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### **50<sup>TH</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 16, under unique circumstances.

First there was the renewal of their marriage vows in a ceremony at 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 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.

Honor guests at the renewal ceremony were Mrs. Clara Divers of Columbia, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. Joe Laughlin of Cedar Falls, local cousins of Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Belen of Arlington, Va. And Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Btes and children of Jacksonville, Fla.

Ushers were Jack Tilley of Rt. 1, Randleman and Clay Jordan of Worthville.

Mrs. Nancy Hunter of Asheboro registered the guests and Mrs. Edith Trogdon of Rt. 1, Franklinville directed the ceremony.

Hosts for the reception which followed in the church fellowship hall were children of the honored couple, Clyde Jackson of Norfolk, Va., Mary VanSice of San Francisco, Calif. and Priscilla Harman of Cedar Falls. Additional family members are eight grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Serving were Mrs. Helen Haithcock, Mrs. Ethel Eaton and Mrs. Ruby Haithcock. Entertainment was provided by the quartet from White's Memorial Baptist Church.

The Rev. Jackson, a native of Monroe County, Ill., is a retired employee of the U. S. Navy Dept. where he served for 27 years and received distinguished service awards. He has been a Mason for 42 years.

Mrs. Jackson, the former Hazel Brewer is a native of St. Clair County, Ill. She has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star for 37 years.

After the retirement of the Rev. Jackson from governmental service, the couple came to the Cedar Falls vicinity to make their home. They chose this area because of Mrs. Jackson's kinship and acquaintance with the Laughlin family there.

Mrs. Jackson's maternal grandmother, the late Mary Laughlin Watkins, was a native of Randolph County and spoke often to her granddaughter of Randolph County and her relatives here. In 1936 Mrs. Jackson came with her grandmother for her first visit to Randolph County.

Other visits followed through the years, hence the decision of the Rev. and Mrs. Jackson to make their home here upon retirement.

After coming here, the Rev. Jackson studied for the ministry at the Fruitland Bible Institute which led to his subsequent licensing and ordination into the ministry. For a short period the couple served as "tent maker missionaries" in Arizona, serving without pay the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church there.

He then served as pastor of the Worthville Baptist Church for four years, after which he became the first full-time chaplain for The Randolph Hospital, in which capacity he served for four years.

Since coming to Randolph County, Mrs. Jackson has been involved with the Pink Ladies at The Randolph Hospital, with whom she acquired 1,800 hours of service

## **Congregational Church Honors Vandelia Davis**

January 6, 1980 - AS recognition service for Mrs. Vandelia Brooks Davis of 717 Frank Street, was held Sunday, Dec. 30, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Asheboro.

Joining in the service which honored their mother were Mrs. Davis' three living children, Mrs. Louise Bruce of Asheboro, Mrs. Henrietta Ritter of Asheboro and Harvey L. Davis of New York City.

Another daughter, Mrs. Annie Smith, is deceased. Representing this branch of the family at the recognition service were Mrs. Smith's husband, James Smith of Brown Summit and her two daughters, Mrs. Shirdella Parsons and Mrs. Coyletta Fair of Asheboro.

A touching mement in the service came when Mrs. Davis' children sang, "When I've Gone the Last Mile of the Way," in honor of their mother, with her son doing the solo version of the song.

Special speaker for the service was the Rev. W. E. Bill Simmons of Southern Pines, who served as Mrs. Davis' pastor at the first Congregational United Church of Christ for 13 years.

In speaking of Mrs. Davis, he said, "first she sought the Kingdom of God," paraphrasing the scripture found in Matthew 6:31. He discussed three characteristics of her life: serenity, simplicity and service.

In the church Mrs. Davis has served as treasurer and superintendent of the church school, teacher of the primary class, president of the missionary society and director of the weekly prayer meeting band. She has also participated in community organizations and has served as president of the Widow's Club.

Presentations of a corsage and other flowers to Mrs. Davis came from grandchildren and great-grandchildren who were in attendance at the service.

Also participating in the service were her pastor, the Rev. Ervin E. Milton, the Rev. and Mrs. E. J. Jones, Mrs. Beulah Wells, Mrs. Ruth McRae, Earl Jones, Vera Brooks Matthews and others who offered extemporaneous tributes to the life of Mrs. Vandelia Brooks Davis.

A reception followed in the fellowship hall.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Is Celebrated**

Jan. 10, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Marvin E. Jones of Rt. 1, Bennett, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 6, at a reception in the fellowship hall at Pleasant Grove Christian Church, where they are members.

Reception hosts were Mrs. Frances Carmac, Miss Sharon Carmac, Mrs. Mary Lou Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Flowers, Mr. and Mrs. Galls Hammer, Mrs. Alice Simmons, Mrs. Emily Brown and Miss Lynn Jones, all of whom are relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Jones.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Jones are natives of the community in which they still reside. Mrs. Jones is the former Leta Hammer daughter of the late Ivey and Mary Jane Hammer.

Mrs. Jones parents were the late Elwood and Anna Lee Caviness Jones.

The couple were married Jan. 8, 1930 in Chesterfield, S. C.

Mr. Jones is a retired employee of Randolph Mills in Franklinville. He has also engaged in farming.

## **Special Honors Given Church, Civic Leader**

Jan. 11, 1980 - E. Wayne Hughes, longtime church and civic leader, was honored Sunday, Jan. 6, during the worship service at Central United Methodist Church.

He was presented with a plaque from the Commission on Worship and the Board of Ushers, expressing "love and appreciation for his dedication and loyalty."

Presentation of the plaque came from Richard H. Moore, chairman of the church board of trustees, after Mayor



Robert L. Reese had praised Hughes as "the man most responsible for the fluid motion of the services" at the church and who also said, "the pastor's job is made easy because of him."

Although his church activities through the years have included most phases of the church program, his particular excellence has been noted in the ushering program, where he has served as the chairman for many years.

This area of service has extended beyond the local church, as he served two terms as president of the ushers conference of the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church, covering a nine-state

Area, and in 1972 was elected as "Usher of the Year" for that body.

He has produced and directed a training film on the duties of the church usher, he has taught courses on ushering as it relates to worship services, weddings, funerals, communion services, and he has held training courses for the church acolytes.

The presentation of the plaque to him during the Sunday morning worship service included letters written for the occasion by Dr. George P. Robinson, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church, and the Rev. G. Howard Allred, pastor of the Central church from 1972-1978.

Dr. Robinson said, "through Wayne's untiring labor as president of the Randolph Mission Society, literally hundreds of churches have been strengthened and enabled to realize their dreams."

The Rev. Allred said, "I counted it a joy to come and know and love E. Wayne Hughes. I have marveled at the knowledge Wayne had about the small churches in Randolph County. His love and concern was made manifest in the long hours he spent as president of the Randolph County Mission Society."

### **Birthday Dinner Honors Coleridge Resident**

Jan. 17, 1980 - Mrs. Edwie Cox Marley of Rt. 1, Ramseur, a life long resident of the Coleridge vicinity, was honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, Jan. 13, when family members joined her for a dinner in Florence Hall at Concord United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Marley, oldest member of the church both in age and length of membership, said she joined the church 82 years ago. She learned of her birthday celebration while attending the Sunday morning service when the missionary society presented her with a corsage.

She was born Jan. 15, 1890 at Kemp's Mill, which her father, Jasper Newton Cox operated for 13 years. Her mother was Lula Bray Cox. She attended the Middleton Ridge School at Kemp's Mill.

Her marriage to Benjamin Franklin, ( Ben) Marley occurred in 1904. He died in 1941. One of their sons, Elvin Marley is deceased. Their living children are Mrs. Vera Garner, Mrs. Christine Garner and Keith Marley of Rt. 1, Ramseur. I. D. Marley of Rt. 2, Seagrove and Paul Marley of Star Route, Siler City.

Mrs. Marley also has 30 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, an seven great-great-grandchildren. Five generations were in attendance at her birthday celebration.

Confined to a wheelchair because of a hip disability, Mrs. Marley said "my children are all good to me" and she thought "it was sweet of them" to celebrate her birthday.

Her pastor the Rev. Tim Brittain, and his wife and daughter were among those present for the observance of her birthday.

### **County Cattlemen Eye Beferendum Vote**

Jan. 17, 1980 - Randolph County cattlemen will have a opportunity to vote Feb. 19-22 on a proposed nationwide Beef Research and information program, according to Auman Teel, Rt. 5, Asheboro, the county Beferendum coordinator.

Beferemdum is a cattle industry effort to win approval of a uniform collection plan for beef research, consumer information, promotion and foreign market development. The Beef Research and Information program will be established if a majority of cattlemen vote "yes" in the Feb. referendum.

Teel said the four-day voting period next month will follow a registration period of Jan. 28-Feb. 6. Both the registration and voting will take place at the Randolph County ASCS office. Absentee registration and voting will be permitted; cattlemen interested in the absentee procedures should contact the ASCS office.

The referendum rules provide for one vote for each separate cattle business entity—be it an individual, a family business, a partnership or a corporation.

For the referendum to be valid, 50 percent of those registering must vote, and for the referendum to pass, a simple majority of those voting must be in favor of the program.

Teel urged all local cattle producers and feeders to vote "yes" in the referendum. He pointed out the urgent need for a self-help program that would provide the funds to fight anti-beef propaganda, promote the nutritional value of beef, combat beef substitutes, counter extremes of the cattle cycle, expand foreign markets and increase demand for beef.

Consumer demand for beef, as measured by share of income spent for beef, will continue to decline unless we take positive steps now. Nobody else is going to provide the nutrition research and information that are needed. We are going to have to do the job ourselves, and the only way to be sure and adequate job is done is to set up and industry wide, uniform collection plan.

"Just having a superior product isn't enough any more. We must take charge of our own destinies. We must be sure the research and information program is approved."

While all of the details of the program have not been determined, and will not until the referendum passes and the Beef Board—made up of cattlemen—is appointed. Teel did say that every cattleman along the production chain will automatically invest 2/10 of 1 percent ( 20 cents per \$100) of the value he adds to the animal. At the end of the chain, the packer will collect and remit the combined assessments to the Beef Board. A producer may get a refund upon request.

### **Party Honors Miss Minnie' Hoover**

Jan. 23, 1980—Sunday, Jan. 20, was the day Miss Minnie Lee Hoover, retired court reporter now living on Rt. 7, Asheboro, celebrated her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

However, the actual birth date was Jan. 19, which was also the birth date of Robert E. Lee, the most famous Confederate general in the Civil War.

One of the remembrances which she received for her birthday was a small bust of General Lee.

"Miss Minnie," as she is affectionately known by people who have lived in Asheboro for some time, was honored Sunday afternoon at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Parks on Pinewood Road.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Parks in entertaining for "Miss Minnie" were Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Brown, parents of Mrs. Parks, and Max Bell, her uncle, all of whom are neighbors of the honoree who lives with her sister, Mrs. Sue Vestal, on Southmont Road.

A large sign on the front of the new house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Parks proclaimed "Happy Birthday, Minnie."

Among those calling to pay their respects were Dr. Philip L. Shore Jr., pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro and Mrs. Shore.

"Miss Minnie" joined this church in 1902 and is believed to be the oldest member, both in age and length of membership.

She attended the morning worship service at the church prior to the reception at which she was honored. Flowers were placed in the church in her honor by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Finch of Thomasville, who also attended the reception honoring her.

Also attending the reception were Superior Court Judge Hal H. Walker and his wife. "Miss Minnie" served as the court stenographer in Judge Walker's courts for two years prior to her retirement.

Her first permanent job after completing her school at Asheboro High School was with Judge Walker's grandfather, the late Congressman William C. Hammer, who was serving as district solicitor at the time she began working with him.

While working for Hammer she learned court stenography and began her career as court reporter around 1910. She served the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, composed of Randolph, Montgomery, Cabarrus and Rowan Counties until her retirement on July 1, 1963.

Her efficiency was widely acclaimed by the various Judges with whom she worked, some of whom later became federal Judges and Supreme Court Justices.

One Judge said he "had never found occasion to change a word in cases which she reported." Another one said, "she is one of the most rapid and accurate in the state."

"Miss Minnie" moved to Asheboro with her parents, Thomas J. Hoover and Kate Gray Hoover, at the age of 5. This was the year 1890, just after the first train had come to Asheboro. She was born in western Randolph County where her only remembrance was winning a prize for saying a speech at a school by the name of Locust Grove, which she attended for one year.

Before taking the job in William C. Hammer's office, she worked at two temporary jobs in Asheboro, first as a substitute telephone operator and then as an office worker at the J. O. Redding Chair Factory.

While working as a telephone operator, she took shorthand lessons from Miss Mattie Porter who later married Dr. W. J. Moore an Asheboro physician.

## **Celebration Held For "Aunt Julian" Brooks**

Jan. 30, 1980 - A dollar for each year of her life was given to Mrs. Julian Phelps Brooks, 97, at the 10<sup>th</sup> annual

celebration of her birthday at Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley, Sunday, Jan. 27.

The first celebration occurred in 1969 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown but since that time has been held as a church and community event at Oliver's Chapel.

"Aunt Julian," as she is familiarly known in the community, is noted for her fortitude and her stern disciplinarian methods which have been felt through the years by most of the people in the community.

Her father, Billy Phelps, moved his family into the community in 1888 from Guilford County. She received her schooling in the "Old Burnt School," learning to write both right and left handed. It is said she could write two letters at one time.

She and her husband, the late Isaac (Babe) Brooks, reared a family of 11 children. She also worked as a washer woman for several families in Staley, walking the distance back and forth to that town each day.

Here favorite songs were sung at the celebration, such as "Thank You Lord For Letting Me See Another Year," "Show Me The Way," and "Nobody Told Me the Road Would Be Easy." One of her great-grandsons, Samuel Johnson, rendered a solo.

In addition to the \$97 love offering, she was presented with a birthday cake which was baked and presented to her for the 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive year by Mrs. Ruby Strickland. A niece, Henrietta Carter, of Siler City, daughter of her only living sister, Dora Curry, was recognized.

Mrs. Helen Headen has been in charge of the celebration each year. Also participating was the pastor of the church, the Rev. Annie P. Hart.

When called upon by Mrs. Hart for an expression of her faith, the usually stern countenance of "Aunt Julian" softened and the aged woman replied, "I'm going home."

A plaque which "Aunt Julian" received last Nov. was displayed, which recognized her as the oldest mother within the district of her denomination. In recent years one of her legs has been amputated.

## **Benefit Seeks 'A Room For Randy'**

Feb. 18, 1980 - Randy Boggs is 21 years old. He has never walked. The nearest he has come to walking was when he stood at the age of 2 or 3, holding the sides of his playpen.

The upper part of his body has developed, his arms have strength to propel himself across the floor and on the ground. But his legs are frail, crooked and crippled. He has not used them since those long years ago when he stood holding the sides of his playpen.

Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Davis (Jabo) Boggs. He lives with his parents and a brother at an isolated site on Rt. 1, Liberty.

His paternal grandmother, Mrs. Minnie Poole Boggs, lives alongside them in another house. His maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lou Annie York, visits him frequently.

Randy's life revolves around his parents, his brother, his two grandmothers, whom he loves dearly, and the television set which he watches continuously.

Although he cannot read, he has learned to detect numbers by looking at television and he is familiar with the various programs and their sequence of showing.

He is contented with the closeness of his small family circle and the programs he sees on television. He wants to stay at home and only rarely leaves it. About the only time

he leaves is to go with his parents to Hardee's where he enjoys a "Big Cheese."

During the summer months he slips out of his wheelchair, which was provided him by the March of Dimes, slides across the floor and across the yard to his grandmother's residence for frequent visits.

He also gets into bed by himself, sliding across the floor and propelling himself into bed by the use of his arms.

