office building of Dr. A. C. (Archie Castelray) Bulla, who died in 1895, is still standing on the premises of the late doctor's residence in Back Creek Township, just west of Asheboro's largest lake.

The physician's house was built in 1844. It is assumed that the office was built at the same time, or a few years earlier since records indicate his practice began in 1840.

The office building is small, 18 by 20 feet, even though it has two rooms. The larger room contains a fireplace and mantel. The ceilings are covered with wide boards.

The building sits high off of the ground, resting on pillars of large rocks. There is a door and two windows on either side of the small structure. The steps are gone. The building is badly deteriorated.

One of the late doctor's grandsons, Arthur Burkhead, of Asheboro, has expressed an interest in restoring the old building which he believes is one of the oldest doctor's offices remaining in North Carolina.

The office and old homesite are now owned by descendants of the late Margaret Bulla Dougan, one of the 10 children born to Dr. A. C. Bulla and his wife, Millicent Rush Bulla.

It is not definitely known among his living descendants whether Dr. Bulla attended medical school or not. But Everett-Marsh, 80, of High Point, a great-grandson of Dr. Bulla, believes that he went to a medical school in Philadelphia, Pa. and taught other doctors in this area after he returned.

It is said that a younger brother, Alexander Bulla, became a doctor without going off to school, establishing a practice in the Pleasant Hill area of Davidson County.

It is also known that Dr. Bulla's son-in-law, McKinley (McKay) Dougan, studied medicine under his father-in-law and then went out west to establish a practice in what was then the Indian Territory of Oklahoma.

Two of Dr. Bulla's sons, Alfred Marsh Bulla and Jefferson Davis Bulla, also became doctors but they attended medical school elsewhere, the former in Philadelphia, Pa. and the latter in Baltimore, Md.

Other members of the family becoming doctors were a nephew, Dr. Alexander Bulla Jr., two grandsons, Dr. Arch

Dougan and Dr. A. C. (Alexander Chester) Bulla, health doctor in Raleigh and Wake County for 50 years, and two great-grandsons, Dr. Jeff D. Bulla II, now practicing in Graham, and Dr. Mike Dougan, now practicing in Enid, Okla.

In addition to Arthur Burkhead, only six more grandchildren of Dr. Bulla are still living. These are Miss Mildred Burkhead, Mrs. Millie Bulla Tedder, Bryan Bulla, B. B. (Pete) Bulla, Jack Bulla, Mrs. Ella Mae Bulla Farlow, and Ivey Clark. None of these grandchildren were born when Dr. Bulla died except Ivey Clark, of Bonanza, Oregon, who is 92 years of age and incapacitated.

An Asheboro directory published in 1890 lists Dr. A. C. Bulla as one of the three county commissioners serving at that time. His medical practice lasted for 55 years.

When he died a large crowd attended his funeral and burial at the Charlotte, M. P. Church, located near the local newspaper. It stated that two-thirds of the crowd had to remain on the outside of the church during the service.

It was also stated that more than a hundred people from Asheboro attended the service. Others wanted to attend but were unable to secure transportation from Asheboro to the church. The newspaper said that by 9 a. m. on the day of the funeral all three of the livery stables were engaged and every horse and buggy that could be hired was obtained.

30 Years Of Marriage Celebrated

Aug. 18, 1977- The thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kiser, Rt. 1, Seagrove, was commemorated Saturday evening, Aug. 13, when their daughters and sons-in-law honored them at a surprise reception in the fellowship hall at Antioch Christian Church.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Diane) Stutts, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Rickey (Darlene) Fisher, Rt. 1, Robbins, and Miss Lisa Kiser, who resides at home with her parents. Also on hand was their only grandchild, Jeremy Stutts.

The occasion came as a complete surprise to the couple who had been invited to eat supper at Brewer's Restaurant at Harper's Cross Roads along with other family members. They came back by the church so that some members of their party could see the newly completed sanctuary. Guests and hosts awaited their arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiser were married Aug. 24, 1947 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Kiser, the former Emogene Cole, is the daughter of Mrs. Ethel Auman Cole, Rt. 2, Seagrove, and the late Columbus Cole. John D. Kiser is the son of Collie Kiser, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and the late Berta Hayes Kiser.

He is employed in the industrial engineering department of the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills. Mrs. Kiser has operated Emogene's Beauty Shop next to her home for around 24 years.

The couple are members of the Antioch Christian Church. John D. is the assistant teacher of the young adults class and is also a church deacon. Emogene is the assistant secretary and treasurer of her Sunday School class.

Lyric Tenor Presents An Evening Of Sacred Song

Aug. 19, 1977- "An Evening Of Sacred Song" was presented by Joseph English Walker, lyric tenor, at Mount Vernon United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Trinity, Sunday evening, Aug. 14, at five o'clock.

Walker grew up in the Mount Vernon church, sang in the choir and rendered his first solo at the age of 7. His presentation at the church Sunday evening was held in memoriam for his mother, Mrs. Etta Maie English Walker, who died Aug. 14, 1975.

He was accompanied on the piano by Stanley Grady, Jr., associate organist of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in High Point and also a professional artist associated with the staff at the university of North Carolina at Greensboro.

The first portion of the program included Come, Ye Blessed Eternal Life, The Holy City, and presentations from The Messiah and from Elijah. The second part included two spirituals, Come to Me from Beethoven, Sheep May Safely Graze from Bach, Ave Maria from Schubert and Allelujah from Mozart.

Joseph English Walker, also the son of the late Horace Walker, currently serves as the tenor soloist in the choir of the Wesley Memorial Church in High Point and also as the associate organist. He is also a member of the High Point Chorale, a professional group.

He is a native of the area between Sophia and Glenola, attended the New Market School and graduated from Randleman High School in 1967. He also attended the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, Randolph Technical Institute and Davidson Community College.

He has studied organ with Margaret Vardell Sandresky and piano with Rebecca Barrow of the Juilliard School of Music, New York City. He has attended Master Classes in organ with Dr. Max Miller, Boston University, Anton Heiller of Vienna, and Pierre Cochereau, organist of the Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris.

He has studied voice with Dr. Julius Baird of Colorado State University and was for three seasons a member of the Colorado Springs Opera Company. At present he is studying voice with William Beck at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

All contributions at the annual concert and otherwise are directed to the Etta Maie English Walker Endowment for the benefit of the church. Mrs. Zeola English handled the arrangements for the program of sacred music. Rev. Carl Dunker is the pastor.

Church Holds Its 50th Anniversary Services On Sunday, Aug. 21

Aug. 26, 1977 - THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the Flint Hill United Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Sophia was observed Sunday, Aug. 21, at all day services with dinner on the grounds during the noon hour.

Flint Hill was organized as a community church on Aug. 22, 1927 but the following Dec. became a member of the Congregational Conference of the Carolinas, which later merged with the Christian denomination before becoming the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Howard E. Ward, a native of the community who was reared in sight of the church and attended it as a child was

ordained and installed as its pastor June 25, 1972, and continues in this capacity.

He preached the anniversary sermon on the subject "Christ's Love For The Church."

It was in the home of his father, J. Elwood Ward, that the organizational meeting was held fifty years ago.

Eighteen people became charter members of the church at the time of its organization. Two of them Mrs. Mary Watson Hedrick and Mrs. Lola Farlow Kimsey are still affiliated with the church.

However, Miss Eula Smith, age 76, and others remember another church at Flint Hill at the same site which had its beginning around a hundred years ago.

Those who wrote the history of Flint Hill, distributed in pamphlet form at the anniversary observance feel that the burning of the original Flint Hill School in 1875, located about three-fourths of a mile west of the present Flint Hill, had something to do with the beginning of the church.

After the burning of the old school, a period of two years elapsed before it was decided to build the new school at the cross roads where the church is located. Worship services were also started in the new schoolhouse and a great revival was held there by a Methodist Protestant minister about 1878.

There was not enough money to build the church the people wanted but they decided to build an arbor with a good frame and roof which could be closed in when funds became available. But during a heavy wind and snow storm the arbor was blown down.

The schoolhouse was again used for services until a church was built on exactly the same spot where the present church stands in 1881 by the Methodist Protestant denomination at a cost of \$203. 43.

But the people of the community evidently helped in its construction to keep the cost of the building down. Among the charter members of this first church were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Canoy, grandparents of the present pastor, Rev. Howard E. Ward.

About 1917-18 the Methodists decided to discontinue the church, due to people moving away and others passing away, and both the land and the building were sold. But the Flint Hill people, who felt that a Sunday School was necessary, didn't quit holding services. They went back to the schoolhouse for the third time.

About three years later the Congregationalists became interested and Rev. Fred P. Ensminger, pastor-at-large, began preaching at Flint Hill, followed by Rev. Edward L. Wehrenberger who stayed until the fall of 1923.

Rev. Samuel M. Penn, still remembered by many people in the community, then continued the services during the organization of the present church, staying in the community for a total of 14 years. The first service in the present church building was held in Oct., 1928.

The school at Flint Hill, long since discontinued, played such an important part in the early religious life of the community and the organization of the two churches, first the Methodist church and then the present church, that any special day at Flint Hill or the occasion of homecoming invariably involves many former students of the school.

The half-century observance at the church on Sunday, Aug. 21, was no exception. A portion of the program on Sunday afternoon was set apart for former teachers and students as well as for two former and two present

members of the church, Walter Lanier, Lola Farlow Kimsey, Nelia Canoy Leonard, and Joe Horton.

Primitive Baptists Hold Worship Services

Aug. 26, 1977 - On the Third Sunday of each month a small group of loyal Primitive Baptist believers meet for worship on the historical grounds of the Sandy Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Rt. 1. Liberty.

On the third Sunday in June of each year they observe the traditional rites of "closed communion and foot-washing."

On Sunday, Aug. 21, they departed from their usual practice of worshipping in the neat white frame structure in which they have worshipped since 1946, and held their monthly service in the old log structure which was built in 1822.

The 54 people in attendance, including two visiting Elders and other people from a distance, almost filled the inside of the small building, a relic of bygone days with its huge exposed logs, unpainted floor and ceiling three small windows, two plank doors and pews constructed similarly.

Elder Gurney Nance, pastor of the church and the two visiting Elders stood on a very small upraised platform before one of the windows for their exhortations. Railings encircled the pulpit area, on which there was only room for two of them to stand at a time.

Only rarely is the old building used for worship services. The last ordination to occur there was the ordination of the present pastor in 1951. However, the old building was used recently on the Saturday afternoon before the third Sunday in June for the wedding ceremony of Betty McQueen and Lewis Junior Pierce.

Other officers of the church besides the pastor are L. R. Mabe, John L. Cox and Joe Nance, deacons and trustees, and Hal Younts trustee and clerk. Younts will also be ordained as a deacon at the meeting next month.

The present Primitive Baptists at Sandy Creek say they are the continuation of the original church which was founded there in 1755 by Elder Shubal Stearns, his wife and 14 other people. They say they have not deviated from the original articles of faith which were advocated from the beginning.

On the Second Lord's Day in Aug., 1835 their predecessors protested against all the new institutions of the day which they do believe is not founded on the scripture, among which were the Baptist State Convention, the Missionary Society, the Sunday School and other societies which had come into existence.

As a result of this declaration the church withdrew from the Sandy Creek Association and joined Abbott's Creek Union Association at Hunt's Fork Meeting House in Davidson County. They appointed Abraham Wright, Kingsbury Allred and Henry Kivett as their representatives to this association.

Abraham Wright was the pastor and moderator of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church. He died June 28, 1881.

Other members of the church transferred from an old record book Dec. 25, 1880 included Jerre Allred, Sally Allred, Joab Caviness, William T. Allred, A. Kivett, Miles Stephens, Aaron Routh, Patsy Wright, Rebecca Wright, Barbara Kivett, Alsen Allred, Barbary Wright, Isaac A. Man of Color, Sukeey, A Man of Color, Ann Creakmore, and Elizabeth Lindsey.

The deed to the property at Sandy Creek was made in 1822 by Wm Welborn. It consisted of one acre or more of

land and was filed for registration on Dec. 29, 1885 before W. J. Teague, Register of Deeds.

In 1825 another Sandy Creek Baptist Church, later called Shady Grove, was organized at another site by members of the original church who advocated the Baptist State Convention, the Missionary Society, the Sunday School and the other societies.

Those who remained at the original Sandy Creek site, later known as Primitive Baptist or Old Baptist, continued to hold services there until 1904 when deterioration of their number forced them to discontinue their services.

It is said, however, that one old woman refused to accept the closing of the church and continued to come and sit on the steps of the old building each Sunday.

Two years following discontinuation of services by the Primitive Baptist a group of Missionary Baptists, assumed to be descendants of some of those who left earlier, came back to Sandy Creek, purchased land between the old building and the cemetery where Shubal Stearns is interred, and started the present Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church which continues to hold services there.

The Primitive Baptists resumed their services in the old building in 1926, moving into their new structure in 1946. Recent improvements to the newer structure have been two restrooms and the paneling and carpeting of the vestibule. Siding is also being installed on the outside.

The Articles of Faith are displayed on the inside of the building along with a declaration by the congregation stating "For the support of this Constitution with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence, We this the 20th day of Feb., 1965, mutually pledge to each other our sacred Honor, in remembrance of Our Primitive Father, Elder Shubal Stearns, who constituted this Primitive Baptist Church on Nov. 22nd day of 1755.

One of the visiting Elders preached on the "faith of the Old Baptists." This seemed especially appropriate as we worshipped in the 155-year-old building. Remembrance of the beginning of Sandy Creek 222 years ago also overwhelmed us. We were prone to agree with the statement of the church clerk, who said "This is a church where time stands still."

S. E. Trogdon Is Honored on His 80th Birthday

Aug. 29, 1977 – Employees of S. E. (Erman) Trogdon Sr., local builder, honored him Tuesday evening, Aug. 23, on his 80th birthday which occurred the next day.

A buffet supper was held in Trogdon Hall, a fellowship building at Giles Chapel United Methodist Church which was named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon at the time of its erection four years ago.

Trogdon is president of S. E. Trogdon and Sons Inc., a construction firm which he established in 1929 after receiving his license as a contractor.

However, he entered the construction business as a carpenter working with W. B. (Will) Lamb shortly after his marriage to the former Lena Williams on Oct. 27, 1917.

The occasion honoring this veteran contractor on his 80th birthday came as a complete surprise, his wife having prevailed upon him to accompany her to the fellowship building on the pretext of attending a function for one of the church members.

He admitted that he was tired although speaking about his probable retirement, he said "When I get about my 90th birthday, I'll think about it."

His employees, some of whom were accompanied by their wives, presented him with a plaque designating him as "boss of the century" and thanking him for "50 years of leadership and guidance."

Many of the employees present for the supper had worked for him for more than 25 years, including Mrs. Irma Lee Williamson, his office secretary, who has worked for the firm for 28 years.

Among those present were his two sons, S. E. Jr. and Joe, and a grandson, Sammy, who are associated with him in the construction business. Another son, Jim, was also a part of the business until his death a few years ago.

At the supper Erman Trogdon reviewed his years in the construction business, recalling his first employment with Will Lamb when he walked five miles from this home east of Asheboro to the job in Cedar Falls, after getting up at four o'clock in the morning, and then walking back again in the afternoon.

He started out in the construction business in the area of home building, then moved into the construction of commercial, industrial, and institutional buildings. He has particularly been noted from the building of churches in this area of the state over the past years.

"Getting something done and getting it done well has helped out in our organization," he said as he expressed appreciation to the employees who have worked with him these many years.

"If you go back for the dedication (of the churches), you don't want somebody pointing out something that was not right," he said. "I have tried to be as near right as I could be."

His ambition to construct a \$50,000 building was realized many years ago. His first million dollar job was the Georgia-Pacific Container Plant in Asheboro.

A list of his major construction projects would include the names of many Asheboro and Randolph County industries, businesses, schools and churches.

He deplored the rising cost of construction, "It's unbelievable the difference in the cost of building from what it used to be," he said. "I wonder where it is going to stop."

For many years an active layman in the Giles Chapel Church, he touched on the religious aspect of his life, saying "There is not a day passes but what I don't thank the Lord for what he has done for me." He asked those present at the supper to join him in "the hope for a better life which will be worth it all."

Needham's Honored On 30th Anniversary

Sept. 1, 1977 – Mr. and Mrs. John Edsel Needham, Rt. 1, Seagrove, were honored Sunday afternoon, Aug. 28, on the occasion of their thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Hosts at a reception in the fellowship hall at Antioch Christian Church were their children and their in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie M. Needham, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Mr. and Mrs. Joey (Jeanette) McNeill, Greensboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Michael (Sherry Jo) Redwine, Seagrove.

Guests called between three and five o'clock.

Included among the couples' immediate family are two grandchildren, Julie and Jason Needham.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham were married Aug. 24, 1927 in Bennettsville, S. C. Their vows were spoken in a double

ceremony with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Kiser who accompanied them on the wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiser also celebrated their thirtieth wedding anniversary on Saturday evening, Aug. 13, in the fellowship hall at Antioch Christian Church. Edsel Needham and John D. Kiser are first cousins.

Mrs. Edsel Needham is the daughter of Clayton Kiser, 87-year-old resident of Rt. 1, Seagrove and the late Mrs. Pearl Phillips Kiser. Mr. Kiser was present for his daughter's wedding anniversary reception.

Edsel Needham is the son of George K. Needham, 86-year-old resident of Rt. 1, Seagrove, and the late Rachel Ellen Hayes Needham. He has been an employee in the maintenance department of the Randolph County School System for the past 16 years, being responsible for the buses at the Coleridge, Ramseur, Liberty and Eastern Randolph School. He is a veteran of World War II, serving in the European theatres.

Mr. and Mrs. Needham are members of the Antioch church where Edsel served for many years as secretary and treasurer of the church. He has retained the position as secretary and also teaches an adult class in the Sunday School. Mrs. Needham has served as assistant teacher of the senior class.

Edsel has also been a member of Marietta Masonic Lodge No. 444 since 1954 and Shiloh Council No. 300 of J. O. U. A. M. He served in all of the offices of the Masonic Lodge, including Master, and is currently serving as Tyler.

The anniversary reception was a surprise to Mrs. Needham who only learned about it upon arriving at the church with her husband. She thought they were stopping to see about a church matter.

Churches Get New Steeples

Sept. 2, 1977 – Two churches on the Ramseur Circuit of the United Methodist Church, Shady Grove and McCrary's Chapel, have acquired new steeples recently due to some extent through the interest of a 4-year-old boy and a 95-year-old woman.

Shady Grove, located on Rt. 6, Asheboro, near Highway 64 West, built a new church structure last year, following the bad deterioration of their old building.

A very small congregation, they were helped financially by the Randolph Area Mission Society and Global Missions Society of New York City, along with donations from various friends.

They built a substantial structure but could not afford any extra fixtures such as a steeple.

But Josh Miller, 4, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Guy Miller of Asheboro, asked Miss Inez Marley, chairman of the building committee, when they were going to build the steeple. He thought the church was not complete without a steeple.

STEEPLE DONATED

So Mr. and Mrs. Miller and their family, which also includes Alice and Russ, decided to donate a steeple to the church. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are friends and employers of Miss Marley, the chairman of the building committee.

The first funds towards the erection of the steeple at McCrary's Chapel Church came from the observance of "Ada Caveness Day" which honored Mrs. Caveness, 95, oldest member of the church. The remaining amount will be paid by the church.

Mrs. Caveness, who lives across the road from the church, had deplored the fact that a steeple was left off the building after it had been completely renovated inside and out. The church as it had originally existed, in which she had worshipped throughout the years of her life, had a steeple.

STEEPLE ERECTED

When she was recognized by the church and community of "Ada Caveness Day," a sizable amount of money was contributed in her honor. This money she in turn contributed to the church for the erection of a steeple. For the remaining years of her life, she can look across the road and see the steeple which had formerly become to her a familiar landmark.

On the second Sunday in Aug., on the Sunday of the revival meeting, the Miller family was invited to come to the Shady Grove church to receive the appreciation of the church for the contribution which it had made. Young Josh was asked to stand in recognition of his particular contribution.

The pastor of both the Shady Grove and McCrary's Chapel churches, along with the Mitchell and Cox's Chapel Churches, is the Rev. Mrs. Sophia East.

Top Award Won

Sept. 5, 1977 – Sarah Waters, member of Cadette Girl Scout Troop 333, received the First Class Award in girl scouting Aug. 27 at a meeting of the troop at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Causey in Randleman.

The award which is the equivalent to an Eagle Award in boy scouting, was presented by Dorothy Gueth, area field executive for Randolph County, Tar Heel Triad Girl Scout Council.

Miss Waters, a sophomore at Randleman High School is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Josh Waters. She is 15 years old. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Randleman and president of the MYF.

The four challenges which she achieved to attain the award, along with 17 merit badges, included art, social dependability, outdoors, and the Girl Scout promise.

She has been identified with scouting for eight years, including her membership in the Brownie Troop.

Her leaders in Troop 333, now sponsored by Randleman Friends Meeting, are Mrs. Juanita Gaster and Mrs. Xantippie Cheek, assisted by Mary Gaster.

Other members of the troop, in addition to the First Class Award recipient, are Rebecca Cheek, Sue Gaster, Fay Gaster, Lisa Allred, Jackie Mead, Lisa Stilwell, Terri Honeycutt, Linda Causey, and Debbie Secrest.

The meeting at which the award was presented also featured swimming and a cook-out.

Mainstream, Inc., Helps Retarded Enjoy Living

Sept. 6, 1977 – Four young women and one middle-aged woman live together at Mainstream, Inc. at 933 E. Salisbury St. All are mentally retarded and most have spent time in institutions.

It is a "group home," a non-profit residence operated under the supervision of the Randolph Mental Health Association. Mrs. Dot Russell is the manager of the home. Bob Burns, mental retardation specialist, oversees the home's activities.

The women work at Randolph Sheltered Workshop and all of them receive wages from their employment there. They use their own money for their personal needs and they also have savings accounts at a local bank.

They leave for work at 8:30 each morning. Before leaving and after getting back in the afternoons they help with the housework. They clean, laundry, make beds, dust, wash dishes, and take the garbage out. Mrs. Russell does the cooking.

On Sundays, the women are taken to church by the weekend relief manager, Mrs. Audrey Campbell. Once a week Mrs. Russell takes them out to eat at a local restaurant, usually a different one.

The emphasis is placed on love and patience and the providing of a normal home for the women. Mrs. Russell, who said "I'm proud of my girls." Feels that other homes are needed in Asheboro and Randolph County.

She also said many items are needed at the home to make it more livable especially some equipment and furniture for a recreation room. About the only piece of equipment they have now is a piano on which to accompany them when they sing. They also need some fill dirt for the landscaping of the back lawn.

The women, Anita, 27, Cynthia, 19, Gail, 27, Kathy, 19, and Betty, 44, are quiet well-mannered and behaved. One of them doesn't speak but still goes about her duties and seems to be knowledgeable.

They are closely supervised. Mrs. Russell carries them to work and takes them to the doctor and dentist and on other trips in a station wagon owned by the home. Two of the women have been allowed to walk to the grocery store and back by themselves. Also, some of them have been allowed to attend the movies by themselves, however, Mrs. Russell takes them and returns before they get out.

Some of the churches have been sending groups to help the women with crafts and other functions to occupy themselves with. This is welcomed by Mrs. Russell and the officials of the home. They would also be willing to appear at meetings of local groups to discuss the operation of Mainstream, Inc.

Officers of Mainstream, Inc., are Lee Ashburn, president; Mike Ayers, vice president; Becky Davis, secretary and James Rich, treasurer.

Funds to operate the home are derived from Social Security disability checks and funds received from Social Services.

Mrs. Harrelson Celebrates Her 85th Birthday

Sept. 8, 1977 - Mrs. C. C. Harrelson, a resident at 717 North Fayetteville St. for the past 58 years, celebrated her 85th birthday Sunday, Sept. 4.

Her house sets high above the street on property just south of the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church and Mrs. Harrelson is often seen sitting on the spacious porch of her residence, a porch which extends across the front and on the side also.

Despite her advancing age she is also seen quite frequently mowing the yard with a push mower or working with her shrubbery and flowers. She also works in her garden sometimes cultivating it with a push plow which does not have a motor.

She still attends services at the First Baptist Church where she has been a faithful member for more than 55 years.

She and her husband, Charlie, joined the church some years after their marriage in Asheboro 62 years ago. He died three years ago last June.

However Mrs. Harrelson had lived in Asheboro three years before her marriage staying at the home of an aunt, Mrs. C. J. Cox, at the corner of Salisbury and Church Streets, later the home of Mrs. Isley Lewallen, a daughter of Mrs. Cox.

Mrs. Harrelson, the former Florence Mabel Millikan, was born in Back Creek Township, the oldest daughter of Russell Millikan and Rebecca Hughes Millikan. Her mother died when she was nine at which time she assumed responsibilities within the household, especially since there were five younger children besides herself.

One of Mrs. Harrelson's duties on her 85th birthday was the preparation of food to take to the annual reunion of the Millikan Cousins, grandchildren of Daniel and Ann Cross Millikan, of which she is one.

This reunion was held in the same house at the corner of East Salisbury and Church Streets where Mrs. Harrelson stayed before her marriage, now occupied by Mrs. Lewallen's daughter, Mrs. Betty Roessing.

Hostesses were Mrs. Margaret Cox Granger, who also formerly lived in the house, and Mrs. Elizabeth Robbins Marsh.

Other first cousins in attendance besides Mrs. Harrelson, Mrs. Granger and Mrs. Marsh were Mrs. Ollie Millikan Harrelson, Mrs. Nora Millikan Tippet, Mrs. Ruth Millikan Your, Mrs. Mary Millikan Nixon, Mrs. Annie Cox Harrell, Leo Cox, J. B. Ward, Mrs. Virginia Robbins Garner, Mrs. Wanda Robbins Bunting, Mrs. Kathleen Robbins Layton, and Mrs. Clyde Robbins Fields.

Eleazer Church Holds Annual Homecoming Service

Sept. 9, 1977 - Eleazer United Methodist Church, located on Rt. 2, Troy about a half a mile from the Montgomery County line held its annual homecoming service Sunday, Sept. 4.

This was the first homecoming service for the 21-year-old Rev. Tim Pheagin who began his pastorate at the church in June. He is also pastor of the Liberty Center and Macedonia churches.

Coming with him to the pastorate is his wife, the former Apr. Meadors, of Eden. Since their arrival in the area a daughter, Jennifer Dawn, was born on Aug. 12.

The young minister was licensed to preach Dec. 31, 1976. He is currently a member of the sophomore class at Pfeiffer College. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. William H. Pheagin. His father is presently serving the pastorate of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Asheville.

At Homecoming

Among those present for homecoming were Jimmy Hardister, 85, oldest member of the church and community and his wife, Bertha, 78, despite having been afflicted with illnesses in recent years.

Jimmy Hardister has always lived in the house in which his parents, Ezekiel and Samantha Russell Hardister, lived before him. Despite his ailments he retains a dry wit and sense of humor. His wife is a native of Ophir, a community in Montgomery County two miles to the south.

Formerly Eleazer was a thriving little community in southwestern Randolph County. Included within its boundaries were a grist mill, a saw mill, a carding mill, post office, store, school, and the church. All are now gone

except the latter institutions. Only a few families also remain in the community.

Road Paved

However, one great improvement has been noted in Eleazer. This was the paving of the long stretch of road, beginning at the Montgomery County line, and extending to the Lassiter's Mill road.

This was the road which the Eleazer people and many Montgomery County people traveled to reach their various places of employment in Asheboro and other places. Strenuous efforts to get this road paved began around 15 years ago when a short portion of it was paved, beginning at the county line. After two more paving projects the completion of the road came two or three years ago.

Newcomers Board Holds Meeting

The Welcome Wagon Newcomers Board met at the home of Sandy Hall Wednesday with 11 members present.

The Board will establish a "Book Discussion" group and a group for "Beginners at Bridge."

Handwork groups will continue.

A cookout will be held at 5 p. m. Saturday, Sept. 17 at the Argersinger home in Pinewood.

Members are asked to continue collecting Flea Market items for Oct. 1 and 2. Items are to be delivered to Kathleen Groves.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, Sept. 13. Doug Aitken will present a program at 7:30 p. m. at the First Methodist Church.

Members are asked to bring bags, boxes and a large package of red Koolaid to the meeting.

The membership of the Newcomers Board is 52.

The Rev. Smith Preaches His Last Service

Sept. 9, 1977 - Richland Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, was the first church in which Rev. Talmage Smith preached upon coming to assume the position of field worker for the Randolph Baptist Association 25 years ago.

He came a week prior to beginning his long tenure of service on June 1, 1952 and began a two week series of revival services at the Richland church.

Last Sunday morning he preached at the Richland church just prior to relinquishing his duties as associational field worker. He had resigned his position on May 31 but had remained on in the associational office until his successor was named and could assume his duties.

Present At Service

He told the congregation at Richland, which almost packed the building, including the annexes that "inasmuch as I began with you, I thought it would be good for me to finish up here." His sermon subject was "What Kind of Person Ought You To Be." His text was found in 2 Peter 3:11.

Among those present for the service was Mrs. Ben W McPherson, a charter member, whose husband founded the Richland church the first of July, 1951, not quite a year before Rev. Talmage Smith preached at the church for the first time.

Other charter members present were Mrs. Louise Wright, James Harvell, and James (Jim) Lovins.

Building Sanctuary

The Richland church is presently engaged in building a new sanctuary with members of the congregation working on the building in the evenings and on Saturdays.

But last Saturday afternoon the work was curtailed in time for those participating to join other members of the congregation for the Family Day observance at Pugh Ball Park.

Some of the members went to the ball park Friday night at about 10 o'clock and began the cooking of two pigs in an outside furnace which were served the next afternoon along with hot dogs, hamburgers, slaw, pinto beans, various deserts, ice tea and lemonade.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. John W. Whelles.

Curtis Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary

Sept. 12, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Edison Miller Curtis of 2213 Hardie St. in Greensboro, former residents of Randolph County, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11, at Calvary United Methodist Church in North Asheboro where they are members.

Guest including members of their immediate families and neighbors called to greet them in the fellowship hall at the church from three until five o'clock.

Hosts were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edison Clinton Curtis, 212 Underwood St., Asheboro.

Among those present for the anniversary celebration was Mrs. Ora Bray Curtis, mother of Edison Miller Curtis, whose 94th birthday occurred on Sept. 9.

Also the son of the late Rodolph Clinton Curtis, Edison Miller Curtis was born near Randleman but came with his parents to Franklinville at the age of 18 months.

He grew up in Franklinville, worked in the mill there during the summer months, graduated from the high school and then accepted employment at the Randolph Mills. He recalled the industry there as formerly having been known as Randolph Manufacturing Co. and Franklinville Manufacturing Co.

In 1936 he was appointed as a city letter carrier in Greensboro and thereafter was employed continuously with the post office of that city for 33 years, retiring in 1969 as a supervisor. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis have lived in Greensboro since he first accepted the position in the postal service.

Mrs. Curtis, the former Polly Elizabeth Newsom, was born in the Orphir area of upper Montgomery County, the daughter of Aurelius R. Newsom and Flora Cranford Newsom. Her father died when she was four years of age and soon after that she moved with her mother and several brothers and sisters to Franklinville.

She and Edison Curtis more or less grew up together and began courting at an early age. Their marriage occurred on a Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11, 1927, in Ramseur at the parsonage of the Ramseur and Franklinville Baptist churches. Rev. W. A. Elam, the pastor was the officiating minister.

Witnessing their marriage ceremony were Edison's sisters, Lillian, now Mrs. Lloyd Brown Inez, who later became the wife of W. K. (Bill) Lewallen; his brother, William R. Curtis, now deceased, and C. D. Slack, also deceased, and Mrs. Slack.

Edison has been a member of Hank's Masonic Lodge in Franklinville since 1936. He has served in all of the official positions of the Lodge, including Master and has also served as certified lecturer for this Masonic district for two different periods. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies of Greensboro.

Couple Celebrates Their 50th Anniversary

Sept. 14, 1977 – Fifty years of marriage were celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. Troy A. Hall, Rt. 2, Sophia, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 11, at a reception in the fellowship hall of the Sophia United Church of Christ where they have been members throughout the years of their married life.

A large number of guests from various areas called to greet the well known couple from 2:30 until five o'clock

Registering the guests was Darlene Hall, a granddaughter, Leola Myrick, niece of Mrs. Hall, and Cathy Hall another granddaughter, received the gifts.

Assisting in Serving

Serving were Mrs. Lucille Waynick, sister of Mr. Hall, Mrs. Howard Hall and Mrs. Cletus Hall, his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Roy Lamarr, sister-in-law of Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Carla Brown, and Mrs. Gaither Wright.

Goodbyes were said to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Wyrick, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Hall.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Hall in the golden wedding anniversary observance were their four sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Hall, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hall and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Hall, Randleman, and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hall, Rt. 2, Sophia. There are five grandchildren.

Troy Hall, son of Grady and Pearl Davis Hall, was born in the vicinity of the old Davis' Chapel Church where his mother's people lived but came with his parents to the vicinity where he and his wife are now living at the age of 10.

He drove the first school bus at the Randleman School, played baseball in high school, also played on the community team and was hired by a furniture plant in High Point to play on their team after finishing high school and going to work.

Mrs. Hall, the former Exie Lamarr, was born between Sophia and the Cedar Square community the daughter of J. W. Lamarr and Lillie Briles Lamarr. She recalls attending the one-teacher school at Piney Grove before moving to Sophia with her parents.

Marriage Ceremony

Her acquaintance with Troy began at a party at her home before the family moved to Sophia, their courtship transpired after coming to Sophia. Their marriage occurred Sept. 8, 1927 at their church parsonage, with the pastor, Rev. S. M. Penn, officiating. Witnesses were here brother, Roy Lamarr, and Miss Lola Hillard, both of whom are still living.

Both Troy and Exie have been active in their church. Troy has served as a deacon and Exie has recently given up the position of choir director after many years of service. A few years ago she was honored with a life membership in the Women's Fellowship.

Exie can still play the old fashioned organ in her home, which her father purchased for her when she was 9, similar to the one she used to play in church.

She also served for many years as president of the New Market Home Demonstration Club and at one time received an award for 20 years of perfect attendance at its meetings.

A very active woman, talkative and friendly, Exie found a new interest over four years ago when she joined a bowling league. She belongs to a breakfast league and each Thursday morning she and other members bowl following

the breakfast meal. She has received a trophy for her skill in bowling.

Pipe Organ Recital Planned For Sunday

Sept. 15, 1977 – A RECITAL FROM the new custom-made pipe organ, purchased recently by Central United Methodist Church for an amount in excess of \$100,000, will be heard in the church sanctuary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 18, beginning at 4 o'clock.

Recitalist will be Miss Jane Lynch, member of the Chapel and Music Department Staff of Duke University. Formerly she was organist and choir-master at Holy Comforter Church, Charlotte, and was an instructor of piano at Queen's College.

Orberlin Graduate

Miss Lynch received her Bachelor's Degree from Oberlin College where she majored in organ and Fenner Douglass who now heads the organ program at Duke. She received her Master's Degree from Northwestern University where she studied organ with Grigg Fountain and improvisation with Karel Paukert.

The new organ, which was used for the first time at Central United Methodist Church on Sunday, June 26, contains 2,212 pipes ranging in length from less than an inch to 16 feet. There are 39 sets of pipes comprising 39 independent stops. The instrument consists of three manual divisions and a pedal division.

The Swell and Pedal organs are in the chamber opposite the console, and the Great and Choir organs are in the chamber behind the console. The Swell and Choir organs are contained in expression chambers. Also in the chamber behind the console is a 25-note set of Mayland chimes with a 5-stage control.

Recitalist Committee

The organ recitalist committee consists of G. Lewis Wright, chairman, Mrs. Les Fowler and Mrs. Glenn Lewis. The recital program committee consists of these same people along with Mrs. Bill Jones, Mrs. Roger Evans, and Mrs. Louise Lowdermilk. The program is sponsored by the Commission on Worship, of which E. Wayne Hughes is chairman.

The program will consist of renditions from Bach, Paul Hindemith, Jacques Boyvin, Mozart, Myron J. Roberts and Marcel Dupree, along with Wesley's hymn, "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sin" and another hymn "Fairest Lord Jesus."

An invitation to attend the recital is extended to members of all congregations in this vicinity and to the general public.

Book On Poplar Ridge Given Warm Reception

Sept. 16, 1977 – Poplar Ridge of Randolph, a delightful book which relives an earlier period in western Randolph County, was scheduled to appear on Saturday, the day of the seventh annual reunion of students of the old Poplar Ridge School

But copies of the first publication of the book, containing an intimate description of people and events of Poplar Ridge, Mt. Gilead and Mt. Shepherd, situated in the vicinity of the Hoover Hill Mine and in the foothills of Shepherd Mountain, were delivered by the printer on Friday.

People could not wait until the next day and Verda Briles Hughes, who wrote the book about the area, was besieged

with requests to obtain the first copies. The requests came so fast she could not keep up with her numbering and autographing.

Verda Hughes is a product of the area about which she writes. Born two miles from the old Poplar Ridge School on the east side of the Uwharrie River, the daughter of Mark and Lottie Smith Briles, she first came to the school when it was still one-room and one-teacher.

She walked the two miles to the school, crossing branches and taking a short cut by way of a path, along with other members of her family. One year she walked alone. When she finished the seventh grade she was still too young to attend the high school at Trinity, so she remained at the school for a longer period.

After leaving high school, she became a teacher, a vocation which would occupy her for the next 41 years. She retired in 1970. The first school she taught was at Pleasant Hill, a two-teacher school to which she drove the five-mile distance from her home in her father's Model T Ford. Her salary was \$45 a month.

Through successive years she taught at Caraway, Westfield, Poplar Ridge, Tabernacle, Fairgrove, where she remained for 13 years, and Liberty Drive in Thomasville form which she retired after 15 years.

She taught for two years at the school for which she named her book, Poplar Ridge. "I loved it here," she said, "It was a good community, the children were never a problem." She has been active in the Poplar Ridge School reunion and she had joined with others in retaining the building to which she came as a child.

Her parents are buried in the cemetery at Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church, two miles to the north of Poplar Ridge. She considers this her "home church." But she and her family also attended service at Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, located at the site of the old school. Mt. Shepherd United Methodist Church, located two miles down the road in the other direction, was also an integral part of the area about which she has written so vividly.

Verda Briles Hughes lives with her husband, John, whom she married in 1930, on Kennedy Road near Thomasville, at the intersection of Highway 109. She is a small woman only by stature, attractive, vivacious and a bundle of energy. Asked what she will do now that her book has been published, she said, "there will be something."

Not the least of her accomplishments is playing the banjo with the Rock Fence Ramblers, a string band composed of former Poplar Ridge students and named for the mile-long rock fence which was formerly a landmark in the Poplar Ridge community.