He talks frequently around his parents and other loved ones and they can understand what he says. But he is timid around other people and it is hard to distinguish what he is saying. However, he is perceptive and understands fully what is going on around him.

He is a happy human being, he does not complain and is usually very pleasant. He mother said "he goes to bed happy, he gets up happy, he is one of God's special children."

A benefit singing for Randy will be held Saturday at the VFW Hut on Albemarle Road in Asheboro sponsored by the Zoo City Radio Club and continuing from 6 p. m. until midnight. There will be fun, music, prizes, food, and trophies.

The money raised will be used for the completion of "a room for Randy." The room, partially built and located on the west side of the Boggs residence, will include plenty of windows for a viewing of the surrounding countryside and will provide space for Randy to maneuver in his wheelchair.

### **Anniversary Is Celebrated**

Jan. 31, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Jance Addison Lamb celebrated the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their of their marriage, Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Brian's Nursing Center, where they have lived since last Aug. . They are former residents of 506 Bowman Road in Randleman.

Mr. Lamb, 87, and his wife, 81, the former Cluster Mae Fields, were married Jan. 30, 1915 at her home north of Randleman. Both Mr. Lamb and the officiating minister, the Rev. Jim Parker, traveled to the marriage site with horse and buggy.

The couple, both natives of the Randleman area, got acquainted while working at the old Randleman Cotton Mill, located at the former site of Commonwealth Hosiery Mill.

Mr. Lamb received \$80. 90 a week for his wages at the mill at that time and said his wife "made a few more cents than I did." At the age of 12 years, Mr. Lamb lost his right arm in an accident at the mill.

But his handicap did not prevent him from gainful employment and besides working in the cotton mill, where he operated the elevator, he drove a buggy for the delivery stable, conveying salesmen(drummers) to their destination. He was working for the City of Randleman at the time of his retirement at the age of 80.

Mr. Lamb attended the old Bloomfield School in Randleman. His wife went to the school at New Salem. They remember the swinging bridge, three or four feet wide, which spanned Deep River just above the present bridge site.

They also recalled the covered bridge which was replaced in recent years by the current structure.

Their children are Mrs. Ethel Turner of Rt. 2, Randleman, Mrs. Exie Slaydon of Rt. 8, Asheboro, Mrs. Pauline Allred of Rt. 1, Randleman, Ralph Lamb of Greensboro and Sarah

Lamb of the homeplace. They also have eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

### **Wesley's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church Has Special Ceremony**

Feb. 8, 1980 - Four new deaconesses were consecrated into service at a special ceremony Sunday, Feb. 3, at Wesleyan's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church at the corner of Forest and Woodland Streets.

The New Deaconesses were Dora McQueen, Barbara Poole, Lula Hines and Rasalind Smith. Joinng them for the consecration serviced were Fannie Butler, president of the deaconess board and Margaret Bostic, another member of the board.

Speaker for the service was the Rev. J. B. Bennett of Wadesboro, a retired minister with 55 years of service. The Rev. Bennett served as district superintendent in the York-Chester District in South Carolina for 26 years.

Also participating in the service were the church pastor, the Rev. Thurman H. Murphy, the Rev. Dora Atlas, assistant minister and Lena McKeever, state mother and evangelist who formerly served the Pentecostal House of Prayer in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Only two consecrations are held in the A. M. E. Zion Church, those of Deaconess and bishop. All other inductions are ordinations. A deaconess assists with the holding of the Lord's Supper, visits the sick, prays for the dying and administers to those in distress.

Wesley's Chapel pastor, the Rev. Murphy, had particular praise at the consecration service for Fannie Butler, the president of the deaconess board.

He said she was "loyal, dependable and dutiful, Lydia and Eunice(Biblical characters) would have nothing on her." He referred to the time which she spends "making things" for those who are sick and said "her life has been dedicated in helping others."

### **Awards Presented To Local Boy Scouts**

Feb. 13, 1980 - Three Scouting awards—two Eagles and a Baptist God and Country Award - were presented Sunday morning at First Baptist Church in Asheboro.

The Eagle recipients were Brian Cox, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Cox, and Joseph H. Parker, 15, son of Dr. and Mrs. Johnny R. Parker, the God and Country recipient was Ted Miller, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Ed Miller.

It is believed that this was the first God and Country award to be presented in the 49-year history of the troop.

All three recipients are members of the Troop 524, sponsored by the church and the oldest troop in Asheboro. Cox's father is the assistant Scoutmaster of the troop.

The Scoutmaster, Willard Gordon, presided over the presentation ceremonies, with the mothers of the two Eagle Scouts emblems on their sons simultaneously.

Fourteen Eagle Scouts stood during the ceremony, including Ted Miller and his brother, Michael, and Steven Parker, brother of Joseph.

Cox is an eighth grade student at Asheboro Junior High School where he is a member of the Beta Club and has served on the Student Council.

Both Parker and Miller are honor students of the sophomore class at Asheboro High School and are involved in other activities.

All three Scouts attended the Canadian Scout Jamboree in 1979. Both Cox and Parker have served as patrol leaders while Miller serves as Junior assistant Scoutmaster of the troop. Parker has hiked the entire Uwharrie Trail—100 plus miles.

### **Church Honors Their Pastor, Wife**

Feb. 15, 1980—The "sweetheart banquet," held continuously by the Baptist Training Union of First Baptist Church in Randleman since 1952, occurred Saturday, Feb. 9, despite the inclement weather which prevailed in the town and surrounding countryside.

Lester Hough, Training union director, presided over the meeting. Mrs. Vera Allred was in charge of the program. The fellowship hall was gaily decorated in commemoration of the Valentine season.

"Sweethearts of The Year," an annual selection since the banquet of 1958, proved to be the church pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. B. G. (Bob) Pratt. Their surprise selection was followed by the presentation of a gift and the singing of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" by those assembled.

The Rev. and Mrs. Pratt had previously been honored by the congregation last Nov. when they were recognized on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their pastorate at the church.

First "Sweethearts of the Year" in 1958 were Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Stevens.

Others in succession have been the Rev. and Mrs. Fred Reese, Mrs. N. N. Newlin, Mrs. Lula Wilkerson, Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Galyon, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hilliard Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Bob Batson, Mrs. R. R. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood Robbins, Mrs. Ann Bell and Fleming Bell Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Tom(Vera) Allred.

Also the Rev. and Mrs. Talmage Smith and the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Stegall, joint recipients for the year of 1969. Miss Ruby Robbins, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cashatt, Mrs. Louise Rumley, Mrs. Ruth Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Routh, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gregson, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hough and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Snider.

Various humorous skits provided the program for the evening, including the portrayal of "Cousin Minnie Pearl" by the pastor.

### **Sisters-In-Law Share Room At Nursing Home**

Feb. 21, 1980 - Two ladies, sisters-in-law, former residents of the same community, and members of the same church, are room-mates at the Brian Center of Nursing Care in Asheboro.

Mrs. Ida Jordan Cole and Mrs. Sarah Stokes Jordan are also the same age. Mrs. Cole celebrated her 88<sup>th</sup> birthday Feb. 15. Mrs. Jordan reached that age last Oct. 12.

Mrs. Cole was admitted to the nursing center two years ago. Mrs. Jordan was admitted a year earlier. About two weeks after Mrs. Cole admittance, the two ladies were put in the same room.

About six weeks after Mrs. Cole's birth in Moore County, about a mile from Union Grove Baptist Church, her parents, Ellis Jordan and Francena McNeill Jordan, moved their family to Randolph County, in the vicinity between Pleasant Hill and Piney Ridge.

Mrs. Jordan, whose husband, the late Allen Jordan, was a brother of Mrs. Cole, was born in Chatham County, near the Fall Creek Baptist Church. When Mrs. Jordan was 12 years old, the family moved to Randolph County, first to the Moffitt's Mill area and then to Coleridge where Mrs. Jordan went to work in the cotton mill at the age of 14.

Mrs. Cole moved with her family to the area north of Asheboro when she was 14. Two years later, she joined the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, where she has now been a member for 72 years. Mrs. Jordan, also a member of the church, came to the area north of Asheboro after her marriage in 1910.

While living in the lower part of Randolph County, Mrs. Cole attended Oak Glade School, also known as Simon Glade or Possom Trot. After coming to the Asheboro vicinity, she went to the schools at Spero and Gold Hill. Mrs. Jordan first attended the Jones Schoolhouse and then Shiloh after the family moved the Moffitt's Mill Vicinity.

Mrs. Cole has three daughters, Mrs. Lillian Lewis of Concord, Mrs. Lela Mae Walker of Asheboro and Mrs. Pauline McLeod of Rt. 3, Pittsboro.

Mrs. Jordan's children are Winfred Jordan, Mrs. Oppie Tatum, Ray E. Jordan and Alton Jordan, all of Asheboro and Leon Jordan of Atlanta, Ga. One son, Burnice Jordan, died in recent years and a daughter, Evelyn, died at the age of four.

Both ladies have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### **Friends Assist Her In Moving**

Feb. 22, 1980 - Mrs. Dena Yow Brower of 333 Freedom Drive, had a most pleasant experience recently when she moved from on apartment to another one at the Wainman Avenue division of the Asheboro Housing Authority.

Saying she "wanted some of the good things told," she described the assistance she received from other residents of the housing authority when she moved.

If and unable to help herself, the move was necessitated when she needed an additional bedroom in order that someone could stay with her at night.

While waiting for family members to come help her move, other ladies at the housing authority took it upon themselves to move whatever they could by hand, carrying the items across the street. Then a gentleman with a truck, who was visiting his sister in the housing authority, moved her other belongings. There was nothing else left to do when her family arrived.

Mrs. Brower, who will celebrate her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on Mar. 28, spoke of the "spoiling and pampering" which she has received in the last year and said "people around here are so nice to me."

She is a native of the Yow's Mill area between Seagrove and Erect. Her parents were James Martin Yow and Mary Ellen Lowdermilk Yow.

A former school teacher, she met and married her husband, the late Clay Brower, while teaching at the Lambert School Between Coleridge and the Chatham County line. Upon his death 17 years ago she left their Rt. 4, Siler City home and lived for 16 years in Siler City before coming to reside at the housing authority in Asheboro.

Other schools at which she taught included Cross Roads, her home school, Oak Glade, also called Simon Glade and Possom Trot. Antioch, Blaylock, and Marley's Mill, all of them in Randolph County.

Four daughters were born to Mrs. Brower and her late husband, Mrs. Faedene Thomas and Mrs. Betty Jean Lewis of Asheboro, Mrs. Agnes Arthur of Springfield, Va. And Mrs. Ellen Maki of Eugene, Ore.

She also has three stepdaughters, Mrs. Inez Howard and Mrs. Marjorie Butler of Greensboro and Mrs. Dorothy Dillon of Springfield, Va.

## **Crusade For Christ Plans Made By Local Churches**

Feb. 28, 1980—Asheboro and Randolph County churches are making plans for the Clyde Dupin-Ashe-Rand Crusade for Christ June 8-15, in the football stadium at Asheboro High School.

Speaking nightly at 7:27 p. m. will be the Rev. Clyde Dupin, an interdenominational evangelist who has traveled more than a million miles and preached face to face to over one million people.

Since 1974, he has served as president and executive director of the Clyde Dupin Reachout Ministries Inc. Prior to that time, he served six years as crusade director and vice president of the Bill Glass Evangelistic Association Inc. As an evangelist, he has conducted more than 200 interdenominational crusades, church revivals, camps and Bible conferences.

Other members of his evangelistic team include Frank West, crusade and choir director; Wes Dupin, son of the evangelist, who serves as song leader and soloist; Bob Anderson, crusade organist; and Mrs. Grace Dupin, wife of the evangelist, who conducts prayer teas for the ladies during the morning hours of the crusade.

Special guests expected during the crusade will include Suzanne Johnson, a former Miss Illinois and Miss America runner-up, who will share her testimony and sing; and John Westbrook, the first black football player in the Southwest Conference.

The local executive committee of the sponsoring churches include the Rev. Vernon McDaniel, executive secretary; the Rev. Ronald Overcash, ministerial division chairman; the Rev. Cecil Baughman and the Rev. Don Richardson, members-at-large; the Rev. Judson Rotan, church involvement chairman; and the Rev. Robert Blackaby, prayer chairman.

Also the Rev. Don McIntyre, visitation chairman; the Rev. Lee Cockrill, spiritual preparation chairman; the Rev. Randall Ross, operation Andrew; Mrs. Pat Moore, ladies prayer tea chairman; E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of ushers committee; and the Rev. Don Dawalt, attendance and delegations chairman.

Additional leadership personnel, especially from the laity will be named to assist the present members of the executive committee as the plans for the crusade progress.

Events already held in preparation for the crusade have included a ticket distribution meeting in connection with the kickoff banquet, the banquet and a seminar for pastors.

The ticket distribution meeting, termed the largest ever held by the Clyde Dupin Crusade, was attended by 84 people, representing 45 different churches in Asheboro and Randolph County.

The kickoff banquet, chaired by Tony Voncannon, was held in the National Guard Armory and was attended by 610 people. Coming to Asheboro to speak to a assembled group was Rev. Dupin.

The next event to be held in connection with the proposed crusade will be a county-wide leadership rally Thursday, Mar. 6, at 7:30 p. m. at the Asheboro Church of God on North McCrary Street. The crusade and choir director, Frank West, will be providing special music and speaking on "The purpose of a Reachout Crusade."

## **Born On Feb. 29, Nance Has 'Birthday' No. 23**

Mar. 13, 1980 - Carl Green Nance, Rt. 2, Denton, has always had to wait for years to celebrate his birthday, having been born on Feb. 29 in the leap year of 1884.

One time he had to wait for eight years because in the year 1900 the calendar did not include Feb. 29. This year was the 23<sup>rd</sup> observance of his birth.

This year, although his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday occurred on Feb. 29, he had to wait until Sunday, Mar. 9, to celebrate. The big annual celebration, scheduled Sunday, Mar. 2, at the Farmer Grange Hall, had to be postponed due to the heavy snow which fell that day and the day before.

It was the sixth annual celebration of his birthday, having begun twenty years ago. This year, as in the past year, a large number of family congregated in his honor.

Carl Nance lives in a large, two-story unpainted farm house to which he first came with his parents when he was nine years old. He said it was an old house back then. Except for seven years when he first got married, he has lived in the house since he came there with his parents 87 years ago.

Diagonally across the dirt road is the Salem United Methodist Church which he joined 77 years ago. For thirty he served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

More directly across the road from his house is the church cemetery in which his wife, the former Nannie Hill, was interred at the time of her death in 1935.

UP the road a mile is the former sit of the Salem School, a one-time teacher institution which he attended until he was 17 years of age. He said it was the custom back then to attend until the age of 21 but he was forced to quit due to his father's ill health. But he said "I wouldn't take a pretty for what I learned."

All of the children of Carl Nance and his deceased wife are still living. They are Branson Nance and Dwight Nance, Rt. 3, Asheboro, J. Van Nance, Rt. 7, Asheboro, Mrs. Lucille Varner, Ivey Nance, and Charles Nance, Rt. 2, Denton, Mrs. Frances Hunt, Rt. 3, Denton, and Mrs. Glee Arnold, Rt. 2, Lexington.

A grandson stays with Nance at night and a daughter lives within sight. Otherwise, he takes care of himself.

He still drives his automobile, having only curtailed his driving because of the sharp increase in the price of gas. He will have to renew his license to drive next year but doesn't anticipate any difficulty. He said, "I didn't have any trouble getting them last time."

He slept in an unheated room upstairs until recently with the window in his large room raised regardless of the temperature. He still sleeps up there but this winter he has only "cracked the window open a little." He said, "I wouldn't take a pretty penny for my electric blanket."

Last year, when he was 95, he said he was going to quit having a garden but changed his mind and "had one of the finest gardens I've had." He said folks came from as far away as Asheboro to get some of the turnips which he raised.