Congregation Honors 'Lil' Siler

Sept. 20, 1977 - L. C. (Lil) Siler, retired Staley merchant was honored by fellow members of the congregation at Staley United Methodist Church Sunday, Sept. 18, in recognition of his 89th birthday.

Mr. Siler was surprised when following the opening assembly of Sunday School, he entered his class area to find the entire congregation greeting him by singing "Happy Birthday."

He was carrying the collection plate preparatory to performing his usual task of receiving the offering from his class members.

A birthday cake, baked by Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith was then served. Mr. Siler received a scriptural plaque from the

children of the church, inscribed "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee." He also received a live plant from other friends at the church.

Noted for his easy humor, he said after receiving his gift "it pays to be old." Although he was sharply dressed as usual he said, concerning the surprise party, "I could have been dressed up if I had known it." Despite his age he still looks to the future and now says when asked his age, "I'm going on 90."

L. C. Siler grew up on a farm in Chatham County, two miles east of Staley. At the age of 19 he went west and worked for a year in the states of Idaho, Washington, and California, visiting also in Canada during that period.

He was married to the former Margaret Vestal in 1912. She died in 1972. His family consists of son Jack, daughter-in-law Mary, and granddaughters, Beverly and Deborah.

His business career included employment with a paper company in Greensboro and a wholesale grocery business in Raleigh before coming to Staley in 1940 to operate a mercantile business. After coming to Staley his wife was appointed Postmaster.

He has served as a member of the town council and has been active in the church throughout the years of his residence in Staley. He and his wife gave the land on which the present church was erected some twenty years ago.

Poole Family Holds Reunion At Old Homeplace In Sophia

September 22, 1977 - The family of Walter and Raleigh Poole and Elizabeth Robbins "Lizzie" Poole held their 13th reunion Sunday, September 18, at the old homeplace on Rt. 2, Sophia.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed on the spacious lawn of the old home place, featuring huge elm, walnut, pecan and other varieties of trees.

The house, in which the family was reared and their mother before them, was built by their maternal grandfather, Rev. Alexander Robbins, before this marriage to their grandmother, Nancy Gregson Robbins. One portion of it, constructed from logs, is estimated to be over 150 years old.

The other portion of the house is believed to be 100 years old. Wide boards were used in the ceilings and inside framing of the house, both upstairs and down, and the floor upstairs is pegged rather than nailed.

Besides the two rooms upstairs, there is a loft which was constructed over the kitchen and is suspended half-way between the ceiling in the old part and the upstairs rooms.

The children of Raleigh and Lizzie Poole were Nannie Lee Poole Spencer, Haywood, Rosa Poole Tilley, Dennis, Julia Poole Burke, Wray, Walter Raleigh, Jr., and Gordon.

Nannie Lee, who lives on rt. 2, Trinity, Julia and Wray, who live at the old homeplace, Raleigh of Rt. 1, Climax and Gordon of Rt. 2, Asheboro, were in attendance at the reunion. Rosa died in 1954, Dennis lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

The children first attended the Lena's Grove School, not far from their home, then went to the Charlotte School after the former school was discontinued.

Raleigh Poole, who died in 1931, and his wife, Lizzie, who died in 1958, are buried in the Robbins' Graveyard less than a mile from the old homeplace. Years after the beginning of the graveyard John Wesley's Stand was established across the road from the graveyard.

Buried also in the graveyard are Rev. Alexander Robbins and Nancy Gregson Robbins, their grandparents, and John and Rhoda Robbins, their great-grandparents.

The graveyard is kept up through the work and interest of Wray Poole and his sister, Julia Poole Burke, who live at the old homeplace.

Minister, Wife Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

September 26, 1977 - Rev. and Mrs. J.B. Turner, Rt. 6, Asheboro, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Saturday afternoon, September 17, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Esther Kivett also of Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Their other children are Mrs. Edith Luther, Charlotte; Mrs. Dorothy Wells, Wallace; E.J. Turner, Of Burgaw, an highway patrolman; Dallas Turner and Mrs. Marilyn Cross, Rt. 6, Asheboro; Mrs. Joanne Garren, Forsyth, Ga.; Mrs. Ethel White and Douglas Turner, Greensboro; Mrs. Carolyn Braddock, Rt. 3, Carthage; Mrs. Hilda Brown, Thomasville; and Mrs. Sandra Hunt, Mack Road, Asheboro.

A total of 14 children were born to the marriage of Rev. and Mrs. Turner but two are deceased, Elizabeth, a twin to Ellis (E.J.), who died at the age of two years, and Gilbert Ray, who died at the age of nine months. Another set of twins in the family are Carolyn and Marilyn.

Jackson Burns Turner was born in Duplin County, the town of Chinquapin, but grew up at Potter's Hill. Mrs. Turner, the former Lila Mae Ezzell, was born in Faison but was reared in Warsaw. Both of them were living in Warsaw at the time of their marriage on September 17, 1927. They came to Asheboro 16 years ago.

Mrs. Turner, speaking of their fifty years of marriage and their large number of children, said "We worked hard; the Lord really blessed us; always had something to eat." She said that preparing a meal for her family usually took a whole peck of potatoes and a bushel of beans. They always had a garden to assist in the feeding of their large family.

Rev. Mr. Turner has been a minister since 1938. Formerly a minister in the Church of God, he is now a Pentecostal Holiness minister. He is presently engaged in mission work. Mrs. Turner retains her membership in the Asheboro Church of God.

Friends and family members called at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Herman (Esther) Kivett on the afternoon of their anniversary celebration from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Reception Honors Shaw Couple

September 28, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Ernest Shaw, Rt. 5, Asheboro, were honored on their fiftieth anniversary at a reception at the Union Community Center Sunday afternoon, September 25, from two until five o'clock.

Hosts were their two sons and daughters-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Alvin Shaw and Ronald Allen Shaw, also of Rt. 5, Asheboro. Joining in the observance were their two grandchildren. Treva, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Shaw, and Ronald Allen Jr. son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Shaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are both natives of Union Township, being reared about two miles apart. They have known each other since childhood.

Alvin is the son of Eligah A. Shaw, who died in 1949 at the age of 82, and Margaret Hancock Shaw, who died in 1965 at the age of 98. He attended the Welch School in the

vicinity in which he grew up, then continued his education at the high school in Farmer. At the latter place he stayed during the week, "batching" with members of his family and others while they attended school.

Mrs. Shaw, the former Treva Merle Callicutt, is the daughter of the late Everett Callicutt and Dovie Parks Callicutt. She attended the neighborhood school at High Pine and graduated from Asheboro High School. She "boarded" in Asheboro during the week while attending school, her father taking her back and forth on week-ends in his Model T Ford.

Their marriage occurred on September 28, 1927 at the home of the bride, with Magistrate A. T. Parks officiating. In attendance were her family, his parents and sisters, and Shelton Strider, of resident of the community.

They lived in Asheboro for two years following their marriage, then came back to the community where they were born and reared and have lived since.

Alvin Shaw has farmed and sawmilled. He started driving a Model T lumber truck in 1923 and later worked with his wife's father in sawmilling. In later years he operated a store in the community for 14 years.

Mrs. Shaw started teaching school in 1925. Schools at which she taught were, Welch, three different times, Charlotte, High Pine twice, Davis Mountain, West Bend, Ulah, and the Union Consolidated School twice.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw have been members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church since 1928. Prior to that time Mrs. Shaw had joined the High Pine Wesleyan Church at the age of 13.

Guests in excess of 200 came to the community center on the afternoon of their anniversary observance to congratulate and pay their respects to this well known couple.

Dr. Bulla Buried In Remote Grave

September 28, 1977 - A Randolph County native, Dr. Alexander Bulla, is buried in a remote grave in Davidson County, about a mile and a half from the Randolph County line, six-tenths of a mile off of the Piedmont School Road.

You drive through a field, a pasture, and a wooded area to get to the small graveyard which contains nine marked graves. Some of the monuments are leaning, some are overturned, and one is broken.

Although it is understood that an acre of land has been set apart for the cemetery, it is still enclosed within a cow pasture on land now owned by Hansel Elliott, of Denton. The cemetery is not fenced off separately. There is a fenced-in hog pen close by.

People in the area refer to the burial site as the Bulla Graveyard. However, most of the tombstones belong to the Hill family in which Dr. Bulla married. The old homeplace which stood near the site also formerly belonged to the Hills.

Dr. Bulla is buried alongside of his wife. The former Eliza Hill, who was buried in 1885, sixteen years before the doctor's death in 1901. On Dr. Bulla's headstone is this inscription: "A Kind Father, A Friend to All, Gone But Not Forgotten."

Some four miles or more away is the old home of Dr. Bulla in the community of Jackson Hill, from which he practiced many years. When he died the people of the community prevailed upon his son, Alexander Archie Bulla, to become

a doctor in order that the community would still be provided with medical care.

When he died he was buried in the cemetery at the Clear Springs United Methodist Church. The inscription on him monument is "A Faithful Laborer to His Fellowman."

Dr. Alexander Bulla, Sr. and his wife, Eliza Hill Bulla, were also the parents of two daughters, Sallie May Bulla, who married Albert Edgar Lax, and Cara Eliza Bulla who died at the age of 17. Cara Eliza is buried in the old cemetery where her parents are buried, Sallie May and her husband are buried in the cemetery at Siloam United Methodist Church, located on the Randolph-Davidson County Line.

Dr. Alexander Bulla Sr., who was born in 1827, grew to young manhood at the old Bulla homeplace in Back Creek, Township, Randolph County, one of eleven children born to Daniel and Sallie Cunningham Bulla, and grandson of Thomas and Esther Weddis Bulla, the first members of the Bulla family to locate in this part of the country.

These pioneer members of the family are buried in the original Bulla family cemetery, located across Back Creek from the old homestead. A few years ago their descendants joined together in erecting a chain-link fence around the site and effecting other restoration efforts.

It is hoped that a similar effort can be made to preserve the small burial grounds where the Randolph county native, Dr. Alexander Bulla, described as "A Friend to All," is interred in the wooded area in Davidson County, a mile and a half from the Randolph County line.

Class Of 1943 Holds Reunion

September 29, 1977 -- The 1943 Class at Ramseur High School held their first reunion since their graduation over 34 years ago Saturday evening, September 24, at Bill's Restaurant in Siler City.

Some of the class members had not seen each other since the night of their graduation. It was an exciting time as they met each other in the restaurant parking lot, lingering there and reminiscing together even before they went inside for the meal and formal meeting. Class members in attendance were Robert Elton Ward, Elizabeth Coward Hutton, Elizabeth Leonard, Jesse Tate Leonard, Velna Welborn Williamson, Eva Mae Scott Burgess, Daile Macon Bridges, Blanche Burgess Sigmon, Lelia Welborn, S.B. York, Jr., Lula Stinson Payne, and Charlene Richardson Lyerly.

Also, Shelly Leonard, Jr., William Cox, Gaynell Ward Nixon, Marjorie Frazier Roach, Howard Moody, Shirley Trogdon Wright, Melba Marley Brown, Bob White, Jr., H. V. Cox, Jr., Perry Brady, Mont Gimmere, Lois Moody Buie, and Wilma Brooks Hardin.

Absent were Howard Wright, Pep Watkins, Doris Cox Wright, Waldo Hodgins, Mary Lee Lambert Cooper, Tommy York, Marcelle Jester, Helen Williamson Garner, Charles Hardy Welborn, and Lois Brady.

One class member, Elvia York, lost his life while serving his country in the Marine Corps during World War II, entering the service soon after graduation. He died in the battle of Iwo Jima.

The class held a brief memorial for their deceased classmate, along with their teachers who had died, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. White, V.W. Parks, and Mrs. Maxine Covington Burkhead. One of their teachers, R. H. Abernathy, attended the reunion.

S.B. York, Jr., the 1943 class president, presided over the reunion gathering. Each member arose to give a brief account of their lives since graduation.

Dr. Robinson Speaks at Dedication Service

September 25, 1977 -- Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1 Ramseur, held a service of dedication Sunday morning, September 25, for the new church structure which the congregation occupied last January.

The guest speaker was Dr. George Robinson, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church. Presenting the new building for dedication was the new pastor, Rev. Tim B. Brittain.

Former pastors in attendance were Rev. Frank Jarvis, the immediate past pastor, and Rev. Herbert M. Jamieson, Sr., accompanied by their wives.

Following the service of dedication a luncheon was held in the fellowship hall. Afterwards a Charge Conference, comprising the four churches of the Coleridge Circuit, was held by the district superintendent.

The building program at Maple Springs, effected at a cost in excess of \$90,000, included the construction of a sanctuary and three classrooms, the brick veneering and renovation of the existing fellowship hall and four classrooms, and the purchase of a speaker system.

Salvaged from the old church building, which was torn down, were the memorial windows and pews, inscribed with the names of families and individuals who have been a part of the church's activities since its organization in 1922.

Both the windows and pews blended with the architectural design of the beautiful new sanctuary, with its brick construction both inside and out, except for the paneling on either end, exposed beams against the natural pine decking and the red wall to wall carpeting.

Also brought from the old church building was the bell which has called the worshippers to the Maple Springs Church for the past half of a century, located in the new church steeple the same as in the old.

Contractor for the new building was the C.A. Brown Construction Co. in High Point, headed by Clayton Brown, a native of the community and a former attendant at the church. It is said that Clayton Brown helped to saw the logs which were used in the construction of the old building which was built with volunteer labor after the organization of the church.

Looking after the construction of the new building was Colon Cheek, nephew of Clayton Brown and associated with the same construction company, who also grew up in the church and community. Cheek and his wife and four of the workmen on the building attended the service of dedication.

The building committee for its construction was composed of Edward Cheek, chairman, Bill Smith, Jesse Priddy, Guy Albright, Raymond Hutchins, Claudie Craven, and Albert Chilton.

Financial assistance came from Duke Endowment, the Methodist Builders Club and the Randolph Area Mission Society. The greater portion of the amount, which came from the church itself, was raised by the time of its completion.

The worship services which led to the organization of the Maple Springs church began in the one room Maple Springs School, located a half of a mile from where the

church building was eventually erected. Services were held for a considerable period of time before the organization of a church, with ministers from various denominations doing the preaching.

A vote by those attending the services helped to determine the denominational affiliation when it came time to organize. Land on which to erect the first building was given by E.A. Chilton and his wife, Bettie, who were among the charter members of the new organization 55 years ago.

Some of the other names associated with the history of the church, found in early records and inscribed on the windows and pews are Cole, Caviness, Moffitt, Brown, Cain, Brady, Priddy, Cheek, York, Needham, Davis and Simmons. The first pastor of the church was the Rev. H.F. Starr.

Harshaw Reunion Held Sunday

October 4, 1977 - -The second annual Harshaw family reunion was held Sunday, September 25, at Harshaw's Crossing near Randleman, the place where Enoch and Malinda Harshaw first came over a hundred years ago.

The black couple, who came from the western part of the state in the vicinity of Hickory and Morganton, were brought here by John B. Randleman and John H. Ferree who purchased the Union Factory and soon established the Randleman Manufacturing Co., the town later being named for John B. Randleman.

Enoch and Malinda Harshaw were the parents of four children, Mack, Will, Jim and Annie Harshaw McCain, all whom are now dead. The Harshaw reunion is comprised of the children of Mack, Will, Jim and Annie and other descendants of Enoch and Malinda Harshaw.

In 1887 Enoch and Malinda Harshaw gave the land for the establishment of the Harshaw Grove Baptist Church, on which site a small log building was first erected. Other buildings on the site followed this first log structure and currently a new brick building under construction.

Members of the Harshaw family have also given land at Harshaw's Crossing, fronting Highway 311, for the establishment of a community center. It was on this land that the reunion gathering was held Sunday, September 25.

It was estimated that 200 family members attended the reunion. Some of them came from as far north as New York City and as far south as Atlanta, Ga.

Rev. Andrew Harshaw, of Lenoir, was the speaker for the assembled group. Larry Spencer read a history which had been prepared by Mrs. Theola Chestnut, daughter of Will Harshaw and granddaughter of Enoch Harshaw, Mrs. Flora Belle Harshaw, 83, received the prize for being the oldest family member present.

Officers of the reunion were Rayford Harshaw, president; Maudie Harshaw, vice president; Annie Smith, secretary; and Theola Chestnut, treasurer.

65th Anniversary Celebrated

October 6, 1977 - An Archdale couple, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil D.I. Ross, celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of their marriage Sunday, October 2, at their home at 126 Ashland Ave.

They came to the High Point area 27 years ago, first living in the city and then moving to Archdale. They came to High Point so that Mr. Ross, a licensed embalmer for "60-odd years." Could associate himself with Sechrest Funeral Home.

The couple were married October 2, 1912 in Albemarle, of which place Mr. Ross is a native. His wife, the former Mary Alma Ethel Ussery, is a native of Ellerbe but moved with her parents to Albemarle when she was 16.

The two families lived next door to each other and according to Mr. Ross their courtship during horse and buggy days was "pretty thick" for a couple of years before their marriage.

He was the "official undertaker" in Albemarle for more than forty years. They left there around thirty years ago and lived briefly in some other places before coming to High Point and Archdale.

He retired from the undertaking business some twenty years ago but after that he involved himself in real estate for a period of time.

The couple are members of the Archdale United Methodist Church, Mr. Ross is also a member of the Bush Hill Masonic Lodge No. 732, having demitted from the Stanley Masonic Lodge No. 348 which he joined June 14, 1914, having been a Master Mason for 63 years.

Only one of their children, a daughter, Mrs. Wilbert Vanderford, of Greenville, is living. They also have two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Ross, who celebrated his 87th birthday on September 7, is witty and alert even though he walks with two canes. Upon greeting this reporter, he said "I am about past going, you can tell them that in the beginning."

Mrs. Ross, who observed her 88th birthday on September 27, is also witty. Speaking of her long marriage, she said, "it is a long time to live with one old man."

For her birthday her sisters came from out of town for their annual get-together and meal on that occasion, which prompted Mr. Ross to say "I went outdoors for safety."

Mr. and Mrs. Ross are a delightful couple. Despite their witty remarks and teasing, they are very much attached to each other.

Retired Employees Special Guests On Appreciation Day

October 8, 1977 - -Over 1,000 people participated in "Employee Appreciation Day" at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills.

They included the employees at the plant, employees of the allied Cetwick Plant, 29 retired employees, area ministers and other special guests.

The oldest retired employee present was 88 year-old Percy Wood, who retired December 21, 1957. Also present were William Bryant, 85, who retired April 25, 1958, and Everett Zachary, 82, who retired June 11, 1960.

Other retired employees present were Walter McNeill, Aaron Smith, Charlie Reid, Frances Sumerford, Paul York, Sidney Willetts, Harvey Sharpe, Paul Folwell and Bessie Ward.

Also, Jesse Way, Myrtle Morgan, Arthur Auman, Garland Ferree, John Hamilton, Jack Holland, Ken Daniels, Harry Reid, Ed Trogdon, Henry Vaughn, Max Allen, Lee Roy Garner, William Lewis, Maggie Hughes, Clarence Hoover and Fred Cockman.

A full course meal, featuring fried chicken and barbecue, was served to the employees of all shifts and to the guests. Souvenir key rings were also presented. The ministers were taken on a tour of the plant.

Bruce Hedrick, plant manager, had this to say about the observance: "We are always pleased to be able to

recognize and show appreciation to our many fine employees for any accomplishment of significance and the attainment of one-million man hours operated without a lost time accident afforded this means of recognition."

Hight's Celebrate Golden Anniversary

October 7, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Hight, residents of Asheboro for more than 40 years, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, October 2, at their home at 429 Silver Ave.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hight, Rt. 1 Asheboro, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Harriet) Goins, Asheboro, were hosts at a reception honoring their parents. Also helping to honor the couple was their only grandchild, Joseph Randall (Randy) Hight, a senior at East Carolina University.

Close friends, relatives and neighbors called at the Hight residence from two until five o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hight were married October 3, 1927 at the courthouse in Asheboro. Mrs. Hight is the former Margaret Becker Stacey, of Greensboro. Mr. Hight is a native of Candor.

After their marriage the couple lived in Candor before moving to Asheboro.

Mr. Hight age 80, retired four years ago from the employment of B.B. Walker Shoe Co., where he had worked for 18 years. Prior to that time he had worked for W.C. Lucas, local furniture manufacturer, for 20 years.

Visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hight the week prior to the celebration of their fiftieth wedding anniversary was Mr. Hight's sister, Mrs. Beatrice Smith, age 83, of Hamlet. Mr. Hight and Mrs. Smith are the only surviving members of what was formerly a large family of brothers and sisters.

Children Honor Lovell Couple

October 12, 1977 - Children, Grandchildren and great grandchildren honored Mr. and Mrs. Sanders Franklin Lovell, Rt. 2, Randleman, Sunday, October 9, on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.

The couple were married October 10, 1917 at the depot in Walnut Cove, Stokes County. They had traveled by train from Germanton, in which vicinity they lived at the time of their marriage.

Mr. Lovell was born in Patrick County, Va. Where he lived until he was 11 years of age, after which the family moved to Stokes County. Mrs. Lovell, the former Clemmie (Jennie) Mickey, is a native of Stokes County.

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell came to Randolph County about two years following their marriage. Also coming about the same time were Mr. Lovell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Lovell, his brothers Percy, Walter and Bill and his sisters Murphy and Bitha.

Asked why the whole family came to Randolph, Mr. Lovell said it was because land was more available in this county and cheaper also.

Mrs. Lovell said " we moved down here the day they said the world was coming to an end."

Mr. and Mrs. Lovell have resided in the same general vicinity of where they now live since coming to Randolph County 58 years ago. Mr. Lovell will be 84 years old on October 30, Mrs. Lovell is 78.

Besides farming Mr. Lovell engaged in the floor finishing business for several years. His last work before retiring 18

years ago was helping to repair the company houses in Worthville.

Their children are Mrs. Horace (Eveyn) Tillman, Rt. 3, Asheboro. Frank Lovell, Asheboro, Billy Lovell and Mrs. John (Mary) Marsh, Rt. 2, Randleman, Mrs. Truman (Dixie) Pritchard, Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Wayne Lovell, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

They also have 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Luthers Celebrate Anniversary

October 12, 1977 - -Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Luther, Rt. 5, Asheboro, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, October 9, at a reception in the Union Community Center at Pisgah.

Guests called to greet the couple from two until four o'clock. Hosting the reception in honor of their parents were the children of the couple, Ralph, Cecil, and George Luther, Rt. 5, Asheboro, Sampson Luther, Rt. 4, Asheboro, Mrs. Oteen Boykin, Asheboro, Mrs. Mozelle Callicutt, Rt. 3, Asheboro. Mrs. Florence Chisholm, Cary, and Mrs. Marcie Hill, Rt. 3, Denton.

One daughter, Maggie Esther, was killed in a school bus accident in 1953 at the age of nine. There are 28 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. One of their grandchildren is Shelia Boykin, state and county poster child for the March of Dimes.

Mr. and Mrs. Luther were married September 7, 1927 at the parsonage of the High Pines Wesleyan Methodist Church, with the pastor, Rev. J.C. Clubb, officiating. Witnesses were Mrs. Clubb, and W.B. Clubb, son of the pastor and his wife.

Mrs. Luther, 67, is the daughter of the late William and Effie Hall Hurley. She was reared in the vicinity in which she still lives and attended the Welch School.

Dewey Luther is the son of the later Frank and Fannie Callicutt Luther, and also a native of Union Township. His mother died when he was 11 and he lived with relatives in New Hope Township where he attended the Eleazer School.

He went to work at a sawmill when he was 17 years old, making \$1.50 a day, and he continued with sawmill work until a year ago. Before he quit the saw mill he was employed by his sons, George and Sampson, who operate a mill. He was 77 years old on October 3.

Mrs. Luther is still employed with housekeeping duties at Southwestern High School.

Happy Birthday YMWB

October 13, 1977 - -The 75th Birthday of the Young Missionary Workers Band, an organization of The Wesleyan Church, nation-wide, was observed Sunday evening, October 9, following the evening worship service at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Most of the evening worshippers gathered in the youth building for the serving of cake, coffee and cold drinks. There were cakes for each month in the year along with four additional cakes. Each person partaking of the cakes paid at least one cent for each year he or she had attained, eating from the cake which designated the month in which he or she was born.

Ladies bringing cakes were Clara Brower, Linda Coleman, Pat Griffin, Betty Jordan, Ann Davidson, Evlas McDowell, Kathleen Swaney, Becky Farlow, Delores Key, Virginia

Cockrill, Brenda Davidson, Linda Camp, Myrtle Lee Pritchard, Gay Weaver, Margaret Murray, and Judy Haithcock.

Serving the refreshments were Lloyd and Bertha Russell, Patsy and Bill Barker, and Bill and Madeline Linebarrier. Painting the birthday banner were Steve and Phyllis Kindschi. Judy Trogdon decorated the entertainment area.

The Neighbors Grove Y.M.W.B. organization is directed by Vera Storey, assisted by Gertrude Jordan, Brenda Holt, Patsy Barker, Gay Weaver, Judy Jackson, and Bonnie Bazzell. The group, which meets once a month, supports financially various home and foreign missionary projects. The ages of members are 3-13.

According to the recollection of some of the older members of the church, the Y.M.W.B. organization at Neighbors Grove is not many years younger than the national organization. However, the only past directors which could be recalled were Miss Vestha Brown, Mrs. Gertrude Jordan, Mrs. John H. Brown, and Mrs. Etta Allred, the latter two being deceased.

Mrs. Jordan recalled that when she was a child "mite boxes," a paste board container, was given out to Y.M.W.B. members for the collection of their missionary offerings.

Civitan Officers Are Installed

October 13, 1977 - Level Cross Civitan Club installed officers at a ladies night dinner meeting at the community building recently.

New officers are Paul Small, president; Junior Hunt, President-Elect; Dan Carpenter, vice president; Earl Small, secretary; Allen Lanier, Treasurer; George Stanton, chaplain; Jerry Short, sergeant-at-arms; and directors, Mike Davis, chairman, Robert Morris, Jason Taylor and Allen Beane.

The installing officer was James E. Jarrell, a member of the Silver Valley Civitan Club in Davidson County and the newly elected Lieutenant Governor for Area 5, N.C. District West. He was accompanied by his wife, Jean. This was only the second installation he has participated in since assuming his new position.

Mike Davis, retiring president of the Level Cross club, presented various awards after receiving the past president's award himself from the new president, Paul Small.

Other awards presented were to retiring secretary, Jerry Short, retiring treasurer, L.J. Small, Branson Marley, Civitan of the Year, Jason Taylor and Walter Rabenhorst, who sold more than 500 pounds of fruit cake last year, and to Mrs. Richard (Vida) Davis, mother of the retiring president, for outstanding leadership in the Level Cross community.

General Assembly Meets

October 14, 1977 - The General Assembly of the Full Gospel Bible Church of God was held at the Bible Church of God in Franklinville, beginning Wednesday, October 5, and continuing through the following Sunday morning.

Ministers attended from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Tennessee, and other areas.

Bishop Herman Kivett, pastor of the Franklinville church and also General Overseer for the denomination, presided over the assembly and camp meeting.

Other members of the Bishop Board include Rev. Athell Spires, of Orangeburg, S.C. and Rev. Glenn Brisson, of St.

Pauls, the latter being ordained at this assembly to succeed Rev. Alvin Walden who resigned due to illness.

The Rev. and Mrs. Spires and Rev. W.W. Watts were named to serve on the ways and means committee, with the Rev. Mr. Kivett and the Rev. Mr. Brisson named to serve on the resolutions committee. Mrs. Linda Brisson was appointed as secretary of the assembly.

The assembly emphasized the need for a greater mission effort and voted to support a missionary team in India. On Saturday night of the assembly the Rev. Johnny Taylor, of St. Pauls, was ordained and received into the assembly. He is serving as pastor of the Trinity Tabernacle in St. Pauls.

Homecoming Services Held At Butler's Chapel Church

October 14, 1977 - A New Fellowship facility at Butler's Chapel Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, was used for the first time on homecoming day Sunday, October 9.

The fellowship area consists of a used mobile home which was purchased and completely renovated after its interior had been ravaged by fire.

Walls were paneled, a new ceiling was installed, and new linoleum was laid on the floor. Cabinets and other portions of the woodwork were repainted.

A rush job was done on the fellowship area in order to get it finished in time for homecoming. William Matthews, a local minister in the church who lives next door, did the repair work, assisted by his brothers, James Matthews and Rufus Matthews, both of whom are deacons in the church.

Morning and afternoon services were held for the observance of homecoming. The pastor, Rev. G.M. Dark, preached in the morning and Rev. James Brown, pastor of the 6th Avenue First Baptist Church in Siler City, preached in the afternoon. Dinner was served in the new fellowship area between the two services.

The Butler's Chapel church was organized about 1937, with the first efforts being made by Mrs. Lila Matthews, mother of William, James, and Rufus, and her family. Mrs. Matthews and her family are former members of Lambert's Chapel Baptist Church in Chatham County.

First services were held in a brush arbor below the home of James Matthews. Sunday School services were held in various homes in the community when the weather got too cold to worship in the arbor.

The church was named for the late Tom Butler, a resident of the community, who gave the land on which the first frame building was erected from old lumber. Later a block building was erected.

Regular worship services are held at the church every second and fourth Sundays. Sunday School is held every Sunday.

Groundbreaking Service Held

Oct. 21, 1977 - A groundbreaking service was held by the Quaker Heights Friends Meeting Sunday afternoon, Oct. 9 at 3 o'clock at the site of the proposed new Meetinghouse on East Allred St., at the corner of Cheddington Drive.

Plans for the building have been approved by the Meeting and a building committee selected from the representative families who organized the Meeting of which Jimmy Routh is chairman.

The 4.8-acre tract of land on which the building will be erected has been purchased and paid for by the 13

Meetings comprising the Southern Quarter. The Quaker Heights Meeting itself will assume the initiative in erecting the new Meetinghouse, with expected assistance from the other Meetings.

Participating in the groundbreaking service were ministers, clerks and trustees of the sponsorship Meetings of the Southern Quarter, the Minister and congregation of Quaker Heights, Billy Britt, Executive Secretary of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, and Clifford Winslow, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting.

Robert Kidd is minister of the new Meeting, Donald Davis, who led the groundbreaking service, is Clerk of Ministry and Council, Charles Tuggle is Clerk of the Monthly Meeting. Terry Routh gave the history of Quaker Heights at the service.

The Quaker Heights Meeting had its beginning in a meeting at the Randleman High School Oct. 30, 1976, comprised of ten families of 24 people. Later regular services were established at the Bill Boyd Building on North Fayetteville St. Since that time the worshippers at the Meeting have more than doubled, with 54 people in attendance at the present time.

The minister and his wife, the former, Juanita Purvis, are now living in the general area of their ministry at 1933 Gold Hill Rd. Their only child, a daughter Beverly, is a sophomore at Appalachian State University.

The minister has embarked upon a program of visitation, trying to find the needs and different ways to find the needs and different ways the Meeting can minister to the people of the Asheboro vicinity. The Meeting has also recently started Dial-A-Meditation, Phone No. 672-2532, a telephone ministry which as already brought response from those who are using it.

A full schedule of services is being provided, Sunday school at 10 a. m. worship services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. and a Wednesday night service at 7 o'clock. A nursery is provided at each of these services.

Mrs. Joe Owens, Organist, Honored Sunday

Oct. 21, 1977 – Mrs. Joe Owens, organist at the Seagrove Christian Church for fifty years, was honored by the church at the conclusion of the morning worship service Sunday, Oct. 16.

This action by the church came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Owens as she was asked to come to the front by the pastor, Rev. Bill Hodett, and informed that she was being honored for her long and faithful service.

Her amazement continued as Gene Bumgarner, a chairman of the deacon board, came forward to present her with an inscribed silver tray in behalf of the congregation.

Then her twin sons, John and Joseph, walked in accompanied by John's wife Penny. John lives at Cary and Joseph in Chester, S. C.

After the presentation had been made, the various congratulations extended, and the element of surprise had subsided, the Owens family and the remainder of the congregation adjourned to the fellowship hall to enjoy a meal which had been prepared as a part on honoring of the veteran organist.

Mrs. Owens, the former Obeira Leach, a native of Seagrove, first played the old pump organ at the Christian church at a revival meeting at the age of nine and one half years old.

At that time, the church, which was located in a little white building across town from the present site, did not have a piano.

At the age of 11, fifty years ago, she became the regular musician at the church, replacing Mary Auman Sprague who had resigned the position when she went off to college.

She has continued to be in the position since that time, even during the birth of her children. It is said that she would lay then on a bench near her while she played when they were infants. At other times when they became a little older, they would sit on the piano bench beside her.

She has not missed many Sundays over the past half of a century, comparatively speaking. She has served with dedication, loyalty and a considerable display of talent. She hopes to serve in the same capacity for several more years.

This would also be the wish of the people in the congregation at the Seagrove Christian Church. But they still wanted to honor her at the end of her golden year, despite the modesty with which she regards her service in the church which she has attended thought her lifetime.

Oldest Member Honored

Oct. 21, 1977 – Ninety-two year old Mrs. A. R. Hix, 429 Worth St., oldest member of First United Methodist Church, was honored Sunday afternoon, Oct. 16, by members of the Philathea Class at the home of Mrs. J. F. Garner.

Most of the members of the class, of which Mrs. Hix is also a member, were in attendance.

Guests included Rev. Ernest Page, pastor of the church, and the associate ministers, Thad McDonald and Maria Bliss. Also present was Mrs. Jessie Williamson, pianist for the class.

Mrs. Hix, who was attractively attired in a dress of deep pink, was pinned with a corsage of baby pink roses and presented with pajamas and a house coat.

A native of the area between Seagrove and Star, in upper edge of Montgomery County, she came to Asheboro at the time of her marriage in 1910, at which time she joined the local church. She is the former Jessie Asbury.

Her father was the late Dr. Francis E. Asbury, a country doctor in the area in which they lived. They lived near that is now known as the Asbury Baptist Church.

Formerly it was the Asbury Methodist Church, founded by her father. According to Mrs. Hix when the Baptists took over the church it was with the understanding that the name would never be changed.

There was also a post office named Asbury in the community in which Dr. Asbury and his family lived. Her father usually called on patients thoughtout the countryside with buggy and horse but when he wanted to travel faster he used a little road cart.

Mrs. Hix recalled the good times she growing up in the Asbury community with her parents, seven sisters, and one bother, Jim. One sister, Josephine Virginia, died as a small child.

Two of her sisters, Mrs. Henry (Myrtle) Luther and Mrs. Leo (Annie) Barker, also lived in Asheboro until their deaths. Her brother, Jim, went out west when he was 21 years old and only returned on time. Mrs. Hix is the only member of her family living.

When she came to Asheboro she said the roads had mud up the hub of the vehicles which traveled over them. She and her family lived for many years on North Fayetteville St., uptown next to the Ashlyn Hotel.

She has been active in her church since joining. But admitted to being a little dismayed "when I had been here a year they put a class of boys on me."

She still attends the services at the church and the meeting of the Shamrock Garden Club, of which she is also a member. Until recent years she was also serving as an active grey lady at the hospital.

Her husband and daughter, Dorothy, are deceased. She has two sons, Reid, with whom she lives, and Frank, of Burlington. She also has five grand-children and four great-grandchildren.

'Halloween Spooktacular' Set

Oct. 28, 1977 - The youth fellowship at Faith Temple Baptist Church, located at Millboro on Rt. 1, Franklinville, and their director, Joseph L. Joe Farlow, is planning a "Halloween Spooktacular" for Saturday evening, Oct. 29.

This unique observance of Halloween will be held at the Worthville Community Center, beginning at 7 p. m. It is not confined to the youth of the Faith Temple Church but instead an invitation has been sent out inviting the youth of all of the churches in the area.

Farlow is the associate pastor at Faith Temple in addition to his position as youth director. In secular activities he serves as a Randolph County deputy sheriff and as the Crime Prevention Officer for that department.

He describes the Halloween observance he and his teenagers are planning as being held "to encourage Christian fellowship among the youth of our area in a time when it seems to offer our young people."

Two spook films, "First Man Into Space" and "Friend Without A Face," will be shown. These films have been previewed and approved by the Christian counselors of the church. The program is expected to last about three and half hours.

Hot dogs will be sold for 30 cents and drinks for 20 cents. An admission fee of 75 cents will be charged to recover the expenses of renting the films and the building. The event is not being held for the purpose of fund raising.

The program is open only to teen-agers. However, it will be closely supervised by Christian adults. If successful, it is planned to make the program of Halloween entertainment an annual event.

Assisting Farlow in the conduct of the "Halloween Spooktacular" will be Dan Mittan, a senior at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C., who is in the youth group at the Faith Temple church Pastor of the church is the Rev. Richard Trogdon, also its founder.

Waddell Reunion Held Sunday

Oct. 28, 1977 - An outstanding black family of southeast Randolph County, the descendants of John and Emma Chestnut Waddell, filled the sanctuary of Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Oct. 23, for their 7th annual reunion.

John Waddell was born of slave parents, John Wesley and Mary Graves Waddell, at Waddell's Ferry in extreme southeastern Randolph County on Mar. 7, 1879.

His wife, the former Martha Emma Chestnut, daughter of Ben and Adeline Strickland Chestnut, was born Feb. 2, 1879. They were married Dec. 25, 1901.

They lived after their marriage in the vicinity of the Holly Spring Friends Meetinghouse., Rt. 1, Ramseur. For more than 40 years they lived on a farm belonging to the late

Amos Hinshaw, an influential Quaker who left a requirement in his last will and testament that they be provided with a place to live free of charge for as long as they lived.

Twelve children were born to John and Emma Chestnut Waddell, three of who are deceased, Thelma Foust, Boyd Waddell, and Marie Davis. The living children are Ernest Waddell, Ethel Goldston, Leona Cheek, Essie Isley, Esther Hamilton, Lester Waddell, and John Diffie Waddell, all of whom attended the annual reunion except Lester who is a resident Niagara Falls, N. Y.

Also attending the reunion was Mrs. Ada Waddell Thompson, of Greensboro, a half-sister of the late John Waddell and a daughter of John Wesley Waddell and his second wife, Rosa Goldston Waddell.

John Waddell died in 1956, his wife a year and a half later. They are buried in the cemetery at Stout's Chapel where the annual reunion of their family is held. The church has been the receipt of the annual offerings received at the Waddell reunion and several hundreds of dollars have been presented to the church from this source. The \$425 received at last Sunday's reunion will be used for needed improvements at the church.

Golden Anniversary Celebrated

Nov. 2, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Pugh, natives and lifelong residents of the area in which they still live, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, at their home on Rt. 1, Asheboro.

Hosts at the open house in their honor were their six sons and daughters-in-law and their daughter and son-in-law. Approximately 300 guests called at their residence from two until five o'clock.

Their children are Mr. and Mrs. Odell Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Pugh, and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Pugh, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Wade Pugh and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Burnice (Bun) Pugh, Rt. 1, Sophia, Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Lee Pugh, Rt. 1, Asheboro; and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Joe (Phyllis) Allen, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Assisting with the anniversary observance were their fourteen grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were married also on a Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, 1927, at the home of the officiating minister, Tommy Andrews, in Staley.