However, one change which the infirmities of age has brought was his banjo playing. He has played the banjo since he was seven years old but had to quit five years ago because "arthritis knocked me plumb out of it," he said.

Speaking of future years, he said "I am getting up towards the last one, if I could go on and live like I do now, if I don't get sick, and if I could help somebody a little, I wouldn't mind going on."

Reflecting back on his life, he said, "I have always tried to walk straight. I have never gave anybody any trouble.

This statement can be echoed by people who attended his 96<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and others who have known Carl Nance throughout their lifetime.

### **Couple Celebrates Golden Anniversary**

Mar. 13, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Elsie Dolan (Dock) Hardister of Rt. 3, Denton, lifelong residents of New Hope Township, were honored by their children Mar. 9 on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosts at a reception at the New Hope Fire Department were Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hardister of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Ms. Evelyn Shaw of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Brenda) Crotts of Rt. 1, Trinity, and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hardister of Rt. 2, Denton.

Approximately 125 guests called from 2-5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardister were married Mar. 8, 1930 at the county courthouse in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Hardister is the former Beulah Mae Tysinger.

She is a retired sewing machine operator. Mr. Hardister is a retired farmer. The couple attend Liberty United Methodist Church.

### **Quaker Heights Friends Meeting Is Chartered**

Mar. 14, 1980 - Quaker Heights Friends Meeting, located at the corner of East Allred Street and Cheddington Drive, was chartered in a Sunday service Mar. 9 and received its status as a Monthly

Meeting of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Dr. Eldora Terrell, chairman of a valuation committee from the Yearly Meeting, presided over the charter ceremony and delivered to the new Monthly Meeting all of the legal documents which pertain to its operation.

She cited strong leadership, both pastoral and Meeting wise, and financial responsibility as a basis for the official action. She predicted that the new Monthly Meeting will be "a vigorous caring body of Friends."

Also participating in the service were the pastor, the Rev. Robert Kidd; the Clerk of the N. C. Yearly Meeting, Clifford Winslow; the Executive Secretary of the N. C. Yearly Meeting Billy Britt; and the Clerk of Southern Quarterly Meeting, Winfred Clifton.

The sponsoring unit of the Quaker Heights Friends Meeting has been the Southern Quarterly Meeting, comprised of the following Friends Meetings: Asheboro, Back Creek, Bethel, Cedar Square, High Falls, Holly Spring, Hopewell, Marlboro, Poplar Ridge, Prosperity, Randleman, Science Hill, and South Plainfield.

Assistance from the Southern Quarterly Meeting has consisted of leadership ability and financial aid.

Officials of the newly-chartered Monthly Meeting at Quaker Heights consists of Charles Tuggle, Clerk of the Monthly Meeting; Donald Davis, Clerk of Ministry and

Council; Mozelle Routh, Treasurer; Leroy Russell, Baxter Routh, and Donald Davis, Elders; and Francis Hinshaw, Kenny Bolins, and Baxter Routh, Trustees.

The Quaker Heights Friends Meeting began in a meeting at the Randleman High School on Oct. 30, 1976. Later services were held in the Bill Boyd Building on North Fayetteville Street in Asheboro. The new building at the present site was dedicated on Oct. 29, 1978.

### **Mother of 15 Celebrates Birthday**

Mar. 18, 1980 - Mrs. Mary Green Brady, Rt. 4, Asheboro, mother of 15 children, celebrated her 74<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday with a large number of family members in attendance.

Attending the annual birthday celebration in her honor, held their year at the General Electric Clubhouse, were the following children: Mrs. Evangeline Leach, Mrs. Odessa Spinks, and Mrs. Mary Ruth Cassidy, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Miss Paige Brady and Harry Brady, Rt. 4, Asheboro; Mrs. Erma Foye, Petersburg, Va.; Early Brady, Henry Brady and John Perry Brady, Philadelphia, Pa.; Filman Brady, Winston-Salem; Joe Brady, Siler City; and Willie Brady, Asheboro.

One son, Eli Brady, Ramseur, was not present but was with his family at the old home place the day before.

Also present were the three grandchildren Mrs. Brady reared—Mrs. Peggy Brooks, Rt. 4, Asheboro; Jackie Brady, Chapel Hill; and Frank Brady, Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. Brady, daughter of the late Robert and Mary Anna Chestnut Green, is a native of the Piney Ridge community and was attending school there at the time of her marriage to the late Elbert Brady when she was 15 years of age.

After her marriage in 1922, she moved with her husband to his home community of Stout's Chapel, where she has lived since and where all of her children were born. Since moving into the community she has been an active member of the Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church. Her husband died in 1968.

She and her husband reared their children in a one and one-half story house which belonged to his parents and which burned in 1967. Her husband farmed, peddled milk, butter and "stuff we growed" in Asheboro, sold pulpwood and saw milled as a means of supporting his large family.

He was assisted in most of these duties by his wife, Mary, who said, "times wasn't to bad, the children eat most anything and things was really cheap back then."

Guests at the birthday celebration included the Rev. John Moore, pastor at Stout's Chapel; and Mr. and Mrs. David Leach, parents of Mrs. Evangeline Leach's husband, George. David Leach will soon celebrate his 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Congregation Sees Mission Slides**

Mar. 20, 1980 - John Snider, Rt. 6, Asheboro, showed slides of his recent mission trip to Panama at a congregational group in the fellowship hall at Giles Chapel United Methodist Church Saturday evening.

Before viewing the slides, a buffet supper was enjoyed under the sponsorship of the United Methodist Women. The United Methodist Women, assisted by other members of the congregation, led the sponsorship of Snider on the mission trip to Panama.

Officers of the Women's organization are Mrs. Norvin Greene, president; Mrs. Olan Hunt, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Rich, secretary; and Mrs. S. E. Trogdon Sr., treasurer.



Snider was part of a group of 12 men and four women from the High Point District of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church who spent Feb. 5-19 in Colon, a town about the size of Asheboro which is located on the Caribbean or east side of Panama.

It is an annual project of the district and conference, known as "building mission." The project on which Snider and his colleagues worked was the renovation of a fellowship hall and cafeteria at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Colon. The cafeteria is used by a school which is sponsored by the church.

The project, which was started by a previous "mission team," was completed ahead of time, enabling the second team to spend their remaining time working on the Bethany United Methodist Church, a part of the same charge which includes Trinity and two more churches. The Bethany church is small, with only five members and five pews.

Snider, maintenance supervisor for Burlington Socks, spent most of his time in electrical installation of the renovative work in Panama. However, he also laid some cabinet work and did some plumbing.

The town, in which they worked was "old, pretty run down" and there was "quite a bit of poverty." Most of the inhabitants spoke both English and Spanish. The policemen on the streets greeted them in a friendly manner and cautioned them about dangerous areas in the town.

### **Reception Is Held For 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mar. 26, 1980 - Mrs. Annie Lenora Barrier Shuping celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. (Jane) Teague Sr., in Erect. With whom she has resided for the past four years.

A luncheon for immediate family members was held during the noon hour. A reception for other family members and friends followed from 2-5 p. m., with more than 50 in attendance. Many of the guests came from outside of Randolph County.

Mrs. Shuping, a native of the railroad station community of Barber Junction near Statesville, moved with her parents to Rowan County when she was five. Her father was a farmer.

After attending the little school in the rural community in which she lived, she enrolled at Mont Amoena Seminary, a girl's school founded by the Lutheran Church near Concord, where she studied English, French, music and art. She taught school for three years before her marriage.

She was married to Scott Eugene Shuping on June 30, 1914, and they lived in Orlando, Fla., Winston-Salem and Greensboro before coming to Randolph County in 1947 where they resided in the Cedar Grove Community.

Mr. Shuping, who died in 1969, was a well known tax accountant. He had been employed with both the state and federal revenue departments and served as the first supervisor for the Randolph County Tax Department.

Besides Mrs. Teague, Mrs. Shuping has another daughter, Mrs. Joe (Esther Lenora) Sills of Lexington, Ky., and a son, Robert Scott Shuping of Greensboro. Another son, Jerry Monroe Shuping, an Asheboro attorney and former Clerk of Superior Court in Randolph County, died in 1970. Mrs. Shuping has 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Since her marriage nearly 66 years ago, Mrs. Shuping's interests have centered around her family, her church and her community. She is endowed with the philosophy that the

woman's place is in the home," the husband is supposed to make the living," she said.

From the cradle, her children were brought up in the church, of which her family has been an integral part. "I have always loved my church," said Mrs. Shuping, and when moving to a new area, "I have always moved my membership." Upon coming to the Erect community four years ago she moved her membership to Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church.

"I love the people down here," she said. "I've loved the people every place I've lived."

She is devoted to the members of her family, including nieces and nephews and corresponds regularly with them. She looked forward to their coming to her birthday celebration.

Reflecting on her life, she said, "I lived as God saw fit for me to live, I just live one day at a time."

### **Beane Celebrates His 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Mar. 26, 1980 - Alfred Cicero Beane, a native of the Moffitt's Mill area near Erect, celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday at his home in Franklinville.

He can remember when there wasn't a bridge across Richland Creek at the mill site and said sometimes it was so cold that the ice across the creek would hold up a team of horses and a wagon without breaking the ice.

Later, there was a covered bridge which was replaced by the conventional bridge which is now being torn away to make way for the new concrete bridge.

Beane's mother, Susannah Frye Beane, died when he was 11 years old. His father, Elvizane Beane, then "broke up housekeeping" and Beane went to work in the cotton mill at Coleridge.

He said he worked from 6 a. m. until 6 p. m. with an hour off during the noon hour, and stated that he only made 10 cents a day for his labor.

Also he said the mill officials "wanted you to work there and trade it out at the company store instead of paying you the money."

Later he stayed at the home of Charlie Tysor at Erect and helped on the farm. He said, "They were as good to me as they could be."

At the age of 65, he retired from Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro, where he had worked for 34 years. He has lived in Franklinville since 1960.

Living with him are his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Beane. He also has two daughters, Mrs. Elma Davis of Asheboro and Mrs. Mary Shoe Wagram, plus six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

His closest other relative is a sister, Mrs. Lorena Graves of High Point, who is a year older than Beane. Mrs. Graves was among other family members who attended the birthday celebration.

### **They Make 'Sooper Dooper Banana Split Scooper'**

Mar. 29, 1980 - The young people of Balfour Baptist Church had hoped to make the longest banana split which had ever existed. They chose last Sunday night following the worship service as the time to establish the world's record.

They named their effort "The Sooper Dooper Banana Split Scooper," and it was at least a minimum of 20 feet long.

Some said it was even longer. The young people worked frantically in making of the sooper dooper scooper as they mixed and blended the 10 gallons of ice cream, the 40 or more bananas, the four cans of whipped cream and the other ingredients.

They learned before the night was over that it was not the longest banana split which had ever been made. But its contents was more than sufficient for the large number of young people and older members of the congregation who stayed to eat it.

Two gallons, which remained after everyone had satisfied their hunger, was placed in the refrigerator in the fellowship hall where the festivity took place.

Afterwards a devotional period and music was provided by Clay Barnes, representing the New Life Club, a non-denominational youth group in Asheboro.

Making arrangements for the project and assisting in the making of the long split were Kathy Kincaid, Susan Johnson and Gaylon King. The idea originated with Kathy, daughter of the church pastor, who had once helped on a five-foot split at another place.

### **Elders Arrive In Asheboro**

Apr. 4, 1980 - Elder Timothy Quinn of Bountiful, Utah, has joined Elder Randy Thomas of Weiser, Idaho as missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints at the Asheboro area.

Elder Quinn came from Greenville, his first assignment, on Mar. 5. Elder Thomas came the latter part of last year from Charlotte. Both of them are 19 years of age.

Both Elder Quinn and Elder Thomas have a traditional background in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, also known as the Mormon Church. Three brothers preceded Elder Quinn as missionaries for their denomination while a brother and a sister of Elder Thomas have also served in this capacity.

Elder Quinn attended Brigham Young University for a year prior to beginning his missionary assignment.

Elder Thomas plans to attend the same school after the completion of his assignment.

The town in which Elder Quinn lives is near Salt Lake City, Weiser, Idaho, the home of Elder Thomas, is near Hell's Canyon, on the banks of the Snake River.

Both young missionaries are coordinating their efforts with the Asheboro branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located at 245 Chestnut St.

### **Golden Anniversary Celebrated**

Apr. 16, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sharon of Rt. 2, Randleman, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Apr. 13 at the Cedar Falls Baptist Church, where they are members.

Honoring them at the reception in the fellowship hall were their children, the Rev. and Mrs. Jack Sheron of Rt. 2, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. (Marie) Swarington of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Sheron of Rt. 2, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Sheron of Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Terry Sheron of Rt. 2, Ramseur.

The couple also have 10 grand-children and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Sheron were married Apr. 18, 1930 at the home of the officiating Justice of the Peace G. W. (Bob) Pugh.

Mrs. Sheron is the former Bessie York, daughter of the late Lewis and Sarah Ellen Foust York. She was reared in the area above Cedar Falls where the couple have lived since 1940.

Mr. Sheron, the son of Charles W. and Lucy Smith Sheron, is a native of the Lineberry area.

After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Sheron first lived in the area of Red Cross.

For 31 years, Mr. Sheron was employed with the Southern Railroad, after which he worked at the mill in Worthville, from which place he retired in 1970.

Mrs. Sheron retired in 1973 from employment at the Randolph Hospital.

### **Rev. Charles Walker Leads Busy Life**

Apr. 16, 1980 - The scriptural statement that "a prophet is not without honor but in his own country" doesn't necessarily apply to the Rev. Charles Branson Walker, Rt. 1, Trinity, a veteran pastor, a bulldozer operator and a former sawmill operator.

For more than 10 years he has been pastor of the Mt. Gilead and Mt. Pleasant United Methodist churches, both of which are located along the road on which he has lived for more than 20 years.

The Mt. Gilead church is only a mile and a tenth from his home, the Mt. Pleasant Church two and a half miles farther away.

Before beginning his pastorate at these two places, he served for nine years as the pastor of the Fairview United Methodist Church, located a few miles from his home.

After he was licensed to preach on Dec. 15, 1958, his first assignment was in 1959 when he was named the associate pastor of the Tabernacle Charge.

His duties on this charge included the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, located in the vicinity in which he was born in Tabernacle Township on Jan. 16, 1920—one of 11 children born to William Robert (Bobby) Walker and Eula Rush Walker.

Before answering the call to become a minister, he had been associated at various times with the Mt. Gilead, Mt. Zion, and Mt. Pleasant churches.

Recalling that, "all my life I have known the Lord called me to preach," he said even as a child of four going with his parents to the Mt. Gilead church "I felt something down inside of me."

He also attended the Mt. Zion church during his childhood but as a teenager joined the Mt. Pleasant church, where he later taught a Sunday School class and was serving as president of the Tabernacle Sunday School Association at the time he entered the ministry.

He resisted for many years the call to preach. At times he even quit going to church, trying to get away from the call. He said, "I wasn't satisfied either way, I struggled with it, I wanted to be sure."

Teaching the Sunday School class and serving in the presidency of the Sunday School Association, in which he visited and spoke to 11 churches twice a year, prepared him for the eventual answer to the call to preach.

His boyhood growing up during the Depression years, was a normal one. He helped on his father's farm and at the sawmill which his father operated. He started sawing at the age of 11 and became the "main sawyer" at the age of 13. He attended the school at Poplar Ridge through the seventh grade, after which he went to high school at Trinity.



He met his wife, the former Mozelle Smith, at a fiddlers' convention at the Tabernacle School. Their marriage occurred Feb. 23, 1942, prior to his induction into the army on July 16, 1942. The couple have three daughters and five grandchildren.

He served in the Army for more than 38 months of which two and a half years were spent in the Pacific area. Upon his return, he bought out his father's sawmill and continued in the lumber business.