Andrews served for many years as the Minister where Mrs. Pugh, the former Virgie Smith, was a birthright member and where Mr. Pugh became a member before their marriage.

The couple drove to their wedding site in a 1924 Ford Coupe which Tom had purchased after they began their courtship. Members of their wedding party accompanying them to Staley for the ceremony were his sisters, Clencie and Allene, her sister, Edith, and the man she would later marry, Frantz Macon, her brother, Archie Smith, and Ora Cain, Lola Cain, and Alton Cox.

Mrs. Pugh was born and reared down the road from where she is no living, at Fairfield Farm, the daughter of Kemp and Ella Cox Smith.

Tom, one of ten children born to Theodore Franklin (Doe) Pugh and Mary Neece Pugh, was born and reared near Pugh Ballfield, about a mile from the home of Mrs. Pugh.

Both of them attended the two teacher school at Bethel and also the services at the Bethel Meetinghouse, located next to each other, but they were not childhood

sweethearts. When their courtship did start he would sometimes walk the distance to her home, cutting through a path in the woods. At other times he would drive his father's 1916 Model T Ford before he purchased his own automobile.

Tom has engaged in sawmilling, first working with his father, farming and raising chickens. He is still occupied with the latter two occupations. He is a member of the board of directors the Randolph Branch of N. C. Farm Bureau Insurance Co.

After her children were their way to maturity, Mrs. Pugh started working in the drapery department at Fashion Fabrics, Inc. in Asheboro, owned and operated by her brother-in-law, Billy Pugh, where she remained for 22 years before her retirement three years ago. Since then she has been making drapes at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh, still active and youthful in appearance, have established themselves as responsible citizens in the community in which they have always lived, as evidenced by the steady stream of people who attended the open house in their honor.

Relatives Fete Mrs. Parks

Nov. 3, 1977 – Family members, other relatives and friends joined Mrs. Fleta Agnes Luck Parks, Rt. 7, Asheboro, in the observance of her 85th birthday Sunday afternoon, Oct. 30, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John (Vera) Storey.

Her other daughters, Mrs. Virgil (Mary) Mitchell, Marion, Ind. ; Mrs. Samuel (Ruth) Newby, Jamestown; and Mrs. Morris (Kate) King, Sanford, came to participate in the honoring of their mother on her birthday which occurred on the day of the observance.

Mrs. Parks, widow of Walter Parks, to whom she was married Dec. 4, 1916, has been a prominent church woman, postmaster at Strieby, acting postmaster at Pisgah, and served as a tax lister in the county tax office for more than ten years.

Her parents were Edmund Newton Luck and Martha Ellen Scott Luck, she attended the school at Pisgah and Why Not Academy.

After her marriage she and her husband lived first at Strieby, then in Thomasville, Pisgah, Hasty, Seagrove and Asheboro.

In 1920 they began spending their winters in Darien, Ga., where Mrs. Parks served as secretary in her husband's vegetable plant business for more than 20 years, their summers during that time being spent in Pisgah.

She joined the High Pine Wesleyan Church in 1911 and was active especially in missionary society and children's programs. She is now a member of Crestview Wesleyan Church, near her home, and a member of the ladies Sunday school class.

She and her family have been prominent in the affairs of the church beyond the local level, all four of her daughters having attended the denominational college in Central, S. C. One of them continued her education at the denominational college in Marion, Ind., with two of them graduating from High Point College. All of them have taught in the public schools, with two of them still teaching.

One of her sons-in-law, Dr. Virgil Mitchell, is serving as a General Superintendent in the Wesleyan Church while another one Dr. Hon Storey, is serving as Executive

Secretary of the Wesleyan Pension Fund and also as General Director Wesleyan Men.

The four General Superintendents of the Wesleyan Denomination, including her son-in-law, wrote Mrs. Parks a congratulatory letter on the occasion of her birthday.

Included in the letter was this quotation: "Your love for God, your loyalty to the church throughout your adult life, and the contribution, you continue to make through the lives of members of your family to our beloved church are known and appreciated."

Her grandchildren the same as her daughters, are excelling on the educational level. Eight of her grandchildren and two of her great-grandchildren have graduated from Lenoir, Rhyne, Duke, N. C. State and the University of Michigan, one of them is now a student at Wake Forest, one a student in the law school at Chapel Hill, one teaches at N. C. State and another one at the University of Michigan.

One of her hobbies has been traveling; she especially enjoyed a trip to the West Coast, Mexico, and Canada. She spent nine weeks this past summer at her home on Wilmington Beach.

Her hobbies also include crocheting, sewing, gardening, readying and growing all kinds of house plants. She has crocheted five bedspreads and more than a dozen afghans.

This distinguished Union Township native is still young in spirit, despite the celebration of her 85th birthday, retains her sense of humor and enjoys being with family members and friends.

Children Honor Couple on 25th Anniversary

Nov. 3, 1977 – A real good time was had by all when the ten children of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin (Frank) Lamb, Rt. 8, Asheboro, honored their parents on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Around 125 guests called at the Lamb residence, located in the New Hope United Methodist Church community, from 3 until 5 p. m.

Their children are Michael, Rt. 2, Trinity, Jeffery, Rt. 5, Asheboro, and Gregory (Gregg), Mona, Mark, Evelyn, Alice, Brain, Pamela, and Jason of the home.

Serving as hostesses for the event were Mrs. Jeffery (Lynn) Lamb and Mrs. Glenn Miller.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb were married Oct. 25, 1952 at the Archdale Nazarene Church. Mrs. Lamb is the former Jacqueline Johnson, of Archdale.

Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Johnson, were among the guests in attendance at the anniversary reception.

Frank Lamb is a native of the Cedar Square section of upper Randolph County, the son of the late J. P. and Cora Richardson Lamb. His family came to the area in which he is now living when he was 12 but after his marriage he lived in High Point for ten years before coming back.

He is the owner and manager of Lamb Heating and Air Conditioning Co. and also engaged in the poultry business.

For 14 years he has owned and operated Lamb's Ball Park, a lighted field near his home, for the benefit of the Southwest Randolph League and other groups. Playing on this field are Little Leagues, Pony Leagues, Colt Leagues, and softball teams.

At one time he served as the Scout master of Seagrove Troop No. 513.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are members of the New Hope United Methodist Church.

Check Presented To Pastor

Nov. 4, 1977 - Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, presented its immediate former pastor Rev. D. R. Saunders and Mrs. Saunders with a check Sunday, Oct. 23, which will provide them with a trip to the Holy Land Jan. 2.

The trip will include attendance at the Jerusalem Conference of the Wesleyan Church accompanied by leaders of the denomination: communion at Calvary and Garden Tomb; service of commitment for revival at Gethsemane; lunch of St. Peter's fish on Galilee Shores; and special Wesleyan Hour broadcast.

Making the presentation of the check at the end of the morning worship service was Joe Lucas, vice chairman of the administrative board, along with other members Darrell Lamar, Bobby Poole, Deborah Lanier, Clara Faye Hughes, David Dunn Alberta Poole, Stanley Foland, and Gurney Kindley.

The Rev. and Mrs. Saunders retired from the pastorate of the church last July after five years of service there. They were succeeded in the pastorate by their son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Steve Saunders. Since coming to the pastorate, the latter couple has become the parents of a son, Benjamin.

Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Saunders are living in retirement at Rt. 1, Gold Hill, in the vicinity of previous pastorates. Their years of active ministry included six years as missionaries in the West Indies and South America.

Money Raised For Chapel

Nov. 4, 1977 - The Methodist Men's organization of Central United Methodist Church has extended the ministry of the church beyond its local borders by raising \$1,000 for the restoration of Wesley's Chapel in London England.

Wesley's Chapel large enough to accommodate 1,500 people, was built by John Wesley, founder of Methodism, when he was 75 years old.

For the last 11 years of his life, he lived in a house next door and when he died he was buried in a spot he selected in the graveyard at the back of the chapel.

The chapel withstood the bombing of World War II. Very little was left standing between the chapel and St. Paul's Cathedral, even though both of these shrines escaped damage.

But time brought deterioration to the chapel, dry rot set in and four and a half years ago Wesley's Chapel was condemned and closed to the public as an unsafe building. It was thought for a time the building would be torn down. Worship services were moved to another site.

The British Conference, responding to world-wide interest in the continuance of the chapel, voted to proceed with its restoration, with the provision that the work would only be done as funds became available.

Thus far \$1,237,812 has been raised as the work has progressed but an additional \$595,000 is needed to complete the restoration of the chapel and John Wesley's house next door.

To secure the remaining funds needed the World Methodist Council operating out of Luke Jualuska, N. C. has asked that 600 churches give \$1,000 each.

Rev. Howard Allred, pastor at Central United Methodist Church, requested that his congregation be one of the 600 churches. The Methodist Med assumed the responsibility for raising the money.

A parking lot sale was held recently. Various items, most old but some new, were donated to the project included were three used automobiles, one with mag wheels, a new set of tires, a wagon wheel lamp, a horse collar mirror and other items classified as antiques.

The sale which started at 9 a. m. was brought to a close at 4 p. m. at which time items not sold were auctioned off. Total amount cleared after expenses was \$1,300.

Co-chairman for raising the money were Dr. Les Fowler and Lee Asburn. Bill Whelless is president of the Methodist Men. All money above the \$1,000 needed for the restoration of Wesley's Chapel will be given to Mt. Shepard Retreat Center.

Missionary Rally Nov. 13

Nov. 4, 1977 - The fifth annual Greater Asheboro Missionary Rally sponsored by the Wesleyan churches in the area will be held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, 1928 N. Fayetteville St. from 4 until 6 p. m.

Guest missionaries will be Rev. F. B. Gray, a missionary to South Africa, and Rev. Mitchell Cotroone, a missionary to Colombia South America.

The program will consist of special music from the sunrise singers of Central Wesleyan College, Central S. C., workshops and a general rally session. Pre-rally music will be provided by a youth chorus from the various churches.

A Young Missionary Workers Band rally will be held during the workshop period, conducted by Mrs. Arleen Swanson, Kernersville District U. M. W. B director and former general Y. M. W. B director.

Also a Life Corps workshop will be held by Colfax District Life Corps director, Rev. Doug Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell.

Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, pastor of the Neighbors Gove church, is the chairman for the rally. Members of this steering committee are Fred Hill, Danny LeRoy Don Dawalt, Leon Thompson, Willard Kiser, W. S. Brady, Randy Haithook, Don Richardson, and A. J. Hendrix.

Randy Haitcock, associate pastor of the host church, is chairman of the publicity committee. Other members are Ralph Bulta, Stephen Saunders, Leon Thompson and Leon Fowler.

Missionary Gray is on furlough after term of service in South Africa where he worked among the Bantu people and taught at the Wesleyan Bible Institute at Port Shepstone, Natal.

Missionary Cortone served as manager of the Tipografic Union the Wesleyan Spanish press located in the city of Medellin, Colombia. From this press there is a flow of Spanish gospel literature in to all of Spanish speaking South America and to several other countries.

The public is invited to attend the rally.

Children Honor Couple on 50th Anniversary

Nov. 10, 1977 - A reception in the fellowship hall at Marlboro Friends Meetinghouse Sunday afternoon, Nov. 6, honored Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Beeson, Rt. 1, Sophia, on

their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Guests called from 3:30 until 4:30.

Children Hosted

Hosts were their children Mr. and Ms. Binford (Jewell) Farlow, Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reid (Evelyn Paige) Allred, High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Nancy) Macon, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Beeson, Rt. 1, Sophia.

The family of Mr. and Mrs. Beeson also includes 14 grandchildren and one great-grandson, Donald Reid Allred, III, the eleven month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reid Allred, II.

Mr. and Mrs. Beeson were married Nov. 9, 1927 at the home of Mrs. Beeson's parents, Amos and Cordilla (Delia) Cox Hinshaw, in the Holly Springs community on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Their marriage occurred in the same home in which Mrs. Beeson, the former Ethel Jewell Hinshaw was born and reared, along with her brothers and sisters, Clyde, Clara, Seth and Evelyn. Only one of them, Mrs. John (Clara) Hodgkin, is deceased.

Former Teacher

She attended the school in the community and also went to Ramseur High School where just before graduating she was asked to teach at the Parks Cross Roads School. Other schools which she taught before her marriage was Bethel and Worthville.

Willis Hotchkiss Beeson, son of William Sidney and Nancy Coltrane Beeson, was born within sight of the home in which he and his wife have resided since three or four months after their marriage. Two brothers, Garland and Colbert, are living, two others, Carl and Elmer, and their only sister, Edna, are deceased.

Willis attended the school at Marlboro, which he reached by taking a shoot cut across the wood from his home, and he graduated from Randleman High School in 1923, one of 22 graduates.

He also began teaching school, his first school being at Holly Springs where he stayed in the home of Ethel's parents. Also staying in the home and teaching in the school with him was his sister. However, at the time Ethel was teaching in the Bethel School, and staying in that community, along with her brother, Clyde, who was teaching in the same school.

Model T

Ethel recalls that the four of them, each brother and sister traveling together in a 1923 Model T Roadster, would meet in the road as they went back to their respective homes on week-ends. Other schools at which Willis taught were Ulah and Bethel.

A newer car, a 1927 Ford Coupe, took Willis and Ethel to Asheville on their honeymoon the day after their marriage in the Hinshaw home in the Holly Springs community. They didn't get to Asheville the first day but upon their arrival the next day, which was Nov. 11, they got caught up in an Armistice Day parade without knowing what was happening and rode the entire distance with the other participants.

Both Willis and Ethel quit teaching school just before their marriage, built the house in which they still live shortly after their marriage and soon began selling milk and butter. This soon developed into the large dairy operation which their son, Edwin, now operates. But Willis, although now retired, still helps with the milking.

Willis is a birthright member of the Marlboro Meeting. Ethel, a birthright member of the Holly Springs Meeting, but both have been active members of the former Meeting since their marriage. Willis served as treasurer for the Meeting for many years until resigning something over a year ago. Ethel has taught in the Sunday school.

Enjoys Painting

Recently Ethel, in addition to her household duties, has devoted herself to painting, ceramics and crocheting. Her paintings, some of them hanging from the walls of their lovely residence, and the evidence of other skills are mingled with the collection of old church plates and various furnishings of the house, some of which have been handed down from generations of many years ago.

Daniel Boone – Not THE Daniel Boone – Lived Here

Nov. 14, 1977 – The last house which Randolph County's Daniel Boone – no relation to the famous Daniel – lived in before his death in 1910 is still standing at Rt. 2, Seagrove on land which adjoins Montgomery County.

To reach the place, a visitor must travel approximately two miles on a rural Montgomery County road, then three-tenths of a mile back into Randolph County before reaching the isolated site.

The old planked house, which once had rock chimneys, has been vacant now for 12 years. Rufus Poole, a grandson of Daniel Boone, and his family moved out of the house at that time into a new house which they built on a nearby hill.

At that time a well was secured and no longer was it necessary to carry water from the spring below the hill. The family remembers well the time they kept the milk and butter in the spring run. They recall vividly getting out of bed in the dead of the night, going to the spring to bring it into the house when the rain threatened to wash it away.

Mrs. Poole has "precious memories" of the old house where she reared her children. She has no regrets of carrying water uphill from the spring for many years, scrubbing her clothes outside, cooking on the wood stove until 17 years ago, and doing without electric lights until 26 years ago.

Both the old house and the new one are flanked by huge boxwoods, 25 or 30 of them, some of them 15 or more feet tall. These plants were set out by Rufus' mother, Ardelia Boone Poole, who came to the old house with her father, Daniel Boone, at the time of his third marriage to Martha Patsy Boling Ashworth in 1888.

Daniel Boone, born in 1825 in Hanover (New Hanover) County, migrated as a young man with his family to west Tennessee, where the limestone quality of the land held promise for better crops.

But a contagious disease and other factors of discontent prevailed in the area of their new home. After one crop, the family uprooted themselves and began the return trip to the place from which they had come.

A new route brought them back to the upper edge of Montgomery County and, since it was spring, they decided to remain over and make a crop before continuing the trip back to Hanover County. It was in this area that Boone met his first wife, Amy Lucas.

After their marriage in 1856, they established their home in a log dwelling in Randolph County, south of the present site of the Maple Spring Baptist Church. It was later known

as the Russell Place and now as the Elzie Garner Place. Two children were born, a son, Willard Webster Boone, and a daughter who died at an early age.

Amy Lucas Boone died in 1875 and in 1877, Daniel married Rebecca Cornelison. Two children, John Wesley and Ardelia were born. During this marriage, Daniel Boone, his wife and their two children moved to a place adjoining the log cabin site.

Willard Boone, the son by Daniel Boone's first marriage, remained at the original homesite and it was he who sold it to the Russell family in later years.

Rebecca Cornelison died in 1887 and the next year Daniel Boone married Martha Patsy Boling Ashworth and, along with his daughter Ardelia, moved into the home in which Patsy had lived with her first husband, the late Michael Ashworth. His son by his second wife, John Wesley, remained at the place where the family lived prior to Rebecca Boone's death.

During the marriage of Daniel Boone and his third wife, Patsy, the Ashworth heirs sold the place to Daniel Boone. After Patsy's death in 1904, Daniel lived there with his daughter until his death in 1910. Ardelia remained there alone until her marriage to Ralph Poole shortly thereafter.

Both Amy Lucas Boone and Rebecca Cornelison Boone were buried in the cemetery on the banks of Little River, not far from the log cabin, where Boone had established his first home.

A marker has been placed at the grave of Rebecca Cornelison Boone with this inscription, "Erected by her son, Johnny Boone."

Both Daniel Boone and this third wife, Patsy Boling Ashworth Boone, are buried in the cemetery at the Maple Springs Baptist Church which was first started in a brush arbor near the Ashworth home where they lived during their marriage.

The descendants of Daniel Boone and his wife, Amy and Rebecca, number approximately 800 people, including seven generations. A genealogy of the family has been compiled by Miss Dapne V. Boone, a great-granddaughter of Daniel Boone.

The first reunion of the family was held Sunday, Oct. 2, at the Union Grove Baptist Church. Among the approximately 250 people in attendance were six of the eleven grandchildren of Daniel Boone.

Women's Day Observance Held

Nov. 18, 1977 - Annual Women's Day observance at St. Stephens A. M. E. Church in Liberty, held since 1960, took place Sunday, Nov. 13, with both morning and afternoon services being held.

A fund raising event was held in the afternoon, featuring a mock wedding. Seven brides and their grooms participated, with Mrs. Elizabeth Foxx being crowned "Miss St. Stephens" by Mrs. Ethelyne Headen, last year's winner.

Mrs. Foxx was escorted by her husband, Rodney. She raised \$937 to lead the other contestants.

Other brides and their escorts were Miss Mary Bartell and Wayne Isley; Miss Tonya Martin and Tommy Lucas; Mrs. Sandra Bartell and Victor Bartell; Miss Renee Smith and Fred Lucas; Mrs. Delois Martin and Michael (Mike) Martin; and Miss Betty L. Patterson and Quincy Siler.

Speakers for the morning session were Miss Linda C. Butler, Greensboro, and Mrs. Carlyn Bowden, Buies Creek. Miss Butler, an instructor in math at Trinity High School, is

currently pursuing her studies for a master's degree at A&T University. Mrs. Bowden, wife of Liberty native, Steve Bowden, is an employee of the Department of Commerce in Raleigh.

The observance was in charge of Mrs. Alice Matthews, chairman, and Mrs. Virginia Check, Co-chairman. Refreshments were served at the conclusion of the afternoon session. Total amount raised was \$2,272. 55.

Pastor Leaving Balfour Baptist

Nov. 18, 1977 - Rev. G. Tom Patterson will leave the pastorate of Balfour Baptist Church, 1644 N. Fayetteville St., with a record of achievement during nearly five years of service there.

He announced his decision to resign the pastorate at the close of the evening worship service Sunday evening, Oct. 30, effective Dec. 3.

He will become the pastor of the Troutman Baptist Church at Troutman, located between Statesville and Mooresville, Iredell County.

Since coming to the Balfour church on Apr. 15, 1973, the church has increased substantially in membership and total receipts, \$55,663 to \$158,202. The mission giving has increased from \$13,567 to \$33,697. Approximately \$450,000 has been expended for new church facilities, including education building and sanctuary.

The average weekly Sunday School attendance has gone from 178 to 335. New programs begun have included church training, BUW, RA, youth program, and senior citizen activities. For the past three years the morning worship service has been broadcast from a local radio station.

Associational activities of the Rev. Mr. Patterson have been his service as moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association, his present position as chairman of the associational budget committee, and as a trustee of the Christian Action League. In the latter category he worked actively to defeat ABC Stores in the recent election in Asheboro.

His outside activities have included vice-president of North Asheboro Little League, chaplain of the Asheboro Fire Department, volunteer fireman, closely identified with the Asheboro Police Department and the Highway Patrol, and an active PTA member.

He is a native of High Point, a graduate of the high school there and of High Point College where he received an A. B. degree in Physiology. He continued his ministerial training at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary where he received a Master of Divinity degree.

His previous pastorates have been Sumner Baptist Church, Greensboro, and Long Branch Baptist Church in Lumberton. He is married to the former Daisy Purvis, of Morven, near Wadesboro, and they have three children, Michael, Andrea, and Philip.

Concerning his resignation, the minister said, "I felt that it was under the leadership of the Lord, after much prayer and agonizing." He said, "I felt that I had reached a peak at Balfour and that a new man could come and pick up from where I had brought the church under the leadership of the Holy Spirit."

His final worship services at the church will be conducted on Sunday morning and evening on Nov. 27.

First Baptist Church Celebrates 75th Anniversary

Nov. 24, 1977 – This past Sunday was a day of historical significance for First Baptist Church in Asheboro, as the congregation celebrated its 75th year.

First called the Asheboro Baptist Church, it was organized Nov. 29, 1902 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Berry on East Salisbury St., a block away from its present site at 133 North Church St.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Berry, other charter members of the church were W. W. Jones, Mrs. R. I. Dickens, J. C. Ingold, R. L. Deaton, and J. L. Pounds.

The organizer and first pastor of the church was the Rev. J. D. Newton who had felt a call from God to come to Asheboro and start a Baptist church. His salary was set at \$6 a month. Services were held only once a month in the Presbyterian church.

Former Pastors – Five former pastors returned to join the present pastor, Rev. Vernon M. McDaniel, in the anniversary observance.

One of them, 88-year-old Rev. B. E. Morris, of Charlotte, delivered the sermon during the morning worship hour. About twenty people stood to identify themselves as members of the congregation during his tenure of service from 1924-27.

Other former pastors, who spoke in brief "historical flashbacks" during the afternoon service, included Dr. Bruce Price, of Newport News, Va., 1941-44; Dr. E. W. Price of High Point, 1954-57; Rev. Charles Neal, Culpeper, Va., 1957-60; and Rev. J. B. Gibson of Mamburg, S. C., 1965-75.

Also present was Marion Boling of High Point, former director of music, who sang, accompanied at an old-fashioned pump organ by Mrs. Pearl Humble, veteran organist at the church who retired recently after 29 years of service.

Others appearing on the program were Mrs. Mae Byrd Hall, who joined the church in 1907 after the first revival meeting, Calvin G. Frazier, 87, who has been a continuous member since 1908, and Mrs. Vera Cox, a longtime member.

Henley's Swimming Hole, about three miles out of town, was used for the baptizing which followed that first revival meeting in 1907. Other candidates for baptism, in addition to Mae Byrd (Hall), were Blanche Spook (Brooks) and Maude Dickens (Allred), the latter now deceased. Both Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Brooks are now residents of Baptist Homes in Albemarle.

It is said that the first baptizing attracted considerable attention in Asheboro, where many people had never seen a baptism by immersion. That baptism and those which followed for several years thereafter were viewed by large numbers of people.

It was also in 1907 that land was purchased, across the street from the present site, on which the first church building would later be erected. The cost of this land was \$500, of which \$100 was returned to the church as a donation by the seller, W. J. Armfield, Jr.

Land Purchased – The first building, a wooden structure containing a sanctuary five class rooms, and baptistery, was completed in 1911. At that time there were still only about two dozen members. The Sunday School had not been organized until the later part of 1908. Prior to erecting

a building, services had been moved from the Presbyterian church to the school.

One of the first candidates for baptism in the new church building, in 1913, was Mrs. Calvin G. Frazier, 81, who is still a member of the church. Mrs. Frazier, the former Marietta Berry, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berry in whose home the church was organized.

Mrs. Frazier recalls that cold Nov. night of 75 years ago when the small band of people came to the home of her parents to organize the church. Six years old at the time, she remembers that her parents "told me not to talk" while the business of organizing the church was conducted.

The wooden building burned in 1933 and before the present sanctuary across the street was completed the following year, the various services were not held in a church but in the theater and in the Millis Brown home across the street, the site of the present church structure which had been purchased before the first for future expansion of the church facilities.

Additional Land – Many additions and improvements since that time, including the purchase of three additional tracts of land, has helped to make the first Baptist Church in Asheboro a leading institution in the town, the Baptist State Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Four mission churches resulted as an outgrowth of First Baptist Church, three of whom – Balfour, Oakhurst and Armfield Heights – are functioning Baptist churches in the community today.

In addition to the ministers who came back for the anniversary observances, pastors who followed the founder, Rev. J. D. Newton, were Rev. Henry Sheets, Rev. J. D. Bowman, Dr. J. A. McMillan, Rev. James W. Rose, Dr. O. G. Tillman, Dr. Herman T. Stevens, Rev. L. R. O'Brien, Dr. H. K. Masteller, and Dr. Walter E. Sanders.

All of the latter are now deceased except for the 97-year-old Dr. Stevens, of Newport News, Va., whose health did not permit him to attend the observances, and Dr. Masteller, who now lives in Raleigh.

Food was served during the noon hour to the crowd who attend both services. Memorabilia extending back over three quarters of a century was displayed. Historical brochures were handed out to each person who attended and commemorative plates, featuring a photograph of the church and a brief history, were on sale.

Grays Chapel: An Active Church

Nov. 25, 1977 – The people of Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, organized in 1831, are not willing to rest on their laurels, despite having dedicated two and a half years ago a new church plant erected at an estimated cost of nearly \$300,000.

This occurred one year after the first service was held in the new structure. A few days later, Grays Chapel also became a station church, separating itself from the charge or circuit status which had characterized its existence for nearly a century and a half.

The coming of the first full time pastor, Rev. Ray C. Stephens, brought an acceleration of the church's emphasis on missions, both local and foreign, even though the church had an amount in the budget for local concerns when he came.

The new pastor, finding no indebtedness on the new facilities, prayed that Grays Chapel would become a mission church. A covered dish supper sparked the new

emphasis, at which congregational members pledged \$420.32 for missions.

Since then, public suppers have been held, four scheduled each year, to raise money for both the needs of the local community and national and foreign missions. The latest country style steak supper was held Saturday, Nov. 19, in the fellowship hall. Around 75 people are listed on various committees making arrangements for and conducting the suppers.

Members of the mission committee, composed of leaders of the church, are Mrs. Betty Coble, chairperson on missions; Mrs. Routh Johnson, treasurer of local missions; Gene Shives, financial chairman; Sylvan Routh, chairman of the administrative board; Mrs. Carletta Pugh, president of Methodist Women; and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Stephens.

The disbursement of the funds is authorized by members of the committee. Locally, help is extended to families faced with emergency situations, large hospital bills incurred without the benefit of insurance, and similar cases. All funds spent are over and above the apportionments required for the conference budget.

Rev. Mr. Stephens said of his congregation, "They have a lot of love and open hearts for the people of the community."

Harvest Rally Queen Crowned

Nov. 25, 1977 – A new harvest rally queen was crowned at the annual fundraising event at McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church Sunday, Nov. 19, that found the people of the church with enough money to pay off the indebtedness on its building.

For years, the small congregation had worked to repair, renovate, and beautify the church building which had become old and dilapidated. Their first efforts met with disaster when a contractor absconded with the money which they had raised.

Finally the work was completed. The results pleased the congregation and in order to pay for the work, they established the annual harvest rally, which has been held for around ten years.

Each year, Mrs. Leona Cheek would raise the most money and would be crowned the harvest rally queen. But this year she was edged out by her sister, Mrs. Essie Isley, who raised \$1,220 to win the crown.

Mrs. Cheek raised \$418 this year. Mrs. Jeanette Cheek came in third with \$150.

During the years the harvest rally has been held, Mrs. Cheek has raised nearly \$6,000.

Mrs. Isley said that her main interest was not in winning the harvest rally crown but in raising the money to pay off the indebtedness.

90th Birthday Is Celebrated

Nov. 29, 1977 – "I've been around several frosty mornings," said Clarence M. Brown, Rt. 2, Ramseur resident, who celebrated his 90th birthday Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Sturdy and youthful looking for a man of his age, he attributed his well being to having "always tried to treat people like I wanted them to treat me. I've always tried to do right and serve the Lord. I have never been in no trouble. That would be my advice to other people," he said.

He retired from the Ramseur Furniture Co. at the age of 71. He had worked there for 36 years, having gone to work

in 1922. His first employment at the age of 15 was at the Novelty Wood Works. His beginning wages at that place was \$16 a month.

During the 36 years he worked at the furniture company he walked the total distance of six miles a day from his home to his place of employment. When he quit somebody figured up that during his years of employment there he had walked enough to go around the world twice. He has not owned a car since Model T days.

He was born in the Browns Cross Roads community, moved to Liberty when he was 10 and came back to Ramseur when he was 15. He finished the fourth grade at the school which was then located across from the Oakland Baptist Church.

He was married on Dec. 24, 1913 to Flora Ella Goldston who is now 84 years of age. They are living in the vicinity of her childhood home. They are the parents of three sons, Claude Lee Brown, Los Angeles, Calif., Maxton Junior Brown, Baltimore, Md., and Fred Douglas Brown, Greensboro.

They reared a granddaughter, Mrs. Ethel Edmonds, who lives next door to them, along with her husband, Odell, and their son, Odell, III.

Clarence Brown is the oldest deacon at the Oakland Baptist Church where he has attended since his marriage. Before his marriage he attended McCrary's Chapel Methodist Church but joined the Baptist church because his wife went there. "She out-talked me," he said.

He attends the worship services at the church twice a month. But he has quit going to Sunday School. That is about the only concession he has made to the advanced age he has reached.

Pastor Celebrates Birthday

Nov. 30, 1977 – Rev. W. D. Brower, a Robbins native, celebrated his 90th birthday Saturday, Nov. 26, at his home at 1701 Asheboro St. in Greensboro.

Last year the birthday event was held at his home church, New Zion A. M. E. Zion Church near Robbins, but was moved to the home this year due to the failing health of the aged minister.

The Rev. Mr. Brower has been a minister since 1909. He served 16 churches in an active pastorate which extended for 56 years. He retired in 1969.

Churches which he served were located in the counties of Montgomery, Moore, Union and Guilford. He also served a church in Danville, Va.

First Wife – His first wife, the former Wincy Ann Shamburger, died in 1932. After her death he married the former Emma Haith with whom he has lived at their home in Greensboro since his retirement.

Eleven children were reared in the minister's home, all of whom are living. His youngest child was two years old at the time of his first wife's death. Two of his children, Mrs. Nicy Ewing and George Brower, live in Asheboro.

The other children, Vellie, Eddie, Hugh, Ollon, Lannie, Ethel, Cumi, Talmadge, Roy, and Farrell live in Moore County, Baltimore, Md., Orange, N. J., Newark, N. J., and Chester, Pa.

Despite the distance involved with many of his children, all of them are devoted to their father, concerned over his welfare and visit him several times a year. This concern is also manifested for their stepmother who helped to rear

many of them to maturity and who is regarded by all of them as having the status of their mother.

Devotional Service – A brief devotional service preceded the partaking of the elaborate birthday meal on Saturday. Present to participate in this service was the Rev. E. T. Carter, pastor of Wesley's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church in Asheboro, where Mrs. Ewing and George Brower are members.

Some members of the family, including Mrs. W. D. Brower, attended the Sunday morning worship service at Wesley's Chapel, during which a birthday love offering was received and sent to the Rev. Mr. Brower as a token of appreciation for his many years of loyal and devoted service to the A. M. E. Zion churches.

Brother and Sister Return Home For Pig-Picking

Dec. 9, 1977 – A "pig-picking" at an old house on Rt. 1, Seagrove, brought a sister and a brother, Mrs. Allene Ward, 81, Rt. 1, Franklinville, and Charlie Cagle, 86, Rt. 1, Ramseur, back to the old homeplace where they were born and reared.

They were among a hundred or so guests of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cagle, Rt. 1, Asheboro, present owners of the old nine-room dwelling which has been in the Cagle family for at least four generations.

Mrs. Ward and Charlie Cagle were among the six children of Enoch Franklin (Frank) Cagle and Mary Jane Brown Cagle who were reared in the old house where the pig-picking was held, the oldest portion of which is said to be a hundred years old.

The other children were Erastus (Rassie) Cagle, father of Odell Cagle who reared his family in the old house following the death of his parents, and Mrs. Della White, both of whom are deceased, and Mrs. Stella Moffitt, Asheboro, and Mrs. Una Price, Reidsville.

Former Owners – Owning the place before Frank and Mary Jane Cagle were Frank's parents, James and Katherine Leach Cagle. Frank Cagle died in 1917, his wife died in 1948.

Mrs. Ward was especially delighted to come back to the old house. She said she couldn't recall having been in it since her mother died in 1948.

However, her brother, Charlie, until recently had lived a short distance away on land which he had inherited from his parents. On this land he and his wife had reared a large family of children and he continued to live there until illness forced him to move near the home of one of his sons.

Mrs. Ward and Charlie sat together in the "front room" of the original portion of the house which had consisted of only three rooms, and greeted many family members and friends who came to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Cagle. Many of the guests recalled visits to the old home many years ago.

Guests In Attendance – Among the guests were former long time Randolph County Sheriff Lloyd Brown and Dewitt King, son of another former Randolph County Sheriff Carl King, now deceased. Both men are related to members of the Cagle family, although not descendants of James and Katherine Leach Cagle and Frank and Mary Jane Brown Cagle.

Back when the Cagle children were growing up they attended a school nearby which was called "Simmon

Glade," which was later moved on land donated by Frank Cagle and the name changed to Oak Glade.

Local Church Celebrates Its 25th Anniversary

Dec. 9, 1977 – A special worship service at the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church Friday evening, Dec. 2 commemorated the 25th anniversary of the founding of the church.

Organization of the church occurred Mar. 2, 1952 at the home of Rev. A. D. Evans on N. Church St. when ten people stood to signify their intentions to unite into the membership of the new organization.

Five of these charter members were present for the anniversary service: Rev. Carlos King, Mrs. Mary Beane Holden, Miss Ruth Regan, Mr. W. W. Evans and Mrs. A. D. Evans.

The others were W. L. Newman, deceased; Charles Green, Mrs. Carl Bellamy, Rev. A. D. Evans, Mrs. Carlos (Betty) King.

First Pastor – Rev. Carlos King became the first pastor of the church. Joining him for the anniversary service were four former pastors, Rev. J. L. O'Ham, Rev. Leonard Adkins, Rev. Howard Carter, and Rev. Tommy Fuquay, and the present pastor, Rev. Billy Phipps.

Other former pastors have been Rev. E. L. Kirk, deceased, Rev. Leon Podaras, and Rev. Carlton Eades.

Taking the initiative in the organization of the church twenty-five years ago were Rev. and Mrs. Carlos King and Rev. and Mrs. A. D. Evans, the latter minister serving at that time as director of evangelism in the Western North Carolina Conference.

Rev. Mr. Evans, now retired, was unable to participate in the anniversary celebration due to being a patient at The Randolph Hospital where he is suffering from a heart attack. He had served on the planning committee making arrangements for the celebration.

His sister, Mrs. King, was unable to be present due to the illness of their mother, Mrs. Lora Vesta Evans.

After worshipping for awhile in the home of Rev. and Mrs. Evans, the small congregation of a quarter of a century ago then moved to a tabernacle on W. Presnell St. where they stayed for about a year.

First Church – Their first church, a small frame building, was erected on the corner of City View St. and Summit Ave. and underwent several additions and purchase of renovation until a complete new structure was built at the same site in 1971-72.

A parsonage was purchased in 1955. The old church building is used as a fellowship area. Present value of the church property is estimated at \$250,000. Membership of the church is 89.

Guest speaker for the special service was Rev. C. M. Triplette, superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church. Special music was rendered by The Young Christians, a group formerly sponsored by the church who won honors in national competition during their period of participation.

A memorial plaque honoring the present and former pastors of the church and donated by Ray Campbell was presented during the service. Another plaque extending congratulations to the church was presented by the visiting guest speaker, the district superintendent.

Refreshments and a period of fellowship followed the anniversary service.

Anniversary Celebrated Today

Dec. 13, 1977 – Assistant Police Chief Eugene (Gene) Johnson, of Randleman, and his wife, the former Janie Marie Waters, are observing their 25th wedding anniversary today at their home at 702 Allred St.

The couple were married Dec. 13, 1952, in Chesterfield, S. C.

They are the parents of three children, Mrs. Teresa Ann Adams, Randleman, Mrs. Nancy Lassiter, Trinity, and Ronnie Johnson, Asheboro. They also have three grandchildren: Kenneth Adams, Kelly Lassiter, and Ronnie Johnson, Jr.

Gene, a native of Greensboro, is the son of Mrs. Alice Johnson, Randleman, and the late Charles Johnson. The family came to Randleman in 1946.

Gene enlisted in the U. S. Navy six days past his 17th birthday and served continuously for 21 years. Before his retirement he had attained the rank of Chief Petty Officer, serving as a signalman.

Except for two tours of shore duty, about five years, he served all of his time at sea. During this time he visited most of the countries of the world.

Upon his retirement he worked briefly at J. P. Stevens Plant in Randleman before joining the police department where most of this time has been spent as the assistant chief of police.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson attend the Midway Wesleyan Church located in the vicinity of their home.

Church Debt Paid Off Sunday

Dec. 16, 1977 – A note-burning ceremony preceded the annual Christmas supper at the Cedar Falls Baptist Church last Sunday evening.

Participating were the pastor, Rev. W. E. Eaton; chairman of the deacon board, Jeffrey Haithcock, 22; former pastor Rev. Charles F. Laughlin, 83; and the director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association, Rev. A. Judson Rotan.

The note-burning symbolized the paying off the debt on the church structure which was occupied on Jan. 11, 1975. The note itself was paid off 16 months after its inception. Since that time other improvements amounting to \$9,000 have been paid off.

These include the paving of the parking lot, carpeting of the fellowship hall in the basement and purchase of a new piano.

In addition, \$18,000 was loaned to the church without interest by various members of the congregation, and \$25,000 was borrowed from a financial institution.

As a further indication of the solvency of the church and in appreciation for the services of their pastor and his wife, the membership voted on Sunday morning to send the Rev. and Mrs. Eaton on a nine-day tour of the Holy Land on Feb. 20.