However, his service in the Army included the operation of heavy equipment and this experience, coupled with a fascination with machinery since childhood, caused him to enter the heavy equipment business, purchasing his first bulldozer in 1957.

For a time, he operated both businesses before concentrating on the heavy equipment business which he continues to operate along with the pastorate of the two churches.

At the time he quit the lumber operation, he estimates that he had cut between 18 and 20 million feet of lumber.

When Rev. Walker was pastor at Fairview, members of his congregation included people with whom he had attended school at Trinity.

At Mt. Gilead and Mt. Pleasant churches, members of his congregation included people with whom he attended school at Poplar Ridge, boyhood playmates with whom he had played ball with and swam in the various "swimming holes" of the countryside, and people who have been friends and neighbors throughout his lifetime.

Mt. Gilead, of Methodist Episcopal origin, is the older of the two churches, having been organized before the Civil War period. The present structure, replacing the original log building, is nearly 100 years old.

Mt. Pleasant, of Methodist Protestant origin, was organized in 1881 and has the largest membership of the two churches.

The minister, who preaches three Sundays a month at each church, leads a busy life preparing his sermons, visiting the sick, holding revival meetings, preaching funeral sermons at his own and other churches, in addition to operating his bulldozers and other heavy equipment.

Also, he has recently returned from his fourth trip to the Holy Land.

But the sturdy, ruddy-faced, silver-haired minister seems to take it all in stride and shows no fatigue from the manifold duties which he performs.

He is a respected figure in the area in which he ministers, the same area in which he has always lived. He is indeed a prophet with honor in his own country.

### **Early Life Recalled On 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Apr. 17, 1980 - Talbert McDowell celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday recently and recalled events of his early life in the extreme western part of Randolph County.

A native of the Jackson Creek area, he was the second of 13 children born to John Riley McDowell and Claudie Louvine Hoover McDowell.

He said he had to quit the Piney Grove School at an early age to "help my daddy farm and raise the other children."

He recalled hauling crossties to Asheboro with two mules and a wagon (an 18 mile trip one way) at the age of 10, saying it took him all day to make the trip there and back. He said, "I was doing a man's job when I was 10 years old."

He remembered Asheboro back then as being without many stores and other buildings but mentioned "one little tin store at Five Points."

Back then, the aged man said, "you didn't go to the store to buy your clothes, you went to the Randleman Mill to buy cloth to make your clothes. You had to buy it by the bolt."

He remembers clearly his first pair of "Sunday Shoes." Frank Delk, who operated a store in the Jackson Creek area, told McDowell he would give him a pair of shoes if he would cut him three cords of wood.

The family lived between two churches, Piney Grove and Canaan, and they attended both of them, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. "We had to go to church," said McDowell.

He said the winters were cold and that he slept in the unheated upstairs portion of the house they lived in. He recalls walking in snow half way up to his knees across the back porch to get into the warmth of the kitchen.

"Times were hard back then," he said. "You couldn't find a nickel."

Following his marriage to the former Nannie Coltrane, who died in 1955, the couple moved to High Point where McDowell drove a transfer truck. But McDowell didn't like it up there and moved back to the Farmer area where he engaged in farming and sawmilling until he moved to Asheboro in 1930.

He worked for 25 years at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill until his retirement in 1955. He recalled his close relationship with the late C. C. Cranford, the mill owner.

Although part of a family that is traditionally Republican, McDowell has high praise for Democratic Presidents Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman. He said "they done more than anybody else in the United States."

He said "Asheboro didn't move until President Roosevelt went into office" and, evidently referring to rural electrification, he said "we would have had no lights in the United States if it hadn't been for Franklin Roosevelt."

Speaking further, he said, "you've got to vote the man instead of politics. A man is a fool if he votes his politics."

All of the living children of McDowell were present for the birthday celebration which took place at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hal McDowell, Rt. 2, Asheboro, with whom he has resided for several years. Other children are Ernest McDowell, Rt. 1, Trinity; J. A. and Thomas McDowell, Asheboro; Mrs. Blanche Kivett, Beaufort and Glenn McDowell, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Also present were Mrs., Eylas McDowell, widow of his deceased son, Howard; and two of McDowell's sisters, Mrs. Mettie Dodson and Mrs. Tura Lowe, of the Trinity area, and various other family members.

McDowell mowed the yard with a riding lawn mower at his son's home the week preceding the birthday celebration. Recently he appeared on "Roving in Randolph" on Radio Station WGWR.

### **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Is Observed**

Apr. 24, 1980 - A large number of family members joined Everett Lewis Trotter, a lifelong resident of Back Creek Township, in celebration of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Apr. 20 in the fellowship hall at Amity Hills Baptist Church.

Trotter resides on Rt. 2, Asheboro, about a mile from his boyhood home on Caraway Creek. His parents were Ross and Lina Miller Trotter.

Only one—Mrs. Claude (Jean) Routh, 87, of Rt. 2, Randleman—of his seven brothers and sisters are living. The others were Frank, Charles, Lee, Allen, Lula, Sirona. Mrs. Routh was in attendance at the birthday celebration. j

He attended the one-room school at Mt. View.

At the age of 13, he started hauling crossties which his father had made to Asheboro and recalls that the crosstie yard operator, Newi Cox, had to help him unload them. He later went to work for his brother, Frank, helping to farm and haul lumber.

Later, he owned his own sawmill and worked for brief periods at two industrial plants in Asheboro.

He and his late wife, the former Nancy Hill, were the parents of seven children - Mrs. Ruth Routh, Clifford Trotter, Reece Trotter, Neely Trotter, and Mrs. Delores Dunn, all of Rt. 2, Asheboro. Mrs. Ina Routh and John Trotter, Rt. 1, Franklinville. He has 23 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

### **Couple Celebrates 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Apr. 24, 1980 - Having recently observed their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. (Henry) Baxter are the oldest married couple in the town of Bennett.

On June 15, Mr. Baxter will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and Mrs. Baxter will celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Aug. 10.

Mrs. Baxter was born near what was then the town of Elise later known as Hemp, then changed to Robbins. He attended the school at Acorn Ridge before quitting early to work at a sawmill.

Mrs. Baxter, the former Gladys Kyle Smith, is a native of the Harper's Crossroads community in Chatham County. Her family moved to Bennett when she was 13 years old.

The couple married Mar. 21, 1915, while seated in a buggy in a "pretty grove of trees" at the house of a neighbor of the officiating magistrate, Stanley Gardner, who was not at his own house at the time the couple arrived for their marriage vows.

Their first home was just across the line in Randolph County. While there, their older children attended the Phillips School, to which they rode horseback carrying their lunch in one package and feed for the horse in a sack slung across the horse's back. The family moved to Bennett in 1929.

A recurring theme in a conversation with Henry Baxter is his statement "don't let anybody tell you that hard work will kill you." His own lifetime of hard work and his youthful and agile appearance as he nears the age of 90 is convincing proof of his statement.

Most of his physical labor has been expended in sawmilling in which he has spent at least 40 years. For many years he also operated his own sawmill.

However, he has also traded mules and horses and at one time operated a livery stable in Robbins. As to his trading experience, he said, "you can trade horses without telling a lie."

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter reared 11 children of their own in addition to caring for a grand-daughter, a niece and Mrs. Baxter's brother.

Their children are twin sons, Winfred and Windol both of whom live in Robbins, Mrs. Kate Lambert, Mrs. Mattie Navy, and Miss Pauline Baxter of Greensboro; Mrs. Ann Manley, Asheboro; Henry Baxter, and Walter Glenn Baxter, Bennett; Joe Baxter, and Ray Baxter, of the home, and Billy Baxter, Ramseur. Two children died in infancy.

Speaking with dry humor, Mrs. Baxter said, "I started off on the wrong foot" when her first born turned out to be twin sons. The family didn't particularly suffer hardship because of their large number. One said, "we never went hungry, we always had clothes to wear."

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter still live in the 10-room house on the main street in Bennett where their children were reared. Their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren congregate there twice a year as a family group, at Christmas and on Mr. Baxter's birthday.

But the children have great affection for their parents and there is a lot of visiting done in between those two periods.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have been members of the Bennett Baptist Church since 1925. At the time the present church structure was erected, Mr. Baxter cut and sawed the timber for the construction without charge.

### **West End Couple Has Joint Celebration**

Apr. 27, 1980 - A West End couple, Mr. and Mrs. Earlie Edward Graves of 408 N. McCrary St., celebrated their 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Feb. 23, followed by the observance of Mr. Graves' 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on Apr. 15.

The couple came to Asheboro in 1933, shortly after their marriage in Alamance County in 1932.

Mr. Graves is a native of the Rock Creek community between Liberty and Burlington. Mrs. Graves, the former Thelma Mae Tyner, is a native of Forsyth County, but was living in Alamance County at the time of their marriage.

Mr. Graves is a retired employee of P & P Chair Co., where he worked for 42 years. Most of his time there was spent as a "sawyer." Three months ago he suffered a stroke and is now more or less confined to his home.

His wife says that Graves' work, "was his life, he loved sawing." The veteran employee misses his employment at the chair plant and has praise for the company officials, saying, "I couldn't say anything but they are good people."

Mrs. Graves is still employed in the cafeteria at Donna Lee Loflin School where she has worked for the past 22 years.

The couple are former members of Allen's Temple A. M. E. Church, a West End organization which was located near the railroad track before it was torn down. Now they back to Rock Creek A. M. E. Church in Alamance County, where they worshipped before coming to Asheboro. They also visit other churches in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves are the parents of one daughter, Mrs. Dequincy Allen of 1446 Coventry Place, and they have two grandchildren.

### **Rt. 4, Asheboro Couple Feted On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May 1, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Coye E. Coble celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 4 at their home on Rt. 4 Asheboro, located in the Grantville community.

Their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Hilda Chloe) Smith of Rt. 4 Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Coble of Rt. 1, Ramseur, served as hosts at a reception in their honor.

Assisting at the reception were their grandchildren, Julia and Jeff Smith and Steve and Karen Coble.

Approximately 300 guests were in attendance from 3 until 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble were also the parents of twins, James and Jacqueline, who are deceased.

The couple was married Apr. 22, 1930 on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Coble, a former school teacher, is the former Clela Needham, daughter of the late Robert and Roella Yow Needham. She is a native of the Shiloh Christian Church community.

Mr. Coble, a farmer and carpenter now retired, is the son of the late Jeremiah and Louisa Moffitt Coble. He is a native of the community in which the couple now reside.

Both of them are active members of Union Grove United Church of Christ, formerly Union Grove Christian Church. Former pastors of the church were among those in attendance at the anniversary celebration.

### **Fellowship Building Dedicated**

May 4, 1980 - Dedication of the first fellowship building at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Rt 3, Thomasville, occurred Apr. 27 during the morning worship service.

The Pleasant Hill Church is located in northwestern Randolph County near the Davidson County line.

Participating in the dedication were Dr. Julian A. Lindsey, superintendent of the Thomasville District; the Rev. Ardis Payne, church pastor; Charlie Myers, chairman of trustees; Charlie Thomas, chairman of the building committee; Sara Kearns, treasurer of the building fund; and members of the congregation.

Dr. Lindsey preached the dedicatory sermon using his subject "Not A Showcase But A Growplace." Following the symbolic burning of the mortgage, luncheon was served in the new facility.

Groundbreaking for the fellowship hall was held Apr. 10, 1977, the actual construction began on July 23, 1977, and the first fellowship meeting was held in the new building on Easter Sunday morning, Mar. 26, 1978. Final payment on the mortgage was made on Dec. 19, 1979.

Donated labor and materials figured largely in the construction of the fellowship building at Pleasant Hill, the same as it did in the construction of the present church edifice and the buildings which had been erected previously.

The 38 by 71 foot building, with an exterior construction of brick and paneling on the inside, consists of dining area, kitchen, storage area, and two bathrooms.

Members of the building committee, in addition to the chairman and treasurer, were Rev. Payne, Myers, Bobby Wright, Ambrose Hepler, Lawrence Crews and Kenneth Hepler.

The first church at Pleasant Hill, of Methodist Episcopal origin, was found around 1852. The first structure was a small, one room log structure which was also used later for a school. A larger frame building was completed between 1883-1888.

Plans for the present church building began in 1950 with the establishment of a building fund. A well was begun in 1951, logs and timber were cut directly following and in 1953 the basement was excavated, marking the beginning of the new church structure. Total cost of this building was \$27,472. 14 and the dedicatory service was held Apr. 8, 1956.

Construction of the early churches at Pleasant Hill as well as the two existing buildings has been a joint effort by members of the congregation, their friends and relatives, and former congregational members.

### **Organizing Service Held**

May 9, 1980 - An "organizing service" held May 4 at Calvary Baptist Mission, located on Bowman Road. Randleman, resulted in the mission becoming a full-fledged fundamental, independent Baptist church.

The action took place before a capacity crowd of worshipers from the local mission and members of the congregation of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church in Asheboro, sponsors of the mission congregation since their inception eight years ago.

The afternoon service also followed the annual homecoming service in the morning worship hour, followed by dinner on the grounds. Ninety eight people were in attendance for the Sunday School period - a vast difference from 18 people who were in attendance eight years ago.

Participating in the "organizing service" were the Rev. Darrell Sauls, pastor of the now Calvary Baptist Church; the Rev. Ricard Whiteheart, former pastor and founder of Calvary Baptist Mission; The Rev. Nat Thompson, pastor of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, the sponsoring unit; and the Rev. Harold B. Bowe, who was pastor at Fayetteville Street when the mission was founded.

Rev. Bowe delivered the message for the occasion, exciting six requirements for a New Testament Church; preaching, teaching praying, witnessing, power and paying. Rev. Whiteheart reminisced about his five years at the mission, saying it was something I had put my whole life and heart in.

Rev. Sauls, the young minister who became pastor of the mission in Aug. 1978, described the service as "the most momentous occasion in my ministry."

He, along with Rev. Thompson, led the congregation in the adoption of a resolution to organize Calvary Baptist Church and the presentation of an "assumption agreement which will eventually terminate the bond program in which the two congregation of the first building at the mission.

Signing the agreement were the Calvary trustees Gilbert Underwood, Charles Willard and Johnny Jones, and Fayetteville Street trustees Wilbern Cranford, Tommy Sellers and R. L. Lanier.

Charter members of the newly organized church, containing the names of those who were previously associated with the mission, number 70. Names of these members were identified in the resolution to organize and those present were asked to stand.

The beginning of the mission eight years ago occurred in an old house, located next to the present site, which was purchased along with seven acres of land. Partitions were removed to comprise the worship area for the services prior to the erection of the building next door. Recently, the old house has been renovated to provide a home for the pastor and his family.

The pastor, a native of the Raleigh-Durham area, is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College, receiving a Bachelor of Theology degree in 1975. Before coming to the Calvary Mission, he served as associate pastor of the Grace Chapel Christian Church for three years.

His wife, the former Sandra Haney of Marshville, is also a graduate of Piedmont Bible College with a Bachelor of Religious Education degree. The couple have a daughter Jenna Routh, who is three.

Rev. Bowe, who returned for the organizing service, is now a resident of Lakeland, Fla. And Rev. Whiteheart, the mission founder, now serves as pastor of the Southview Baptist Church in Statesville police department.

**Golden Anniversary Is Celebrated**

May 13, 1980 - Eli S. Purvis, a truck driver for Old Dominion Box Co, for 37 years and nine months, and his wife, the former Nelli Cooper, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Mat 4, in the fellowship hall of Richland Baptist Church.

Hosts at a reception from 2-4 p. m. were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis (Inez) Beitzel, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Purvis, and Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Betty) Bunting, all of Asheboro. The couple also has seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Purvis, who reside at 1101 Englewood Drive, were married May 10, 1930 in Randleman at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Will Garner, a Baptist.