Across the road from the newer building, the old church still stands, portions of which were built soon after its organization in 1844, as a reminder of the church's heritage.

At the church's Christmas supper for senior citizens, eleven ministers, both active and retired, were present.

They were Rev. W. E. Eaton, pastor of the host church; Rev. Hansel Neathery, former pastor and now chaplain at the Randolph Hospital; Rev. John L. Jackson, resident of the community and former chaplain at the hospital; and Rev. Diffie Wright, also a resident of the community and former pastor at Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

Rev. Danny Brown, pastor of the Franklinville United Methodist Church, and Rev. Rodney Hagans, pastor of the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church were there.

Also present were two former pastors of the Cedar Falls Church, the Rev. Wiley Garrett, now serving a church in Misenheimer, and Rev. Ervin Houser, pastor of a High Point church.

The Rev. Richard Ramsey, pastor of the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church, and Rev. James Laws, former pastor of this church and now serving a church in Altamahaw in Alamance County, and Rev. H. F. Donnley, former pastor of the Franklinville Wesleyan Church now serving the Friendly Wesleyan Church in Liberty, also attended.

65th Anniversary Celebrated

Dec. 19, 1977 – Mr. and Mrs. Hanable Thomas (Han T.) Moorefield observed their 65th anniversary Thursday at the home of Mrs. Moorefield's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Carter, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Moorefield, 91, and his wife, the former Mary Edna Owens, 83, moved into the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carter nearly six years ago after selling their farm and most of their belongings in Patrick County, Va. where they had spent their married life.

Mr. Moorefield is a native of Patrick County. Mrs. Moorefield is a native of Stokes County who moved to Patrick County at the age of three.

The couple rode in a buggy to the home of the officiating minister Elder Barnett, a preacher of Mrs. Moorefield's Primitive Baptist faith on Sunday morning, Dec. 15, 1912, for their marriage ceremony.

The preacher was getting ready for his morning service. Rather than hold him up, the couple was married seated in the buggy. They were accompanied by several other couples, also transported by horses and buggies.

The buggy had served as their transportation during a one and one-half year courtship. However, when they did not plan to go somewhere, Mr. Moorefield rode horseback to see the girl with whom he was keeping company.

After their marriage ceremony, the couple and their attendants went to the home of the bridegroom for a wedding dinner, attended also by relatives. They still have a photograph of themselves and all of those who were present at the dinner.

Since Mr. Moorefield's mother died before their marriage, they stayed with his father for awhile until his sister could learn to keep house. But while living there, Mrs. Moorefield made shirts for her father-in-law and brothers-in-law and did the cooking.

In later years Mrs. Moorefield and her husband cared for her parents. Her mother lived with them for more than thirty years. The same type of care which Mrs. Moorefield and her husband extended to her parents years ago is now being returned to Mr. and Mrs. Moorefield, who have no children, by her sister and brother-in-law, Robert and Lucy Carter.

Mrs. Moorefield has been a member of the State Line Primitive Baptist Church, located on the North Carolina-Virginia line, since 1920. Since coming to Randolph County they have gone back to attend the service of this meeting as well as to attend the Moorefield family reunion in the Dry Pond community across the state line.

Couple Honored On Anniversary

Dec. 21, 1977 – Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cleifton Cole, Rt. 2, Seagrove, were honored on their sixtieth anniversary Sunday at a family gathering in the fire station in Ulah.

Hosting the get-together were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Ima King, Mrs. Cole's sister and brother-in-law, next to whose home the Coles live on Highway 220 south of Seagrove.

Herman Cole, a native of Moore County, came with his parents, Jason and Rhocida Cagle Cole, to the present site of Cole's Pottery at age one. They first lived in a log house.

After being kept out of school the first year and being taught at home, he started in the second grade at Why Not Academy in Randolph County. The county in which he lived did not have stock laws and it was feared he would be attacked by the stock running loose. But when he got older he went to the Mt. Zion School in Moore County.

His father was a farmer, lumber man and also a potter, going from one pottery to another one until starting Cole's Pottery which is still operated by Herman's brother and sister, Wayman Cole and Nell Cole Graves. However, the pottery was not started until Herman had already left home. Before leaving, he helped to farm and haul logs.

Mrs. Herman Cole, the former Mary Beulah Bean, daughter of Oliver Duckery Bean and Taliitha Cornelison Bean, was born in Montgomery County on the road from Steeds to Sugg's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. She recalled a well in the yard of their home where everybody stopped to water their stock as they passed by.

She attended the school at Piney Grove, about three miles from their home. Her mother, who died when Mrs. Cole was 13, did not have good health, thus requiring that her children help with the household duties. Mrs. Cole said she learned to make bread at the age of 4. She stood in a chair to mix the flour.

Mr. and Mrs. Cole lived about five miles apart before their marriage, a distance which Mr. Cole often walked during their courtship. He recalled getting sleepy walking along the road in the darkness of the night, rousing up when he would walk off the road.

They were married on a Sunday morning, Dec. 23, 1917, at the home of the minister, Rev. Jo Comer. After the ceremony they attended Sunday School at the Asbury church, had dinner at his father's home and then went to the Mt. Zion church for preaching.

Army Veteran – Less than a year later Herman was inducted into the Army and served during World War I, going to France after only one month and five days of training in the United States. After the war was over he spent some time in the U. S. Army in Germany.

After his return, he engaged in the sawmilling business, in which he had worked while still at his father's home, and this activity took him and his wife to live in many places. They lived in Why Not in Randolph County, Bensalem in Moore County, Sampson County, Tallahassee, Fla., Smithfield, Halifax County, and finally in Pitt County, from

which they came back to their native area in 1972. While in Smithfield they also operated a pottery.

Although 82, Mr. Cole is still employed part-time. He works with his brother and sister at Cole's Pottery where his principal responsibility is grinding the pottery and mixing the glazes. Mrs. Cole, 77, keeps house.

Former Commissioner, Wife Feted

Dec. 21, 1977 – Earl Vester Walker, a Randolph County Commissioner for eight years, and his wife, the former Mae Pickett, were honored Sunday on their sixtieth wedding anniversary.

The couple has resided at their home at Rt. 1, Franklinville, for 58 years. Many years ago the address at their home was Rt. 1, Millboro, before that post office was discontinued.

Honoring the couple at a reception in the fellowship hall at Bethany United Methodist Church were their children, Earl V. Walker, Jr., Randleman; Mrs. John (Irene) Gourley, and Mrs. Bill (Pearl) Tuttle, Greensboro; Mrs. Clarence (Clara Frances) Wholford, Randleman; and Mrs. Claude (Lois) Mills, Mrs. Robert W. (Elsie) Johnson, and Carl Walker, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Their oldest son, Corbett Walker, died in 1947. Another son, Clyde (Shorty) Walker, died in 1971. Two other children, Ralph and Ruby, died in the earlier years of their lives and one died at birth. The couple also have 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Earl Walker, 82, son of Cicero and Cora Routh Walker, was born just south of Grays Chapel but in early boyhood came with his family to the Bethany section, living for a time just below the church. He attended the schools at Grays Chapel, Bethany and Julian's Grove.

Mrs. Walker, 81, daughter of Isiah Jarvis Pickett and Roxanna Seabolt Pickett, was reared in Worthville and attended the school there.

When Mr. Walker was about 18 years of age he purchased a rubber-tired buggy with top, usually drawn by two horses. He earned the funds for its purchase from sawmilling and hauling lumber.

This was the vehicle in which Mr. and Mrs. Walker rode to the home of the Rev. Johnny Pugh, south of Randleman, for their marriage ceremony on Dec. 23, 1917. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Rollins. The ceremony was performed while they sat in the buggy on the roadside in front of the minister's homes.

The same buggy was also used during their courtship, but Mr. Walker said he walked the two and a half miles from his home to Worthville when he was visiting Mrs. Walker before their marriage.

Around six years ago Mr. and Mrs. Walker built a new house to replace the old structure in which they had lived for 52 years. The house, however, was many years older than that. Mr. Walker had hesitated before moving out of the old house in which he and his wife had spent most of their married life and in which their children had been reared. But he achieved his ambition to live there for at least fifty years.

The couple is proud of the neighborhood in which they have spent nearly six decades of their lives. He said "We've always had good neighbors," and she said, "I can't think of any neighborhood being better than this one."

Hilliard's Renew Marriage Vows

Dec. 22, 1977 – Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hilliard, Sr., Rt. 3, Randleman, renewed their marriage vows Sunday, Dec. 18, as the beginning of the observance of their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

This ceremony, which included the exchange of wedding rings, followed the morning worship service at First Baptist Church in Randleman.

Their three sons, Ray, Cecil and D. B., Jr., and their son-in-law, James Nicholson, ushered at the renewal service. Their daughter, Mrs. Jeanette Nicholson, registered the guests.

Attendants were Mr. Hilliard's brother, Herman D. Hilliard, Pleasant Garden, and Mrs. Hilliard's sister, Mrs. Clara Wilkie, Rt. 1, Goldston, who served in a similar capacity at their wedding Dec. 24, 1927 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. L. P. Soots, a brother-in-law of the bridegroom, who is now deceased.

Officiating at the service which commemorated their golden wedding anniversary were their pastor, Rev. B. G. (Bob) Pratt, and a former pastor, Rev. Fred Reece.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard entered the church together, preceded by the ushers and their attendants. Mrs. Hilliard was dressed in complete bridal attire.

Later in the afternoon, the couple were honored by their children at a reception at their home. Guests called from 2:30 until five.

In lieu of anniversary gifts the guests made contributions to the clearing of the indebtedness at First Baptist Church where Mrs. Hilliard has served as treasurer for several years.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard are both natives of Chatham County, having lived in the Goldston area. Both of their families attended the Antioch Baptist Church in that area. Mr. and Mrs. Hilliard were also members of this church, retaining their membership there for a period after moving to Randleman in 1941.

Mr. Hilliard left his home in Chatham County at the age of 18 to work at the Proximity Print Works and Revolution Cotton Mill in Greensboro. But after two years he went back home and began in the lumber business on a small scale.

His business expanded and he owned two sawmills and two lumber trucks for long distance hauling before he came to Randleman and purchased a small planning mill which would eventually grow into the D. B. Hilliard Lumber Co., of which he was the president and manager.

He leased his company in 1958 but still retains an office at the plant. Since that time he has lived in semi-retirement but keeps busy with the upkeep of rental properties which he owns.

Couple Honored On Anniversary

Dec. 22, 1977 – Mr. and Mrs. William R. Moran, Rt. 8, Asheboro, were honored by their children Sunday on their 25th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. William Ronald Moran, Rt. 8, Asheboro, and Jerry Daniel Moran and Ricky Steven Moran, of the home. Mrs. Moran is the former Marsha Privette.

Assisting with the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Cicero Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoover, Miss Carol Hoover, Mrs. Geneva Cox, Mrs. Dean Hoover, Miss Diane Bennett, and Miss Gail Moran.

Guests called at the Moran residence from 3-5 p. m.

The couple were married Dec. 23, 1952 in Chesterfield, S. C.

Mrs. Moran, the former Runelle Lowe, is a native of Surry County, near Galax, Va., she is a graduate of Beulah High School. Some of her brothers and sisters came down for the anniversary reception, but her 89-year-old father, Talmadge Lowe, was unable to be present.

William Moran is also a native of Surry County but came to this area with his family in 1939. He is the son of Mrs. Myrtle S. Moran, Rt. 8, Asheboro, who was present for the anniversary reception, and the late Willis R. Moran.

He is a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving nearly eight years during both World War II and the Korean conflict.

Although both Mr. and Mrs. Moran are natives of Surry County, William did not know the girl he would later marry until after he had been discharged from the Army in 1952. They met while he was back in Surry County visiting a cousin.

William, formerly a farmer, is now semi-retired with a disability. He is a member of the local DAV chapter and active in the affairs of the Huldah Baptist Church where he is serving his third five-year term on the deacon board. He also serves on the cemetery committee and was a member of the building committee for the new sanctuary.

Mrs. Moran has been a teacher in the Sunday School at the Huldah church since 1963.

'Born And Bred Here' Is Her Proud Claim

Dec. 26, 1977 – Retired school teacher, Miss Bessie Alline Cox, estimates that she taught over 1,000 children during her 39 years in the school room.

She reminisced about this and other matters recently at her home at 628 E. Salisbury Rd., following the observance of her 86th birthday.

"Born and bred here in Asheboro" is her proud claim. "I don't know anything else," she said. She was born in the area of Worth St., near the former W. C. Lucas residence.

She was one of two members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church honored on Recognition Day two years ago. She has attended the church, which was formerly known as Bulla's Grove, for all of her life.

The church was formerly located in south Asheboro and she recalls her father, Harry Cox, carrying her in his arms to services there, over a mile from their home. She played the organ at the church when only a child.

She particularly remembers the family taking a short cut to the church by Rich's Brickyard. "I'll never forget Rich's Brickyard," she said. She said her father would carry a lantern to the night services.

She remembered when the people attending court at the old courthouse on the corner of E. Salisbury and Old Main streets would leave their horses and covered wagons at the "bone yard" on Penn Wood Branch.

Her father helped to build the old Ashlyn Hotel and her mother cooked at a boarding house operated by John Steed near the old courthouse. Alline also washed and ironed for people in the Asheboro community.

She was a second year student at Bennett Normal College in Greensboro when her mother died. She didn't go back to school. She was needed at home to help care for her younger sister, now Mrs. Virginia Lucile Brown, who in 1953 came back to Asheboro to live with her older sister.

For awhile Alline worked for a black newspaper, The Voice, which was published in Asheboro. Her teaching

career began when she finished out a term at the Caraway School, for which she received the pay of \$22. 50 a month.

She taught continuously after that at Ramseur, three years; Liberty, one year; Hickory, 13 years; and Asheboro, 21 years, until her retirement in 1957.

In addition to her church-related activities, she has been involved in community work, which included the sponsorship of community sings, womanless weddings, and one time she presented a drama "Ten Nights In A Bar Room." She especially liked drama.

For about a year after she was honored on Recognition Day, she missed church because of illness. "But the Lord let me go back," she said.

However, that is the extent of her outside activities now. She keeps up her contacts through an extensive correspondence with friends and former associates. She estimates she sent around 125 Christmas cards this year.

Golden Anniversary Celebrated

Dec. 29, 1977 - Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledwell, Rt. 3, Asheboro, celebrated their 50th anniversary at a family gathering on Christmas Day at their home.

Present were nine of their ten children and many of their 25 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Their children are Lewis Ledwell, Charles Ledwell, Pontiac, Mich. ; T. W. Ledwell, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Ernest Ledwell, Asheboro; Bobby Ledwell, Stanford, Conn., Mrs. Mary Alice Greene and Mrs. Dorothy Chestnut, High Point; Mrs. Pearl Barnes, Clyde Ledwell, and Mrs. Mattie Brower, Rt. 1, Asheboro.

The Ledwells are natives of the Mitchell United Methodist Church area in Grant Township. They have been living at their present home for 34 years.

Herman's parents were Oscar and Jane Strickland Ledwell. Mrs. Ledwell, the former Lucille Bell, is the daughter of the late Charles Bell and Comelia Hoover Bell.

The couple was married Nov. 5, 1927. Their anniversary celebration was delayed so that the family could get together at Christmas.

Mrs. Ledwell is a member of the Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church.

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Couple Feted On Anniversary

Jan. 2, 1978 - Mr. and Mrs. William Eugene (Gene) Farlow, Rt. 1 Randleman, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary Wednesday, Dec. 28, in the fellowship room at Centre Friends Meetinghouse. Guests called to greet them from 4:30 to 8:30pm. The couple are longtime members of the Meeting. Gene being a life or birth member.

Joining the couple in their anniversary observance were their daughter and son-in-law. Dr. and Mrs. Stanley L. Rosenthal of Miami, Fla., and their three grandchildren, Russell, Lynn, and David Rosenthal, Mrs. Rosenthal is the former Mildred Farlow.

Dr. Rosenthal is the director of the National Laboratory, a Department of Commerce agency of the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration.

Russell Rosenthal is a senior at the University of Florida at Gainesville, Fla. His sister Lynn is a junior at Florida State University at Tallahassee, Fla. And their brother David is a high school student.

Gene Farlow, who still lives within sight of his birthplace, is the son of the late Joseph G Farlow and Georgie Coltrane.

Mrs. Farlow, the former Ethel Olena Gray, is the daughter of Mrs. Annie Roach Gray, formerly of Sumner Township in Guilford County and Intercession City Fla., but now a resident of Clapps Nursing home in Pleasant Garden. Her father is the late R. L. Gray.

Their marriage occurred on the same date as their anniversary observance fifty years ago at the home of the bride's parents. Thomas Hodgkin, a retired Friends minister performed the ceremony.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Farlow attended the school at Pleasant Garden. Their families lived about six miles apart, A 1926 Ford Coupe was Gene's transportation during the courtship and was the vehicle which transported them the day of their marriage.

Children Honor Couple On Golden Anniversary

Jan. 4, 1978 - A reception in the meeting room of the Ulah Fire Department Sunday afternoon, Jan. 1, honored Mr. and Mrs. Coy Rose on their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their children, three of whom came from the state of California to honor their parents. Guest called from 2:30 until 5.

Their children are Harvey Rose, Simi Valley Calif., Blythe Lee Rose, West Covina, Calif., Reginald Rose, Rt. 6 Asheboro, and Mrs. Jimmy Ray (Ruth) Hunter, Riverside, Calif.

The couple also have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose themselves lived in California for 19 and a half years, having come back to their native area in Apr. 1976.

While residing in the far western state they lived in the Los Angeles area where Mr. Rose was employed with Basic Industries, a tool-making concern.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose were married Jan. 1, 1928 in an unusual ceremony on the side of Highway 220 south of Asheboro, near the present site of Asheboro Concrete co.

It was a double marriage ceremony in which Mr. Rose's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Shelton (Cora Rose) Strider were also united.

The two couples were traveling to Randleman to the home of Rev. Will Garner on Sunday morning to marry them. They met the Rev. Mr. Garner, pastor of the Center Baptist Church near Seagrove on his way to the regular church serviced at the church.

They flagged him down and the minister tried to persuade them to go back to the church with him for the ceremony. After the declined he married both couples in a double ceremony while they were seated in the 1926 Chevrolet touring car in which they were traveling.

It was bitter cold weather which is one reason the minister probably wanted them to go back to the church for the ceremony. He had to stand outside of the car while he heard their vows.

Ironically both couples went back attended the series at the Rev. Mr. Garner's church following the ceremony.

Coy Rose, son of the late Jesse and Emma Jane Cole Rose, was born in the area of the Center Cross Church and attended the Dunn's Cross Roads School, where he said the school house burned down three times.

Mrs. Rose the former Stella Hare is a native of Moore Count near spies, the daughter of the late Alfred Hare and Mattie Chriscoe Hare. She first attended the school in the community and later the Moody School near the Randolph Moore line where the family later moved.

Since coming back to Randolph County the couple are living in their former home site near Ulah. They are both happy to be back. Mr. Rose said "If there is a better place in North Carolina, I don't know where it is."

The couple is a member of the Russell's Grove Baptist Church, located in the community in which they live.

Couple Feted On Anniversary

Jan. 11, 1978 - Beulah Baptist Church, Rt. 2 Bennett honored their pastor and his wife the Rev. and Mrs. Curtis L. Barbery, Sunday afternoon, Jan. 8, on the occasion of the 25th wedding anniversary.

The deacons and their wives entertained at a reception in the church gymnasium from 2 until 5 o'clock. Approximately 350 congregational members and other guests called during the appointed hours.

A committee from the sponsoring group, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Seawell and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Purvis handled the arrangements. Other deacons are Farrell Lambert, Russell Garner, Bud Garner, Donnie Hussey Lester Myrick, Gayle Harper and Lloyd Albright.

Rev. and Mrs. Barbery were married Jan. 9, 1953 at the home of the officiating minister in Greer S. C. The Rev. Mr. Barbery is a native of Simpsonville, S. C.

Mrs. Barbery, the former Ollie Mae Moree is a native of Woodruff S. C.

About a year after their marriage the Rev. and Mrs. Barbery were called in to the ministry and prepared himself by studying at Columbia Bible College and Fruitland Bible Institute.

His pastorates before coming to the Beulah church included the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cayce S. C. and the Mr. Pisgah Baptist Church, Chandler N. C. He began his successful pastorate at Beulah Baptist Church on Jan. 1, 1963.

During this period the church has grown to more than 500 membership, and average of more than 400 in Sunday school attendance, and the erection of a new church sanctuary and youth camp, bring the valuation of the church facilities to approximately three quarters of a million dollars.

During his ministry he has conducted 300 revival meetings and has engaged in a radio ministry for the past 17 years. At the present time he has four radio programs which extend throughout North Carolina.

Rev. and Mrs. Barbery are the parents of four children, Mrs. Chyrie Varner, Rt. 2 Bennett, Mrs. Debra Moffitt, Rt. 1 Ramseur, Terry, Ted and Marica of the home. They have two grandchildren, David Varner and Jessica Moffitt.

The minister's gift to his wife on their anniversary was a diamond ring with a cluster of 25 stones.

Several out of town relatives were in attendance at the reception honoring the couple.

Baptist Church Dedicates Its New Parsonage

Nov. 19, 1978 - Maple Springs Baptist Church, near Seagrove, dedicated a new parsonage Sunday Nov. 12. Open house was held in the afternoon from 3 until 5 p. m.

The Rev. C. W. Pierce, a former minister in the Randolph Baptist Association was the special speaker for the morning worship service. The Rev. Darrell Cox a former pastor was also present.

The Rev. and Mrs. Albert Taylor, the Maple Springs pastor and his wife, moved into the new parsonage in Sept. . The building was erected on property donated by Clay Presnell which adjoined the existing church property.

The new building consists of three bedrooms, a combination den, dining area and kitchen, two baths, utility room, carport, front porch and sun-deck in rear.

The exterior was erected with brick; the interior is paneled except one bedroom and the bathrooms which are wallpapered. All of the rooms are carpeted except for the combination room.

Cost of the building, which contains 1,519 square feet of floor space, was nearly \$46,000. Contractor was Athel Cox of Asheboro Home Improvement.

Members of the building committee were Bobby and Ava Baber, Winfred Lucas, Clifford King, and Clacie King, Bynum Scott, WF Callicutt and Heron Leach, trustees comprised the finance committee.

Present deacons of the church are Buddy Adams, chairman, Bynum Scott, Winfred Lucas, Bobby Barber, and W. E. Callicutt. Deacons during the time of construction were Bynum Scott, chairman, Buddy Adams, Charles King, Larry Lucas and Floyd (Cotton) Hancock.

Sponsors of the open house were the Women's Missionary Union, with Mrs. Mary Leach, Mrs. Faye Callicutt and Mrs. Sarah King serving as a committee on arrangements.

Williams Honored On 93rd Birthday

Nov. 24, 1978- J. Cleve Williams of Rt. 1 Liberty was honored on his 93rd birthday Sunday, Nov. 12, by the Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

Williams, who lives just across the road from the historical site, recently deeded some land to the church for additional burial space, which will be dedicated as a memorial to him.

Some years ago his sister, the late Miss Ida Williams provided land for the first Sandy Creek Parsonage, in addition to donating a sizeable amount of money.

Cleve Williams helped to build the first structure for the Sandy Creek Missionary Baptist Church about 1905 and has held close ties to the church throughout his lifetime. His parents, James Murdock and Elizabeth Lane Williams and his Sister, Ida are interred in the cemetery there.

But Cleve is a member of Bethany United Methodist church a few miles away. His wife was a Methodist and he joined the church on her faith shortly after their marriage 66 years ago.

He was raised as a Democrat, said her was named after two Democratic presidents, James K. Polk and Grover Cleveland, but has been a Republican since voting age. He has not regretted changing either his religion or his politics.

He was born as James Cleveland Williams on Nov. 12, 1885 in a log house which was erected in 1774, a short distance west of the large two story house in which he has lived since the age of three. He has only stayed away from the 200 acre farm 18 months while working on a dairy farm in Guilford County.

The logs from the house in which he was born are still in existence in a tobacco barn located not far from his dwelling. Cleve said the logs which went into the construction on the 1774 dwelling came from one tree.

Straight of stature, even though he walks with a cane he attributes his longevity to "hard work, I reckon." He recalls traveling a carious other places in the area working with a threshing machine and a corn shredder.

Evidently he doesn't think tobacco hurts him since he regularly smokes Winston cigarettes and usually enjoys a cigar every night before going to bed.

His wife died in 1970, his only son Bascom, died in 1977. He has a daughter, Mrs. Katrine Enochs, and two grandchildren, Patrick Wayne Williams and Ester Gayle Williams. Staying at the old homepace and looking after Mr. Williams is his son's widow, Mrs. Pat Williams.

Area Chapter, Women Of Moose Holds Installation Ceremonies

Nov. 30, 1978 - Women of the Moose, Asheboro Chapter was formally instituted in ceremonies at the Moose Lodge, Rt. 7, Asheboro, Saturday, Nov 25.

Intuiting chapter was the Women of the Moose from Winston-Salem Instuiting officer was Mrs. Lois Harvey, past Grand Regent. The installing officer was Mrs. Margaret Bost, Grand Council Member. Also participating was Alice Bradshaw Senior Regent of the Winston-Salem chapter and other members of that chapter.

Officers for the new chapter installed included Ruth Sellers, junior regent, Betty Jones, junior graduate regent, Joyce Moore, recorder, Ruth Luther, treasurer and Mamie Bodenheiner, Chaplain, Juanita Haga, Senior regent was not installed due to illness.

Twenty-three members of the new chapter were enrolled during the ceremonies. Many others were expected to join them as charter members before the charter membership is closed. The membership includes wives, mothers, sisters, and daughters of the members of the Asheboro Moose Lodge.

Recognition and brief participation in the meeting came from the following Moose and auxiliary officials. Rodney Haga and Gary Sharpe, president and executive secretary of the Asheboro Moose Lodge, John Copley and Nandor Kozma, president and state director of the N. C. Moore Association, Paul Creech Deputy grand north Moose and Betty Griffin deputy grand regent.

Visiting official and others in attendance from out of town came from Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Elizabeth City, Durham, Salisbury and Swansboro.

The New chapter will meet on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

At the conclusion of the institutional ceremonies dinner was served to everyone present.

Clyde Comer Is Ordained Into Baptist Ministry

Dec. 8, 1978 - Clyde Ellis Comer Jr. Rt. 2, Seagrove, was ordained into the Baptist ministry Sunday night Dec. 3, at the Dover Baptist Church, located in the community in which the ministerial candidate was born and raised.

The Dover pastor, the Rev. Hal Cason presided over the service of ordination, stated its purpose and issued the challenge to the candidate.

The message to the church and the charge to the candidate was delivered by the Rev. Jimmy Upton, pastor of Asbury Baptist Church.

Clyde Ellis Comer Jr., son of Mrs. Lynne Dunlap Comer, Rt. 2 Seagrove and the late Clyde Ellis Comer, joined the Dover church at the age of 10.

He graduated from Westmoore High School and attended the Durham Institute of Barbering, receiving his license just prior to being inducted into the Army for a period of two years, serving one year in Vietnam.

After receiving his call to the ministry and being licensed by the Dover church, he prepared himself at the Sandhills Community College and the Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He became the pastor of the Center Baptist Church near Candor last Sept. .

He is married to the former Chyerl Auman and they are the parents of two children Clyde Ellis III, and Audra Rose.

The newly ordained minister's parental grandfather, the late Charlie V. Comer, was also a Baptist minister and a noted singer. It is interesting to know that he once led the singing at the church which his grandson is now pastoring.

Harold Davis Is Deeced Into The Ministry

Dec. 15, 1978 - Seagrove town council member Harold Clay Davis was ordained into the ministry Sunday night, Dec. 10, during a service held at Asbury Baptist Church.

The charge to the candidate was delivered by the Rev. Bennie Maness former pastor at Asbury and the charge to the church was delivered by the Rev. Jimmy Upton, the present pastor.

An additional 22 ministers and ordained deacon participated in the "laying on of hands" at the conclusion of the service of ordination.

A certificate of ordination was presented to the newly ordained minister by the church pastor, the Rev. Upton, and a new Bible was presented to him by Junior Cagle, a chairman of the board of deacons at the Asbury church.

The congregation attending the service of ordination included many members of the Cross Roads Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Eagle Springs, of which Clay Davis became a pastor last Nov. . The church is located two miles east of Robbins on Highway 705.

Among the Cross Roads members in attendance was Hugh T. Brown, 85, who has been a deacon of that church for 26 years, only one less than the church existence.

Clay Davis is a native of Rt. 1, Seagrove the son of Mrs. Ethel Voncannon Dais and the late Wesley Davis. Among his brothers and sisters is a twin brother, Farrell Ray Davis.

Formerly Clay and his twin brother along with Clay's wife, the former Barbara Smith, comprised a singing trio called the Davis Brothers and Barbara. Singing in many churches and at other events in the area. Clay and Barbara are the parents of two children. Tammy 16, and Rodney, 10.

Around eight years ago Clay was converted under the ministry of the Rev. Bennie Maness at the Asbury Baptist Church and became a member of that church. Before accepting a call to the ministry about six months ago, he served as a deacon, choir leader and Sunday School teacher at the church.

Associated with Davis Auto Sales in Seagrove before becoming pastor of the Cross Roads church, the Rev. Davis is serving his second term as a member of the Seagrove town board.

Following the service of ordination Sunday night, everyone present was invited into the old church building for refreshments and a period of fellowship.

Garden Club Gives A Life Membership

Dec. 20, 1978 - The Wayside Garden Club in Ramseur, organized nearly 47 years ago, presented its first life membership Thursday, Dec. 7 to Mrs. Guy F. Lane, a charter member and currently serving as president of the club.

The Life Membership emblem was pinned on Mrs. Lane by Mrs. W. F. Cox also a charter member at the Dec. meeting of the club held with Mrs. J. C. Gilliland as hostess.

The presentation came as a complete surprise to Mrs. Lane. Authorization of the award was received from the state organization of garden clubs and the honor carries with it a contribution of \$100 to a state scholarship fund.

Organization of the Wayside Garden Club occurred Feb. 18, 1932, at the home of the late Mrs. M. E. Johnson on Raleigh Road close to the site of the meeting last Thursday. It is the oldest garden club in Ramseur and believed to be the oldest one in Randolph County.

Mrs. Lane, the former Bryte Elam and Mrs. Cox the former Linnie Dorsett have maintained a continuous membership in the club since its beginning. Both of them are members of the Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church and both formerly taught for many years in the school at Ramseur.

Still living are three other ladies who were charter members but did not retain their memberships in the club. These are Mrs. W. B. Dowell, the former Gladys Leonard now in Raleigh, who was the club's first president; Mrs. Phil Johnson of Liberty, the former Pattie Watkins who was the club's second president; and Mrs. C. A. Graham of Ramseur, the former Mary Tate, who left to organize another garden club in Ramseur.

The Christmas meeting of the club, held annually at the residence of Mrs. Gilliland, was a festive occasion, but with the presentation of the first Life Membership, it was also an emotional occasion especially for Mrs. Lane and Mrs. Cox, who have been a part of its existence for nearly a half a century.

Licensed Practical Nurses Honored

Dec. 21, 1978 - North Carolina's Licensed Practical Nurses Association Asheboro Area, held its Christmas banquet at Harshaw Grove Baptist Church near Randleman Thursday Dec. 14.

The local association holds two dinner meetings a year, one in July and at Christmas. Other meetings are held on a monthly basis.

Asheboro area licensed Practical Nurses effected their own organization in 1970. Prior to that time local nurses met with the High Point Area nurses.

President of the local organization is Mrs. Thelma Birkhead; first vice president is Mrs. Pearl Hayes; second vice president is Mrs. Elizabeth Poole; treasurer is Mrs. Annie Ruth Frazier; and secretary is Mrs. Betty Hunt.

Other members are Mrs. Little Blair, Mrs. Virginia Harrison, Mrs. Ernestine Coble, Mrs. Beatrice Pierce, Mrs. Brenda Hanes, Mrs. Bernice Woodell, Mrs. Frances Wright, Mrs. Frances Greene, Mrs. Nellie Cox and Mrs. Frances Hoover.

Mrs. Betty Hunt, who is also a director of the state executive board of N. C. Licensed Practical Nurses, spoke briefly at the Christmas meeting, bringing greetings from the state association and expressing their pride in the achievements of the local organization.

In recent years local nurses have attended national meetings of their organization in Philadelphia, Honolulu, Minneapolis, Atlantic City, New Orleans and Louisville, Ky.

Entertainment at the Christmas meeting was provided by a group of nurses from the Greensboro area, known as The Voices Unlimited. Among this group was Mrs. Clara Baldwin Leake, president of the Greensboro organization, a former member of the Asheboro organization and an Asheboro native.

Mrs. Pearl Hayes became the first president of the Asheboro Area at the time of its organization. Mrs. Betty Hunt was the group's second president.

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Royal Harmonizers Group Has Been Singing Twenty Years

Jan. 5, 1979 - The Royal Harmonizers, a black gospel singing group from Liberty, celebrated their 18th anniversary this past Oct. . But actually they began singing three or four years before that.

Twice they have sung in New York City at the Prayer Circle Church for Ali Nation, they have sung in South Carolina and Virginia, and they have sung at many places in this area, including Greensboro, Durham, Burlington, Charlotte and Wadesboro.

They sing in churches, schools or "anywhere there is a religious gathering," according to A. J. Shoffner, the group's manager. "We just try to help somebody that needs us," said Shoffner. They also appear before civic groups.

The Royal Harmonizers started singing something over twenty years ago, however, in the beginning they were called The Royal Jubilees and then The Spiritual Seven. Only three of the original groups comprise the present group, A. J. Shoffner, his brother, Percy, and Charles Headen, Sr.

Other members of the present group are Marvin Kimes, a Liberty undertaker who joined 14 years ago, Randy Shoffner, son of A. J., Charles Headen, Jr. and Joe McCaskill, of Rt. 1, Staley, the newest member and the only one who is not a Liberty resident. Randy Shoffner and Charles Headen, Jr. joined their fathers in the singing group when they were young boys.

A. J. Shoffner sings the lead, his brother, Percy, the bass. Marvin Kimes is a tenor singer and Charles Headen, Sr. sings baritone. Joe McCaskill is versatile; he can fill in as the lead singer or as a baritone in case of absences. Charles, Jr. plays the lead guitar and Randy the bass guitar.

The group is representative of the black churches in Liberty. The Shoffners attend Lewis Grove Holiness Church where A. J. started playing the piano for the church choir at the age of 18. The Headens attend Edward's Grove Baptist Church where Charles, Sr. plays the piano and the organ. Marvin Kimes attends St. Stephens A. M. E. Zion Church and Joe McCaskill attends Margaret's Chapel Holiness Church.

A. J. SHOFFNER and his brother, Percy, are members of a family of 14 brothers and sisters, of whom all are living except one. A. J. has been a salesman for Kenney Slusher Chevrolet Co. for ten years. His brother and the others in the group, except Marvin Kimes, the undertaker, are employed in various manufacturing plants in the vicinity. The younger members of the group, Randy, Charles, Jr. and Joe are recent graduates of Eastern Randolph High School.

Other Liberty residents who at one time or the other sang with The Royal Harmonizers include James Butler, R. C. Shoffner, Calvin Headen, George Coltrane, Sonny Blackwell and perhaps others.

Oldest Mother Holiness Churches Frettie Coltrane Is 103

Jan. 7, 1979 – The oldest member of Lewis Grove Holiness Church in Liberty, Mrs. Frettie Coltrane, is 103 years old. Her next birthday will come on Mar. 25. She is a deeply religious woman. She talks continuously about her Savior. Shouts of joy erupt from her as she tells you what her Lord means to her.

"I've been living for Jesus ever since I've been big enough to know anything about the Lord," she says. "When I was little I set on the steps hearing them preach. I just wanted the Lord, I just prayed until I got Him."

Mrs. Coltrane attends her church on a fairly regular basis. She is the assistant superintendent of the Sunday school. She said, "I never stayed away from church."

She has remarkable use of her faculties, especially for one of her age. She sees without glasses, she hears well and she eats well. She walks around, goes outdoors and her hair is not completely white.

Asked about working, she said, "I've done a sight of work in my lifetime." She said she had raised tobacco and carried it to the barn and that she had "tied wheat."

She was born in Surry County and later lived in Stokes County before coming to this part of the state many years ago. She is the only one living from a family of 13.

She worshipped in her early years at the Locust Grove Baptist Church in Stokes County. Questioned as to her denominational preference, she said, "I like the church of God, God is God, it makes no difference about the denomination."

A daughter cares for her in the small house in which she lives with her second husband, Tom Coltrane, who is in his nineties. The house is located on Rt. 3, Liberty, about a mile across the county line. A log cabin in which they formerly lived is situated close by.

She sits in a small straight chair, with her hair plaited and a small knitted cap on her head. She doesn't fear the future, she said: "God has saved my Soul. He has fixed me up, I ain't worried. I am living for the Lord every day of my life."

She refused to anticipate the length of her life. "I'm in the hands of the Lord," she said. "I'll stay here until He gets ready to take me away."

The Dallas McNeill's Singing To Help Ramseur Couple

Jan. 26, 1979 – A benefit gospel singing will be held Mr. and Mrs. Dallas McNeill, former Ramseur resident, Saturday, Feb. 3, in the fellowship hall at Jordan Memorial

United Methodist Church in Ramseur, beginning at 7 o'clock.

McNeill, 58, has not been able to work since Apr. 20, 1977. He underwent successive operations for cancer in May and June, 1977, each one for a separate condition, followed by two more operations a few months later for related cause.

Since that time he has been required to undergo numerous trips to N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, where each one of his surgeries took place, for treatment. These trips, usually weekly, require doctor fees of \$75 to \$100, in addition to the cost of transportation.

His afflicted areas are dressed twice daily by his wife, for which expensive bandages are required. His medical expenses, even beyond insurance coverage, are prohibitive.

Mr. and Mrs. McNeill left Ramseur in 1960 when Dallas secured employment at P. Lorillard Co. where he worked until illness overtook him. He was employed with Acme-McCrary Corp. Mrs. McNeill, the former Lucy Ward, is a Ramseur native.

The couple now live in a mobile home, on which they are making payments, in Cedar Trailer Park on Rankin Mill R. near McLeansville. Before that they lived in the Bessemer section of Greensboro. Their four children are grown and living away from home.

Along with the singing, during which a free will offering will be received for the benefit of Mr. and Mrs. McNeill, hot dogs and other refreshments will be sold beginning at 5 p. m. Also, there will be an auction sale of cakes, pies and other items, with Beauford Greene, local auctioneer, doing the selling.

Friends of the McNeills in the Ramseur area and other sections of Randolph County are being asked to donate items for the auction sale.

Singing groups will include the Christian Life Trio, the Gospel Rangers, also known as the Beauford Green Singers, and the Revelation Singers from the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Auction Sale, Singing To Benefit Mr. Staley

Feb. 2, 1979 – Two fund raising benefits for the Rev. Tracy Staley, pastor of Randleman Christian Church have been planned for Saturday.

The 39 year-old minister has had a recurrence of a serious illness which first afflicted him in 1976.

The first benefit, an auction sale, will begin at 1 p. m. in the Hilliard Building on Main Street in downtown Randleman. The sale will offer all types of merchandise at absolute auction and will be held rain or shine.

The second benefit for the ailing minister will be a gospel singing in the Randleman Elementary School auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

Featured singers will be the Christianaires the Messengers and the Mac McCormick Singers from Greensboro, and the Jordan River Boys. Admission will be free, a concession stand will be operated and free will offering will be received.

The Rev. Staley first learned in July, 1976 that he was afflicted with bone cancer, affecting the marrow of the bone and his blood.

At the time he spent two weeks in the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem and two months in the High Point Memorial

Hospital, undergoing radiation and chemotherapy. He was in isolation for 30 days.

However despite the pessimism of his doctors, he recovered to the extent of being able to resume his pastorate in which he has served for over six years.

But the illness became serious again in July of this year. He has recently spent 21 days in the Baptist Hospital where this time he underwent surgery for the installation of steel rods into both shoulders due to a spasmodic condition which shattered the bone structures of each shoulder.

Four years ago the minister's wife the Former Evelyn Carter, died almost suddenly of pneumonia. The couple were parents of two children, Lynn 14 and Gail 8, who reside with their father. Assisting the minister with the care of his children during his illness are members of his family and the family of his late wife.

The minister is also appreciative of the help which he has received from neighbors, friends and the congregation of his church. Despite many absences from his pulpit, the church has continued his salary payments. His only insurance is a limited policy for cancer which went into effect just prior to his illness.

Before becoming a full time pastor at his church, he was salesman for Guilford Dairy for 12 years. He resides at Rt. 2, Sophia.

100th Performance Alleluia Chorus Entertains in Ramseur

The Alleluia Chorus, organized nearly four years ago, presented their 100th performance Sunday, Feb. 25, at First Baptist Church in Ramseur.

The occasion also marked a reunion with former members of the chorus, including the group's first director, Miss Nellie Mae Bescher.

The present director-accompanist is Kevin Allen who also serves in a similar capacity at the church who hosted the 100th performance. The leader of the group is the Rev. John Bray who has served in this capacity since the beginning in May, 1975.

Other members of the group are Emma Allen, Velma Allen, Cindy Allred, Carole Branch, Peggi Brown, Gerald Coble, Eric Davidson, Paul Dunn, Priscilla Dunn, Jewell Hancock, Joey Hancock, Gloria Jones Philip Jones, Rachel Moffitt, Vaughn Moffitt, Sandra Roberts, Beverly Routh, Paula Thompson, Judy Trogdon, Vernon Trogdon, Billie Williams, and Anita Yow.

Church membership among the group is varied, coming from Franklinville United Methodist Church, Cedar Falls United Methodist Church, Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, Patterson Grove Christian Church, Central Wesleyan Church, Ramseur Wesleyan Church, First Baptist Church, Ramseur, and Franklinville Baptist Church.

Perfect attendance awards for participation in all 100 performances were awarded to Priscilla Dunn and Vernon Trogdon at Sunday night's presentation.

Also, Peggi Brown and Vaughn Moffitt were presented engraved plaques after having been voted "most inspirational members" and John Bray and Kevin Allen were presented plaques for their "inspirational guidance."

Following the performance at First Baptist Church, members of the chorus were entertained in the fellowship hall by the church's hospitality committee. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Justus McKeel.

The Alleluia Chorus derived their name from their first presentation of "Alleluia", a musical composition with words and music by Bill and Gloria Gaither and Ron Huff. Their presentation for their 100th performance was entitled "Let's Just Praise the Lord."

Cystic Fibrosis Sad Story Has Happier Ending

Mar. 4, 1979 - In the cemetery at Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge there are three identical gravestones for three little girls, the daughters of Harry and Marcelle Dunn, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

The lives of these little girls, Janet Leigh, 1967-69; Frances Marie, 1973-74; and Sheliah Annette, 1971-75, covered a period of sorrow and heartache for their parents and other loved ones.

Their mother, Marcelle said "It is hard to walk out after three little caskets."

Each child was afflicted with the incurable disease of cystic fibrosis, a hereditary genetic disorder.

But the story of these little girls, however sad it is, does not end on this note. It has a happier ending.

On Sept. 15, 1976, over a year following the death of the last little girl, a bouncing nine-pound and nine-ounce baby boy, perfectly healthy, was born to Harry and Marcelle Dunn.

"There is a difference in having a healthy child," said 29-year-old Marcelle Dunn who spent the better part of nine years in hospitals caring for her little girls.

Marcelle was only 17 years old when her first child, Janet, was born Apr. 11, 1967. Three months following her birth the child had only gained one pound and there were other deficiencies. The young parents took her to the N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill where the hereditary condition was diagnosed.

But the little girl, despite the ravages of the respiratory and digestive ailment, brightened their lives with her awareness of what was going on about her. She walked at the age of seven months and she talked at an early age.

After her death, the young parents, due to the hereditary implications, decided not to have another child. But despite this decision their second daughter, Annette, was born Jan. 11, 1971.

Annette, a perceptive child, was 16 months old before she had any health problems. However, her parents knew at the age of six months that she too was afflicted with the incurable disease.

Marcelle said she sat and waited each day and slept with one eye open each night, listening for a cough or some other indication that the dreaded disease was developing.

Annette had suffered only a slight problem when her sister, Marie, was born Oct. 22, 1973. Marie was tested at the age of six weeks. The test proved border line and doctors thought her case would be mild.

But then both she and Annette had chicken pox and Marie died from the effects of it at the age of six months. Doctors said the chicken pox brought out all of the effects of the hereditary disease at one time.

After Marie's death, long stays in the hospital became a way of life for the surviving daughter, Annette, and her parents.

Annette was familiar with her condition. She knew there was something different about her. She asked her mother

why the other children at Sunday school were so much bigger than she was.

She also knew about the kindergarten classes at school, to which her mother said "she so desperately wanted to go." She was thrilled and excited when her name was drawn to permit her to attend.

She had learned also to appreciate her condition. When it worsened she would call her mother "it's time to go see the doctor" or "you had better call the doctor."

She knew too that her death was inevitable but her major concern was for her mother who had continually stayed at her bedside. She was afraid her mother would be unhappy and unwilling to let her go. Marcelle said "she was trying to protect me."

As time neared, during a period of intense suffering, she asked, "Mama, can I please go and be with Jesus?" Her mother assured her that she was willing. The little girl then relaxed, she removed some of her respiratory equipment, she didn't cry anymore and she became calm.

Her death occurred a few hours later. She was four years and four months old. She never realized her dream of attending kindergarten classes but she died happy knowing that she had been accepted.

Marcelle Dunn was despondent and let down over the condition and death of her little girls. But, after praying over the matter and living with it, she came to the realization that the Lord was not trying to punish her.

She felt too that their failure not to have any more children after the first child indicated that God had a purpose in their births and deaths.

She came to realize that "the Lord shared them with me," that she was privileged since some women were not able to have children at all. "They were not mine," she said. "He was allowing me to have them," She is also consoled by knowing that she has "a family in heaven."

Before her son was born a lot of people were praying that the child would be born healthy. Genetically speaking, it was felt there would be a good chance it the child was a boy.

When the child, Jonathan was born, Marcelle did not have to wait until she took him to the doctor to know whether he was affected by the disease. She said "I knew it before I took him." She had been through too many years of the illness not to know.

When she did take him to the hospital in Chapel Hill for the test, hospital doctors and other personnel came to rejoice with her. They had come to know her through the illness and death of her three daughters; they had shared her sorrow and the vigils at their bedsides; and they wanted to share the happiness which she was experiencing.

Some of them still keep in touch - calling her on the telephone and sending cards at Christmas.

Elder Emmanuel Holland Named To New Post

Mar. 9, 1979 - Elder Emmanuel Holland, pastor of Mt. Zion Holy church in Asheboro for nearly 17 years, has been named Presiding Elder of the lower Southern District of the Mr. Sinai Holy church of America, Inc. with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

The district which he will oversee includes the states of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida, plus a church in Detroit, Mich.

Elder Holland, 51, has served for seven years as a director of the Mr. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc. He is also the pastor of a mission undertaking the Jerusalem Holiness Church in Pittsboro.

He is a native of Asheboro, having been born and reared two doors down from the Mr. Zion church which was founded by the late Elder Laura Kearns, assisted by Elder Holland's mother, the late Myrtis Cheek Holland, and two of her sisters, Nora Everette and the late Fleta Luck. It was in this church that he was converted.

He is married to the former Evelyn Payne and they are the parents of six children. He will soon complete 25 years of employment at Union Carbide Corp. in Asheboro.

Birthday Dinner Honors Mrs. Lillie Yow

Mar. 25, 1979 - Mrs. Lillie Yow, a former Randolph County resident who has been living at the Methodist Home in Charlotte for the past 18 years, was honored Sunday, Mar. 18, on her 88th birthday.

A prominent church woman locally, before moving to the home in Charlotte. Mrs. Yow's birthday was celebrated at a dinner in the dining area of the fire station in Franklinville.

Joining with her on the occasion were two sisters, Mrs. Evon Bray of Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Mrs. Myrtle Walton of Central Falls, and one brother, Colvin Brown of Rt. 1, Franklinville. After the dinner she visited with another brother, Jesse Brown at his home on Rt. 1, Salisbury.

The dinner, which was a partial surprise was extended to Mrs. Yow by various nieces and nephews. Coordinating the event was her niece, Mrs. Ralph Bowers, and Mr. Bowers who transported Mrs. Yow from The Methodist Home and back and also on the visit to her brother, Jesse.

In addition to her own family, others in attendance at the dinner included members of the family of Mrs. Yow's late husband, L. Q. (Luther) Yow, a former maintenance employee of the Randolph County School System.

At the time of her departure for Charlotte in 1961, Mrs. Yow had served for 23 years in the nursery department of the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro. During that time she had seen two generations enroll in the department.

But her tenure of service in the nursery department of Methodist churches had actually extended for a period of nearly 40 years, in churches in Gibsonville, Greensboro, Central Falls, and Asheboro.

Since becoming a resident of The Methodist Home she has continued her area of service in religious affairs, in the home where she often participates as a devotional lead and in other areas of the home and in the churches in Charlotte.

She is recuperating from serious surgery about three months ago and this was her first visit "back home" since that occurred. She also visited her late husband's grave in the cemetery at Giles Chapel United Methodist Church.

Golden Anniversary Celebrated

Mar. 28, 1979 - A large crowd of friends, relative, former parishioners, and denominational officials attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary observance of the Rev. and Mrs. Maurice McRay Homes of R. 2, Sophia, Sunday, Mar. 25, in the Camp Caraway Convention Center Lobby, located near their residence.

It is estimated that from four to five hundred guests called to greet the couple from two-thirty until five o'clock.

Hosts were their three sons the Rev. McGray Holmes, Pastor of the Calvary Church of the Nazarene in Charlotte; Ralph Holmes, a planning engineer at Western Electric Co. in Richmond, Va. ; and Harold Holmes of Rt. 2, Ramseur, former school teacher, former Randolph County Manager, and now serving as manger of the Ramseur Branch of First National Bank.

There are nine grandchildren.

The Rev. and Mrs. Holmes have served in many pastorates in North Carolina since Mr. Holmes began his active ministry in the former Pilgrim Holiness Church, now Wesleyan, in 1943. They have lived in Randolph County since 1950.

The Rev. Holmes is a native of Franklin County. Mrs. Holmes, the former Annie Laurie Powell, is a native of Nash County. They were both living in Franklinton at the time of their marriage Mar. 30, 1929.

Their pastorates have included Fayetteville, Gold Hill ST. Paul Circuit in Rowan County, Franklinton, Liberty, Sawyersville, Mt. Olive, and Ramseur in Randolph County, Bagley Swamp in Perquimans County, then coming back to Randolph County where they served again at Sawyersville, Mt. Olivet, Archdale and Whynot, where they retired last year.

He was responsible for the construction of the churches at Franklinton and Whynot.

The Rev. Holmes recently accepted a supply pastorate at Gold Hill where he once served, to remain until the end of the conference year. He also holds a part time job at Randleman Furniture and Manufacturing Co.

Prior to this job he worked for several years as a part time carpenter at Camp Caraway.

Among those in attendance at the reception which honored the Rev. and Mrs. Holmes were Dr. W. L. Surbrook, former general superintendent of their denomination, the Rev. R. S. Shelton, present district superintendent, Dr. John Storey, Executive Secretary of the Wesleyan Pension Fund, and many ministers from throughout the county and the state.

Among the places represented were Kernersville, Fayetteville, Greensboro, High Point, Asheboro, Seagrove, Ramseur, Denton, Thomasville, Middlesex, Gold Hill, Charlotte, Wilmington, Hertford, Spring Hope, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Nashville, Tarboro, Franklinton, Troy and Randleman.

New Hope Firemen Begin Fourth Year

Mar. 28, 1979 – Organized three years ago, New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, Rt. 3, Denton has made steady progress in its physical development since its beginning. Located in southwestern Randolph County, its area adjoins both Montgomery and Davidson counties.

But, as a member of the ladies auxiliary pointed out, its achievements as a fire -fighting facility is not its only contribution to the community.

New Hope's organization and operation has resulted in bringing the people together, uniting the congregations of various churches and other community groups with a common purpose and instilling a spirit of fellowship among all the residents of the area.

Discussion of a volunteer fire department for the New Hope community began soon after the disastrous fire which destroyed the old New Hope school building which had been converted many years ago into two apartments.

However, this may have been more of a prompting incident than anything else since there had already been discussion about the need of a fire department due to the overloading of the area served by the adjoining Farmer Volunteer Fire Department.

About six months later, the first vehicle, a fire truck, was purchased. Before the fire truck purchase, the prospective firemen had gained valuable experience helping to fight a huge forest fire near Eleazer.

The fire station, which was started about the same time the fire truck arrived, was occupied about a year after the organization of the department. Built by volunteer labor, it is located on a two-acre tract of land, an acre of which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Buren Luther.

Overall frontage of the building is 96 feet. The portion which includes the dining and kitchen area has depth of 56 feet, and the three-bay garage is 40 feet in depth. There are also bathrooms and an office. The construction consists of brick and blocks with paneling in the kitchen and dining areas.

Additional equipment, consisting of a water tanker and brush truck with gasoline motor, has been added, the latter having been received from the N. C. Forestry Service. A small amount is owed on the equipment and the indebtedness on the building is \$7,500.

A sizeable contribution was received from Wiley Hurley, a member of the board of directors, to assist in the purchase of the major kitchen equipment consisting of two stoves, refrigerator and freezer locker.

Funds for the operation of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department come mainly from public suppers and auction sales which are held at the fire station building. The latest supper, a pig picking, was held Mar. 17. Additional money is also derived from membership fees received from residents and businesses of the fire district. There has also been a quilting project and coffee breaks.

Major participation in the suppers comes from members of the ladies auxiliary which was organized soon after the inception of the fire department. Present officers of the auxiliary are Anna Shaw, president; Beulah Loflin, vice president; Barbara Jean Earnhart, secretary; Marsha Surratt, treasurer; and Bryte Hopkins, spiritual leader. Former presidents include Patricia Hurley and Judy Surratt.

Alvin Hogan is president of the volunteer fire association, vice president is Clarence Harris, secretary, Dolan G. Surratt, and treasurer, Baxter Surratt. Present and past members of the board of directors include Darrell Earnhart, Wiley Hurley, Arnold Russell, Herman Hogan, Wiley Joe Hurley, Hyatt Grisson, Dolan Loflin, Larry Skeen, and Clifford Loflin. The first secretary was Mrs. Jeanette Hopkins, now deceased. Roy Cranford and Charles Hardister have also served as vice-president.

Leslie Hogan is the chief of the chief of the volunteer fire department, Wiley Joe Hurley is assistant chief. Mark Hogan and Wayne Gravely are captains, Patricia Hurley is secretary and treasurer, and Kirby Sills is traffic control officer. Other chiefs have been Harold Cagle and Herman Hogan.

Firemen include Herman Hogan, Connie Hogan, EMT, Ronnie Hogan, Phil Hogan, Terry Hogan, Alvin Hogan, Troy Powell, Judy Frye, Linda Ragsdale, Wiley Brown, Wesley Hopkins, and Julie Hopkins.

Extensive training has been received by the fire personnel at Randolph Technical Institute. Red Cross sponsored

schools and an area fire school. Most of them have received over 100 hours of general instruction.

Barbecue Suppers Planned Saturday

Mar. 29, 1979 – The "Good Neighbor Fund," sponsored by the Quaker Men's organization of Back Creek Friends Meeting, Rt. 3, Asheboro, will benefit from a barbecue supper at the Cedar Grove Community Building Saturday, Mar. 31, beginning at 4:30 p. m. and continuing until everyone has been served.

The menu will also consist of french fries, slaw, bread drink, and homemade desserts. Plates with all you can eat will sell for \$3. 50 for adults and \$1. 75 for children 6-12. Children younger will eat for no charge. Take home plates will be available.

This will be one of several fund raising events which have been held for the Good Neighbor Fund which was started by the Quaker Men in Dec., 1972. The first fund raising was also a barbecue similar to the one to be held on Saturday.

The forerunner of the fund was a Sunday School class who formerly took up a collection whenever there was a need in the community. Now there is a permanent fund which is available whenever a need arises.

This fund was established by the Quaker Men at the suggestion of Bobby Ledwell and Sam Lowe Jr.

Since its beginning its receipts have amounted to \$11,815. 39. Its expenditures have amounted to \$8063. 42. This money has been expended for the benefit of approximately 70 individuals or families.

The assistance rendered has not been confined to members of the congregation at the Back Creek Meeting. In fact, most of it has gone to people outside of the congregation, in some instances out of the community and county.

Officers of the sponsoring organization are Jesse Ray Stout, president; Sam Lowe Jr., vice president; and Wade Nance, secretary and treasurer.

A committee which determines the need and decides on the amount to give is composed of Norman Miller, Lindsey Walker, and Carl Stout.

Special Observance Fetes McEntire, Family

Mar. 30, 1979 - "Pastor Appreciation Sunday" was observed Mar. 25 at South Plainfield Friends meeting, Rt. 2, Sophia, honoring Larry W. McEntire, minister of the Meeting, and members of his family.

However, neither the minister, his wife nor five daughters knew anything about the observance until the junior choir sang to them during the Sunday School assembly period "You Are Something Special."

The presentations which followed included a corsage to Mrs. McEntire, a boutonniere to the minister, and a 40-piece set of Corelle dining ware to the entire family.

Further participation came during the open period of the worship hour, when many members of the Meeting arose to express their appreciation of the minister and his family. Later the McEntires were guests of the congregation at a dinner in the fellowship hall.

Heading up the observance were Mrs. Dorothy Rollins, assistant pianist, and Mrs. Pat White, organist, with Mrs. Rollins Making the presentations.

The McEntires came to South Plainfield, June 30, 1977. The minister is originally from Greensboro, coming out of the Glenwood Friends Meeting, and Mrs. McEntire, the former Brenda Zachary, is a native of Alamance County. Their daughters are Virginia, 11, Beth, 9, Amy 8, Julie, 3, and Anita, 22 months.

McEntire received his preparation for the ministry from John Wesley College, THB degree, Guilford College, A. B. Degree, and Columbia Graduate School of Bible, M. A. Degree. He is presently, in addition to his pastoral duties, serving as a part-time teacher of Bible and Quakerism at John Wesley College.

Since entering the ministry 20 years ago he has served Meetings at Hopewell in Randolph County, Plainfield in Chatham County, Spring in Alamance County, Pilot View and Deep Creek in Yadkin County, and Piney Woods in Perquimans County.

His areas of service also include serving as a public school teacher in Alamance County and brief sojourn at a missionary intern training school Farmington, Mich.

Among the guests for the observance at South Plainfield were Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Zachary of Graham, parents of Mrs. McEntire.

Faith Temple Baptist Church Gets Youth Pastor

Apr. 1, 1979 – Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, has a new youth pastor in the person of Dan Mittan who has participated in a church internship program at the church for the past three years.

Mittan has recently completed his studies towards a Bachelor of Arts degree in church camp administration at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C. And will go back there to receive his degree at the commencement exercises on May 30.

On Sunday, Mar. 25, he was both licensed and ordained into the ministry in a service at Faith Temple, beginning at 7 o'clock. The sermon of ordination was preached by the Rev. Adrian Pugh, associate pastor at Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

Also participation in the service was the Faith Temple pastor, the Rev. Richard Trogon, with whom Mittan has been associated during his period of church internship at Faith Temple.

His duties during the period of internship were varied, including visitation, working with the youth, assisting with matters pertaining to the physical upkeep of the church property, all under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Trogon.

His duties during this period were performed on weekends.

He will succeed as youth pastor at the church the Rev. Joe Farlow who has been serving as associate pastor and youth pastor. Farlow will continue as associated pastor but his additional duties will now be spent with the adults in the church congregation.

Other ministers in the church congregation, although not having official duties, are the Rev. Kenneth Symes, associate evangelist and vice president of Shalom International, Inc., the Rev. Gregg Coward, licensed by Faith Temple and a student at Greensboro Bible Institute, and the Rev. Mastin Cline, a 90-year-old retired coal-mining preacher from West Va.

The new youth minister at Faith Temple, Dan Mittan, is a native of Norfolk, Nebraska and lived in that area until enrolling as a student at Bob Jones University. While at Bob Jones he was a member of the Chi Delta Theta Society and first worked part time as a plumber there, later working as a security guard at the university.

Since coming to Randolph County he has accepted a position as deputy with Randolph County Sheriff's Department, assuming his duties on Mar. 22 after completing the required training at RTI.

Joe Farlow, whom he succeeds as youth pastor, serves also as a deputy sheriff in Randolph County.

Mittan is looking forward to having his mother, Mrs. Clare Mittan, and his sister

Susan, attend his graduation in May from Bob Jones University. He also has a brother, Roger, back home in Nebraska.

His father, Dwight Mittan, died in Feb. .

Reitzel Recalls Liberty Days

Apr. 3, 1979 – Hugh Philmore Reitzel, 95, is spending his retirement day in the town of Liberty where he grew to young manhood. He came back to the town in 1972 after having been gone for 70 years.

When he returned, there was very little to remind him of boyhood days. He said "all the people I knew as a boy had died and there was a new crowd running the town;"

When he left, he said "everything was in the mud in Liberty and they have got waterworks now."

Hugh Reitzel was born Oct. 23, 1883, at Reitzel's Mill, which his father operated three miles northeast of Franklinville on Sandy Creek. His parents were George and Mary Fox Reitzel.

He first attended the tiny one-room school building which still stands on the premises at White's Chapel United Methodist Church. After his parents moved to Liberty, when he was still a young boy, he attended Liberty Normal College which he said wasn't a college.

He left Liberty as a young man at the age of 18 to work in a furniture factory in High Point before going to Richmond, Va., in 1905 to attend a business college there. His studies included bookkeeping, grammar and spelling.

His first job was in a book store for \$25 a month. "Although everything was cheap then," he said, "it was still starvation wages." He remained at the book store for five years. While on this job he said he couldn't come home much because he could not afford it.

His next job was as a salesman with the Virginia Stationery Co., where he remained for 50 years. The products he sold included bank and courthouse supplies and he traveled the entire state of Virginia and sometimes came to the eastern section of North Carolina.

When he first began this job there were no hard surfaced roads in Virginia, so he traveled by automobile in the summer months, in the winter months he went by train.

He said when the hard surfaced roads first came into existence some of the people were prejudiced against them. Two reasons were given, the cars scared the horses and they felt that the concrete would "stove up" a horse that had to walk on it.

He said there was a law in Virginia back then that when a motorist met a horse-drawn vehicle he would have to stop his car, get out and help lead the horse by the automobile.

After retiring from Virginia Stationery Co. after 50 years, he became employed in a similar position with Cole, Hardin, and James Stationery Co., and worked with them for five years before he finally retired at the age of 80. He said, "I could have kept on working."

But he still remained in the city of Richmond which had become his home after 67 years of residence there. After his retirement he lived for five years in the Imperial Plaza, a nine-story rest home for retired people, with a capacity for 800 people. He said, "you always had somebody to talk to."

Having never married, he stayed to boarding houses during his lengthy stay in Richmond. During the week, while on his travels over the state, he stayed in hotels. It was a needless question but when asked about his feelings concerning the place in which he lived so long, he simply said, "I liked Richmond very well."

When he came back to Liberty he established residence with a niece in the uptown home of his late brother, Roy Reitzel. Another brother, Guy Reitzel, is still living in Liberty.

His homecoming has been hampered somewhat because of an operation for cataracts on his eyes. Because of this condition he doesn't drive his car anymore.

But he eats with the other senior citizens in their daily meal in the old town hall building across the street from where he stays. Then, for further diversion he enjoys eating out of town, accompanied by a companion, Mrs. Mae Smith, a lifelong resident of the Liberty area.

Mrs. Smith drives his automobile for him and the two of them often have dinner at Bill's Restaurant in Siler City, the K & W Cafeteria at the Holly Hill Mall in Burlington and the Shrimp Boat Restaurant near Brown's Cross Roads. Speaking of the latter, he said "that's a great place, isn't it?"

Discussing briefly his financial condition, he said "I've made more money since I quit work than I did while I was working." He was referring to the stock market and when asked if he did pretty good, he replied, "yes I did. I made some money on the stock market. I came out ahead and I am going to stay ahead."

Note-burning Ceremony Held Parsonage Building Is Paid For

Apr. 15, 1979 – A note-burning ceremony occurred Sunday, Apr. 8, at the Seagrove United Church of Christ. A fellowship supper followed the note-burning service which began at 4 p. m.

The mortgage consumed in the symbolic burning was on the amount of \$15,000 borrowed on the new parsonage building which was occupied by the minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. William Hodnett, on Mar. 2, 1978.

The indebtedness was paid off on Mar. 1 of this year, exactly three years from Feb. 29, 1976 when the church voted to become a full time station, severing itself from the circuit on which it had been attached throughout the years of its existence.

At first it appeared that the heavy snow on Sunday, Feb. 18, when the church canceled its service, would prevent the paying off in the three-year-period. The finance committee had planned to announce on that Sunday that a special effort to relieve the remaining indebtedness of \$3,000 would be made on the next Sunday, Feb. 25.

However, the special effort was successful despite no prior announcement and the amount needed, plus \$241, was received by Tuesday, Feb. 27, allowing the building

fund treasurer, Mrs. Martha Comer, to pay off the note on the anniversary date of the church becoming a station.

Participating in the note-burning service were Mrs. Kitty Smith, who offered the prayer, Gene Bumgarner, who gave a brief history of the church, and remarks from Jeffry Trotter, chairman of the deacon board and Beauford Greene, who represented the trustee board.

Committees involved in the construction of the parsonage included the site committee, Amos Farlow, Bichel Hancock, and Ivey Luck; building committee, Clinton Comer, Harvey Fouts, Beauford Green, Steve Robbins, Roger King, and ray Sikes; parsonage finance committee, Gene Bumgarner, martha Comer, Grady Greene, Jerry Trotter, and Kitty Smith; and decorating committee, Marha Comer, Sue Greene, Kitty Smith, and Joan Hodnett.

Land on which the new parsonage was located was provided by Mr. And Mrs. Ivey (Ruby) Luck and Hoyt Wright. The building consists of four bedrooms, living room, den, dining room, kitchen area, utility room, and carport. One of the bedrooms is being utilized as a pastor's study. Total cost of the building was \$50,138. 97.

Seagrove United Methodist Church of Christ, formerly known as the Seagrove Christian Church, was organized Nov. 29, 1915. However, services which preceded its organization began before the Civil War when the first known Christian church was located near the old Gollihorn Spring near the present school. This church, whose pastor was the Rev. Lewis Parks, was burned during the Civil War.

Other sites, after a lapse of several years, included a brush arbor at the site which later became the Eli Leach home, the Masonic Hall owned by W. L. Stutts, the school building north of Seagrove, and then the first church building, erected at the time of organization, in the same area. The building at the present site was occupied in 1941.

The present minister, the Rev. William Hodnett, and his wife came to the pastorate Feb. 28, 1977. The minister is a native of Lanett, Ala., and his previous pastorate since entering the ministry in Sept., 1961 have been at Shamut, Ala., 10 years, and West Point, Ga., five years.

His wife, the former Joan Harnny is a native of Bourmouth, England. The couple became acquainted and were married while both of them were serving with the military forces in Italy during World War II. He was serving with the U. S. Army and she was serving with the British ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service), equivalent to the American WAC (Women's Army Corps). They have three grown children, none of whom are residing with them.

The minister, speaking of their reception in the Seagrove area said "we feel like we belong, we've been so well received." Referring to the efforts last month towards raising the money to clear the indebtedness, he said "It was amazing, it was a beautiful response."

Conference officials on hand for the note-burning service were Dr. Edwin M. Alcor, Associational Minister of the Western North Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ, and the Rev. Banks D. Shepherd, Chairman of the Commission on Church Life and Leadership of the same conference.

The Largest Family At Special Services

Apr. 20, 1979 – Twenty-eight members of the family of Mrs. Viridia Hughes Lambeth, including herself, were present at the observance of Family Day at Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro Sunday, Apr. 8.

This family, the largest extended family in attendance was presented with a large cake appropriately inscribed for the occasion. Other family groups were also recognized. Everyone present was pinned with a blue ribbon and presented with a bookmark.

Members of the Lambeth family in attendance besides Mrs. Lambeth, included Mr. And Mrs. Odell Lambeth, their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. And Mrs. Joe Don Lambeth, and their grandchildren, Bobby and Lorraine Callicutt.

Also present were Mr. And Mrs. Olan Lambeth and their sons, Sidney, Keith, and Andy. Mr. And Mrs. Luther Hughes and their children, Tammy and Timmy, Mr. And Mrs. Raeford Varner and their sons, Jimmy and Steven, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Allred and their children, Belinda Allred and Billy Dalton.

Odell and Olan Lambeth, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Varner and Mrs. Allred are children of Mrs. Viridia Lambeth.

The family day observance at the church was held to encourage the families to attend the services as a complete family unit, according to the pastor, the Rev. Steve Saunders. The minister preached on "The Importance of the Family," using as his text: "But if any provide not for his own, and especially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel."

A family dinner followed the service, for which there was standing room only in the fellowship hall.

The church was also filled to capacity on Easter Sunday for the presentation of an Easter cantata "Alive" and the revival message by Dr. William S. Deal.

Richardson's Work Aids March of Dimes

May 2, 1979 – H. Clendon Richardson, March of Dimes chairman for the Ulah-Flag Springs communities for the past 15 years, has turned in his largest amount (\$26,105) since he became the local drive chair-man.

This 1979 figure, added to previous amounts raised since 1964, brings his grand total to \$166,778. 29.

Bringing greater significance to this achievement is Richardson's affliction with polio since the age of 14. His affliction left him with paralysis from the neck down.

It also left him with a great enthusiasm and appreciation for the work of the March of Dimes. He became one of the drive's greatest exponents and its leading fund raiser locally.

In the earlier years of the drives in which he has engaged, he was assisted by his mother, Mrs. H. L. Richardson, who also became a familiar figure in the area before, during and after the traditional drives each year.

But as her health failed, Colon Richardson, Mrs. Richardson's grandson and Clendon's nephew, moved in to take her place as chauffeur, solicitor, and in other areas which required physical assistance. He became of driving age about the time Mrs. Richardson was forced to give up some of her duties.

When Clendon first began his fund raising activities for the March of Dimes 15 years ago, he started off with a gospel singing, and soon expanded it to include an auction sale and public supper.

But the big increase in drive receipts came when started the Zooland Walk-A-Thon for the March of Dimes back in 1974. This year was his sixth annual sponsorship for the walk-a-thon. Participation in this event has reached more than 1,000 people.

Walk-A-Thon receipts this year amounted to \$19,574. 42. The remaining funds, bringing the total amount to \$26,105, came from the gospel singing, the auction sale, the supper and its related activities, individual and church donations, and a candle sale by three young people on the streets of Asheboro.

This latter sale by Stacy, David, and Sandra York enabled Clendon to exceed by \$5 his last year's receipts of \$26,100.

The annual awards ceremony for winners in the walk-a-thon and the presentation of the check of \$26,105 for this year's receipts occurred Sunday morning, Apr. 22, at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church.

Walk-A-thon winners included Les Meires, first male to finish (time: two hours and nine minutes); Deborah Bittle, first female to finish and a two-time winner; Clyde Gregson, 60, oldest person to finish; Darren Lucas, 5, youngest person to finish; and the six people turning in the most money; Lee Bumgarner, \$428, Debbie Sexton, \$188, Les Meires and Carol Phillips, tied for third place with \$180 each, Margie Maness, \$146, and Reid Chiaholan, \$145.

Blacksmith Yarborough Recalls Boyhood Days

May 3, 1979 – John P. Yarborough, 2015 Holland St., got a job shoeing horses and mules at Camp Lee, Va., during the first part of World War I. Just before the war was over he enlisted in the army and served in the army of occupation.

On Apr. 26, he observed his 80th birthday. After many years of hard work his health failed him about two years ago when he had a stroke. His wife, the former Beulah Williams, suffered a stroke a year later.

But, he recalls his boyhood days on the farm in Richmond County where he learned the blacksmith trade at the age of 14 or 15 from his father, Clarence Yarborough. He said "it takes a pretty stout man to shoe a horse."

When he left the farm he went to work in the Steigh Silk Mill in High Point where he learned to fix looms. After staying there for 12 or more years he went to work in the textile mill in Robbins where he met and married his wife, a native of Moore County.

After staying there about 20 years he came to Asheboro "to help start up Klopman Mills" where he worked as a loom fixer for about the same time he worked at Robbins. Reflectively, he said "I've done a right smart of mill work."

Even after retiring 11 years ago he has, as he expressed it, "patched around." Since then, before his illness, he worked as a watchman or in similar capacities at Union Carbide, Asheboro Hosiery Mill, Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., and for a short while at Walker Shoe Co.

Also, at one time, mixed in between his mill work, he and his wife lived in Candor where he operated a peach orchard for two years.

But his working days are over. Both he and his wife, although able to be up and around, are not able to do any work. They receive assistance from a nurse who makes daily calls and a woman who comes in to help with the household duties. Mrs. Yarborough is 83.

Their two sons, Johnnie and J. D., also live in the Asheboro vicinity and their daughter, Faye Chappel, lives in Candor.

Perfect Attendance Records Set by Pair

May 30, 1979 – Two members of the 1979 graduating class at Southwestern Randolph High School, Jimmy Farrell Needham and Stanley William (Stan) Welborn – have never missed a day at school.

They have attended the same schools since they started 12 years ago at Brower Elementary. They went to Seagrove School for the 9th grade before completing their three remaining years at Southwestern.

They come from the same community on Rt. 1, Seagrove, they have been friends and "buddies" since childhood and they are both 18 years of age.

Both attend the services at Antioch Christian Church, Jimmy has 16 years of perfect attendance at Sunday School and Stan has 15 years of perfect attendance.

Both are vocational students at Southwestern – Jimmy attends the cabinet making classes and Stan attends the classes for bricklayers.

They ride to school together in the same car. Before that, they rode on the same bus to school at Seagrove and to Southwestern. They are together socially during the weekends and they plan to go to the beach together after graduation.

Both have Mustang automobiles Jimmy getting his just before he became 16 years of age and Stan waiting a year later to purchase his sister's Mustang after she got married.

Employment wise their paths will not cross after graduation, June 8. Jimmy will continue to assist his father on the farm while Stan will accept employment as a bricklayer and related duties with Thompson Arthur Paving Co.

Randolph County Couple Celebrate Their 68th Wedding Anniversary

May 31, 1979 – A beautiful country, residence, situated on Highway 49 west of Farmer, is occupied by Carson Cranford, 93, his wife Lla nearly 86, and their son, Lester.

The Rt. 2, Denton residence of Mr. and Mrs. Cranford is more than 100 years old. It is surrounded by four large maple trees, which they set out when they moved there 67 and a half years ago, a large oak tree and many flowers and shrubs.

On Monday, the couple observed their 68th wedding anniversary. They spoke their marriage vows while seated in a buggy on a Sunday afternoon in the yard of the old Bombay Academy, which both of them attended. They were accompanied by two other couples, also traveling with horse and buggy.

Carson Clark Cranford came to the community in which they now live with his parents, Alson and Hannah Haltom Cranford, from Davidson County when he was just beginning to grow into young manhood. He was born in Davidson County in sight of the Randolph County line.

Some time afterwards Mrs. Cranford's parents, Milton Worth Cranford and Priscilla Kearns Cranford, moved from her birthplace on Tom's Creek, near Salem Methodist Church, to a place across the road from where Mr. Cranford already lived. She was 12 years old at the time.

In fact, Mrs. Cranford said her future husband helped to move her family on wagons. At that time, however, she said, "I didn't think I would ever court him." When she really got acquainted with him she also "thought he was the ugliest boy I had ever seen."

When their courting did start, there was no problem of transportation since, as Mr. Cranford said, "she lived just

across the road. I didn't need no mule, buggy or nothing." He didn't really own an automobile until several years after their marriage.

Ila Floe Cranford recalled her first school days at Salem, a one-room building with a large fireplace, where she excelled in spelling. She remembers her father coming in a buggy to take her home from school when it rained. She said the water in Tom's Creek would be so high she had to sit on top of the buggy seat to keep from getting wet as they crossed the creek.

Mr. Cranford also excelled while attending the Bombay academy, winning the speaking contest for boys at the commencement exercise at his Governor Charles Brantley Aycock was the speaker. He recalls that the eloquent statesman presented him the medal which he won.

Mr. And Mrs. Cranford lived for six months after their marriage in a two-room house on the land which he had bought prior to their marriage. Then they moved to the five-room dwelling at their present site, adding four more rooms after moving.

Besides their son they are also the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Melva Reynolds of star, and they have four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. They are members of Salem United Methodist Church where Mrs. Cranford had maintained perfect attendance in the Famer Homemakers Club for 39 years. She attended the meeting of the club the day before she went to the hospital, where she remained more than 10 weeks at two different periods.

Mrs. Cranford, always an active person, finds it a bit unusual not to be able to do things she had been in the habit of doing throughout her lifetime.

As a child she helped her father in the fields and since her marriage she had occupied herself with household duties, the care of her flowers and outside plants, and the affairs of her club. For 20 years she was employed at the school cafeteria in Farmer, doing the things she liked to do best.

Except for "waiting on myself" she has discontinued all of these activities since her illness. She spends much of her time in bed. Always an excellent cook, she said, "I want to cook cakes so bad, I don't know what to do."

But her friendliness, her neighborliness and compassion for people is bearing fruit. "So many people come to see me, they give me gifts, flowers, and so much food," she said. There is hardly a time when there is not a cake in the refrigerator which somebody brought.