Mrs. Purvis is a native of Cedar Grove Township west of Asheboro, the daughter of the late Samuel Bradshaw Cooper and Hattie Gibson Cooper.

Eli Purvis is a native of Moore County, about two miles south of Brulah Baptist Church, which is located in the vicinity of the Moore, Randolph and Chatham lines.

He attended the Purvis Schoolhouse, which is still standing. Recently he visited the site after an absence of 50 years.

His parents, Lonnie Purvis and Mary Caviness Purvis, moved their family to Asheboro in 1927 after a daughter had preceded them and secured employment here. Mrs. Mary Purvis, age 87, is now residing at the Brian Center of Nursing Care.

Eli first worked at Asheboro Furniture Co, better known as Redding Chair Factory. His employment with the box company began May 30, 1939 while the Old Dominion Box Co was located in Asheboro.

He remained with the company after they moved to Burlington in 1945, driving back and forth each day until his retirement on Feb 18, 1977. His driving for the company during the work day took him into an area which extended into nine months in this part of the state.

On the day after his retirement, he suffered a server heart attack, from which he has now recovered. He has been able to do some part time work with Southside Auto Sales and Asheboro Monument Co, having also done some work at the latter place before his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Purvis have been members at the Richland Baptist Church since a tear after it's organization in 1952. Among those present for their anniversary celebration were the Rev. Thomas Smith, present pastor, and the Rev. John W. Wheelles, former pastor, and their wives.

**Pierce School Students, Teachers Have Reunion**

May 17, 1980 - The first reunion of students of the old Pierce School, also later known as Westfield School, was held May 10 in the fellowship building at Westfield Baptist Church.

The old school located in Tabernacle Township, was discontinued after the 1934-35 school year.

There were two sites for the school—the first one being about a half mile from the Westfield Church. None of those present at the reunion attended the first site; the second site was located near the Westfield Church.

Buildings at both sides were one room frame structures and heated by wood stoves. One source of water supply was from "Granny Hughes spring."

Seven teachers of the school were in attendance at the reunion—Mrs. Ruth Surratt Loflin, 80, who taught for the 1920-21 and 1921-22 years; Allen Prevost; Mr. and Mrs. Ross (Mary) Hughes; Mrs. Lula Myers Kindley; Mrs. Verda Briles Hughes and Mary Prevost Loflin.

Prevost recalled that it was his first experience teaching a the school for the year 1924-25 and said that he was scared to death his first day there.

Mrs. Mamie Loflin, 84 was believed to be the oldest former student in attendance at the reunion.

Among the 100 or more former students and their families in attendance were Robert Hughes of Hartsville, S. C. and Roy Floyd of Clio, S. C. and their wives.

Also those in attendance was veteran State Representative Dr. John Varner from Davidson County who attended the school as a small boy.

The idea of a school reunion originated with Mrs. Vaden Harris of Asheboro. She was assisted in the arrangement by Mrs. Mary Hughes and Mrs. Ola Bella Miller Draugh.

The reunion will be held again next year beginning at 5 p. m. on the second Saturday in May.

**'Crusade For Christ' Plans Moving Forward**

May 22, 1980 - Plans are moving forward for the Clyde Dupin Ashe Rand Crusade for Christ, set June 8-15 at Lee J. Stone. Stadium with services nightly at 7:27 p. m.

The sponsoring Asheboro and Randolph County churches are now number 48 with others expected to join to the participation before the starting date.

The crusade choir, with an anticipation membership of 300, has begun rehearsing and the usher group, expected to number 225, has already held a training session.

Business and professional men held a breakfast May 20 at the Village Inn and the youth will hold a rally Saturday at Frazier Park from 4-7 p. m. Wes Dupin, son of the crusade evangelist, will be in attendance along with Ken Hesler and The New Dominionaires.

The ladies have been holding luncheon meetings to plan for the "Ladies Prayer Teas" which will be held during the crusade each morning from 10-11 a. m., beginning June 9. Featured at these teas will be Grace Dupin, wife of the evangelist.

General chairman of the crusade is Dr. Fred Graham Jr; executive secretary is the Rev. Vernon McDaniel pastor of the First Baptist Church; and treasurer is Fred Lane.

The ministerial division consist of the Rev. Ronald Overcash, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, chairman; the Rev. Judson Rotan, director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association, church involvement; the Rev. Robert Blackaby, pastor of Asheboro Church of God, prayer; the Rev. Don McIntyre, pastor of the Cross Road Baptist Church, visitation; Tom Spainhour, youth director at Asheboro Friends Meeting, youth; the Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, pastor of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, spiritual preparation; and the Rev. Randall Ross, pastor of First Assembly of God, Operation Andrew.

The lay division consists of Tony Vuncannon, banquet; Jim Trogdon, finance, Larry Dawalt, publicity; Wayne Hughes, ushers; the Rev. Donald Dawalt, pastor of Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, attendance delegations;

Jim Moore, facilities; Pat Moore, Ladies Prayer Tea; Judy Robbins, telephone; and David Luther, choir.

Members-at-large are the Rev. Cecil Baughman Jr., pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, and the Rev. Don Richardson, pastor of First Wesleyan Church in Randleman.

## **Randolph Area Mission Society Honors Ernest C. Routh**

May 23, 1980 - Ernest C. Routh was honored at the bi-annual meeting of the Randolph Area Mission Society Sunday, May 18, for 29 years of service as treasure of the society.

The meeting was held at the Franklinville United Methodist Church where Routh, who will become 79 years of age in Aug., has attended throughout his lifetime.

His Resignation was accepted at the meeting due to an illness which has confined him in recent months to Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home, Inc.

However, he was brought in a wheel chair back to his home church for the presented of the plaque which honored him "for 29 years of dedicated service as treasurer of the Randolph Area Mission Society to the High Point District."

Ernest Routh's entire life has been marked by service to his church, his community, his place of employment, his county, and the Boy Scout movement.

A member of the Franklinville United Methodist Church for nearly 70 years, he has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School, treasurer of various funds, and his consistently been a delegate to the annual conferences.

He has served his town as Mayor and as a town commissioner at various times and he has served his county as a member of the county school board at which is now known as Randolph Technical College.

Upon his retirement as a salesman for the flour and feed division of Randolph Mills, Inc. in Franklinville in 1975, he was honored at a retirement dinner commemorating 56 years of service with the company. At this dinner he was presented with gifts and a plaque.

A Native of Franklinville, he is the son of the late Edgar A. Routh and Nella Teague Routh. His wife, the former Pearl Burke, died in 1960. His children are Mrs. Charles (Nancy) Welborn, Edgar Burke Routh and Joe Sam Routh. He has two grandchildren.

Officers elected and re-elected at the meeting of the Randolph Area Mission Society which honored Routh. Included president, E Wayne Hughes, first vice president, Earl Taylor, second vice president, the Rev. Billy Hunter, secretary Hillard Nance, treasurer, James Hanner, and directors Garland Allen, Clyde Foust, Mrs. Olan Hubbard.

Present for the meeting were Dr. George P. Robinson, district superintendent, Dr. Philip L. Shore Jr., a former district superintendent, and the Rev. Danny Brown, pastor of the Franklinville church.

## **Film On Cults To Be Shown**

May 23, 1980 - "Heavenly Deception" an 80-minute film on religious cults, will be shown at the Balfour Baptist Church Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, beginning at 7 p. m.

Co-sponsors of the film along with the host church are Asbury Baptist Church, Bailey's Grove Christian Church, Cedar Falls Baptist Church, Central Falls Baptist Church,

Clear View Baptist Church, Forest Park Baptist Church and Greystone Baptist Church.

The film, recently released by Tyndale House Publishers, is adapted from a book by the same title. It will be premiering in more 1,700 churches throughout America during the next nine weeks. It is estimated that about one and one-half million people will view "Heavenly Deception."

The film is based upon the true story of Chris Elkins, a young intellectual who found himself caught in the web of a cult upon finding release from this enslaving cult, he talks throughout the country geared to help people avoid the same pitfalls into which he had fallen.

The public is invited to attend either or both nights. There will be no admission charge but a free will offering will be received. Pastor of the Balfour Church is the Rev. B. L. Kincaid.

## **Whynot Academy Students At Meet**

May 23, 1980 - For 44 years, the Whynot Memorial Association Inc, has held and annual meeting as near as possible to the former - - - date of the Whynot Academy which formerly ranked as one of the leading educational institutions in Randolph County.

The memorial service this year was held May 18 in the old Fairgrove Methodist - - -Church building in Whynot across from the site of the academy and the well kept cemetery which is maintained by the association along with the old church structure,

The Fairgrove Church where services were discontinued a few years after the merger of the Protestant Episcopal branches of the denomination was erected in 1971.

At about the same time a school was started in the church and James P. Boroughs, who later helped to establish Whynot Academy, taught in both private and public schools until 1982 when land was purchased for the school across from the church.

The academy was organized Aug. 7, 1893, and a year later Professor Boroughs assumed the sole proprietorship, staying in this position until 1900 when he was succeeded by Professor George F. Garner.

Professor Garner continued to operate the school until his death in 1913 after which the school began a decline which became more evident when the building burned in 1917. But classes were still at other sites until dis - - - permanently during the 1918-19 school year.

Only 10 former students—Mr. and Mrs. Boyd A. King, the Rev. William Lewis (While) Maness, Ernest Cagle, Mrs. Eva Smith Hulin and her sister, Mrs. Lela Smith Lemonds, Mrs. Della McNeill Macon, Mrs. Canary Kearns, Mrs. Mabel Stuart Cox and Ralph Lawrence—were present for the 44<sup>th</sup> school reunion. It is estimated that 20 or less students are still living.

Rev. Maness, age 90, was the oldest person in attendance at the meeting. He recalled that he first attended the school in 1904 as a boarding student. He said the tuition was \$2 a month and he paid 25 cents a day for his room and board.

The youngest person in attendance was Christopher Derek Kesler, six week old son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kesler and grandson of retiring association president, James B. King Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. King, both 84 years of age, got acquainted when Mrs. King, former Janie Cole, came to attend the school as a boarding student from her native Moore

County. Mr. King was a student who walked to school three miles across the mountain from his home near Michfield.

Forrester Auman of Myrtle Beach S. C., a native of the Whynot community and son of the late Clinton Auman, a former student, was speaker for the annual session. His remarks, humorous at times, were entitled "What Whynot means to me and things which I remember about Whynot.

Recognized in the memorial service were those who had died since the last meeting: Lizzie L. Farlow, Donna Stout, Will Yow, Blanche Birkhead, Elroy Cox, Charlie Cagle, Mozell Beck, the Rev. J. A. Russell, and Ardena Yow and Ronnie Russell, who were both buried the day following the 44<sup>th</sup> session.

New officers elected included Hal B. McKenzie, president; Jerry King, vice president; Mrs. Max Bulla, secretary; James B. King Jr., treasurer; and incoming director, Susan C. King who replaces retiring director. Thomas Lawrence, Directors who remain in office includes Ernest Cagle, James B. King Jr., Ray Keith Silks and Jerry King.

Flowers were placed in the church by family members in honor and appreciation of Whynot's oldest resident, D. R. Graves, who was 100 years old on Aug. 5, 1979.

### **American Flag Presented In Memory O Veteran**

May 23, 1980 - Presentation Of 3 by 5 feet American flag, with hand-embroidered stars and gold fringes, to the Randolph County Chapter No. 2204 of American Association of Retired People occurred at the meeting of the chapter Friday, May 16 at Randolph Senior Citizens Center on West Wainman Ave.

The flag was presented by Mrs. Mary Nellie (Nell) Coyle of 619 Oak St, a member of the chapter, in memory of her late husband, George William Bullard, a veteran of World War I.

Mrs. Coyle, in remarks of presentation and dedication, presented the flag "to the glory of God and in loving memory of my husband who served for 25 years in the U. S. Army." The late Mr. Bullard was active in American Legion circles.

Also participation in the program of presentation were the Rev. Hansel Neathery, who talked about the flags of different nations, and his wife, Janie Neathery, who offered the prayer of dedication. Both the Rev. and Mrs. Neathery are veterans.

Bill Perdue, a retired Air Force veteran and former assistant chaplain, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Trumpeters from Asheboro High School band, Eric Miller and Jerry Wilson, played "American," "The Star Spangled Banner," and "Taps."

Joining in the dedication ceremonies were Frank Perry, also a World War I veteran, and his wife, Eula Perry, both of whom are close friends of Mrs. Coyle.

Presiding over the presentation ceremonies was Q. G. McKeel, president of the AARP chapter. Hostesses for the meeting and serving refreshments were Janie and Hansel Neathery, Eleanor Poulton and Mrs. Foster Richardson.

### **Farmer Team Honored**

May 28, 1980 - It has been ten years since the baseball team at Farmer High School, now extinct, won the state championship. So, it was a time for reminiscence and reunion when members of the championship team got

together with their Coach, Woody Younts, Sunday afternoon.

The reunion was held in the Farmer school cafeteria and also present were wives, children and girlfriends of the championship players, along with other family members, fans and former Farmer High School principal, G. C. Castelloe, Jr.

**EIGHT PLAYERS** of the 1970 team were present; Tony Cranford, shortstop, who recently was awarded a Doctor of Optometry degree; Louey Nance, base runner; Ronald (Bear) Lanier, catcher; Terry Auman, center field; Jimmy Allred, second base; Mark Walker, left field; Junior Hunt, third base; and Randy Johnson, right field, and Randy Johnson, pitcher and first base.

Absent were Terry Johnson, Right field, and Randall Myers, pitcher and first base.

A period of silence prayer was held for the deceased player Harold Hoover.

Coach Younts, who later served the same capacity at Southwestern High School, showed slides and reviewed many of the games played, especially during the 1969 and 1970 seasons. The team at Farmer was runner-up champion in 1969.

He also cited each player by name, listing his characteristics and enumerating his outstanding plays during the championship seasons.

Only two players, Ronald Tesh and Tom Hunt, were lost to the team from the 1969 season. Some of the 1970 team members had played together throughout their high school career.

**FORMER PRINCIPAL** Castelloe, now the principal at Southwestern remarked that winning the championship did not result from a one-season effort, rather, it was something which was built over a number of tears.

Coach Younts, who resigned from his coaching position at the end of last season, said he had a "very exciting four years at Farmer, the players had a great desire to win, and it was easy for me to coach them.

Senior members of the 1970 state championship team had already graduated and Farmer High School as such had already gone out of existence by the time the last game had been played in the state finals

Graduations exercised were held on a Thursday evening, and the final game in the championship series was played the following Monday evening. With the ending of the school year in the spring of 1970, Farmer High School no longer existed. High school students the next fall became a part of the then newly-consolidated Southwestern High School.

### **Note-Burning Ceremony Held**

May 29, 1980 - The indebtedness on the Midway Wesleyan Church parsonage located on Worthville Road between Randleman Road and Worthville, has been off nine years ahead of schedule.

The achievement enabled them to hold a note-burning ceremony May 25 at the conclusion of the morning worship service. The service had been scheduled earlier but was postponed due to a heavy snowball.

Joining the local congregation for the occasion was the Rev. Watson C. Black, superintendent of the West Sistrict of the Wesleyan Church, who delivered the message for the morning service and led in the litany of note-burning.



Also participating were the church pastor, The Rev. G. K. Andrews, Jack Allred, vice chairman of the church board; Dwight Stevens, a member of the board; Bud Spivey, chairman of the board of trustees; and Junior Bates and Lee Groce, members of the board of trustees.

Miss Mildred Sawyer, church secretary, presented a detailed report of the building program which also included air conditioning for the church structure, a report for which Miss Sawyer received the commendation of the district superintendent.