Her husband, although seven years her senior, is faring better health wise than she is. He mows the huge lawn with a riding mower. Recently he stood in the bed of his pickup truck and picked cherries. He also retains his driver's license and uses it whenever needed.

He recalls hauling lumber to Ross' Lumber Yard in Asheboro on a two-horse wagon as a young man, an all day trip at a time when the main street in Asheboro was just a muddy road.

Mount Tabor United Methodist Chapel Holds Its Annual Celebration

June 8, 1979 – Since 1952 an annual memorial service has been held at the Mount Tabor United Methodist Memorial Chapel in Jackson Creek on the fourth Sunday in May. The service this year was May 27.

Formerly the Mount Tabor Methodist Church, the first date associated with the founding of the church was 1840. The first services were held in the North Bend Schoolhouse

located near Bescher's Cemetery, also known as North Bend Cemetery, a mile or so southwest of the present site.

The first church building, a log structure, was erected in 1843, just across the road from the present site, situated where Andrews' Store now stands.

The present building, a small frame structure with two front doors, was built in 1881 on land donated by James Seabert Ragan and his wife, Marinda Nance Ragan.

Regular workshop services at Mount Tabor were discontinued Jan. 20, 1950. At that time the membership had dropped to 21 and only the family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert White had been in attendance. When they moved the regular services ceased.

Mrs. Flora Nance Prevost, the last living member of Mount Tabor, died on Apr. 3, 1968.

It is believed that the last person baptized there was Robert Lee Nance, Jr. on the third Sunday in Aug. 1943.

Former trustees of the church and others associated with its leadership over the years, some of them still living, include Wyatt Nance, Henry Nance, Bennie W. Nance, J. C. (Dip) Ridge, Mrs. Ida M. Ridge, Alson (Liss) Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Surratt, Mr. and Mrs. Robert White, Oscar Pierce, Woodrow Ridge, Thomas Nance, Mr. and Mrs. John Briles, and Andrew Prevost.

Also, Jimmy Ragan, Mrs. Mary W. Ragan, Willie Ragan, N. S. Prevost, Peter Yates, Mrs. Flora N. Prevost, Mrs. Mamie Lackey Cranford, Mrs. Mabel Ridge Craven, Francenia Wood, Mr. Ocia Nance Gallimore, Mrs. Grace Nance Oglesby, Mrs. Esther B. Yates, Mrs. Mary Prevost Loflin, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Ridge, and Mrs. Clara Ritch Beck.

Since the church became a memorial association the organization has been governed by three trustees with Kent Ridge, John (Buck) Briles, and Richard Delk presently holding these positions.

Kent Ridge also serves as treasurer of the cemetery and chapel fund. The treasury contains about \$2,200 in a savings account and about \$800 in a checking account. The interest from the savings account is used for the upkeep of the 96-year old church building and the cemetery and the church grounds.

Formerly Kent Ridges' uncle, Woodrow Ridge, who died a year and a half ago, served for a long time as a trustee and as the treasurer for the association.

The old church building is only used twice a year for the memorial service the fourth Sunday in May and the Nance family reunion the fourth Sunday in Sept., except for occasional funerals which may be held in the building.

Serving as program chairmen for the memorial service this year were Mrs. Mary Prevost Loflin and Mrs. Chloe Nance. Named to serve for next year were Mrs. Martha Craven Lawrence and Mrs. Myrtle Ridge Thomas.

Wesleyans Celebrate Centennial

June 14, 1979 – Several members of the congregation at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church and other Wesleyan churches in Randolph County attended the Centennial celebration of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Church, Colfax District, Saturday, June 9, at Colfax.

The organization of the conference, formerly known as Wesleyan Methodist, occurred July 4, 1879, at the Shady Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in Colfax. Several Randolph County residents participated in its formation.

The Centennial observance was held early due to a division of the conference later this month as a culmination of the merger of the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness denominations which began 10 years ago.

The merger resulted in east and west districts of the merged conferences in North Carolina, effective with the convening of the two former conferences on June 15.

A history of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist church notes that among four elders and seven local preachers present for the organization of the conference were T. F. Sechrest and James McDowell, local preachers of Randolph County.

Among the 15 laymen in attendance were H. C. Williams, D. S. Cox, Manley Coble, Joel Ashworth, J. C. Connor, Isaac Hoover, Albert Ridge, William Parks, and Lewis Voncannon, also of Randolph County.

In 1847 the first Wesleyan Methodist minister, Rev. Adam Crook, came to North Carolina to organize the denomination in this state, following the beginning of the national organization which was formed in 1843 by those who were opposed to slavery.

The first Wesleyan Methodist church building in North Carolina and the south, Freedom's Hill, located near Snow Camp in Alamance County, was dedicated in 1848.

The second church building to be completed was either Caraway or Flint Hill in Randolph County. Other meeting places in Randolph County were Franklinville, Rocky Ridge, Cool Springs, Craven's Schoolhouse and Pierce's Chapel, in addition to other services being held at private places.

None of the above meeting places survived but other meetings – High Pine, organized in 1878; Neighbors Grove which started as Piney Woods in 1879; Hoover's Grove – organized soon thereafter; and other churches organized later have continued in existence.

Earlier efforts of the denomination in Randolph County, prior to the organization of the above churches, were marked by violence towards those who were involved in the initial efforts.

Rev. Daniel Worth of Indiana was tried in both Guilford and Randolph counties for distribution of incendiary materials. During the trial in Randolph County, lightning struck the old courthouse in Asheboro and court officials deliberated as to whether the trial should continue.

The Rev. Mr. Worth, a cousin of Gov. Jonathan Worth, a Randolph native, told them to proceed with the trial, stating that before the matter was settled they would hear the thunder of cannons. This prediction soon became true with the beginning of the War Between the States.

The old Freedom's Hill church building in Alamance County was renovated and restored to its original state a few years ago through a project of the Wesleyan Youth of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church. Recently the old church structure was moved to the conference campgrounds at Colfax where it stood as a focal interest during the Centennial observance on June 10.

Preparations for a Centennial observance at the Neighbors Grove Church are being made for Aug. 5-12. The High Pine church held a similar observance last year.

Worship Service Honors The Memory Of "Aunt Molly" Capel

June 15, 1979 – A worship service at Melita Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, honored the memory of "Aunt Molly" Capel Sunday, June 10.

Both the white and the black joined in the tributes to the life and service of the outstanding black woman, who failed to reach her 100th birthday by only a few days.

"Aunt Molly" Luther Harris Capel was born Jan. 9, 1877 in the Caraway community, and died Dec. 31, 1976. Except for the last few years of her life, which she spent in the home of a nephew, Leo Luther of Asheboro, she lived in the community in which she was born.

She started working for other people in the community at the age of eight and continued in this capacity for most of her life. She was regarded as family by the white friends for whom she worked, a feeling which was shared by their children and grandchildren.

She regarded the children in the neighborhood as "her children," and they in turn loved her, respected her and submitted to her discipline. Two of them, Mrs. Betty Kindley Dunn and Bryce Robbins, spoke at the memorial service in her honor.

Addie Luther, her nephew's wife, led the service, which memorialized the life of "Aunt Molly." First, there was the "old-fashioned devotion" conducted by Mrs. Lillie Hoover, one of the church members, similar to the ones in which "Aunt Molly" formerly participated.

Mrs. Hoover recalled "Aunt Molly" sitting by the stove in the old building, leading her favorite songs and rising to "let you know what side she was on." Mrs. Hoover said "her devotion was her testimony."

Bryce Robbins said "she was always there in time of need. She lived in our homes for many years, she was one of our family."

Before going to live with her nephew, "Aunt Molly" had spent her nights in the Robbins home. A room had especially been provided for her use, even before the Robbins family lived there.

Mrs. Dunn, although recognizing the aged woman's strict disciplinary methods, said "Aunt Molly" taught me many things. She was always thinking of other people. She had a lot of love in her heart. She had her mind on things eternal."

Principal speaker for the occasion was the Rev. William E. Simmons, pastor of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, Rockingham, a Moore County school principal and former pastor of First United Church of Christ in Asheboro, where he had the occasion to know "Aunt Molly" Capel.

He said, "Aunt Molly was supreme before the Supreme Court handed down its decision on segregation. She touched the lives of so many people and we are indebted to her spirit. Because she lived so many of us have a firm foundation. She had no difficulty in knowing which way she was going."

Also participating in the service was the church pastor, the Rev. W. C. Brice and a former pastor, the Rev. T. J. Foster.

Because of Aunt Molly's contacts with the children of the community in which she lived and served, it was appropriate that the music and singing at her memorial service would be provided by the children's choir of the Mt. Zion church.

At the conclusion of the service a love offering amounting to \$450.22 was received to assist in providing a new roof for the church which is undergoing renovation at this time. Further donations may be sent to Mrs. Lila C. Lynn, 349 Railroad Street, Asheboro, church treasurer.

Mrs. Luther Feted On 93rd Birthday

June 20, 1979 – Mrs. Priscilla Aquilla Luther, oldest member of Oak Grove United Methodist Church, celebrated her 93rd birthday June 17 at the Brian Nursing Center in Asheboro where she has resided since Jan., 1978.

A former resident of Rt. 5, Asheboro, she is the daughter of the late Milton Hill and Nancy Louise Surratt Hill and a native of the New Hope township area.

Her husband, the late James Whitson (Jimmy) Luther, died in 1956. They resided just west of the Uwharrie River where their old homeplace still stands, in the vicinity of Lassiter's Mill and near the resident of their son, Joe Edward Luther.

The couple were also the parents of a daughter, Mrs. James (Pauline) Hodgin, 624 Spencer Avenue, Asheboro. Mrs. Luther has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Luther attended school at the old Farmer Academy and also taught school herself for a brief period. The schools she taught were Bell's Grove, near the Liberty United Methodist Church in New Hope township, Oak Grove Academy, near where she and her husband resided, and the uniquely-named Cow Scaffold School near Ophir in upper Montgomery County.

Only one of Mrs. Luther's brothers and sisters are still living, Mrs. Fannie Smith of Thomasville. One of her brothers was the late Rev. C. H. (Harris) Hill, a well-known Methodist minister of this area. One of her grandsons, Joe Luther, Jr., is also a Methodist minister.

At the age of 80, Mrs. Luther suffered a stroke, after which she began living with her son and daughter. She came to the nursing center after sustaining a broken leg. Since coming to the center she has occupied herself with making cushions, having made nearly 100 since the time of her latest illness.

The Oak Grove United Methodist Church honored their eldest member during their worship service on her 93rd birthday and also sent flowers to her room at the nursing center.

Couple Honored On 60th Wedding Anniversary

June 28, 1979 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Williams of Rt. 5, Asheboro, were honored on their 60th wedding anniversary during the opening Sunday School assembly at the High Pine Wesleyan Church on June 24.

Their entire family, with the exception of one grandson, sat with them as a family group while the church minister, the Rev. Leon Fowler, praised "their great love and service to this church."

A corsage was pinned on Mrs. Williams, a boutonniere on Mr. Williams, and Mrs. Leon Fowler, the pastor's wife, sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold." Following the morning worship service the family of Mr. and Mrs. Williams honored them further at a luncheon in the fellowship hall.

Their children are Mrs. H. S. (Allene) Little and A. J. Williams, Jr. of Rt. 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Frank (Leta) Rice of Rt. 4, Asheboro, Mrs. Charles (Martha) Crotts of Greensboro and Mrs. Donald (Thelma) Miller of Asheboro.

They have 10 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter, Angie Rice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Rice of Asheboro.

On Monday morning following their anniversary observance, Mr. and Mrs. Williams went back to the church to clean it up after the Sunday services. Despite their

advanced ages, they serve as caretakers of all the church buildings, the lawn and the cemetery. Mr. Williams will be 84 on July 18 and Mrs. Williams is 77.

Mr. Williams is still engaged in farming, he drives a tractor and raises corn and soy beans. Both of them work in their garden and Mrs. Williams does all of her housework and canning. She said "I work all the time. If you slow down, you get old."

They live at the place where Mr. Williams was reared in a house which he "put back" after two houses his father built burned. Their home is close to the High Pine Church, which both of them have attended throughout their lifetime and where they have been active members since 1941.

Mrs. Williams, the former Emma Parks, was reared on the Pisgah road, about three miles from where they live. Although the couple have known each other all their lives, their courtship started when Mr. Williams and his father ran a roller mill about a quarter mile from the place she was reared.

Their marriage occurred June 19, 1919 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Sherman Ridge in Asheboro. It took place on a Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Williams backing off from his duties at the mill and taking his prospective bride to their marriage site in a buggy drawn by a mule.

Until Mr. Williams slowed his activities 18 years ago, he had engaged in sawmilling work since the early age of 11. His specialty was hauling logs.

'39 Seagrove Class Meets

July 3, 1979 – Members of the 1939 graduating class at Seagrove High School celebrated the fortieth year of their graduation at a dinner Saturday evening, June 24, at Freeman's Restaurant in Seagrove.

Those present were Vera Staley King, Ruth Callicutt Lyndon, Grace Brown Voncannon, Wade Callicutt, Nellie Freeman Bean, Mildred Dorsett Stuart, Joyce King Scott, Carrie Lee Tedder Hayes, Blanche Greene Hancock, Birchel Hancock, Ruth Borroughs Cockerham, Lewis Borroughs, Alma Luther Auman and Marjorie Alexander York.

Also present were their English teacher, Mrs. Lena Flenniken, and their history teacher, James H. Lineberry.

One class member, Verna Lee King Staley, is deceased. Other members not present are Edith Auman Hogan, Rose Lee Auman Hall, Mozelle Boyles Nance, Ada Ruth Craven Weatherley, Charles Goley, Nieda King Sanford, Paul Luck, Mattie Trogdon Prevost, and Grady Voncannon.

Only two class members married each other, Birchel Hancock and Blanche Greene Hancock. Two members are sister and brother, Ruth Borroughs Cockerham and Lewis Borroughs.

This was the fifth reunion for the class. They have met every five years since their reunion 20 years following their graduation.

Army Buddies Visit

July 4, 1979 – An Asheboro man, Frank M. White, 1391 Sunset Drive, was reunited recently with two Army buddies whom he had not seen in 34 years.

The two men, Leon Morris and James Harris, of Greenville, N. C., were returning home from the first reunion of the 461st Anti-Aircraft Battalion in which all three men served during World War II.

The battalion, composed mostly of North Carolina troops, held its reunion in Asheville at the First Baptist Church there where Alden Angline, one of its members, is now serving as minister of education.

White was unable to attend the reunion due to having suffered a partial stroke a few years ago.

The reunion was held on the 35th anniversary of D-Day, when the assault troops of the American 1st Army stormed ashore at Omaha Beach in Normandy and forged a beachhead.

The anti-aircraft battalion, a specialized unit with larger weapons, of which Morris, Harris and White were a part, landed on Omaha Beach just behind the assault troops and forged a small wedge in the German line.

One member of the battalion, who married a French girl, returned to Europe last year and brought back with him a bag of the fine, gray sand of Omaha Beach. He divided it into small plastic containers and gave one to each member attending the reunion in Asheville.

Morris and Harris brought one of the containers to Frank White, along with an Army patch designating the 461st Anti-Aircraft Battalion.

A memorial service for deceased members, those who were killed on D-Day and those who have died since that time, was held at the reunion. Otherwise, it was a happy occasion for battalion members, most of whom had not seen each other since they dispersed in 1945.

Frank White also rejoiced at seeing two comrades, even though he did not get to attend the reunion, and for being remembered as one of the battalion members. He said some of the men served together through their training and combat and "seemed like brothers."

White retired from long employment at Bossong Hosiery Mill at the time of his illness. He is a member of Central United Methodist Church where he formally served as an usher and was active for a long period in the March of Dimes.

Auctioneering Family Adds Another Chanter

July 8, 1979 – A kindergarten teacher from Seagrove Elementary School has followed family tradition by completing the prescribed courses at Mendenhall School of Auctioneering in High Point.

Miss Annette King graduated from the school recently, receiving her diploma after extensive training over a 10-day period.

Others from Randolph County receiving diplomas were Barry Allen Brown, of Rt. 1, Franklinville, and Loy Furman Sellers of 630 Stowe Ave., Asheboro.

Miss King hopes to appear before the N. C. Licensing Board for Auctioneers before the end of Aug. and receive her license as a fully authorized auctioneer.

Her father, J. D. (Dewitt) King is a veteran auctioneer with 34 years of experience. He heads up the J. D. King Realty and Auction Co. More than three decades ago he received his initial training from the School of Auctioneering in Ft. Smith, Ark.

In recent years he has been joined in the realty and auction firm by his only son, J. D. (Jay) King, Jr. Jay has been an auctioneer since 1972, having received his training also at Mendenhall School of Auctioneering.

However, Annette points out that Jay had to attend the school for only a week and that he did not have to submit himself to a state examination to receive his license.

Annette was among 45 students from 12 states completing the requirements at the auction school in High Point. Five of the students were women.

In addition to practicing and developing their "chants," the students received training in contracts, consignment sales, and various other procedures.

But, as Annette stated, the first priority was "learning to say your numbers, forward and backwards, in fractions and whole numbers, and then developing your chant."

Various professional people, such as lawyers, bankers, realtors, appeared before the classes to assist in the training, particularly the technical and legal aspects.

Specialist auctioneers in areas such as antiques, cattle, cars, and salvage, also assisted with the different phases of auctioneering and in some instances the students attended these sales for observation.

Students also participated in the conduct of public sales which were held on each Friday night of the training period.

Annette said, "I've always been interested in auctions," but except for attending her father's sales, sometimes assisting as a clerk, she's had experience as an auctioneer only within the confines of the dormitories at college.

She is a graduate of Guilford College with a B. A. degree in Childhood Education. She graduated in three and a half years and became a first grade teacher at Farmer at mid-term immediately following the completion of her studies.

She returned to her alma mater at Seagrove the next fall and has taught a kindergarten class there for the past three years. She also coaches 7th and 8th grade volleyball and assists in coaching softball.

This Local Church Group Is Letting Its Views Be Known

July 13, 1979 – A group from Chimney Lane Church of God, Rt. 6, Asheboro, "concerned with what is going on and wanting to keep up with current events and let our views be known," have organized themselves as Freedom Fighters for Jesus.

Although they come from the local church and meet in the fellowship area every Tuesday night at 7 o'clock, they still term themselves as non-denominational and welcome other denominations to attend.

This is due to their interests extending across denominational lines and their concern over events which are happening around the world, in the United States, in the state of North Carolina, and here in Randolph County.

If something happens in a foreign country, they make their views known in a letter approved and signed as a group to the leaders of that country or the governmental head who is responsible for what has happened.

They exercise the same privilege with national and state officials and on the local level. Meeting with them on Tuesday, July 3 were Mrs. Clayton Vickrey and Mrs. Wayne Coble of Rt. 1, Staley, two of the three mothers whose sons were killed in an accident last Jan. at the intersection of Hwy. 64 and State Road No. 2481, near Eastern Randolph High School.

The Freedom Fighters, along with the parents of the three Eastern Randolph students who were killed in the accident, are concerned over what they feel is the lack of safety facilities at the intersection. They have made plans to assist

in the securing of names on petitions to remedy this deficiency.

It was disclosed at the meeting that 2,081 signatures on petitions to the State Department of Transportation had been secured and that efforts for additional signatures would be continued with the help of the Freedom Fighters for Jesus.

Director of the Freedom Fighters for Jesus is Art Kleiderer, who is associated with the Chimney Lane Child Development Center, sponsored by the Chimney Lane Church of God.

A nucleus group of 25 was formed at the beginning of the organization. It is an open age group and teenagers are particularly asked to join.

One of the projects planned is a bake sale to finance the ministry which the Chimney Lane Church of God has undertaken at the local prison camp.

Wesleyan Churches Brought Into Same Conference At Recent Meeting

July 20, 1979 – The recent alignment of two district conferences in the Wesleyan denomination in North Carolina brought 20 churches of the denomination in Randolph County into the same conference.

It is thought that this action established the largest block of Wesleyan churches within the same conference and the same county unit in the state of North Carolina and perhaps in the nation as well.

The first official action which eventually brought these churches together in the same conference occurred in the quadrennial conferences of The Wesleyan Methodist Church and The Pilgrim Holiness Church in 1966, at which time both national conferences voted to merge with each other.

The merging conference, at which time the final approval was voted, occurred two years later on neutral conference grounds in Anderson, Ind. Following the approval the name was changed to The Wesleyan Church.

The state or district conferences were asked to effect their own mergers and realignments before the convening of the third quadrennial conference after the vote to merge. The two district conferences in North Carolina, the North Carolina District at Colfax and the North Carolina District at Kernersville, were the last two conferences to comply with this request.

Their final votes of approval occurred at their district conferences in 1978. However, this year each district met briefly with its original group on Monday, June 25, before coming together in a communion service for both.

Church To Celebrate Centennial Aug. 5-12

July 25, 1979 – Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, 1928 N. Fayetteville St., will observe its Centennial celebration Aug. 5-12. Special services are planned for both Sundays of this period.

The church had its beginning on Aug. 9, 1879, as the Piney Woods Church, located about a half of a mile east of the present site.

Services were held in a brush arbor, located at the former E. S. Millsaps residence, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Harris Saunders. As far as is known, there was no other structure at Piney Woods.

However, the Piney Woods School, located nearby, was used for worship during inclement weather. It is assumed that the church received its name from the school.

The Piney Woods Church was started by Rev. David Linville, a Wesleyan Methodist minister from Indiana who came to North Carolina in 1875 to become a part of the mission efforts in this state.

On July 4, 1879, one month and five days before the first date associated with the Piney Woods Church, the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized at Shady Grove in Guilford County. The first president of the conference was the Rev. David Linville.

Among the seven local preachers present at the time of the organization of the conference was the Rev. T. F. (Tom) Sechrest, who was named pastor of the Randolph circuit, one of the three circuits which comprised the organization of the new conference. Piney Woods was a part of the Randolph Circuit.

The Rev. Mr. Sechrest lived less than a mile and a half north of the present site of Neighbors Grove. Also a noted evangelist, he served as conference president from 1888-1890.

Also present at the organization of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church on July 4, 1979, was J. C. (Commodore) Connor, a layman from the Piney Woods congregation, one of 15 laymen present for the organization of the conference.

Commodore Connor is one of three men identified in Piney Woods records with the date of Aug. 9, 1879. The others were L. H. Cross and J. H. (John Heck) Connor.

On July 6, 1886, James A. (Jimmy) Neighbors and wife, Rutha C. Neighbors, deeded a one-acre tract of land on the Old Plank Road to William C. Clapp, John H. Connor, and Joseph C. Pritchard as trustees of the Wesleyan Methodist Connection of America and the Piney Woods congregation moved to this site.

The name was changed to Neighbors Grove in honor of the donors of the land and in recognition of the grove of trees which were on the site at that time.

The first building at this site was a one-room wooden structure, unpainted, with a small front door, small windows on the sides, but none in front. The pulpit was small and the congregation sat on slatted benches.

The building was replaced with a larger wooden structure in 1915, to which Sunday School rooms were added later. In 1951 the building erected in 1915 was replaced with the present sanctuary which was erected along with a Sunday School plant consisting of 19 rooms, including a chapel.

Other buildings and additions include a youth fellowship building in 1958, the construction of a steeple on the sanctuary in 1965, and the erection of a new educational building in 1970.

Family Dinner Honors Blanche Hill

Aug. 1, 1979 – Mrs. Blanche Farlow Hill of 260 Linda Drive, Archdale, was honored Sunday, July 29 at a family dinner in the fellowship hall of Marlboro Friends Meeting commemorating her 80th birthday which occurs today.

Sponsoring the family event were her seven children, all of whom were present. They are Raeford Farlow, Mrs. Vergie Coltrane, Mrs. Clata Hardin and Mrs. Earlene Taylor of Rt. 1, Sophia, Mrs. Clarice McDowell of Rt. 2, Denton, Mrs. Pauline Allred of Rt. 2, Randleman, and Mrs. Wilma Cook of 200 Pineview Street.

A brother, Roscoe Hill, was also present along with some of her 18 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Speaking briefly and offering the prayers before the meal was the Rev. Bill Barnes, pastor of Sophia Baptist Church where a daughter and son-in-law attend.

A native of the Flint Hill area, Mrs. Hill's parents were James Milton Hill and Corinna Smith Hill. Her first husband, Lawrence Farlow, died in 1950. Her last husband, William (Will) Hill, died in 1978.

Mays Honored On Anniversary

Aug. 2, 1979 - Mr. and Mrs. James R. May of Rt. 1, Franklinville were honored at a reception in the fellowship hall at Bethany United Methodist Church Sunday, July 29 on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. John Coble, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Coble, Mr. and Mrs. Toy Johnson, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. May, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Varner, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Routh, Mr. and Mrs. Vernace Pugh, and Mrs. Rosie Varner.

Mr. and Mrs. May were married July 31, 1954 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. May is the former Mamie Louise Johnson, daughter of the late William and Louella Allred Johnson, and a native of the vicinity in which the couple live.

Mr. May, a native of Guilford County, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank May, who lived near Liberty. He is an employee of Founders Furniture Co. in Pleasant Garden.

Both Mr. and Mrs. May are members of the Bethany Church.

Among those present at the reception were Mr. May's twin brother, Thomas May, and his sister-in-law, Mrs. Thomas May.

Founding Fathers Honored At Special Service

Aug. 2, 1979 - Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, dedicated a new sound system and honored their founding fathers at a special service Sunday, July 29.

Originally the small congregation had planned to buy an amplifier, a microphone and four speakers, but the response to their project was so great they purchased another microphone, chimes and an outside speaker with money left over to put a steeple on the church and purchase carpet for the front steps.

The new sound system was dedicated to the memory of Adam Comer and Henry Hancock who started the church shortly after the beginning of the century. In charge of the project were Aubrey Hancock, grandson of the two men who were honored and his cousin, Billy Page, whose mother was Lula Hancock Page.

The first meeting site for the church was a brush arbor, located at the present site near the graveyard. The congregation sat on wooden planks, supported by wooden blocks, for services once a month.

Later the congregation moved to a little log schoolhouse situated several hundred yards from the present site, where they worshipped until around 1908 when they came back to the present site.

Henry Hancock donated an acre of land and Adam Comer, along with others, sawed the timber and started the church. Joe Smith also assisted with the beginning of the church and he, along with Henry Hancock and Adam Comer, comprised the first board of trustees.

Frank Cagle was the first pastor and the choir was led by Henry Hancock. A Sunday School was started and special emphasis on the revival meeting which were held for an extended period. For those services the people stopped their farm work, prepared to "board" the visiting evangelists, and met in groups in the woods to pray.

During the depression, improvements to the church area provided some of the people in the community with WPA employment. Changes were made in the Sunday School by dividing the classes with curtains made from dyed tow sacks. Gas lamps and lanterns replaced oil lamps for the night services.

Although Sunday School rooms were added in 1940, the members felt around 1956 that the old church had outlived its usefulness and they began plans for a new church structure. Once again they took the initiative by furnishing the materials and labor.

The cemetery was started at the time of the death of Tealy King Hancock, wife of Henry Hancock, in 1923. Before his death in 1932, Henry Hancock stipulated that additional land be given the cemetery. Adam Comer and his wife, Betsy McNeill Comer, are buried in the cemetery at Union Grove Baptist Church.

Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church to Celebrate 100th Anniversary

August 3, 1979 - Both the past and the present will be emphasized at the 100th anniversary observance of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, 1933 North Fayetteville Street, this Sunday and Sunday, August 12.

On Sunday, the congregation will revert back to the beginning of the church on August 9, 1879 when the worship services were held in a brush arbor at Piney Woods, located a half mile east of the present site.

A Brush Arbor at the present site, to which the church was moved seven years after its organization, has erected under the supervision of local contractor Clegg Pritchard, who is chairman of the centennial committee.

It will be under this brush arbor that the worship services for Sunday will be held at 11am and 2:30pm.

Both services will feature five former pastors, a former assistant pastor and the widow of a former pastor who will reflect on the time they served at the church.

In the morning the Rev. Paul E. Allred, the Rev. Hoover E. Smith and the Rev. Michael Engle will speak. Speaking in the afternoon will be the Rev. J.C. Reynolds, the Rev. R. Sam Parker, the Rev. Richard H. Kindachi and Mrs. Walter M. Phaup.

A ladies sextet from the church will render special music in the morning service. In the afternoon the church quartet and a quartet composed of former pastors will sing.

Between services on Sunday, a dinner will be held in the youth building, to which the congregation and their guests are invited to attend.

The future of the church will be reflected in the services on Sunday, August 12 which will be held in the sanctuary.

In the morning at 11 am, the Rev. Dewey O. Miller, a former district superintendent, will speak on the subject "I Have Set Before You An Open Door." Various musical groups within the church will sing.

In the evening at 7 o'clock the sanctuary choir, assisted by the youth and children's choir, will present a sacred musical performance entitled "The Church Alive" written by Derrick Johnson and Otis Skillings. This will be presented the

direction of the Rev. Randy A. Haithcock, assistant pastor and music director.

On both Sundays there will be a historical display in the narthex of the church, containing memorabilia of the years which are past.

The Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, pastor of the church, will preside over the centennial services. The public is invited to attend all the services.

Former members of the congregation and those whose ancestors were a part of the early church are particularly invited to be present.

Couple Feted On 40th Anniversary

August 7, 1979 - The four daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney E. Davis of Rt. 6, Asheboro, honored their parents on their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, July 29 at the Davis home.

Hostesses at a reception for family members from 2-4 pm were Mrs. Eloise Wright of Rt. 2, Randleman, Mrs. Kathy Bonkemeyer, Mrs. Nelda Luck and Mrs. Juanita Sheron of Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Floyd Davis, A son of Mr. and Mrs. Davis, is deceased. Other members of the immediate family include nine grandchildren.

Mr. Davis is the son of the late Luther Davis and Annie Phillips Davis Scott. He is a retired employee of J.P. Stevens and Co. in the Randleman.

Mrs. Davis is the former Nellie Ruth Hall, daughter of the late Edwin Hall and Minnie Lehman Hall.

The couple were married July 22, 1939 by the Rev. H.P. Powell, who at that time was pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

They attend services at Gospel Chapel Church on Highway 64 East of Asheboro.

Couple Feted on Anniversary

August 8, 1979 - Mr. and Mrs. Claude E. Swaney of 838 Morgan Avenue, celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary at a family gathering Sunday, August 5 in the fellowship room at the Asheboro Housing Authority on West Wainman Avenue.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Swaney are natives of the Tabernacle Township and until recently resided on Rt. 2, Asheboro for most of their lives.

Mrs. Swaney is the former Bessie Jane McDowell, the daughter of the late Frederick Lewallen (Bud) McDowell and Julie Elbertson McDowell. Mr. Swaney's parents were the late Robert Clark Swaney and Lucretia Seabolt Swaney.

The couple were married August 14, 1922 at the courthouse in Asheboro. At the time of their marriage, Mr. Swaney was 17 years of age and Mrs. Swaney was nearly 16.

Their children are Mrs. Trella Claudine Beane of Asheboro, Dempsey Edward Swaney and Mrs. Inez Burcham of Rt. 2, Asheboro and Claude Swaney Jr. of Rt. 7, Asheboro. They have 18 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Deceased children are Maglene May, Fannie Marie, Garland and Henry Lee.

At the age of 74, Mr. Swaney still does the same kind of work which he started doing 63 years ago. At the age of 11, he started hauling crossties and has been sawmilling, logging and cutting wood since that time.

The only difference is that he has slowed somewhat. He said he started hauling crossties before he was big enough to harness the team which pulled the wagon. His first outside job was at about the age of 13 or 14 when he worked on a nearby farm from "daylight to dark" for 15 cents.

At various times he has held jobs at the P&P Chair Co. and the cotton mill in Franklinville and did sawmilling on the side.

In the late twenties, he worked at night at the Hoover Hill Gold Mine, firing the boiler which pumped water out of the mine. His job required that he go down 390 feet into the mine every two hours and oil the pump.

During this same period of time he also hauled logs in the daytime.

Mrs. Swaney has also worked at various industrial plants along with her household duties.

Over 500 At Graves' Birthday Celebration

August 8, 1979 - WHYNOT Dolphia Randolph (Dolphie) Graves received friends on his 100th birthday while lying on a hospital bed in the large two-story residence in which he lives on Rt. 1, Seagrove.

At least 500 people registered for the festivities which celebrated his Centennial year. There were some who failed to put their names down.

The aged man made a brief appearance on the front porch to listen to the ceremonies which preceded the sumptuous meal which was served from long tables placed on the shady side of the house.

He was unable to walk even with the assistance of his "walkers" due to an accident and a broken bone two weeks previous to the birthday celebration. He was brought out to the front porch in a wheel chair.

He only stayed outside long enough for the singing of "Happy Birthday" a tribute from Superior Court Judge hal hammer Walker, a family friend, and a prayer from the Rev. Tommy Walker, pastor of Huldah Baptist Church which Mr. Graves joined around 1905.

Among the large crowd in attendance were relatives and friends from various states other than North Carolina. A former resident, who doesn't come back often, said "how can you pass up the opportunity of helping a man to celebrate his 100th birthday."

After they had finished eating, the throng of people milled about on the spacious lawn, visiting with each other, and then forming a line to see and speak a word to the 100 year old man as he laid on his hospital bed.

They approached the bed with deference and respect and seemingly in awe to be in the presence of a man that old.

Mr. Graves was attended throughout the day by his daughter, Martha, a trained nurse, who came with her husband, William Elijah Lucas, Back to her homeplace six years ago from Newport News, Va., to care for her father and to assume the responsibilities of the household.

Other children of Mr. Graves include Ottis Graves, Harwood Leach Graves, Dolphia Clyde Graves, and Mrs. Dellamale Cagle.

"Dolphie" Graves was first married to Delilah Moore and three children were born in this union - Ottis, Philmore, who died some years ago, and Jesse, who died at about the age of two.

After the death of his first wife, he married Della Leach and the other children were born, including Martha's twin,

William, who died in infancy. His last wife died 30 years ago.

Dolphia Randolph Graves was born August 5, 1879, about two miles across the mountain from where he now lives in a house, part log and part frame with a high fireplace. The house is now occupied by his oldest son, Ottis, who will be 77 years old in October.

He left this place early in life, bought a team of mules and a wagon, and started hauling logs. His sawmilling took him to Montgomery County and then to Richmond County, where he operated a shingle mill before returning in 1905 to his native vicinity and to the place where he now resides.

Although he formerly sawmilled and dealt with timber, his main vocation has been farming in his late 80's he became the first breeder of Charolais cattle in this vicinity.

He pioneered along with others in the establishment of the Randolph Electric Membership Corp. in 1939 and he was elected to the first board of directors, serving there for 21 years before resigning after he had reached the age of 80.

This writer gave way to long time friends who wanted to speak to Mr. Graves on his 100th birthday. But a little over six years ago, when he auctioned off some of his property to make way for the return of his daughter and son-in-law, he talked mostly about his faith in God.

He said, "god is the richest thing you can own, money ain't nothing, be prepared to meet God." He also told a friend at that time, "I'd be better off if the good Lord would call me."

But he also had a sense of humor, saying, "I told them his daughter and son-in-law, when they get the house all fixed up. I was going to tell them to get out and I'm going to find me another woman."

His family expressed their appreciation to all of those who came and helped to make the 100th birthday of their father such a memorable occasion. Mrs. Lucas reports that the celebration was not injurious to his condition. She said he slept well that night even after greeting all of the people who came in to see him.

Surprise Program Honors Former Baptist Minister

August 10, 1979 - The Acteens organization at Central Falls Baptist Church planned a surprise "This is Your Life" program in honor of former pastor, the Rev. G. G. Settlemyre, in observance of his 93rd birthday which occurred August 2.

On Sunday morning, July 29, an elaborate program was planned, involving the pastor, the Rev. J. C. Mangum, the chairman of the deacon board, Zeb W. Davis, the church choir under the direction of Mack Strider and various others who planned to represent various phases in the life and ministry of the aged minister.

But the planners didn't take into consideration the fiery zeal of the Rev. Settlemyre, a veteran minister with 60 years of experience. Although bowed with age and suffering a hearing deficiency, he still likes to preach the gospel which he has expounded these many years and that is just what he did on the program planned in his honor.

The choir waited to sing his favorite songs, sometimes standing while he continued to proclaim his love for Jesus and to point to out to the large congregation their need for righteousness and salvation.

He extended the invitation for repentance after apologizing for being unprepared, saying, "if I had known I was going to speak, I would have got up something to say."

He was pleased when Mrs. Rachel Robinson, co-director of the Acteens, along with Mrs. Ruth Eddinger, read a special birthday card from President and Mrs. Carter, saying, "he is the first president that ever wrote to me."

He also beamed when the choir and congregation sang "Happy Birthday" to him. He paraphrased their words as he shouted, "thank God for you, God bless everyone of you."

Many times during the program his exuberance manifested itself and he interrupted the parade of speakers and the reading of messages from friends and relatives who were unable to be present.

Two of those who appeared were Mr. and Mrs. John B. (June) Hill Jr., whose marriage ceremony he performed in the old church during his 15 years of pastorate at the Central Falls church.

Mrs. Hill, the former Irene York, recalled that she asked him one Sunday morning after the service "if he would marry her." The minister told her "he couldn't because he was already married."

The Rev. Settlemyre is a native of McDowell County who quit school at an early age and went to work in a mill. However, he was barbering at the time he entered the ministry.

He served as a Wesleyan Methodist minister for 25 years before becoming a Baptist minister, the same as his father had been before him.

It was recalled during the program that during the polio epidemic he went into the various homes in the community and cut the hair of the children who were not allowed to leave their homes during the siege.

A new church building was erected during his pastorate at Central Falls. After leaving Central Falls he served as the visiting minister at Balfour Baptist Church and in the pastorate of the Antioch Baptist Church.

Church Burns Redeemed Bonds

August 12, 1979 - One hundred thousand dollars worth of redeemed bonds were burned at the Amity Hills Baptist Church Sunday morning, Aug. 5, at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

This bond burning brought to a successful conclusion a period of dedication sacrifice, and unparalleled achievement.

In August 1973, the church's original building on Oakland Avenue in Asheboro was completely destroyed by fire. Insurance coverage on the building was very small.

After worshipping in a temporary structure for a year, the congregation moved into a new structure, located at a different site, on U.S. 64 west of Asheboro, on the first Sunday in August 1974.

The new building was large and adequately built but financing the structure necessitated the issuance of \$100,000 worth of bonds compounded semi-annually at 7 1/2 % interest.

Also, in addition to the bond program, the church borrowed \$16,000 from the general contractor of the building, Frank Snider.

Less than two years after entering the new building, the indebtedness to Snider was paid off while at the same time the bond indebtedness was being reduced.

Five years after entering the new building, the Sunday of the bond burning, the entire indebtedness was declared to be paid in full, the redeemed bonds were burned, and the church rejoiced.