Plans for a new parsonage at Midway got under way less than a month following the note-burning on the church structure on May 14, 1972. First was the election of a building committee, composed of Lee Groce, Mrs. Viloa Reeder, Bobby Rumbley, Miss Mildred Sawyer and Bradford Slack.

Added to this cost were several other items, including well drilling, landscaping, furnishing and several miscellaneous items which brought the grand total of cost to \$57,273.

On Nov. 1, 1973, following the approval of the local church and the district conference, the church finalized a loan of \$46,000 with loan \$46,000 with the Randleman Savings and Loan Association at 6 percent interest for 15 years. The first payment was made in Dec. 1973 the final payment was Dec. 11, 1979, six years later and nine years ahead of the original schedule, total payment including interest amounted to \$59,558.28.

Miss Swayer told the congregation at the note-burning service that the repayment of the loan "showed God's providence and your faithfulness, I believe you will agree it is an almost unbelievable record." She also attributed the success of repayment to "consistent and concerted giving since no repayment pledges were ever necessary."

A fellowship dinner followed the note-burning service and open house at the parsonage was held later in the afternoon.

## **Esther Moody Honored At Birthday Reception**

June 4, 1980 - Mrs. Esther Rosetta Walker Moody, 121 W Allred St., a Randolph County native, was honored June 1 at a reception commemorating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday which occurred May 31.

Hosts were her children Mrs. Hazel Gamble, Rt 1, Randleman; Everett Moody, Mrs. Lela Mae Carter, Charlie Moody Jr, and Mrs. Virginia Cole, Asheboro; and Mrs. Mary Cooper, Archdale.

She also has eight grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. She is the widow of Charlie Moody, who died in 1966.

Approximately 175 friends and relatives called from 2-5 p. m.

Mrs. Moody, the oldest of eight children born to John H. Walker and Emma Routh Walker, was born a mile south of Grays Chapel. Other members of her family still living are a brother, J. A. Walker, Rt 1 Franklinville; and a sister, Mrs. Velma Hancock, Rt 2 Randleman.

She attended the school at Grays Chapel (which was not located at its present site). The school was a large structure which was heated by both a fireplace and a wood stove. The school year only lasted four months.

Mrs. Moody said she walked across the woods to reach the school, crossing a creek on a footlog. Whenever it

rained and the creek rose, she had to go a longer distance around the road.

The students, including herself had to carry water in a bucket from the nearby residence of her grandfather, Isaac Routh. The bucket was then passed around with each student drinking out of the same dipper.

She remembered also the church of Grays Chapel and the arbor where the annual camp meeting was held; the horses and buggies; and her Grandma Walker shouting so fervently that her hat would fall off her head.

"It was a good time then," said Mrs. Moody. "My people on both sides were good Christian people. They loved the Lord. When I think back, it was just wonderful."

Mrs. Moody was working at Acme Hosiery Mill in Asheboro when she became acquainted with her late husband, who was working at the same place. After about a year of courtship, they were married on Nov. 1, 1914.

They spent their married years in the area in which she still lives, except for a brief period in the community from which she came from.

She has attended the Balfour Baptist Church since it was organized in 1931 and has been a member there for most of that time, having left her membership in the church at Grays Chapel for a short while after the Balfour Church was organized.

Mrs. Moody remained a housewife during the rearing of her children but after that went to work at Commonwealth Hosiery Mill in Randleman where she worked until her retirement at the age of 67.

She remains active at the age of 90, despite having broken both hips in recent years. She still cooks and works around the yard. She doesn't attend regular church services anymore but does go to the meeting of the senior citizens at her church.

## **New Site Is Selected By East Side Church**

June 5, 1980 - East Side Baptist Church, located in the corner area of U. S. 64 and N. C. 42, will move in the near future from the site on which they have been located since their organization in Nov. 1962.

They have sold their land to SWS Investments Inc, who will build a shopping center on the north side of S. S. 64. The congregation has agreed to vacate the property by Aug. 4.

A NEW site for the church has already been chosen—a location a half mile away that fronts the south side of U. S. 64, which is the former location of the Randolph Telephone Co.

A groundbreaking service for the new church structure which will be built on the site was held June 1 with the pastor, the Rev. Donald M. Jones, the church officers and the members of the congregation participating.

Officials assisting the pastor in the spading of the ground include R. H. Stephenson, chairman of the building committee; and Tommy Harris, Edwin Strickland, R. J. Brim, R. L. Byerly, Albert Poindexter and Jim Hill. Absent officials were Russell Cox, Jim Fowler and Fred Marsh.

The proposed new church structure will consist of a sanctuary, 11 class rooms, three restrooms and other facilities, and will be built at an estimated cost of \$250,000. The overall space will consist of 7,500 square feet.

Construction is expected to begin within two weeks. The contractor is Colon Cheek, a Randolph County native who

is associated with C. A. Brown Construction Co, in Thomasville.

The existing building on the 3.8 acre tract of land, formerly used by the telephone company, is being moved to the rear of the lot and will be used for Sunday School classes during construction.

The fellowship hall which was built at the present East Side site in 1974 will be moved to the new site and used for worship services during construction.

**THE PRESENT** East Side sanctuary and adjacent office space is in the process of being sold to another religious congregation in Asheboro and will be moved to a site which is owned by that group. The present Sunday School rooms, not suitable to be moved, will be torn down.

The East Side Church was started as a mission in the middle of 1962 by Gurney Harrelson and Emmett Thomas with Harrelson becoming the first pastor at the time of organization and remaining for 10 years. Until the present building was erected in 1964, worship services were held adjacent to the present site in "a little green building" owned by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jones.

Twelve chapter members comprised the original organization at East Side. Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Harrelson and daughters, Judy and Betty; Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Thomas and daughter, Nieta; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Poindexter; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hall; and Sam Chriscoe. The present membership is 165.

Beside the Rev. Mr. Harrelson and the present pastor, the Rev. Mr. Jones, only one other pastor has served the church, the Rev. John Long.

The existing buildings at East Side are located on a 2.6 acre tract of land back off of the main road as opposed to the new 3.8 acre site located on U. S. 64 with a frontage of 695 feet.

## **Women's Day Observance At Church Raises Money**

June 6, 1980 - First Church of Deliverance, Rt 2, Ramseur, observed Woman's Day May 25, and raised money towards the construction of two Sunday School rooms, two bathrooms, a pastor's study and a fellowship hall.

**MONEY RAISED** amounted to \$527. Previous fund raising consisted of a quilt rally which raised \$214 and a baby contest which raised \$1,055. Charlene Spinks, great grandchild of Lee Gertrude Cheek, whose sister, Lillie Brewer, founded the church, was the winner of the contest, bringing in \$500 of the total amount.

This activity at the church has come about during the pastorate of the Rev. Johnny Green who came to the church in Jan. . The Rev. Green conducts a religious program each Sunday morning at Radio Station WGWR and serves as the coordinator for minority affairs at the station

Lillie Brewer organized the church on Rt 2, Ramseur after receiving her license to preach from the Church of God of Prophecy in 1952. The first services were held in a small four-room dwelling which was provided by Mrs. Brewer's sister, Lee Gertrude Cheek.

As the congregation increased, partitions in the dwelling were moved. After three years of worshipping in the building the present church structure was erected adjoining the original site.

After Mrs. Brewer's death some of the pastors who followed her were Floyd McIver, Minnie McIver, Rosa

Walden, Sister Hines, Brother Lotts, Sophia Ricks, Harold Williams, Sam Davis and Betty Jean Lee.

The name of the church was changed upon the arrival of the present pastor.

**SPEAKER FOR** the Woman's Day observance was the Rev. Listeen Mitchell of Siler City, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle in Sanford.

The women in White, who participated in the fund raising, included Lee Gertrude Cheek, Mary Isley, Dora Lee Marley, Myrtle Lineberry, Beulah Green, Alberta Brower, Wilma Green, Sarah Isley Alston, Carol Spinks, Pearl Donaldson, Mattie Green, Margaret Wallace, Phyllis Shoffner, Diane Broeer, Tawanna Fisher, and Janet Spinks.

## **Faith Temple Ministry Adds Another Chapter**

June 6, 1980 - The completion of a new sanctuary, the landscaping of the church grounds, the building of a road and the paving of a parking lot constitutes another chapter in the ministry of Faith Temple Baptist Church, located on Rt 1, Franklinville, just north of Millboro.

Organized less than nine years ago in the living room of the Rev. Richard J. Trogdon and pastor, following a tent meeting in his yard, the church has moved steadily forward since that time.

The new sanctuary was first used the Sunday before Easter. The other improvements have been completed since that time except for the erection of a canopy which will connect the new structure to the existing buildings.

Construction of the new sanctuary includes a brick exterior, a mixture of brick and paneling for the interior with laminated beams against a ceiling of pine decking. There is red wall to wall carpeting on the floor and the oak pews are upholstered, both in the seats and backs. The new facility has a seating capacity of 300 plus the choir area.

Other units of the new construction are a sound and recording room with a closed TV circuit, prayer rooms, dressing rooms, baptistery, restrooms and pastor's study. An inventory of tapes in the sound and recording room is used for the pursuance of a tape ministry through a "Tape Of The Month Club" which is available for one dollar.

Jack McPherson, a Rt 1, Climax, builder and member of the congregation, was the contractor for the new facility. The entire project, including the landscaping and paving, amounted to \$145,000 which was financed through a bond issue of the same amount.

A new piano was purchased for the new facility by the Faithful Workers Ladies Society, A slightly used Hammond organ has been purchased by the church.

Frequent baptisms have occurred in the new sanctuary since it was opened and attendance has reached 350 since moving. Including the attendance at children's church which is being held in the old sanctuary.

The Rev. Mr. Trogdon has recently been chosen to serve as a member of the Sword Evangelism Council, which publishes the Sword Of The Lord newspaper for the revival meetings and soul winning throughout the world, and also as a member of the executive board of World Missionary Outreach Ministries with headquarters in Chattanooga Tenn.

Other ordained ministers in the church are the Rev. Joe Trogdon, associate pastor; the Rev. Ronald Coleman, youth pastor; the Rev. Pete Lamb; the Rev. Kenneth G



Symes; and the Rev. Mastin Cline, a 92 year old West Virginia mountain preacher.

### **Jesse Cheek Family Attends First Organized Reunion June 1**

June 8, 1980 - The Jesse Cheek family, whose roots are interwoven closely with the black community of Pleasant Hill located southeast of Coleridge, held their first organized reunion June 1.

They met at the church there, in whose cemetery Jesse Cheek and his two wives, Maggie Waddell Cheek and Fannie Caviness Cheek are buried along with the paternal grandparents, Henderson and Sarah Spinks Cheek and Cheek and the maternal grandparents, John Wesley and Mary Graves Waddell and Sarah Brown Caviness. Harrison Caviness, a maternal grandparent, was buried at Smyrna Methodist Church in Moore County.

**MEMBERS OF** the family assembled in the old church building which has been renovated in recent years and listened to a history of the family read by Mamie Cheek, and heard a message delivered by Halbert Jackson, a lay speaker from Hamlet and a grandson-in-law of Jesse Cheek.

Jesse Cheek and his first wife, Maggie, both natives of the Pleasant Hill community, were married in 1894 and five years later moved to Moore County near Howard's Mill. Four children were born to this marriage—Mary, Maxie, Johnny Fletcher and William Clarence. Only Maxie Caviness of Asheboro and William Clarence of Tomahawk survive.

Maggie died in 1905 while still residing in Moore County and her body was brought back by wagon to Pleasant Hill. The destination of the funeral procession was reached by fording Deep River at Waddell's Ferry.

Less than a year after her death Jesse Cheek married Fannie Caviness, who lived in the lower part of Randolph County near Beulah Baptist Church.

Eleven children were born to this union—Doska Mae, Elbert Estella, Thomas Isaac, Myrtise, Rufus, Claytie, Waldo, twins Wilmer and Winfred, and Herbert Hoover. Surviving children of this marriage are Elbert, Rufus and Wilmer, all of Rt. 1, Seagrove; and Winfred and Herbert Hoover, both of Ramseur.

**JESSE CHEEK** and his family continued to live in Moore County for 15 years but came back often to Pleasant Hill to revival meetings and other occasions, each time fording the river if they were traveling in a wagon and crossing in a boat if they were walking.

While still living in that county, Jesse Cheek, who up until that time had been a tenant farmer, bought a 194 acre farm from Hiram Baldwin, a white man near the Pleasant Hill Church. He cleared up this land while still living in Moore, only blasting the stumps out after moving his family back to his native area.

Assisted by his large family of children, he became one of the larger farmers in the area, raising wheat, corn, cane and cotton, and also hauling logs for a saw mill and raising hogs on the side. One year, the family had 1,000 pounds of meat in their smokehouse and another year they made 110 gallons of molasses.

Jesse Cheek died in 1030 at the age of 55 but his sons continued to farm the land the same as when he was living. It was said at the time of his death that the dower to his wife

and children was one of the largest which had been established in that area.

Fannie Cheek continued to live on the farm where she and her husband reared their children until her death in 1971 at the age of 84.

Living descendants of Jesse Cheek and his two wives include seven children 70 grandchildren, 118 great-grandchildren, and 33 great-great-grandchildren.

### **Asheboro Church Breaks Ground For Education Building**

June 8, 1980 - Quaker Heights Friends Meeting, located on E. Allred St., broke ground for a Christian education building June 1 at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

**THIS GROUNDBREAKING** service came less than three months after the Meeting was chartered as a Monthly Meeting of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Prior to the chartering service on Mar. 9 the Meeting had conducted this ministry under the sponsorship of the Southern Quarterly Meeting.

Participating in the groundbreaking service were the minister, Robert L. Kidd, the youth pastor, Jim McClure, Christian education director, Melvin Allen, senior youth representative, Scarlet Baker, junior youth representative, Eric Wilkerson, clerk of the meeting, Charles Tuggle; chairman of the building committee, Don Davis, construction supervisors, Baxter Routh and J. K. Bolting.

The process now building which is already under construction, will be built with an exterior of brick similar to the brick used in the multi-purpose building in which the Meeting has worshipped since Oct., 1979. It will have a masonry interior of painted blocks.

The first floor will consist of a fellowship hall with full kitchen facilities and two large class rooms. The second floor will consist of eight class rooms and office space. The second floor will be carpeted.

Contractor for the building will be Boyd Hayes. Estimated cost of the structure will be \$120,000

**SOMETHING OVER** 20 people comprised the organization of Quaker Heights Friends Meeting at its beginning at Randleman High School in Oct., 1979. Later the groups worshipped in the Boyd Building on N. Fayetteville St.

Present membership at the Meeting is 99. The Rev. Kidd said "the Lord has blessed us with growth."

### **Dupin Draws 2,417 For Opener**

June 9, 1980 - The north side of the Lee J. Stone Football Stadium was filled to capacity Sunday evening for the opening service of the Clyde Dupin Ashe-Rand Crusade for Christ.

According to E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of ushers, 2,417 people attended.

Dr. Fred Graham, general chairman of the crusade, said in his opening remarks "what a joy to look out and see all the happy faces, it is going to be greater than we anticipated."

Wes Dupin, song leader and son of the evangelist Clyde Dupin, echoed Dr. Graham's statement and said "we've done something we usually do the last night, we have filled the stadium."

Singing contributed a great deal to the spirit of revival which permeated the first service. Wes Dupin sang two

solos, "Sweet, Sweet, Spirit" and "Lord Remind Me," and led the large assemblage in singing old favorites such as "Blessed Assurance," "He Keeps Me Singing," "Revive Us Again," "I Love To Tell The Story," and the chorus "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Clyde Dupin also praised the attendance, saying "this crowd is a real tribute to the pastors and others who have worked on this great crusade, it is a tremendous crowd for the opening night."

He preached on The Great Commission, taking his text from St. Mark 16:15-16, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned."