During the five years of the indebtedness, however, the church did not stand still in respect to other improvements.

A new piano and organ were purchased, new pews were paid for the parking lot was paved, a carport at the rear of the church building was built, and a fellowship hall was constructed on which church officials built and paid as they went.

Despite their many achievements they plan to continue their progress by adding a carport to the fellowship hall and a steeple to the church sanctuary.

Along with the bond burning ceremony, the fifth annual homecoming service at the new site was observed. There were 486 present for Sunday School and the sanctuary with its 800-seat capacity was almost filled for the homecoming service.

85th Birthday Observed

August 14, 1979 - The Rev. Charles Franklin Laughlin, a native of Cedar Falls, celebrated his 85th birthday at a surprise family event planned by his wife, Alice, and was held Saturday, in the fellowship hall of the Cedar Falls Baptist Church.

Four of the couple's five children were present for the celebration - Mrs. Charlene Aldridge, Wendell; Mrs. Nancy Bridges, Macon, Ga.; Jack Laughlin, Goldsboro; and Dr. John Laughlin, Danville, Va.

Other family members in attendance were their daughters-in-law: their sons-in-laws, Billy Aldridge and E.H. (Perk) Bridges; and their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Frankie Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bridges and son, Chad, Jolene Aldridge, Keith Davis, Daile Bridges, David Bridges, and Josh Laughlin.

Family Members not in attendance were Mrs. Barbara Lou Murray, Fort Wayne, Ind., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Laughlin, her husband and six children.

Charlie Laughlin and his wife came back to Cedar Falls in 1974 after an extended ministry in Randolph County and the eastern part of North Carolina.

The revered retired minister is a veteran of World War I, serving actively on the battlefield of Belgium where he first felt the call to the ministry.

However his ordination into the ministry did not occur until 1941 in the old Cedar Falls Baptist Church which was also his first pastorate. He was first licensed to preach by the Cedar Falls Methodist Protestant Church.

Last February 5, the aged minister and his observed their 61st wedding anniversary. Mrs. Laughlin is a native of the Greenville, S.C. area and the couple got acquainted while Mr. Laughlin was undergoing his military training there prior to going overseas during World War I.

Annual Service Attracts Worshipers From North Carolina, Out of State

August 24, 1979 - The annual memorial service at Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Sunday, August 19, attracted people from various parts of North Carolina along with out-of-state visitors from Alabama, Tennessee and Texas.

The congregation was several times the size of the usual congregational group who worshipped at the church on the previous Sunday.

Speaker for the service was Dr. Wiley Jackson (Jack) Honeycutt of Shelby, who served as pastor of the church 33 years ago.

Since he came to the Coleridge Charge, of which Mt. Olivet is a part, as a young man, he has served many Methodist churches in North Carolina and has served as the superintendent of the Waynesville and Albemarle Districts.

He recalled that the first funeral service at which he officiated after entering the ministry was at the Mt. Olivet Church.

He remained in the area after the memorial day service to preach in revival services at the church through the following Wednesday night.

Altar flowers were placed in the church for the annual service in memory of Eva Wrenn Gunter and Joy Tysor, former members of the church who had died since the last memorial service.

Special music was provided by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sugg, Mrs. Diane Deaton, Crystal Deaton, Mrs. Charles Teague, and Mrs. Judy Sugg Vacendek, Pianist.

Presiding over the service was the Rev. Tim Brittain, pastor. Other ministers in attendance included the Rev. Herbert P. Jamieson, former pastor and the Rev. Burgess Asbille, a retired Baptist Minister who is a native of the Erect community in which the church is located.

The out-of-state visitors were Mrs. Fay Spinks Cotton of Columbia, Tenn. And her twin sister, Miss Ray Spinks of Sheffield, Ala. And Mrs. Cotton's daughter, Mrs. Fay Ray McMurray of Kingswood, Tex.

They came to establish their lineage as descendants of the Rev. Enoch Spinks, Jr., founder of the church in 1813, and his father, Enoch Spinks, Sr., the first member of his family to come to Randolph County from Ware Parish, Gloucester County, Va. About 1750.

The first Spinks settled in the extreme southeastern part of what is now Brower Township and the old homestead site was one of the places Dr. Joe Suggs, Randolph County historian and himself an eighth generation descendant of Enoch Spinks Sr. took the visitors to see during their stay here.

The first Mt. Olivet church building was erected about a mile northwest of the present church site and services continued there for over 60 years. However, burials in the old Mt. Olivet church cemetery continued even after the congregation moved to the present site in 1874, at which place the cemetery was started around 1913.

In addition to the annual memorial and homecoming service at Mt. Olivet on the third Sunday of August, another memorial service is held each year in the spring at the old Mt. Olivet cemetery where there are more than 200 graves.

The memorial service in the old cemetery is jointly sponsored by the Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church and the Antioch Christian Church, also located in the Erect community, since congregational members from both churches were buried there before cemeteries were started at Antioch and the present Mt. Olivet site.

Among those buried in the old Mt. Olivet cemetery are the Rev. Enoch Spinks, Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth Needham Spinks. According to Dr. Suggs, Enoch Spinks Sr. moved to Fayetteville before his death and is buried in that area.

Land for the first Mt. Olivet church structure and cemetery, a 40-acre tract, was given by the church founder, the Rev. Enoch Spinks Jr. Land for the second church structure was given by Merritt Sugg, a descendant of the Rev. Enoch

Spinks Jr. and land for the cemetery at the present site was given by Lewis Sugg, son of Merritt Sugg.

Terrapin Comes Home Once More

September 6, 1979 - "He wanted to see me one more time." Said Mrs. Ella Maness Freeman Richardson, Rt. 2, Seagrove, who celebrated her 84th birthday on September 3.

She was speaking of a Highland terrapin on which her son, Curtis Freeman, carved his initials, "C.B.," the name of the town, "Seagrove" and the date, "1932" 47 years ago. After carving this information on the terrapin, he turned him loose.

At different intervals since that time the terrapin has come back to the Richardson home, located on U.S. 220 south of Seagrove, just inside the Montgomery County line.

But he had not come back since the death of Curtis Freeman in February 1975, until in June when Jesse Richardson, another son of Mrs. Richardson, noticed him coming across the field towards the house.

Mrs. Richardson said "he was coming towards the house looking for me." She fed him apples, pears, cucumbers, and grapes. She said "if I didn't have anything to feed him, I'd buy it."

Since he came back the last time she has kept him up. She wants to take him to the reunion of her family, the Maness reunion, to be held soon at the community building at Shady Grove. She has promised her relatives that she will do this.

Afterwards, she said "I will let him go, I want him to live his days out like me...free."

But she remarked sadly, "I'll never see him again." Thinking perhaps of her advancing years and the age also of the terrapin which some say only lives to be about 50 years old.

The carved inscription on the terrapin is still clear and distinct, even though his shell is slightly cracked in another area.

Benefit Slated To Aid Browns

September 7, 1979 - A fund raising benefit for the parents of 21-month-old Tanya Gail Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Brown, who was born with an open spine, will be held Saturday evening, September 15, at the Crossroads Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Robbins.

The benefit will consist of a gospel singing beginning at 7p.m. and featuring the Davis Brothers and Barbara, a musical group who have come back together for this particular performance, having disbanded as a group two years ago.

Besides Clay Davis and his wife, Barbara, the group consists of Ray Davis, twin brother of Clay; William Winslow, Harvey Hiatt, and Gary Callicutt.

Clay Davis is an ordained Baptist minister and pastor of the Crossroads church. His brother, Ray, is an Asheboro City fireman.

Mike Brown and his wife, Sue have been besieged with medical expenses since the birth of their daughter and it is expected to continue since the little girl will enter Duke Hospital on Sept. 26 for observation, additional treatment and X-rays.

In addition to having been born with spina bifida (open spine), she was also afflicted with hydrocephalus, more commonly known as "water head."

She was operated on for the first defect six hours after her birth and two weeks later the shunt with drainage was inserted to prevent further expansion on her head.

A freewill offering will be received during the singing to assist the family in their financial difficulties. Those wishing to contribute otherwise may send their donations to the Rev. Clay Davis, P.O. Box 198, Seagrove, NC 27341.

Church Celebrates Its 100th Birthday

September 9, 1979 - The First Baptist Church in Randleman is celebrating its Centennial observance today.

The church was organized in the spring of 1879 in the home of J.T. Bostick, which is still standing on South Main Street. Assisting in its organization was the Rev. J.M. (Johnny) Pugh.

Other names which have been mentioned in connection with the organization were the Rev. Henry Sheets, James Burgess, John Elmore, C.M. Stout, Marion Vestal, Miss Laura Bostick, and a Mrs. Stevenson.

First services after the time of organization were held in Naomi Hall which was used for various community meetings. The first building, a one-room structure, was begun in the fall of 1879. The church was constituted July 26, 1882, with 12 charter members.

The church was first known as Pleasant Grove, by which name the town of Randleman was known at that time. Sometime between the associational year of 1918 and 1919 the name was changed to Randleman Baptist Church. Later it was changed to First Baptist Church.

Land for the first church building, located at the present site, was donated by the Randleman Manufacturing Co. through the efforts of John H. Ferree. It had a seating capacity of 400 and consisted of two aisles, frosted glass windows and a closed steeple with bell.

The church first used Deep River for its baptizing but in 1880 a pool was built on a clear stream in the southern part of town for baptismal purposes. A baptistry was built a few years after the construction of the church building.

After the baptistry was built in the back of the church, water was carried into the church for the ordinance of baptism until 1894 when it was piped into the building from the adjoining Randleman Hosiery Mill.

First pastor of the church was the Rev. J. B. Richardson, who only came to town once a month, conducting services on Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday night. He remained in the pastorate until 1886 and then returned in 1891 for another brief pastorate.

Serving between his pastorates were the Rev. B. W. Ellington, the Rev. P.H. Pernell, and the Rev. G.L. Merrill. Coming after his second pastorate were the Rev. G.M. Webb, the Rev. Thomas Carrick, the Rev. W. H. Eller, the Rev. J.D. Bowen, the Rev. J.A. McMillian, the Rev. R.E. Powell, and the Rev. Thomas Carrick for a second pastorate were the Rev. G.M. Webb, the Rev. Thomas Carrick, the Rev. W. H. Eller, the Rev. J.D. Bowen, the Rev. J.A. Mcmillian, the Rev. R.E. Powell, and the Rev. Thomas Carrick for a second pastorate also.

Other pastors in succession have been the Rev. B. F. Clark, the Rev. S. F. Morton, the Rev. J.W. Buckner, the Rev. T.H. Biles, the Rev. C.E. Otey, the Rev. L.C. Chandler, and the Rev. J. I. Memory, the Rev. John Raspberry, the Rev. Fred Reece, the Rev. Walter Jones (interim pastor), the Rev. B.L. Kincaid, the Rev. Frank

Stegall (supply pastor), and the Rev. B. G. Pratt, the present pastor who came to the church in 1969.

Former Pastors still living are the Rev. B.F. Clark, the Rev. T.H. Biles, Columbia, S.C., the Rev. J. W. Buckner, Siler City, the Rev. L.C. Chandler, Smyrna, N.C.; the Rev. J.I. Memory, Greensboro, the Rev. John E. Rasberry, Barksdale AFB, La.; the Rev. Fred Reece, High Point; and the Rev. B.L. Kincaid, Asheboro.

For a period of time, following the turn of the century, the Asheboro and Randleman Baptist churches were served by the same minister. When Rev. R.E. Powell became the pastor of these two churches, he changed the mode of travel from Asheboro to Randleman to a bicycle instead of the previous use of a horse and buggy to make the trip back and forth twice a month.

When Rev. B. F. Clark came in 1924, he was the first pastor to live on the field. However, the Rev. T.H. Biles, who came in 1938, was the first full-time pastor to serve the Randleman church.

Soon after the turn of the century a vestibule and tower was added to the original building. Some years later Sunday School rooms were built on the back side of the church. A committee charged with the responsibility of this addition included the names of N. N. Newlin and A.M. Barker.

Plans for the present church structure of Gothic architecture executed in stone were decided upon in 1944, following a need which had long existed for additional Sunday School rooms and other facilities.

Construction of the new building was scheduled to last for 10 years but its completion came in seven years. The congregation entered the building in June, 1947, before the work was finished. The building contains over a half of an acre of floor space, is three stories high and has 52 rooms. The seating space for the sanctuary is 550.

The pastor of the church during the building program was the Rev. J. I. Memory, who did the masonry work on the building himself, having learned the art of stone masonry on various construction jobs before entering the ministry.

Much of the other labor on the building was also done by members of the congregation who made an effort to donate one day's work a week or the equivalent in money towards its construction.

During the pastorate of Rev. Fred Reece, who served during 1957-63, a parsonage was built of Forrest Drive. During the pastorate of Rev. B.L. Kincaid, who served during 1964-68, a children's building was completed and renovations effected within the area of the sanctuary.

The present resident membership of the church is 299, the non-resident membership is 106, making a total of 405 members.

Oldest member of the church is Mrs. Hannah Johnson Barker who was 96 years old on August 25. Mrs. Barker has lived in Randleman since she was a small girl, but did not become a member of the First Baptist Church until after she married H.O. Barker when she was 35 years old.

Mrs. Barker attended the Methodist church prior to her marriage but changed churches some time after that, since the man she married was a very active member of the Baptist Church.

Miss Lula Curtis, age 83, has been a member of First Baptist Church longer than any other living member. She joined the church when she was around 12 years old.

Asked to recall some of the people whom she first remembered in the church, she mentioned the names of Argus Barker, who was active in the Sunday School; Johnny Pugh, who got up every Sunday and made a talk, something which the younger members of the school found "tedious"; and a Mr. Collins, who also helped to run the Sunday School.

She also recalled "preachers Carrick and Eller who always came to our house to keep us encouraged." Miss Curtis is now a patient in Clapp's Nursing Home due to injuries sustained when she broke her hip.

The Centennial observance will be held this morning with the Sunday School beginning at 9:45 a.m. The usual opening assembly will be dispensed with and classes will come back to the sanctuary for the beginning of the worship service at 10:45 a.m.

The pastor, Rev. B.G. Pratt, will preside over the service. The special speaker will be a former pastor, now Col. John E. Rasberry, a chaplain in the U.S. Air Force at Barksdale AFB, La.

A the conclusion of the service a luncheon will be held in the fellowship hall. Immediately following the luncheon a time capsule will be buried between the steps and the front of the church building.

The capsule to be taken up in 50 years, will contain a copy of the constitution and bylaws of the church; a church bulleting of the Centennial observance.; an United States flag; a yardstick; congratulatory letters from President Jimmy Carter and Governor James B. Hunt Jr.; messages from members of the congregation who wish to record them; and this issue of the The Courier-Tribune.

The Centennial committee is composed of Mrs. Vera Allred, chairman, and Mrs. Dorothy Cross, Miss Ginger Cross, Mrs. Mazel Baker, and Mrs. Ruth Shaw. The publicity committee is composed of chairman Paul Bell, J.E. (Bill) Robbins, and Mrs. Helen Ford.

Deacons of the church are Ralph Gehr, Harry Hawkins Sr., Lester Hough, Ray Cashatt, Fred Snider, William B. Long Jr., T. E. Allred, D.B. Hilliard Sr., Bill Willard, H.D. Freeman, P.H. Massey, and Robert L. Batson.

Cedar Falls Church Choir Presents Special Program

September 14, 1979 - The Cedar Falls United Methodist Church choir presented "our favorite songs" in a public program Sunday, September 9, beginning at 5p.m.

In addition to the local congregation, visitors were present from Asheboro, Franklinville and Ramseur.

At the conclusion of the program, homemade ice cream, soft drinks and baked goods were enjoyed on the church lawn.

The program was presented under the direction of Mrs. Jewell Hancock, director and Mrs. L.A. Craven, organist. The welcome was extended by the Rev. Richard (Rick) Clough, who became the pastor of the church in June.

The Rev. Clough also sang as a member of the choir in the public presentation.

Other members of the choir were Alton Ferree, Eva Ferree, Joey Hancock, Becky Hoover, Titus Nance, Carrie Pugh, Evelyn Redding, Ginger Redding, Alisha Routh, Sharon Routh, Eddie Routh, Juanita Trogon, Odell Trogon, Betty Wallace, Edith Wright, Karen York.

A presentation of gifts included one to Alisha Routh, the youngest member of the choir on her 12th birthday, to Mrs.

Hancock and Mrs. Craven for their direction and assistance, and a plaque from the minister to the entire choir

"for their faithfulness and dedication to their music, their church and their Lord."

The rendition of songs included numbers which have been sung by churches and religious groups through former generations.

Ramseur Lions Club Dinner Honors Teacher

Sept. 20, 1979 – Teachers at Ramseur School and Eastern Randolph High School were honored Monday evening at the annual dinner extended to them by the Ramseur Lions Club.

Speaker for the occasion was Richard K. Pugh chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners. In charge of the program was John Lawrence Superintendent of the Randolph County School System, who introduced the speaker.

The event was held in the fellowship Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ. The meal was prepared by the ladies of the church.

JERRY REYNOLDS, president of the Lions Club, presided over the dinner meeting and presented a check for \$658.60 to Jerry Shackelford, principal of Ramseur School.

The amount of the check represents half of the money raised by Lions members at the concession stand which they operate at athletic events held at the school

Shackelford introduced personnel from his school at the meeting. Those from Eastern Randolph High School were introduced by that school's principal, Worth Hatley.

Pugh discussed acts of a "positive nature" which have been approved by the Randolph County Board of Commissioners.

He discussed the change of plans which will relocate part of the courthouse complex approved by the bond referendum on an 11-acre tract of land south of Asheboro.

He said the alternate plan, which will include new facilities for the departments of health, social service, agriculture, and the board of education, will save the county one million dollars.

HE ALSO discussed the placing of the ambulance service under the Health Department, pointing out that the medical technicians are now providing the medical care for the jail inmates, thus relieving the need for physicians at that facility.

In respect to education, he said "there is not enough discipline not enough respect, and too much interference by government," adding "I don't see how teachers today can function under a permissive society."

He told Superintendent Lawrence that "I assume you are spending too much time filling out reports for the federal government," saying also that red tape by the government is not limited to education."

He described the role of the county board of commissioners as the balance between what the department requests and what the people are willing to pay for, "but at the same time praising the mutual respect", which exists between the two boards.

Church Celebrates Centennial

Sept. 27, 1979 – Historic Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2 Denton, will celebrate its Centennial anniversary on Sunday, during the morning worship service beginning at 11 a. m.

In 1882, two years after its beginning and two years after the beginning of the North Carolina Conference of The Wesleyan Methodist Church, the conference held its annual meeting at Hoover's Grove.

The church derived its name from Adam Hoover, who along with the late former President Herbert Hoover, was a descendant of Andrew Hoover, who is buried in a family cemetery about a mile from the church site.

When the present church building was erected in 1961, the former President of the United States purchased one of the new pews which were placed in the building.

DESPITE MANY setbacks over the past century, this western Randolph County church has prevailed to reach the hundredth year of its existence.

Records which extend back to its beginning on Sept. 12, 1879, indicate that a reorganization of the church occurred in 1913, different pastors abandoned it in 1925 and 1930, and other pastor declared it dead in 1935.

At a homecoming service six years ago, a minister who was a native of the community, recalled that 47 years earlier he had come to the church on Sunday to find the pastor, the Rev. Marcelles Elliott, preaching to empty benches.

The death of a small child resulted in the beginning of the Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church, formerly known as Wesleyan Methodist before the merger of that denomination with the Pilgrim Holiness denomination.

The child, Willie Ridge, son of Alson and Lucinda Hoover Ridge and grandson of Adam and Catherine Young Hoover, died of diphtheria on Sept. 12, 1879, at the age of one year, five months and four days.

THERE WAS no church graveyard in the vicinity and the maternal grandfather, Adam Hoover, told his daughter if she would bury her son on some of his land up by the road, he would have a church built on the site.

The child was buried on the site, a rail fence was erected around the grave to keep the cows out, and the work began immediately on the erection of the church. Adam Hoover cut some of his big pine trees and hauled them to a sawmill to have them sawed for use in the construction of the church building.

It is said that just about everybody in the community helped to build the church. John Hill, whose descendant, J. B. Hill is still active in the church, sawed the lumber at this sawmill, the men in the community did the carpentry work, the women helped to clean off the cemetery site and also cooked food and carried it to the men who were working on the building.

Before the building was completed, an Indiana preacher, the Rev. David Linville, came into the community and held a revival meeting. Since the church was not finished the people got slabs from John Hill's sawmill and built a brush arbor so the revival meeting could be held.

At the close of the meeting, 30 people were baptized in the river at nearby Parker's Mill and the Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church was organized. Adam Hoover and his wife, Catherine, made the deed for the original tract of land to trustees Adam Hoover, John Tysinger and J. A. Johnson.

A PROVISION in the deed said that "All true worshippers of Almighty God shall have free privilege to hold Divine Worship at said church when not occupied by the Wesleyans."

Another provision stated "The said Trustees shall have power to make and use the above lot of land for the purpose of worshipping Almighty God and these obligations are such that the trustees shall have no power to sell said land and property."

The first building was a planked up and down structure, constructed of rough timbers from the sawmill, with some of the framing put together with pegs. Later the building was improved, a vestibule in front, Sunday School rooms in the back, and the exterior was covered with siding.

This building served the church and community for 42 years or until 1961 when it was sold at public auction, torn down and removed, following the completion of the present church structure.

The present building was erected during the third pastorate of the late Rev. J. E. Shaw who was nearly 53 years of age by the time the building was completed. The building, similar to the first one, was erected entirely of free labor by the congregational members, except for the laying of the brick, with the aged pastor assisting in every phase of the physical labor.

ADDITIONAL land was donated to the church during the time of construction by Tom Hammond and Glenn Yates.

In 1968, during the pastorate of Rev. Paul Teague, an addition to the present structure was built and preliminary plans were made for a church pastorate, the first in the history of the church. This building was erected in 1973 on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Lee McElreath.

A list of the pastors at Hoover's Grove, beginning in 1909, include E. W. Jones, W. H. Brown Jr., Bryant Lovin, M. Elliot, Clarence Brown, I. A. Rhinehart, R. Y. Putnam, J. C. Clubb, E. D. Packer, Thomas Teasley, L. J. Hill, W. C. Cockman, J. E. Shaw, Boyd C. Kistler, C. F. McDowell, Paul N. Teague, W. W. Dority, Harry T. Mitchell, Hubert Bennet, S. T. Bayse, Hal T. Brown, and the present pastor, Charles E. Hedgepath.

In addition to the Rev. J. E. Shaw, the Rev. M. Elliot also served in the pastorate at three different times. Pastors serving at two different times were W. H. Brown Jr., E. W. Jones and Paul N. Teague.

Two pastors are buried in the cemetery at Hoover's Grove - the Rev. M. (Marcelles) Elliot and the Rev. C. F. (Charlie) McDowell, a native of the community. Adam Hoover, who gave the land for the church site, is also buried in the cemetery. The inscription on his grave is "Meet Me In Heaven."

A LIST of members at Hoover's Grove in 1915 (the year the church was re-organized by conference president Rev. H. W. Hawkins and Rev. E. W. Jones) included N. H. Yates, M. J. Yates, J. L. Yates, M. L. Tysinger, A. Yates, J. M. Tysinger, M. J. Brookshire, Mary McDowell, Claude Nance, E. L. McDowell, Henry Tysinger. Claty Tysinger and Kate Welch. Some of the above names with initials were women.

This list of members was compiled from the oldest record book in the possession of Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church, on the flyleaf of this book is this inscription: "Presented by E. W. Jones, Dec. 6, A. D., 1915. May God's richest blessing rest upon the church. Amen."

Lions Honor Personnel

Sept. 28, 1979 - Franklinville Lions Club entertained the teachers and other personnel of the Franklinville School Sept. 25 for the 32nd consecutive year, with 101 people in attendance for the dinner meeting in the school meeting in the school cafeteria.

Featuring the annual occasion was the honoring of four members of the school staff: Miss Lois Grose, Gilder Coleman, Mrs. Evelyn Garner and Larry K. Hilliard, whose combined tenures of service amount to 86 years.

The person serving the school the longest is Miss Grose, a Franklinville native who began teaching the first grade there in 1946. Now teaching a first and second grade combination, she graduated from the school herself in 1941.

Gilder Coleman has served as the custodian at the school for 20 years. A native of Saluda, S. C., he came to Franklinville in 1940, then went to Cincinnati, Ohio. He came back to Franklinville in 1959 when he began his employment at the school. He is 76 years of age.

MRS. GARNER is in her twentieth year as a cafeteria employee at the school. She has served as the cafeteria manager for all of that time except seven months.

Larry Hilliard has served as principal of the school since 1976. He came to the school as a teacher, coach and athletic director in 1966 and became the assistant principal in 1968. He graduated from the school in 1963 when it was Franklinville High School. His first grade teacher at the school was Miss Lois Grose.

Hilliard introduced staff and advisory board members at the Lions dinner, most of whom were present. The staff includes 35 teachers, one librarian, one principal, one assistant principal, one secretary, 12 aides, four custodians, and seven cafeteria employees. There are 616 students at the school.

Browers Honored On Anniversary

Sept. 30, 1979 - Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Brower of Rt. 4 Siler City, were honored on the 50th anniversary of their marriage Sunday Sept. 23, in the fellowship hall of Rehobeth United Methodist Church.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Rachel Cox, also of Rt. 4 Siler City, and their granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Ann Cox White of Pittsboro, entertained at a reception in their honor.

Guests from within the church, where they have been members for many years, and from the community and elsewhere called to greet Mr. and Mrs. Brower from 2-4 p. m.

MR. AND MRS. BROWER were married Sept. 25, 1929 in Danville Va. Mrs. Brower, the former Pauline Scott, was born and reared in Ramseur, the daughter of the late B. A. (Bige) Scott and Sarah (Sadie) Coward Scott.

Mr. Brower, son of the late W. A. (Alfie) Brower, and Della Jones Brower, was born just inside the Randolph County line. The couple have lived here since their marriage.

He is a farmer and has also engaged in sawmilling. Mrs. Brower is a longtime member of the Browns Cross Roads Homemakers Club, an organization in which she once served as president.

A potted flower was placed in the church at Rehobeth Sunday morning prior to the reception by the adult class in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brower.

Mrs. Shaw Has 97th Birthday

Oct. 4, 1979 – Mrs. Corinna Alice Shaw, 232 Uwharrie S. was 97 years old on Oct. 1. Her family will join her for a more formal celebration on Sunday.

She lives a normal life, says she's "still boss of her household," and maintains the lighter of her household duties, such as cooking, building a fire in her wood cook stove when she gets chilly, and other small jobs.

She gets around with the assistance of a cane, her eyesight and hearing are good, and her hair is not white. She converses easily, whether in person or over the telephone, and she is an avid reader. She still crochets.

BUT THE most remarkable faculty this aged woman retains is her knowledge and recollection of the past and present, going back to her very earliest childhood and the period since that time. She hasn't forgotten anything.

Some of the high school students have come to her for assistance on their history assignments. One of them came back later, bringing a tape recorder with him to record the knowledge and experiences of this remarkable woman.

Five years ago she published a little pamphlet entitled "Things I Really Know About Asheboro."

In this pamphlet she refuted a statement she heard over the radio that there had never been a panic in the United States except the "Hoover Panic" of the early thirties. She recalled and remembered very vividly the "Cleveland Panic" of 1890, at which time she was eight years old.

SHE REMEMBERS a time when there was no stock law and the cows, sheep and hogs ran loose in the streets. She remembers that when it rained the streets were muddy and when it was dry, they were very dusty. She remembers when the people would lay heavy boards along the streets to keep out of the mud.

Mrs. Shaw married her late husband, Jesse Edgar Shaw, when she was 16 and a half years old. She told her father, the late Henry Voncannon, didn't object to her marriage at that age because he thought the man she was marrying had "good traits."

Her husband, who died June 23, 1967, at the age of 89, became a preacher some years following their marriage and remained one until his death. For 60 years he was a preacher, serving as the pastor of small Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist churches for 54 years.

Mrs. Shaw, talking on her birthday about their marriage and their years in the ministry, said "we never had worldly goods, if we had went into it (preaching) for what we got out of it, we would have been out a long time ago."

Her children are Dora Wright, who lives nearby and looks in on her mother frequently and stays with her at night; Ora Leonard; Preston Shaw; Lillie Parks; Harvey Shaw; Martin Shaw; and James Shaw. Two daughters, Ruth Shaw and Etta York, died in the late thirties and two babies died soon after their births. Her living descendants number more than a hundred.

Her constant companion is still her little dog, Frisky, who was 12 years of age last Apr. .

First Unit Of Church Dedicated

Oct. 5, 1979 – The people ascended the mountain Sunday, Sept. 30 for the "Victory In Jesus Celebration" at the newly occupied first unit of the Cross Road Baptist Church, located on South Cox Road about two miles from the Asheboro city limits.

Many have referred to the building site, an ascent of two tenths of a mile up the winding driveway from the main road, as "Miracle Mountain," considering the obstacles which have been overcome and the expediency which has characterized the progress of the new institution.

For it was less than two years ago, in Mar. 1978, that four families from three different churches began meeting in homes for prayer. On Apr. 11, 1978, the first records were established, the church name was selected and the first officers elected.

THE NAME was derived from New Testament scripture, Matthew 16:24, which reads: "Then said Jesus unto his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me."

Continuing to move forward, the new institution called the Rev. Donald R. (Don) McIntyre as its pastor and the minister assumed his duties on May 22, 1978. This was followed closely by the chartering service on May 31, 1978, when 24 charter members identified themselves with the official organization.

Prior to the occupancy of the new building, worship services were held in the VFW building on Albermarle Road (except for two special services in the Asheboro High School auditorium.)

Open house and a service of dedication for the first unit of a staged building program was held on Sunday afternoon of the day of occupancy, with the pastor saying "this is the Lord's mountain. He is working miracles ... we call it "Miracle Mountain."

Only a few months before the day of celebration, the people had to use jeeps and farm tractors in order to view the acreage which was selected as the site for the complex of buildings due to the roughness of the terrain. The church now owns approximately 20 acres, including an additional purchase since the original transaction.

THE FIRST unit consists of a chapel seating 472 and educational space with 20 classrooms and a capacity for 500. Included also are a library, music room and office space. The general contractors were S. E. Trogon and Sons and the architect was Fred Williams of Lexington.

Designed with low profile to blend with the natural environment (the trees and stones on the mountain), the building was constructed with native Georgia Mountain stone and is stuccoed. It was the desire of the congregation that the design of the present building and those to be erected later be worshipful and not prestigious or ornate.

The interior contains some of the same stone, along with masonry walls, laminated beams and pine decking. The baptistry is open except for a cloister of stones similar to the other stone used in the building.

The landscaping, beginning with the entrance on the main road, contains over 500 azaleas and 100 other flowers and shrubs. The driveways will be paved later following the construction of the other buildings.

The view from the top of the mountain at the building site extends in all directions throughout the length and breadth of Randolph County.

Approximate cost of the building, furnishings, land and landscaping was \$500,000. Financing for the project came from the sale of \$275,000 worth of church bonds which were sold within a period of 72 hours.

THE EXPENDITURE of funds was greatly reduced by the volunteer labor of the pastor and members of the congregation in the painting, landscaping and the erection

of wrought iron. Also a valuable contribution came from a bulldozer operator from Kentucky who volunteered his time and equipment to the project.

Future building projects will include a Christian rest and retirement center for aged and convalescent persons which will be operated under the auspices of the church; additional educational space; a permanent sanctuary which will have a seating capacity of 1,600, and a home and caring facility for physically and mentally handicapped children.

An additional facility will be a family life and recreational center to be erected separate from those units mentioned above.

It is estimated that the cost of future building projects, along with the one just completed, will range in the neighborhood of \$3 million.

The young church organization, however, has not been putting all of its money into its own building projects during its existence.

From receipts of \$116,000 during its first year, \$12,000 has been applied to missions and other large donations have been sent to the distressed areas in Alabama and the Caribbean area. Percentage wise, according to membership, the church is the largest contributor to the cooperative program of the Randolph Baptist Association.

THE PRESENT church membership is 210 or more; the Sunday School enrollment is 240; families represented in the church number 100; and the number of baptisms have been more than 80. There have been people saved and added to the church in all of its service.

Fifty percent of the congregation are not members of the church since on recent Sundays the attendance has gone beyond 400. The congregation reaches into every school district in Randolph County. Over 1,000 homes have been visited by the pastor, members of the church and lay witness teams.

The pastor of the church, a former businessman and farmer, was himself a building contractor when he was called into ministry.

He is a native of Asheville and has attended Mars Hill College, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Princeton University, Davidson College, and Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute. He attended the latter school following his call to the ministry. He has received bachelor and master's degrees and has studied on a doctorate.

HIS PREVIOUS service in the ministry extended over 17 years before becoming pastor at the Cross Road Church, including the pastorate, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and as the superintendent of one of the institutions of the N. C. Baptist Children's Home.

He is married to the former Gail Harrell and they are the parents of two children, Donnie, 23 and Terri, 20.

Minister of music at the church is Ricky Brown. Superintendent of the Sunday School is Jim Painter. The deacon board consists of chairman Bill Applewhite, Stan Haywood and Wilson Wiley. The building committee consisted of chairman Paul Thomas, Robert Cornwall, J. C. Allred, Sydney Lowe, Tony Voncannon, Bobby Merrill, and Wilson Wiley, Jolene Ivey is director of church programs

Veteran Sunday school Teacher Feted for 20 Years of Service

Oct. 12, 1979 - Mrs. Jessie Thorpe, teacher of the adult ladies class at the Cedar Falls Baptist Church for the past

20 years, was honored with a surprise presentation by members of the class Sunday, Oct. 7.

The presentation of a necklace and 20 red roses, signifying each year she has taught the class, was made during the opening Sunday School assembly in the presence of the entire school.

MRS. MAE CRAVEN presented the necklace, paying special tribute to the life and service of Mrs. Thorpe, with individual class members presenting the roses and indicating their love and esteem for the veteran teacher.

This was followed by an expression from the entire assembly who filed by Mrs. Thorpe and voiced their gratitude as they made their way to their various classes.

Mrs. Thorpe, in addition to teaching the ladies class for the past 20 years, has been active in the Sunday School since she joined the Cedar Falls Baptist Church in 1937. She has served as secretary of the Sunday School and has taught the junior and intermediate classes.

Among those present for the special occasion were Mrs. Thorpe's husband James M. Thorpe and various other family members. There was such an increase in attendance in the adult ladies class, including regular members and visitors, that is necessitated holding the class in the auditorium instead of going into the smaller classrooms.

AT THE TIME of the presentation, Mrs. Thorpe was so overwhelmed she was almost speechless. But later, after she had recovered, she said "if was an outstanding day in my life. I had a wonderful class, they gave me my roses while I was living."

The class also presented the assistant teacher, Mrs. Macy Haithcock, with a bouquet of red roses as a tribute to her service.

Ramblers Hold Camping Weekend

Oct. 12, 1979 - The Randolph Ramblers, a camping club, held its 10th consecutive fellowship weekend Oct. 5-7 on its home camping grounds located on the property of the president, R. J. Doss of Rt. 6, Asheboro.

According to the usual custom, they invited clubs in other areas to be their guests and this year campers from Wilmington to Statesville responded to the invitation. Units in attendance totaled 73, the largest number during the 10-year period.

The Rev. John Bray, Rt. 6, Asheboro, was the speaker at the Sunday morning worship.

Approximately 400 people were fed at the annual Saturday night supper which consisted of pinto beans, slaw, onions, chow-chow, fried corn bread and dessert. Eighty pounds of beans were cooked in five large wash pots. Some of those in attendance are pictured at right prior to the supper.

Special guest singers for the Saturday night event were Lee Patterson, famous gospel singer, and his 10-year old daughter, Kelly.

The Randolph Ramblers camp out every month in the year except Dec., Jan., and Feb., but hold meetings during those three months. The membership includes 17 families.

VFD Fund Raiser Overwhelming Success

Oct. 14, 1979 - Citizens of the Randolph County area of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department held their first fund raising event Saturday evening, Oct. 6, and it turned out to be an overwhelming success.

The event, which consisted of a supper, craft fair, flea market, and auction sale, realized a profit of \$4,500. It was held in the cafeteria and gym at the Grays Chapel School.

A huge crowd was in attendance, with long lines forming for the serving of the ham and turkey meal. Seven hundred tickets were printed for the supper but those ran out before everybody was served.

Gospel Singing groups provided the entertainment. The auctioneer for the evening was Gilbert Walker, one of the new volunteer firemen.

The new area, beginning with the Randolph-Guilford line and coming south, has been designated as Station No. 42. It became a part of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department District on July 1.

Plans are under way for the early beginning of a fire station to house the new unit. It will be erected on a tract of land which has been donated by Mack Lineberry.

Although revenue for the support of the new district will come from taxes imposed upon the property owners of the area, the money derived from the fund raising event will be used to purchase initial equipment and help erect the new building.

Speaking of the need for additional funds, L. W. (Buddy) Reddick, veteran chief of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department, said "we got to get off the ground." Reddick has been chief of the department for most of the time it has been in existence.

Fireman and firewomen from the newly designated area are announced as follows: Ed Baldwin, Joe Capps, Gary Caudle, Jack Coble, Glen Coley, Wayne Fogleman, Willard Foster, Tony Garner, Ray Hohn, Max Hinshaw, Ervin Lambert, Bobby Lasley, Roy McAden, Annette McAden, and John Nixon.

Also, Joey Parris, Vernace Pugh, Brad Routh, Doloras Routh, Larry Routh, Odell Routh, Sam Rough, Tim Routh, Lloyd Varner, Gilbert Walker, Bob Johnson, Nancy Grubbs, Warren Grubs, and Gene Roberts.

Chief Reddick indicated that one of the new firefighters would be selected as an assistant chief later.

The facilities, equipment and personnel of both divisions within the district, the experienced department on the Guilford County side in Climax, and the new facility which will be located on the Randolph County side, will be utilized for the benefit of the district as a whole.

Enthusiasm among the residents of the new district was evident at the fund raising as they worked together to contribute their fair share toward the fire protection which will be afforded them.

School Reunion A Day for Reminiscing

Oct. 17, 1979 – The first reunion of the old Trogdon School, discontinued in 1939, was held Sunday in the fellowship hall at Riverside Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, located a short distance south of the old school site.

The group first enjoyed a buffet luncheon, after which they reminisced about the days when were students, at the old school.

Dempsey Gatlin, chief jailer for the Randolph County Sheriffs Department, was in charge of arrangements. He was assisted by Myrtle Hussey, Lucy Brady, Thelma Hall, and Ossie Hayes.

The first Trogdon schoolhouse was a box-like, one-room building, planked up and down, with two doors and four windows.

It was heated from a huge fireplace, located on one end of the building. One former student said the students alternated back and forth going to the fireplace to get warm. Another one said there was a bench placed in front of the fireplace where the younger children sat.

It was also stated that the first building did not contain many desks, most of the seating capacity included benches.

Students attending the first school said during recess and the noon hour they spent their time going to the spring, which provided the school with its water source, and also playing "base", using the trees in the schoolyard as the base.

Former students present, who attended the first school, included Janie Davis Hayes, Abbie Hayes Deaton, Laura Hussey Cox, Lizzie Gatlin Jones, Sarah Hussey Maness, Florence Hussey Johnson, Mattie Garner Hussey, Lennie Garner, Stella Baldwin Cheek, Emma Smith Key, Ossie Owens Hayes, Lula Hussey Cox, Ethel Hussey Ritter, Essie Hussey Moore, Willie Hussey, and Eli Garner.

Mrs. Lizzie Gatlin Jones, 79, was one of the oldest former students attending the reunion. She started to school there in 1905. She did not know when the school itself was founded but said that all of her older brothers went to the school. She thinks that perhaps it goes back 100 years. Among her first teachers were Myrtle Lawrence and Swannie Lowdermilk.

Another former student in attendance was Mrs. Abbie Hayes Deaton, 77, who started to the school at the age of 6, wading three miles through the woods to reach the old school site. It was she who remembered the visits to the spring, playing base, the old benches, and she said the fireplace was big enough to hold "fence rails."

The second school site, a two-room, two teacher institution, was located across the road from the first building. It was discontinued in 1939 when five small schools, Antioch Cross Roads, Mt. Oliver Trogdon and Davis were consolidated to form Brower Elementary School.

Only one former teacher, Mrs. Nellie Sugg Teague, was present for the reunion. Others still living include Clarice Albright, Ceaser Phillips and Elle Seawell.

It was decided by the former students in attendance to hold the reunion at the same time and the same place next year.

Church Honors Pastor, Family

Oct. 17, 1979 – "Appreciation Day" was observed at Calvary United Methodist Church Sunday – and the pastor, Rev. G. Lee Pollock, didn't know anything about it until he stood up to deliver the morning sermon.

Neither did his wife, Mary Lois. The only thing they noticed out of the ordinary was the presence of their mothers and other relatives from out of town, whom they had not expected to be there.

The congregation had planned for several weeks to inject themselves into the service and express their appreciation for the ministry of the Rev. Mr. Pollock and his family during their past five years and five months at the Calvary church.

WHEN THE minister arose to preach, following the receiving of the morning offering, lay leader Bill Payne literally took the service from the pastor and proceeded with the service of appreciation which the congregation had planned without the knowledge of the parsonage family.

First was the presentation of a plaque to the minister, inscribed with a chronology of the minister's life written in poetic form, and presented by the lay leader who wrote the words which comprised the text of the plaque.

Roy Howe, chairman of the pastor-parish committee, recognized the Rev. Kyle Wallace, of High Point, a young minister who was called to preach from the Calvary church, and various members of the congregation who spoke of their love and appreciation for the minister and his wife and praised them for their devotion and service to the church.

David McQueen, chairman of the finance committee, was then recognized to present a check on behalf of the congregation in the amount of \$1,460 as a "token of love and appreciation."

THIS MONEY is to be used by Rev. and Mrs. Pollock to help furnish their new retirement home just being completed in Asheboro. Although retirement for the 38-year old minister and his wife is distant in their future, they have liked Asheboro so much they plan to return here at the time of retirement.

Interviewed the day after the service of appreciation, Rev. Pollock said, "I was flabbergasted ... It was a tremendous day. . . It was really super." and used various other phrases to express his appreciation for the event.

The minister is a native of Thomasville, and is a graduate of Colonial Heights High School, Guilford College and Duke Divinity School. His previous pastorates, before coming to the Calvary church in June 1974, included three years at Grace United Methodist Church in Greensboro and five years at Center United Methodist Church in Concord.

Mrs. Pollock is the former Mary Lois Kale and the couple are the parents of two daughters, Kristy and Melanie.

Seagrove Grange A Vital Force

Oct. 28, 1979 - For 47 years, Seagrove Grange No. 816 has been a vital force in the life and activities of the surrounding area.

After several open meetings, it was organized on Sept. 8, 1932, at the Seagrove Schoolhouse.

Leading the efforts toward organizing a grange was the county farm agent, the late E. S. Millsaps Jr.

The first Worthy Master of the new organization was M. C. Auman Sr. who died last year. Others who have served in the position have been James M. (Jim) Green, W. V. Redding, R. J. Lawrence, L. A. King, Paul Auman, Eli Callicutt, Thomas Lawrence, Charles Teague, and presently Charles Davis.

AT THE Sept. meeting of the Seagrove Grange, 12 persons who had attained 25 years of membership in the grange were awarded certificates denoting their years of service.

These certificates-presented by Alton Wall, Worthy Master of Pomona Grange, the county grange organization- went to Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Jane) Teague, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin (Merle) Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Frances) Auman, Michael Auman, Mrs. James M. (Jim) Green, Mrs. Eli (Vida) Callicutt, Miss May Wrenn, Edwin Wrenn and Clarence Cagle.

Two of the above named, Mrs. Green and Paul Auman, were charter members of the Seagrove Grange.

Since its beginning, the Seagrove Grange has sponsored the organization of two other subordinate granges-Westmore and Coleridge, which have merged back into the

Seagrove organization in recent years due to the dwindling of the ranks.

AFTER THE merger into the Seagrove Grange, Davis former Worthy Master of the now defunct Coleridge Grange, was elected to the same position in the Seagrove Grange.

Other officer of the Seagrove Grange are overseer Charles Teague; secretary Mrs. Kitty Smith; treasurer Mrs. Jewell Sugg; lecturer Golda Tysor; and chaplain Alvin Shaw.

The grange at Seagrove has been a busy organization, especially in the first year of its existence. In the beginning, they held meetings twice a month, meetings were opened and closed in form. A degree team also helped in other granges. They enjoyed ice cream suppers, fish fries, oyster stews and other events.

Community projects included the securing of an agriculture teacher for the school; helping build the first school gymnasium; joining a community cannery which was in operation during World War II.

AN EXAMPLE of the grange activity and the interest of its membership is reflected in the minutes of the meeting in Apr. 1958.

In addition to routine matters at this meeting, discussion, concern and action taken included the following matters: disposition and relocation of the National Grange building in Washington, D. C. ; discussion of building plans for the local grange building; the purchase of grange name plates for mail boxes; the sale of fire extinguishers; and the making of some grange highway markers.

Also, the abstaining of criticism of teachers and efforts to raise their wages; the fixing of the grounds around the school and an increase in the play area; the removal of dead animals from the highways and the need to take up this matter with the maintenance department; and the need for the state government to withhold income taxes the same as the federal government.

A grange hall was erected in 1963. In recent years, a well has been drilled, a central heating system installed and linoleum laid on the floors. Meetings of the grange are held in the basement which has been finished with rest rooms. The upper area has been rented and used by the Seagrove Library since 1972. Meetings of the town council are also held in this area.

THE NATIONAL Grange was organized in 1867. It has been described as "a voice for rural people, a self-help community group where one meets neighbors, makes new friends and learns to know old ones better."

In Sept., the North Carolina Grange observed the 50th anniversary of its founding. Attending a celebration in Raleigh commemorating this event were Seagrove Grange members Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sugg, and Golda Tysor.

Despite reports of dwindling membership in the grange organization as a whole, the Seagrove Grange reports nine new members - Mr. and Mrs. Ira Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ferree Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hill, Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson and Jimmy Cooper.

In addition to the Seagrove Grange, other subordinate grange organizations in Randolph County include Farmer, Eastern Randolph, New Market and Trinity. The county organization known as the Pomona Grange, meets quarterly and alternates its meetings with each of the subordinate granges.

50th Anniversary Observed

Oct. 31, 1979 – Mr. and Mrs. Jesse V. Kirkman of 629 White Oak Street celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage, Sunday Oct. 21 in Rollins Hall, the fellowship building of the Asheboro Friends Meetinghouse.

Approximately 175 guests called at a reception in their honor from 2-5 p. m.

JOINING THE COUPLE in the celebration of their anniversary was their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. (Delores) Lewis of Eagle Springs, and their grandchildren, Julie, a student at Appalachian State University, John and Jill.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Sam Zealy of Greensboro and Mrs. Bill Turner of Cary, nieces of Mr. Kirkman, Miss Dorothy Kirkman, his sister, Mrs. Hazel Overman, her sister-in-law, Mrs. Gladys Maness her aunt and Mrs. Richaard Paisley, Mrs. Clotus Craven and Mrs. Candy Flowers, her nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman were married Oct. 12, 1929 in the parsonage at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church. Mrs. Kirkman is the former Mae Overman. She is a native of Guilford County but came to Asheboro to live in 1921.

SHE IS A RETIRED employee of H & H Clothing Co. in Asheboro. Previous employment was at the Acme Hosiery Mill.

Mr. Kirkman is a native of the Grays Chapel area but came to Asheboro prior to his marriage. He is a retired employee of the Glenville Manufacturing Co.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman are members at the Asheboro Friends Meeting. Mrs. Kirkman's membership dates back prior to her marriage.

Asbury Baptist Church To Add Fellowship Building

Nov. 2, 1979 – Asbury Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, broke ground for a fellowship building Sunday Oct 28 directly following the morning worship service.

The new building will be erected adjacent to the present sanctuary on the western side, and will be constructed of brick both inside and outside, similar to the sanctuary.

A PLOW WAS used to break the ground, with the active deacons and trustees pulling and the pastor, the Rev. Jimmy Upton, guiding the plow as the furrow was overturned for the new structure.

A building committee named by the church consists of J. M. (Junior) Hancock, chairman, Mrs. Louise Hancock and Mrs. Bula Faye Kiser.

The contractor will be S. E. Trogden and Sons of Asheboro, who also built the new sanctuary at the church, completed in June, 1973. Estimated cost of the building has been placed at \$132,000. Construction is expected to start immediately.

The new building will be 40 feet wide and 100 feet long. It will consist of a large assembly area with a fireplace, kitchen, rest rooms and basement area. The latter area will include space for the heating and air-conditioning and general storage.

Asbury Baptist Church is located on a site where worship services began nearly 100 years ago. It began as the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, organized by Dr. T. E. Asbury around 1880.

HOWEVER, THE METHODIST church did not exist in Oct. 1926 when the present Asbury Baptist Church was organized. Only a one-room wooden building remained.

Several additions, renovations, and improvements were effected to this original building through the years prior to the erection of the present sanctuary in 1972-73. Three years following the completion of this building the mortgage was paid off and the building declared free of indebtedness.

Now, something over three years later, the church launches another major expansion of its facilities to continue the progress which has characterized its existence for the past 53 years.

25th Anniversary Observed

Nov. 7, 1979 – The Rev. and Mrs. Gary L. Waisner of Rt 2, Ramseur, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 21.

Guests called at the parsonage of the Kildee Wesleyan Church to greet them from 2-4 o'clock. The Rev. Waisner has been pastor of the Kildee church since July, 1972.

HOSTS FOR THE reception were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Waisner of Rt. 1, Asheboro and Miss Cindy Waisner.

Also serving as hosts and assisting in the reception were congregational members, Mr. and Mrs. Delmon York, Mr. and Mrs. Fred York, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Nichols, Mrs. Daile Bridges, Mrs. Joyce Williams, Mrs. Clarice Ann Chriscoe, Mrs. Betty Barker and Mrs. Shirley Lednum.

THE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION for the minister and his wife, in addition to the reception, included a trip to Disney World and other parts of Florida which preceded the reception.

The Rev. and Mrs. Waisner were married Oct. 23, 1954 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Waisner is the former Shirley Ritchie, a native of the Cabarrus County.

The Rev. Waisner is a native of Stanley County. He was called to preach from the First Wesleyan Church in Albermarle. His first pastorate, before coming to the Kildee church, was at the Summerfield Wesleyan Church in Guilford County.

Handmade Commemorative Quilt To Be Auctioned

Nov. 9, 1979 – A commemorative quilt, fabricated from yellow and green material of cotton blend, will highlight the second annual bazaar sponsored by the young adult class of Franklinville United Methodist Church Saturday, Nov. 10 in the church fellowship hall.

The quilt is centered by a striking embroidered design of the church structure which particularly brings into focus the beautiful memorial stained-glass windows.

THE QUILT HANDIWORK is virtually a directory of the church's activities, containing a list of officers and members of all the organizations of the church.

Three important dates and a brief chronological history are also recorded on the quilt: 1839 when the church was organized and the first building erected at the present cemetery site, 1895 when the second building was erected in the vicinity of the cemetery, and 1913 when the congregation moved downtown to the present site and erected the present structure.

Names of all the pastors who have served the church for the past 140 years are also inscribed on the quilt. There are also some memorial dedications on the quilt.

The bazaar will begin at 10 a. m. with a bake sale, ham and sausage biscuits, hot dogs, desserts and drinks.

AT 5 P. M. THERE will be a pinto bean supper consisting of pinto beans, cole slaw, cornbread and hot dogs.

An Auction sale will be held at 6 p. m. at which time the quilt will be auctioned off along with other donated items.

Couple Celebrates 30th Anniversary

Nov. 9, 1979 – Mr. and Mrs. William F. (Bill) Norwood of 651 Oakland Ave., celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 4, at the General Electric Clubhouse, Asheboro.

Their daughter, Miss Sharon Norwood, was hostess at a reception from 3-5 o'clock. Miss Norwood is a student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

MR. AND MRS. DOULAS (Florence) Wright greeted the guests and saying the goodbyes were Mr. and Mrs. Bill (Hilda) Welborn. Mrs. Wright and MRs. Welborn are nieces of Mrs. Norwood.

Others assisting were Christine Huggins, Pam Huggins, Yvonne Craven, Edna Hayes, Ann Davis, Janice Chriscoe, Robin Brown, Mary Cole, Cindy Cole, and Nancy Cannington of Homestead, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Norwood were married Nov. 5, 1949 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Bennie Maness.

Mr. Norwood is the son of Mrs. Lizzie Gatlin Jones of Rt. 1, Ramseur and the late Dewey Norwood. He is employed with Gene's Exxon Station.

MRS. NORWOOD, THE former Johnsie Fox, is the daughter of the late John Fox and Sarah Maness Fox.

The couple attend the Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Piney Ridge Church Has Finishing Touch

Nov. 9, 1979 – Before the new building for the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church. Rt. 1, Seagrove was completed 13 years ago, the congregation worshipped in an old dilapidated wooden building which had been erected in 1892. Its only heat came from a wood stove.

When the weather was extremely cold the Sunday services had to be canceled, depriving several small children of the opportunity to attend Sunday School.

But things changed when the new building was occupied. Other improvements which the congregation could not afford at the time the building was completed followed.

These included the purchase of new pews, the piping of water into the building, the installation of bathroom facilities, landscaping, air conditioning units, interior paneling and outside guttering.

Although other improvements and additions will probably be affected later by this progressive congregation in the black community of Piney Ridge, the finishing touch to the physical plant was brought about recently with the installation of a 29-foot steeple to the church structure.

Although their building was warm, comfortable and adequate compared to their facilities 13 years ago, the congregation still felt that something was lacking, the building did not have a "churchy look" and sometimes it was not recognized as a church structure.

Their efforts to secure a steeple were initiated in June and the response was quick and favorable. On Sunday, Oct. 28,

the new steeple shined brightly in the morning sunshine as the congregation assembled for worship.

Leading the efforts to secure the steeple were led by Mrs. Margaret Green, a member of the congregation. A financial contribution was also received from the Randolph Area Mission Society.

Now, the congregation wants to mount the church bell, which formally hung in the belfry of the old building, and restore it to a position of prominence. There is also talk about building a fellowship hall.

Benefit Supper to Help Randleman Family

Nov. 14, 1979 – A young Randleman family, plagued with excessive illness and mounting medical bills, will be assisted by the proceeds from a benefit supper Friday evening, Nov. 16, in the community room at the Randleman Housing Authority, 606 S. Main St.

The supper, to be held for Richard Shears, 31; his wife, Revonda Woodell Shears, 27; and their children, Anthony, 9, Shannon Lee, 5, and Crystal Dawn, 15 months, will begin at 5:30 p. m. and continue until 8:30 p. m.

The family resides at 115 Honeycutt. St., within the housing authority compound.

Mrs. Shears discovered in the spring of the year that she had become a victim of a chronic disease in which tumor-like lesions had developed in many tissues of her body. The disease is known as sarcoidosis.

Since the beginning of her illness, Mrs. Shears has been a patient in the hospital four times, twice in Asheboro and twice in Chapel Hill. She has underwent surgery at both hospitals. Now she goes to the hospital in Chapel Hill once a week for treatment. She has lost 75 pounds of weight.

Her medical expenses have already amounted to around \$25,000. The difference between the insurance coverage and the actual bills has become excessive, notwithstanding the decrease of insurance coverage as the use of it continues.

Also, Shears, an employee of Lowe's Hardware, has lost time of work due to the extreme nervous condition of his wife, brought on by the stress of the disease with which she is afflicted.

The menu for the supper will consist of ham, green beans, potato salad, bread, dessert, and drinks. Plates will sell for \$3 for adults and \$1. 50 for children. Take home plates will be available upon request.

Sponsors for the supper are Mrs. Carol Huffman, director of the housing authority, and her secretary, Mrs. Dianna Johnson. For information concerning the supper, call 498-9835 or 498-7686. Donations for the benefit of the stricken family will also be accepted.

Emily Gray, Fellow Senior Citizens

Nov. 16, 1979 – Mrs. Emily Hinshaw Gray of Rt. 1, Randleman, a retired school teacher of the Level Cross area, will be among the senior citizens who will be honored by the Level Cross Community Development Association Saturday, Nov. 17, beginning at 6 o'clock.

Mrs. Gray and all other senior citizens of the area are being invited to attend a buffet supper in their honor at the community building. Besides the meal, a program will be presented under the direction of Earl Small, master of ceremonies.

THIS WILL BE the first time in the 17-year history of the community association that senior citizens of the area have been honored. The current president of the association is Mrs. Lucille Lanier Skeen.

Mrs. Gray, a native of Guilford County, first came to the Level Cross community as a small child with her parents, Adam and Olive Gordon Hinshaw. She started to school at the one-room, one-teacher community school which acquired an additional teacher and another room for her second and last years as school there.

Her first teaching position was at Stoneville in Rockingham County, where she stayed for six years. She then taught for two years each in Harnett County and at the Park Street School, now Donna Lee Loflin School in Asheboro, before her marriage and transfer to the school in Randleman, where she stayed for nine years.

After leaving Randleman she accepted a teaching position at the Balfour School, a part of the Asheboro City School system, where she remained until her retirement in 1974

HER 38 YEARS of teaching were consecutive and spent teaching the first and second grades or a combination of these grades. When she quit, she said, "I was ready to retire."

Baptist Church Honors Former Class Teacher

Nov. 16, 1979 – The Millsaps Bible Class of adult men at First Baptist Church in Asheboro honored the Rev. John T. Biddle, a fellow member and former teacher of the class, at a dinner meeting Friday, Nov. 10 in the fellowship hall at the church.

The 83-year-old minister, who taught the class for 16 years, left on Thursday, Nov. 15, to take up residence at the North Carolina Home for Aging, Winston Salem.

GUESTS AT THE meeting included wives of the members, widows of the deceased members, and the church pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Vernon B. McDaniel

Members of the class paid tribute to the Rev. Biddle for his years of service with them and presented him with a gift and a card signed by those in attendance expressing best wishes on the eve of his departure.

The minister responded by saying, "it has been my privilege to be called the teacher of this class, it is the hardest move I've made in my life, breaking up and leaving friends."

Later, he said, "nobody takes the place of those you are leaving."

The Rev. Biddle first came to Asheboro in 1945 to become the first associational missionary for the Randolph Baptist Association.

A native of Wilmington, he entered the ministry in 1916 and prepared for his calling at the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. While there he held student pastorates in the states of Ohio and Indiana.

Before accepting the associational position in Randolph County he served active pastorates in Roberson County, Spruce Pine, Franklinton and Enka. While in Spruce Pine a new church building was erected and in Franklinton an educational building was erected and named for him.

After leaving the association in Randolph County he served pastorates in Granville County, Columbus County, Surry County, and in Morehead City.

HE RETIRED FROM the active church ministry in 1962 and came back to Asheboro where he became a church consultant with Croft Inc., an architectural firm located here.

He left this latter position in 1971. His wife died July 1, 1977, soon after the observance of their 60th wedding anniversary.

His family includes his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Biddle, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Couple Eyes 75th Wedding Anniversary

Nov. 21, 1979 – A former Lima, Ohio, couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Resh, have been living in Asheboro for two years. Their combined ages total 195 years.

If both of them live until next June 19 they will have been married for 75 years.

They came here in Sept. 1977 to reside with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Miner, at 333 Eldorado Rd.

Prior to that time they maintained and lived alone in their own two-story dwelling in Lima, only coming to Asheboro to spend their winters with their daughter and son-in-law.

ON NOV. 5, Mrs. Resh observed her 97th birthday. Since her husband, whose 98th birthday occurred last Apr. 22, has both hearing and seeing deficiencies, she conveyed the observance of her birthday by writing down her age in large figures.

His only reaction was, "gee, you are getting old."

Mr. Resh was a barber by trade and he continued his active barbering despite a hearing defect until he was 85 years old.

His daughter says "he's the most patient man you ever saw, very easy to take care of, no problem."

Mrs. Resh, on the other hand, is very active, both mentally and physically. She assists in looking after her husband, she helps her daughter wash dishes, and she crochets, makes quilts and corresponds with her friends back home.

SOME OF the things she makes are sold through the Salt Box and the money she receives from the sale is given to St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Asheboro, where she is a member.

She also attends regularly the services at the church every Saturday night. Asked how long she had been a member of the church, she replied "all my life."

St. Joseph was also the name of the church she belonged to when she and Mr. Resh were married in Galion, Ohio, after a courtship of about four years. She said young people didn't go together like they do now. She said "we only saw each other about once a month; there were not so many places to go to as now."

Asked if she was reconciled to living in Asheboro, she said "Yes, to a certain extent," but added "I miss the old club," an organization which she belonged to in Lima. But a correspondence is maintained with the club members and they sent her a lot of cards on her recent birthday.

Besides Mrs. Miner, the couple have a son, Harold Albert Resh, of Lakeland, Fla. Who visited with his parents in Sept. while Mr. and Mrs. Miner took a vacation. They also have three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Wesleyan Church Honors Its Vets

Nov. 23, 1979 – Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, combined a Thanksgiving service with "veterans

appreciation day" during the morning worship service Sunday, Nov. 18.

Veterans of all wars were honored, with special emphasis on the veterans of the Vietnam War whom congregational members felt have been overlooked.

A CHILDREN'S PLAY commemorated the Thanksgiving season, with Ann Poole, Ken Vaughn, Joan Rogers and Randy Crawford participating in other phases of the Thanksgiving program.

Diane Bonkemeyer gave "Thanks for Liberty" and Danny Hoogkamp, dressed in Civil War attire and bearing a striking resemblance to Abraham Lincoln, delivered the Gettysburg Address, followed by an appreciation of the veterans by the church pastor, the Rev. Steve Saunders.

The minister, after citing some of the things which plague the country, asked for a "rekindling of our national pride" and urged the congregation to "rejoice that we have the freedom we do." He asked for a "recommitment to the principles which have made our nation strong."

He told the veterans the service was held "because we wanted to say that we haven't really forgotten you after all" and he led the entire congregation in pledges to the Bible, the Christian flag and the American flag.

APPROPRIATE MUSIC AND songs, combining the themes of thanksgiving and patriotism, interspersed the service.

A luncheon was held in the fellowship hall following the service in honor of the veterans who were in attendance. Arrangements were made by Mrs. Nina Vaughn, a member of the congregation.

Poplar Ridge Friends Meetinghouse Pays Off It's Indebtedness

Nov. 30, 1979 - The annual fellowship supper on the night before Thanksgiving at Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Trinity, was highlighted this year by a note-burning ceremony which cleared the indebtedness of the new Meetinghouse erected in 1971.

The last payment on the original indebtedness of \$110,000 was paid on Nov. 7, 1979, enabling the congregation to burn the note at their annual Thanksgiving supper. One member said, "it is a good time to have a mortgage burning."

TOTAL EXPENDITURES ON the new-shaped structure, including a sanctuary with more than 430 seating capacity, an educational area 42 by 204 feet, and the equipment for the new facilities amounted to \$236,162.07.

The mortgage, which was secured for 15 years, was paid off in a little less than eight years. It was paid off by contributions from a building fund offering the first Sunday of each month. There were no "sellings" to benefit the building fund.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony were Joe Farlow, Clerk of the Monthly Meeting, Charles Monroe, Clerk of Ministry and Council, Brenda Monroe, Recording Clerk of Monthly Meeting, Charles Steed and Bertie Neal, past and present treasures of the building fund, and Inez Hayworth, a member of the historical committee.

A special guest at the service was Margaret Farlow Davis of Richmond, Ind., whose ministry at the Meeting from 1935-37 brought about a renewal of interest which had lagged prior to her coming to Poplar Ridge. She recalled that her first sermon was preached on "How to Break Up Your Fallow Ground."

Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting began in 1867 when Joshua Hill deeded a tract of land on an elevated ridge in the northwestern section of Randolph County, about halfway between the Uwharrie River and Caraway Creek, for the purpose of establishing a Meetinghouse.

THE NAME WAS derived from a stately poplar which grew to maturity on the ridge. The first Meetinghouse, a small one-room frame building about 18 by 24 feet. Was used for both worship services and a public school. Later a schoolhouse, a one-room log building, was also built.

The second Meetinghouse, a 24 by 35 foot building was erected in 1912 across the road from the first building, located next to the cemetery site. The estimated cost was \$500.

The third Meetinghouse, located across the road near the site of the first building, was completed in 1938 at the cost of \$2, 415. 12. In 1955 this building was extended to include class rooms, bath rooms, and a choir loft.

The third building, still standing, is used as a fellowship area and it was in this building that the Thanksgiving supper and note burning ceremony took place on Wednesday, Nov. 21.

After planning began for the fourth Meetinghouse in 1968 the congregation went back across the road for the selection of its site, on a six and one-third acre tract of land north of the cemetery, donated by the Enos Skeen family.

MRS. KEEN, WHO died last year, was a nephew of Joshua Hill, who donated the land for the first Meetinghouse.

Dr. Clifford Thomas, president of the John Wesley College in Greensboro, has been serving as interim minister at Poplar Ridge since the resignation of Barney Pierce who served as minister at two different times for a total of 27 years. A new minister, Winfred Crouse, has been chosen and will assume his duties in the near future.

Future goals of the congregation, as outlined by Charles Monroe, Clerk of Ministry and Council, at the Thanksgiving supper, include consideration of a new parsonage, the paving of the parking lot, the erection of a fellowship hall, and the continued spiritual growth of the Meeting.

Anniversary Present Takes Hicks To California

Dec. 5, 1979 - An early 48th wedding anniversary gift consisting of a plane trip to California and seeing the lights of Hollywood and Las Vegas, was presented to Mr. and Mrs. Elvin E. (Chuffy) Hicks of Ramseur by their son Don.

Don, a Ramseur native and graduate of the local high school, has been a resident of California for nearly 12 years.

FORMERLY A DANCE instructor for Earl Manning, he changed his career about a year ago and is now an employee of a bank in Long Beach, Calif where he resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks, who were married Jan. 15, 1932 in Danville, Va. Remained in California for a month leaving for their anniversary visit on Oct. 25.

A few days after their arrival they enjoyed the Universal Tour which took them to movie sets associated with many well-known filmings and famous film stars.

These included Jaws, Parting of the Sea in the Ten Commandments, Six Million Dollar Man, Land of the Giants, Little House on the Prairie, Bionic Woman, Incredible Hulk and settings invoking the memories of

Robert Wagner, Doris Day, Rock Hudson, Sophia Loren, Mae West, Cary Grant, W. C. Fields and Buck Rogers.

They visited San Diego, Santa Barbara, Santa Monica, Malibu Huntington Beach, Camp Pendleton, the Rogers Museum, Palm Springs and numerous other points of interest.

THEIR ANNIVERSARY DINNER hosted by their son, was held at the Brown Derby in Beverly Hills. While staying at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas they ate in the New Orleans Room Other famous eating places included the House of Pancakes and Gene Autrey's Hotel in Palm Beach.

Besides their son, Mr. and Mrs. Hicks are the parents of a daughter Mrs. L. B. (Ann) Smith of Burlington, and have two grandchildren, Michael Lee Smith and Mrs. David (Cynthia) Ann Ramey, also of Burlington.

Although Mr. Hicks was born in High Point and Mrs. Hicks, the former Mary Sykes, was born in Greensboro, both were reared in Ramseur, where they have lived since coming there.

Ordination Service Held

Dec. 7, 1979 - Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, held an ordination service Sunday Nov 25, in which Kenneth G. Symes and Roland Deane Coleman were ordained into the ministry.

The Rev. Nat Thompson, pastor of the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, preached the ordination service of the Faith Temple Church.

THE REV. THOMPSON also served as moderator of the ordination council which convened recently for the examination of the two candidates. Serving as the clerk for the council was the Rev. Trogden.

Other members of the ordination council were the Rev. Allen (Bud) Rowe, pastor of the Red Cross Baptist Church, the Rev. Ralph Voncannon, pastor of the Gospel Chapel Baptist Church the Rev. Maurice Kennedy, former pastor of the Bible Baptist Church in Ramseur and now a Sunday School teacher at the Amity Hills Baptist Church and the Rev. Joe L. Farlow Jr. assistant pastor at Faith Temple.

Although ordained and commissioned by Faith Temple Baptist Church, the Rev. Symes has had many years of experience as the founder of Fellowship Bible Baptist Church of Baltimore, Md and as an evangelist ministering in inner city Baltimore. He is now serving as an assistant director of World Missionary Outreach Ministries and resides with his wife and four children at 723 Morgan Ave. Asheboro.

RONALD COLEMAN, a native of Richmond County and a graduate of the Ramseur High School, was called to the ministry in Sept., 1977 and was licensed to preach on Aug. 27, 1978. He is now attending Piedmont Bible College and is engaged in the youth ministry at the Faith Temple Church, where he has been called as the youth pastor.

He and his wife reside at 107 Draper Street with two daughters and a son.

The faith Temple Baptist Church, which had a small beginning eight years ago continues to grow and expand its ministry. A new sanctuary is under construction, 13 new members joined the church at a recent service, and three people were converted in the morning service on the day the ordination service was held. The church now has a membership of 300.

Liberty Garden Club Observes 40th Year

Dec. 11, 1979 - "Rubies and Other Treasures" a flower show was presented by the Liberty Garden Club Wednesday, Dec. 5 in honor of its 40th anniversary at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Seymour Phillips.

Open house was held from 2 until 8 p. m. Invited were all former members of the Liberty Garden Club and all members of the Liberty Council of Garden Clubs.

When the Liberty Garden Club was organized in 1939, it was composed of eleven young women. Cleo Patterson, who served as its first president, Rebecca (Beck) Davis, Elsie Davis, Mrs. Charles Elkins, Erma Jones, Mrs. Durwood Martin, Dot Martin, Raynor Neal, Helen Tanner, Grace Dalton, and Margaret King Martin.

ONLY ONE charter member, Mrs. J. T. (Margaret King) Martin, has held continuous membership in the club. Another present member, Mrs. Carl Lofin, joined the club in the year following its organization. However, her membership is not continuous.

First called Just-A-Mere-Garden Club, its organization forty years ago was assisted by three Ramseur women. Mrs. J. P. Cox Mrs. I. F. Craven, and Mrs. D. W. Craven.

According to a historical sketch of the club written by Mrs. Mary Lovett three years ago, the activities of the club have been varied, geared to the community's particular needs, such as Girl Scouts, landscaping, educational projects at school and within the club, and fund raising for community projects.

The first project was the beautification of the then existing boulevard by the school building, for which club members asked for and received a loan of \$25 from the local bank to be used in the purchase of shrubbery.

During World War II the usual activities of the club were diverted to include helping with Red Cross projects such as rolling bandages, knitting sweaters, sending overseas kits, and helping billet soldiers assigned to the area for weekend entertainment.

THE CLUB'S assistance in organizing two other garden clubs. Rose Garden Club and Flower Lovers, resulted in the organization of the Garden Council in Liberty.

Presidents of the club have included Cleo Patterson, Margaret King Martin, Erma Jones, Grace Dalton, Peg Huber, Iris Wrenn, Runa Greenleaf, Mabel Smith, Beck Davis, Raynor Neal, Pattie Johnson, Mary Lovett, Mrs. Robert E. (Sallie) Ward, Marie Luther, Sue Loy, Jessamine Deaton, Mrs. Matt Gay, Mary Stamey, and Mary Owen, Mrs. Huber, and Mrs. Deaton served for two different periods while Mrs. Ward, the current president has served for five different periods.

In addition to Mrs. Ward, other present officers of the club include Mrs. Seymour Phillips, vice president; Mrs. J. T. Martin, secretary; Mrs. Ferment Lindley, Jr. treasurer; and Miss Dorothy Warren, reporter.

Additional members of the club include Mrs. Paul Aiken, Mrs. Wayland Garner, Mrs. J. B. Griffith, Mrs. John Jones, Mrs. Carl Lofin, Mrs. Clyde Luther, Mrs. L. L. Moffitt, Mrs. Jay C. Brandon, Mrs. J. M. Owen, Mrs. A. H. Patterson, Mrs. Johnnie Phillips, Mrs. William F. Rehder, Mrs. J. A. Seaboch, Mrs. Winfred Smith, Mrs. Herbert Smith and Mrs. Vesta West.

Anniversary Celebrants

Dec 20, 1979 - MR. AND MRS. W. CLYDE Lucas of Asheboro were honored on their golden wedding

anniversary Dec. 16 with a reception in the fellowship hall of the First Baptist Church. Their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry G. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. David L. Graves were hosts. The Lucases were married in Darlington, S. C. on Dec. 22, 1929. Mrs. Lucas is the former Pearl Moore and a native of Montgomery County. Mr. Lucas is a native of Randolph County and was reared in Union Township. Both Mr. and Mrs. Lucas have been active in church and community affairs since moving to Asheboro in 1933. Mr. Lucas served two terms as mayor of Asheboro, was president of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce and was chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Executive Committee several times. He is a member of the North Carolina State Democratic Executive Committee.

Assistant Pastor At Ramseur Christian Church To Assume Pastorate

Dec. 28, 1979 – The Rev. Adrian (Big A) Pugh will assume the pastorate of First Christian Church (Independent) in Ramseur, formerly Ramseur Christian Church, on Jan. 1.

The son of Mrs. Annie Smith Pugh of Rt. 2, Franklinville and the late Rev. John Quincy Pugh, he has served at the assistant pastor of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church in Asheboro for the past five and a half years. His wife is the former Toni Cox, a native of Rt. 1, Ramseur.

HIS FATHER WAS a minister and pastor in the Congregational-Christian denomination for many years. His three younger brothers are also ministers.

Despite his father's long service in the ministry, Big A never planned to become a minister, remembering the hardships which his father underwent while sometimes pasturing four churches at a time, in addition to farming and working in the cotton mill to support his family.

Big A had wanted to become a professional baseball player. He had played on the Franklinville High School team, a Deep River League team, and he had been given the opportunity of trying out with the St. Louis Cardinals.

But his father's death in 1958, soon after Big A graduated from Franklinville High School at the age of 17, changed the situation for the former athlete who gained the designation of Big A from his huge size, now weighing in at 275 pounds with a height of six feet and three inches.

His youngest brother was only two months old at the time of their father's death and Big A needed to go to work and also assist his mother in the rearing of his three younger brothers.

He went to work at the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills, first as a sweeper but gaining supervisory status before leaving 12 years later. His employment at Klopman was broken by service in the Army from 1963-65.

The Lord called Big A to preach in 1968 from the congregation of Pleasant Cross Christian Church, where he had worshipped since childhood, but he resisted the call until two years later. He said he received the chastisement of the Lord for his failure to heed the call during the intervening period.

IN 1970, HE and his wife, Toni, to whom he was married June 30, 1962, left their home on Rt. 1, Ramseur, across the road from her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jobe Tate Cox, and moved to Greenville, S. C. where Big A enrolled in the institute of Christian Service at Bob Jones University. His wife secured a position to assist financially while he prepared for the ministry.

During his three years there he excelled in the school's activities. He was named president of the student body, he served as the institute chaplain and at the time of graduation he received the institute's highest honor, in the form of a medal denoting leadership and Christian qualities.

He completed his studies on May 28, 1974 and four days later assumed his position at the Fayetteville Street church where his tenure of service has been marked by a greatly expanded youth program, the conduct of children's church, teacher of a youth class, and the coordinator of the bus ministry, including also the responsibility of an individual route.

This past year he inaugurated a puppet ministry which has already reached 10,000 boys and girls in churches in this area and in the states of Virginia and Pennsylvania.

On Christmas Eve, Big A and his brothers, Randall, Anthony and Dwayne, along with their families, congregated at the home of their mother for the holiday get-together.

RANDALL, a graduate of Piedmont Bible College, is an ordained Baptist minister. He is married to the former Peggy McDowell and they are the parents of two sons and two daughters.

Anthony, a graduate of Holmes Theological Seminary at Greenville, S. C., as an ordained Pentecostal Holiness minister. He is married to the former Barbara Johnson and they are the parents of a daughter.

Dwayne, unmarried, is a student at Piedmont Bible College and also serves as the youth pastor at the Swan Creek Baptist Church in Jonesville.

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50TH Anniversary Includes Renewal Of Vows

Jan. 2, 1980 - The Rev. and Mrs. John L. Jackson, natives of Illinois who have been living in Cedar Falls since 1959, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 16, under unique circumstances.

First there was the renewal of their marriage vows in a ceremony at the Cedar Falls Baptist Church where they are members.

Officiating were the Rev. Jack Sherron, pastor of White's Memorial Baptist Church where the Rev. Jackson was licensed and ordained into the ministry, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Eaton, pastor of Cedar Falls church.

Three of their wedding attendants at the time of their marriage on Dec. 15, 1929 in Bond Avenue Methodist Church in East St. Louis, Ill. Were present to stand again with the couple as they repeated their vows 50 years later.

These included the maid of honor, Louise Tebeau of Washington, D. C., bridesmaid, Alma Thorn of Belleville, Ill. And best man, Jack Divers of Columbia, Ill.

Only the groomsman, Arnold Klein of near Orlando, Fla. Was unable to be present. His place at the renewal ceremony was taken by Harry Brewer of Washington, D. C., brother of Mrs. Jackson.

Providing music for the renewal ceremony were a trio composed of the Rev. Jackson's sisters, Mrs. Ida Simpson of Litchfield, Ill., Mrs. Ann Beadle of Aug. a, Kan. And Mrs. Lenore Alpine of El Paso, Texas, who were present for their wedding 50 years ago.

At that time Mrs. Simpson was the soloist for their marriage ceremony.