He said, "there is no middle ground, either you are standing for Jesus Christ or you are against him. All of us have the opportunity of making a choice. I have come to your community to preach Jesus Christ. I have come to preach a message of hope and forgiveness."

Speaking further, he said "I have come to you to preach a birth in Bethlehem. We have a message of redeeming grace. In this crusade we want to focus on your soul. What greater news could I share with you tonight other than Jesus saves. All of our works of righteousness are like filthy rags."

He deplored conditions in another county in North Carolina where students cannot check the Bible out of the library without permission of their parents.

The crusade, which is sponsored by an interdenominational group from various churches in Asheboro and Randolph County, will continue each evening at 7:27 through Sunday evening, June 15.

## **Church Dedicates Building**

June 12, 1980 - A note burning and dedication service for the education building and fellowship hall at Sophia United Church of Christ was held June 8, exactly five years after the groundbreaking service for the building in 1975.

Payment of the \$20,000 indebtedness, secured by a note for 15 years, having been obligated in Nov. 1975 when the building was occupied. The final payment was in May.

Participating in the burning of the note was Leonard Staley, chairman of the building committee; and Howard Hall, chairman of the board of trustees.

Presiding over the service was the Rev. Howard Ward, pastor of the Church. Former pastors in attendance were the Rev. Avery Brown, the Rev. Homer Frye, and supply pastor Dr. F. C. Lester. Also present was the Rev. J. H. Hooker, veteran pastor of the Strieby United Church of Christ.

At the conclusion of the service, the congregation assembled for refreshments in the fellowship hall of the new addition, with its full kitchen facilities located on the lower level. Sunday School rooms and office space constitutes the upper level of the building.

In addition to the chairman of the building committee, all other members of the committee were present for the note burning service, the same as they were for the groundbreaking five years ago-including Betty Rich, Howard Hall, Ray Hollingsworth, Wade Rich, Mabel Staley, Leo Wyrick, Ada Coltrane and Eric Hall.

The congregation rejoiced at the presence of Eric Hall who has sustained a serious illness in recent months, who attended the service in a wheel chair is secretary of the church and besides serving on the building committee for

the educational building and fellowship hall also served on the building committee for the present sanctuary when it was erected in 1956.

## **Elders Arrive In Asheboro**

June 13, 1980 - Newly assigned missionaries of the Asheboro Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints are Elder Max Holyoak, 22 of American Falls, Idaho, and Elder Douglas Deem, 21, of Sandy Utah.

**MISSIONARIES** OF the church, also known as the Mormon Church, spend two years of their lives at their own expense presenting a message to the community "preparing families to meet the Savior at His second coming which they feel is not far off."

This message is presented through the members of the Asheboro Branch which is located at 245 Chestnut Street, through which channels the missionaries hope to "clear up misconceptions which people have about the church."

Both Elders come from a traditional background in the church, having been reared in homes which are a part of the church.

Elder Hoyoak's father and three older brothers preceded him in the mission service and a younger brother is also serving a mission at the present time. The town from which he comes has a population of 4,000 and is located in southwest Idaho.

His precious assignment since becoming a missionary has been at High Point.

**ELDER DEEM'S** father and two older brothers have completed missions within the church. His home town, with a population of 2,500, is located 17 miles south of Salt Lake City. His previous assignments have been at Boone, Fayetteville, Wilmington, and Greensboro.

Upon the completion of their two year mission, the Elders will revert back to their civilian status and will resume the responsibilities which they previously held in the local Wards and Branches of their church in the towns from which they came.

## **Largest Crowd Recorded At Dupin Crusade Finale**

June 16, 1980 - The Clyde Dupin Crusade at Lee J Stone Stadium ended Sunday evening with 2,856 people - the largest attendance of the eight day crusade, packing the bleachers and spreading onto the grass in front of the platform.

Ushers counted 19,222 people total attendance for the crusade far in excess of the number anticipated. The attendance for each service was well beyond the 2,000 figure.

Rev. Vernon McDaniel, executive director of the crusade and pastor of First Baptist Church, thanked the people who assisted in the crusade people who represented fifty or more churches in Asheboro and Randolph County.

He said "our lives have been enriched and our hearts have been blessed by the crusade...our arms, our hearts and our hands have been linked together."

Dr. Fred Graham, general chairman of the crusade, predicted that instead of ending the crusade will be "the beginning of something which will be beyond our wildest expectations."

One member of the crusade staff said Sunday morning that persons going into the prayer room for acceptance of

Christ and recommitment of their lives had already come from more than sixty churches.

The budget for the crusade was met by the sixth night. Offerings received the last two nights will be used for the overseas ministry of the Clyde Dupin Crusaders of which the Rev. Howard Smith former pastor of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church in Asheboro, is director.

There were no special guests for the final service. The preliminary service captured the singing of Wes Dupin, son of the evangelist and crusade director, and the musical talents of John Jones crusade choir director and organist who also serves as organist for the Billy Graham Crusade. Then Latter was applauded warmly for his presentations.

Clyde Dupin preached on "The Danger of Delay" for his last sermon of the crusade. His text was "how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation."

### **Couples Honored With Anniversary Receptions**

June 17, 1980 - Two Asheboro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Joe T. Hardin of 339 W. Kivett Street and Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Brown of 134 Liberty Street, were honored June 8 with wedding anniversary receptions.

A 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary reception for the Hardins was limited to family members and those associated with their wedding 40 years ago. It was a surprise to the honored couple.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie (Georgianna) McElhannon of Hartsville, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Mac (Mary) Isley of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Don (Bettie) Wilson of Germantown, Mr. and Mrs. Tal Hardin of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Brad (June) Surratt of Matthews and Mrs. Hardin's sister, Mrs. Jessie Golding of Asheboro.

They also have 10 grandchildren.

Their marriage occurred June 9, 1940 at the Central Methodist Church in Denton, where Mrs. Hardin's father, the Rev. George Luther Curry, was serving as pastor. The Rev. Curry officiated at the ceremony. Mrs. Hardin is the former Virginia Curry. Mr. Hardin is a native of Guilford County.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin have operated Hardin's Furniture Co. since Nov., 1949. They have lived in Asheboro since their marriage. They are members of Central United Methodist Church.

Out-of-town guests at the reception, in addition to their children, came from Glen Alpine, Forest City, Winston Salem, Greensboro, Wrightsville Beach and Virginia.

Hosts at a 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary reception for the Browns at the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church in Asheboro were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph K. Brown of Salisbury and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight E. Brown of Harrison, Ark and their five grandchildren.

During the reception Mr. and Mrs. Brown renewed their marriage vows in a double ring ceremony heard by the church pastor, the Rev. Vernon B. McDaniel.

Their granddaughter, Miss Stephanie Brown, sang the Lord's Prayer accompanied by Mrs. Pearl Humble.

Guests called from 3-5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married May 7, 1930. Mrs. Brown is the former Lillian Burrow.

### **Coleridge VFD Plans Supper**

June 18, 1980 - A country ham and eggs supper with grits, homemade biscuits, desserts, and drinks will be sponsored by the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department at the Brower School in Erect Saturday evening.

The supper to be served in the school cafeteria, will be held from 5 to 8 p. m. Plates will sell for \$3. 50 and take home plates will be available.

A singing, to be held in conjunction with the supper, will begin in the school auditorium at 7:30 p. m. Featured will be the Harbor Light Singers and the Erect Boys.

An auction sale of cakes, pies and other items will be held along with singing. A drawing will be held for door prizes.

Coordinating the supper and singing will be the three female members of the fire department, Joan Jessup, Leona Hayes and Marcie Chriscoe.

Amos Needham is chief of the volunteer fire department and assistant chiefs are Larry McAlister of Coleridge and Charles Teague of Erect.

The main fire station building is located at Coleridge; a sub-station is located at Erect. Proceeds from the supper and singing will be applied to expenses of the department.

### **Cookout Helps Robbins Squad**

June 22, 1980 - "Wheelbarrow Man" the CB radio designation for Clifford Williams Rt2. Seagrove, held his third annual community cookout recently at his home on Rt2, Seagrove.

Clifford, 48 has been totally blind since July 20, 1968, losing his last eye in an accident at that time. He first lost an eye, also due to an accident, when he was 12 years old.

Despite his handicap, he has a concern for others and in recent months has sponsored two walk-a-thons for persons in need.

The first one was held for the family of Christopher Key, who was born defective and has since died. The second one was held for Elizabeth Brown, office manager for the Robbins Record who suffered a serious illness. Total amount raised in these walk-a-thons came to nearly \$5,000.

THE FIRST two cookouts at the Williams residence were strictly fellowship periods in which Clifford's neighbors and CB friends participated. But the third cookout became a fund raising event for the benefit of the Robbins Rescue Squad, which had assisted Clifford in the second walk-a-thon.

The food, the drinks and the homemade ice cream were free, furnished by his guests. The money raised came from donations contributed by people who participated in a drawing for a 22 rifle, vacuum cleaner, large frame and picture, two mirrors, a tool box, and a K-40 antenna for a CB radio.

Proceeds from the third annual cook-out amounted to \$2,256, which was given to the Robbins Rescue Squad towards the expenses of its operation.

Clifford Williams has many friends on the CB radio circuit. This has been especially meaningful to him since his total blindness. He communicates regularly with other CB fans in the counties of Moore, Randolph and Montgomery, living in Moore and about three miles from the other two counties.

BUT HE ALSO reaches into surrounding counties people present for the cookout represented Wadesboro and Hamlet.

He lives at the place where he has spent his life. His mother, Alice Kennedy Williams, died in 1969, his father, Willie Duckery Williams, Sr. died 15 years ago.

Rex McLeod represented the Robbins Rescue Squad at the cookout.

### **Joint Celebration Honors the Elbert Williamsons**

June 25, 1980 - The family of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert F. Williamsons of Rt. 2, Seagrove, honored the couple on their 61<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, June 15, along with a Father's Day celebration for Mr. Williamson.

THE OCCASION, which was a surprise to the couple, was held at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Williamson of Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Other children, all of whom were present, are Leon Williamson, Herbert Williamson, Roy Williamson, and Tula Albright of Rt. 1 Seagrove, Arnold Williamson of the home, Mrs. Blanche Sheffield and Jimmy Williamson of Rt. 2 Seagrove, and Mrs. Carletta Welch of Rt. 2, Robbins.

Twelve children were born to the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson but two sons died at infancy and one son died at the age of 10. There are 33 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

A picnic dinner was enjoyed at the family celebration, after which string music was provided by the couple's sons, Herbert and Weldon and Jerry Stuart and Paul McLeod.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were married June 19, 1919. Mrs. Williamson, the former Pearl Comer, is a daughter of the late Bud and Laura Sheffield Comer. She is a native of Moore County.

Mr. Williamson is a native of Randolph County but moved with his parents, John and Maggie McNeill Williamson, to his present home site in Moore County at the age of five. Later, "after scattering around a little after I got married," according to Mr. Williamson, he and his wife moved their family back to the old place where they have remained until the present time.

AMONG THE guests present for the celebration were neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Beane, who will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in Nov. .

Mr. Williamson is 82, his wife is 79.

### **Baxter Celebrates Birthday, Father's Day**

June 25, 1980 - A joint celebration honored long time Bennett resident, H. A. (Huey) Baxter, whose 90<sup>th</sup> birthday occurred on Father's Day, June 15.

Present for the occasion was his wife, the former Gladys Kyle Smith, to whom he was married 65 years ago last Mar. 21, and his 22 children and various other family members.

For 35 years the Baxter family has come together in a reunion on the occasion of Mr. Baxter's birthday. But this year's reunion took on special significance due to Father's Day coupled with his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter are twins, Winfred and Windol of Robbins, Kate Lambert, Mattie Navy and Pauline Baxter of Greensboro, Anne Manley of Asheboro, Henry and Walter Glenn of Bennett, Joe and Ray of the home and Billy of Ramseur.

Two other children of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter died in infancy. They also reared two other children, a granddaughter and a niece, in a addition to caring for a brother of Mrs. Baxter.

Mr. and Mrs. Baxter have lived in Bennett since 1929. They have been members of the Bennett Baptist Church since 1925. Mrs. Baxter will celebrate her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Aug 10.

### **Randleman Couple Celebrates Anniversary**

June 26, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Clifford Conner of 201 Stout Street, Randleman, celebrated their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a family gathering recently at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Conner of Rt. 2 Randleman.

Also present were their two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert (Peggy) Pike Jr. of Kansas City, Mo and Mr. and Mrs. Wade (Nancy) Peeler of Asheboro.

The couple have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

They were married July 28, 1930. Their anniversary was celebrated at this time in order to coincide with their daughter Peggy's visit back home.

Mr. Conner is a retired railroad employee having worked for 46 years with Norfolk-Southern and Southern Railroad Companies. He is a native of the area north of Asheboro and was reared in the Spero area.

### **Macedonia Baptist Church Holds Note-Burning Ceremony**

June 27, 1980 - Macedonia Baptist Church, Rt. 2 Liberty, held a note-burning ceremony at the conclusion of the morning worship service Sunday, June 22, followed by lunch in the fellowship hall for congregational members and guests.

Setting to the redeemed bonds which financed the church structure where the pastor, the Rev. F. G. Alford, a former pastor the Rev. Raleigh Castelloe, the director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association, the Rev. Judson Rotan, and five members of the original planning committee. Milton Ferguson chairman, Gaston Arrington, Gene Garrell, Clarence Smith, and Sherrill York, and the chairman of the finance committee Leonard Hill.

**CONGREGATION MEMBERS** fed the fire by throwing additional bonds into the barrel in which the fire was started. Bonds in the amount of \$110,000 were sold beginning in 1968. The last bonds were redeemed Apr. 1, 1983, exactly three years from the scheduled date of redemption Apr., 1983.

One member of the original planning committee, Vernie Lowe was unable to attend the note-burning ceremony due to illness. The committee was first organized in Feb. 1961. Additional members added later included Robery Barker, Vance Breedlove, Paul Bryant, Mrs. Madeline Coble, Leonard Hill, Mrs. Grace Wolfe, A. B. York Jr, and Mrs. Jean York.

The building committee at the time of construction included Connie Woodard, Vester Flinchum, Mary McClure, and Mary Ruth Brothers. The finance committee was composed of Leonard Hill, Thomas York, Lawrence Humble, M. E Bryant and Boyce Wolfe, now deceased.

Members of the furnishings committee were Doris Flinchum, Eugene Brady, Phyllis Castelloe, Leonard Hill, Bobby Ferguson and Joy Cell Millikan.

The first steps of progress came in 1965 when 10 acres of land for a new church site were purchased on what is now

Old Hwy 421, four miles north of Liberty and a building fund was established. The new church building was occupied on the first Sunday in Oct., 1969.

Prior to the occupancy of the new building the church was located a half mile or so from the present site south of Old Hwy 421. The old building has been torn down but the cemetery continues in use.

A MEMORIAL garden surrounded by shrubbery, marks the site of the old church with an inscribed plaque which reads "in memory of the beloved deceased of Macedonia Baptist Church founded in 1880.

Former pastor Castelloe and his family who served the church during the re-location and building of the new church visited the old church before they came to the note-burning service, referring to this pilgrimage as a "spiritual journey and re-tracing of steps.

On the second Sunday in Sept. of this year the church will hold a Centennial observance to celebrate the year of its founding.

### **Steady Hand Gets Top Club Award**

June 27, 1980 - David R (Shoat) Davis received the "Civitan of the Year" award in a specially called meeting of the New Market Civitan Club Tuesday in the community building.

The presentation, usually made at a later meeting during the annual installation of officers, was moved up due to the serious illness of the recipient.

A MORE immediate reason for the presentation was his departure on Saturday, June 28, for treatment in a hospital in the Bahama Islands, in the town of Freeport.

"Shoat" Davis is a charter member throughout its 20 years. Club members felt that recognition of his service to the club was long overdue.

He has never held an office in the club, he was never in the limelight of its activities. But he was regular, he was consistent, and he worked hard in the less spectacular duties of the club. He maintained the concession stand at the ballgames, he got up the supplies for this and other functions of the club, he worked behind the scene.

"Shoat", 57, was operated on for cancer at the High Point Memorial Hospital last Dec.,. Since his initial stay at the hospital, he has been going back to the hospital for a week of treatment each month.

His wife, Alta accompanied him to the hospital in the Bahama Islands. His five brothers, Richard, Ed, Jesse, Robert (Slappy), and Gilbert (Gib), and his two sisters, Edith Wagner and Anna Lee Edwards, will alternate in visits to his bedside.

They are the children of the late Ernest Davis and Anna Hohn Davis, who lived in the Cedar Square community on Rt. 1, Randleman.

AT THE TIME of his father's death in 1944, "Shoat" Davis assumed the responsibility of the family farm and the responsibility of his mother and brothers and sisters who remain at home at the time.

He stayed at the home for several years after his father's death, until his marriage and the purchase of his own farm in the same community. He maintained a dairy operation until he suffered a heart attack in 1974.

He and his wife are the parents of two children, Allen 20, and a daughter Vickie, who recently graduated from Randleman High School. He is a member of the Ebenezer

United Methodist Church and for twelve years he served on the Guildford Dairy Board of Directors.

Despite his illness he still exhibits the vitality which has characterized his life and activities. He drove his own pickup to the presentation ceremony and on the preceding Saturday he was riding his tractor shortly after getting out of the hospital at 11 a. m.

His courage during this time of illness has greatly impressed not only his family and his fellow members in the New Market Civitan but the entire community as well.

Eight other recipients of the "Civitan of the Year" award witnessed the presentation at the special meeting on Tuesday. Making the presentation was Terry Davis, president of the club.

### **Seagrove Residents Honored On Anniversary**

July 2, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Birch Luck, prominent residents of Seagrove, were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, June 22, at a reception at Pinewood Country Club.

Hosts were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton (Martha) Comer, and their granddaughters, Elizabeth and Joan.

MORE THAN 250 guests called from 3-5 p. m. Others called at the Luck residents in Seagrove following the reception.

Mrs. Luck is the former Ruby Elizabeth Owen who lived in upper Moore County before her marriage.

She was the daughter of the late Rufus and Martha McNeill Owen. Her father was a potter, the same as her brothers Ben and Joe.

Ivey Luck is a native of Cedar Grove Township, having been reared in the vicinity of the Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse. His parents were the late Charles T. Luck and Mary Allred Luck.

He came to Seagrove eight years before his marriage.

He operated a service station in Seagrove for 11 years and sold fertilizer before becoming one of the founders of a small community cannery in 1948. This small cannery developed into the Large Luck's Inc. whose products sold nationwide. Mr. Luck served as president of the corporation for many years before it was sold in 1967.

SINCE HIS retirement from Luck's Inc, he has continued his interest in real estate, both locally and also at Crescent Beach and Little River S. C. One of his partners in the latter area State Senator Ralph Ellis and Mrs. Ellis were among those present for the anniversary celebration.

He has retained his interest in farming which extends back through his lifetime, and is the operator of a large cattle ranch on Hwy 705 beyond Seagrove.

Mr. and Mrs. Luck are members of Seagrove United Church of Christ. The Ivey B. Luck Stadium at Southwestern High School is named in his honored.

### **When Crises Occur, Mrs. Headen Nearby**

July 2, 1980 - When a crisis occurs in the community of the Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church on Rt. 1 Staley, Helen Headen is either there or the people send for her.

In Apr., Etta Andrews, a distant relative of Mrs. Headen's, suffered a stroke and her son, Pete, came to get her, passing by several other homes on the street to get there.

Mrs. Headen called the ambulance before she went to the home of the afflicted woman but found when she got there that Mrs. Andrews was already dead.

She stayed to help with the funeral arrangements and other matters but when she came back home that night Peter Nino (Pete) Andrews, 16 and his sister, Jeanette, 17 came with her and have been there since.

Five years ago, the mother of Cletus Ray Chalmers was buried on his 12<sup>th</sup> birthday. Cletus Ray went to live with Mrs. Headen and her family at the time of his mother's illness and has lived with them since.

The family of Mrs. Headen and her husband, Paul includes four children; Lynette 18, Paul Elliot Jr. 17, Delvin 16, and Kisha 6.

Besides these seven children (Mrs. Headen's four and the other three who live with them), there are other children who come sometimes to spend the night. There is always plenty of activity in the home of Helen and Paul Headen.

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In order to more effectively help those in need, she has recently become licensed as a foster parent. Fulfilling the requirements of this designation recently brought her and Paul, their four children and three additional three children who live with them, to the Randolph County Health Department for the physical examinations and preventive shots which are necessities.

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But her life, with all of its activity and varied interests has not been without sorrow and heartache.

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for his recovery were held regularly in the churches of the community.

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The certificate stated simply "in grateful appreciation for services rendered."

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## **He Again Assumes Pastorate Of Area Church**

July 4, 1980 - The Rev. Alan Blackmon of Rt. 8, Asheboro, has again assumed the pastorate of Fulp Memorial Church, located on Hwy. 220 just north of Seagrove, in a year around bast following the completion of his studies at the Hobe Sound Bible College in Hobe Sound, Fla.

HE BECAME the pastor of the church after his call to the ministry in 1974 but for the past three years had only served during the summer months due to his attendance at Hobe Sound during the winter months.

His conversion occurred at the Fulp Memorial Church in 1971.

Recently the quart and their pianist from Hobe Sound Bible College presented a program of sacred music at his church at the mid-week evening service.

These young men included Glen Roseman of Syracuse, N. Y., Dale Hale of Tulsa, Okla, Drexel Holloway of Fink Ridge, Pa., Dale Wardlaw of McCall Idaho, and Mark Dills of Washington Court House, Ohio.

Alan Balckmon son of Mrs. Margaret Mildred Brower Blackmon of Rt. 1, Seagrove and the late J. O. Blackmon is a 1965 graduate of Seagrove High School.

He is presently employed with Newton Welding and Engineering Co. Previous employment was with Ridge Funeral Home and Ambulance Service as a funeral attendant and registered Emergency Medical Technician.

FULP MEMORIAL is an independent church but the Rev. Blackmon's ministerial credentials are with the Bible Methodist Conference of Concord, Tenn.

His ministry, in addition to the Sunday morning and evening services and Wednesday evening services at his church, includes preaching to the inmates at the county jail, the state prison unit, and street services.

## **Caravaners Visit Before Tour**

July 4, 1980 - "The Scandinavian Caravaners," composed of 10 young people from Finland, Sweden, Norway and Denmark, arrived in Asheboro June 26 for an orientation period at Calvary United Methodist Church before embarking on a six-week tour of churches throughout the Western North Carolina Conference.

Their visit will include participation in worship services, fellowship times, youth group meetings and retreats living with Methodist families, celebration of July 4, and sightseeing throughout the state.

Those making the tour are Ola Hugerth, Angred Sweden; Kjeli Groenli, Bergen, Norway; Sven Bringman, Uppsala, Sweden; Nina Christensen, Copenhagen,

Denmark; Jon Skjaeret, Oslo, Norway; Brt Toennesen, Drammen, Norway; Kaija Holmqvist, Kokkola, Finland; Helena Saell, Stockholm, Ssweden, Yvonne Stranden, Kokkola, Finland; and Lisbeth Morsboel, Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Scandinavian Caravan was started in 1955 by Dr. and Mrs. Carl King while Dr. King was executive secretary of the Board of Education of the Western N. C. Conference, at which time Dr. and Mrs. King took a group of students to visit the Scandinavian Methodist Churches during the summer months.

The following year a youth group from Scandinavia was invited to come to the United States. The exchange has continued since that time. However, the original idea of the young people going to Scandinavia as a work camp group has evolved into a religious and cultural exchange.

Serving as counselors for the young people who traveled to the Scandinavian churches from the Western N. C.

Conference in the summer of 1979 were the Rev. Tom Lee, pastor of the Calvary United Methodist Church in North Asheboro and his wife Margaret who served as hosts for the initial stop on the 1980 Scandinavian Caravan schedule.

The Rev. Mr. Lee is chairman of the committee, Board of Global Ministries of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

## **Coleridge Academy Students Hold 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Reunion**

July 4, 1980 - -Students of the old Coleridge Academy held their 23<sup>rd</sup> annual reunion June 22 with around 70 in attendance. The fire station was the site for the reunion.

Highlight of the reunion this year was the presentation of a large frame picture of the old academy building and a bronzed plaque denoting the year of its beginning, 1908, and the year of its closing, 1936.

Making the presentation was Miss Joyce Davis, a former student, and Mrs. C. A. Cox, a former teacher. The picture and plaque will be turned over to the present school at Coleridge to be hung in the media center there, formerly know as the library.

TWO SMALLER schools, Lodge School and Jones School, formed the nucleus for Coleridge Academy at the time of its beginning.

The two-story building, in which the students attended classes, was located in the area behind the present Concord United Methodist Church building.

It was an imposing structure, architecturally speaking with three front porches, a back porch extending the width of the building, and a double belfry with steeple towering into the sky. Lattice work encircled the porch areas.

The building contained two large rooms downstairs and two large rooms upstairs, one of which was used by the Masonic Lodge. Later, one of the rooms was partitioned off for a fourth class room and just before the school closed the Masonic Lodge room, with its red carpet, was used as a classroom.

John Cagle was the first teacher at the school, D. E. Highfill was the second teacher. The school achieved distinction under the leadership of the latter and students came from other communities to attend the school, securing board and lodging in the homes of the village.

THE ACADEMY normally taught the 9<sup>th</sup> grade but as plans for a high school in Coleridge progressed other grades

were added. A class of four-Carol Jane Cox Smith, Bernice Cain Johnson, Lillie Cox Burgess (now deceased) and Jackson Brown graduated at the end of the 1935-36 school year, the last year of the academy's existence.

The first graduating exercise was held in the sanctuary at Concord Methodist Church. C. A. Cox was the principal at the time. However, other commencement exercises prior to this time had been held from the back porch of the old academy building.

Later, after the present school building was occupied, the old academy building was brought back into use as a gymnasium until the present gymnasium was completed in 1948. The old building was then torn down and its lumber sold to various people.

Former students at the reunion introduced themselves and told where they were from. Recognition was extended to Mrs. Hardy (Laura Yow) Ward, 88 oldest former student in attendance; and Mrs. Zora Fesmire Schlapkohl, of Lone Tree Iowa, a former student who came the farthest distance to attend the reunion.

RECOGNITION WAS extended to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cox, former teachers in both the old and newer schools at Coleridge, and to Tom Ward, an academy student who later became a teacher in the newer school. A detailed history of the old Coleridge Academy has been prepared by Mrs. Cox.

A memorial service was held for eight former students - Madge McNeill Davis, Howard C. McNeill, Golda Cheek Hughes, Mamie Craven Richardson, Maggie Cole Brown, Dock Baxter Albright, Frank Brower (of Arizona) and Everett Brooks - who had died since the last reunion.

Reunion officers elected included Charles Davis, president; Erman Cox, vice president; Lucille Moffitt Albritton, secretary; and Madge Craven Kivett, treasurer.

Supper was served in the dining facilities of the fire station at the conclusion of the reunion.

### **Congregation Fetes Minister, Wife**

July 6, 1980 - The congregation of the Trinity Holiness Church at Brown's Cross Roads near Sophia honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Arthur T. Swaney, at a reception recently at the New Market Community Building.

The reception was for the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Swaney which occurred on June 24. The occasion was a surprise to the minister and his wife who reside on Rt. 7 Asheboro.

In attendance in addition to the congregation were members of their families.

Mrs. Swaney is the former Hilda Faye Cox, daughter of Mrs. Sarah Ethel Hicks Cox, now a resident of Brian Center of Nursing Care, and the late Pearl Cox.

The Rev. Swaney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Swaney of Rt. 3, Asheboro.

A minister for some 20 years, he is serving his eighth year as pastor of the Trinity Holiness Church. In addition to his ministerial duties, he is involved in the repair, overhaul and tuning of pianos in partnership with his brother, Dock Swaney.

Mrs. Swaney is employed as an instructor in home economics at the Carolina Christian Academy in Thomasville, of which the Rev. Dan Parker of Lexington is the administrator.

Among those present for the anniversary reception were the Rev. Parker and Eva Taylor, a former member of the congregation now living in Dayton, Ohio.

### **Groundbreaking Service Held For Faith Temple**

July 9, 1980 - A tract of land at the corner of Old Cedar Falls Road and Rock Crusher Road east of Asheboro was the site of a groundbreaking and dedication service early Sunday afternoon in which the Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reese participated along with members of the small congregation who sponsored the service.

Also participating were Asheboro Realtor and builder, Paul Trollinger, developer and owner of the Winningham Farms development of which the tract is a part, sold the site to the Faith Temple United Church of God which is in the process of moving to the site.

REPRESENTING THE church in the service were Elder Perry Hester, Faith Temple pastor and his wife, Ethelrine also a minister in the United Church of God denomination; Napoleon Hammond, deacon, Sunday School superintendent and teacher; Josephine Hammond, wife of Napoleon, trustee, secretary and treasurer. Nezzie McNeil, trustee and teacher; and Rosa Shaw, trustee and treasurer.

Inactive members of the church include Lewis and Emma Hoskins and Gabriel Potet. The remainder of the congregation is composed of young people and small children.

But however small, the congregation has raised \$7,000 to pay off the indebtedness on the tract of land since their first meeting - a small prayer service on Nov. 13, 1974 and their first Sunday service since Nov. 24, 1974, which was attended by three adults and 18 children.

The idea of organizing a United Church of God in Asheboro originated with Josephine Hammond, who with her husband, Napoleon attended a church of the same denomination while residing in Troy. The organization of the local church came after the couple had attended churches of other denominations and an United Church of God church in upper Randolph County.

EFFORTS TO organize the local church led the group to their present site of worship on Old Cedar Falls Road, nearer to the Asheboro city limits than the new site, which contained at that time two small dilapidated buildings formerly used as a "juke Joint." Mrs. Hammond said the buildings which were painted black on the inside except for the décor of "red cats" which brightened the interior were "weird looking."

The owner of the buildings, "Gimlet" Tolbert allowed the congregation to renovate the buildings, combining the two of them in a single structure, and he never charged them any rent for as long as he lived. Their rental payments of \$50 a month began when the site was sold during the settlement of Tolbert's estate.

When the first prayer service was held there was no electricity. Light came only from two oil lamps, a spotlight and the flame from the gas heater which warmed the building.

When the first Sunday School service was held there were only two chairs for the three adults who attended. Napoleon Hammond and Rose Shaw sat on a stack of lumber which was being used in the renovation process.



THE CONGREGATION has continued to worship at the site and at times the renovated building, seating approximately 100, has been filled to capacity, especially when some fund raising programs have been held. At one service there were so many people present the offering table had to be placed on the outside.

But the congregation will now move from this rented building to the new site in the Winningham Farms development. They will worship in a house which is being moved to the site from East Salisbury Street Extension, which is being displaced due to the construction of the new shopping center in that area.

They have rejoiced in their beginning and their ministry in the old renovated "juke joint" and wanted to purchase the property. But not being able to do this, they are anticipating their ministry at the new site which Mayor Reese and Mr. and Mrs. Trollinger helped them dedicate in the early Sunday afternoon service.

Trollinger's firm, of which Napoleon Hammond is an employee, also helped them renovate the building in which they have been worshipping and will assist in the placement of the building at the new site.

### **Senior Citizens Are Honored**

July 16, 1980 - Balfour Baptist Church held its first observance of "Senior Adult Day" July 13. However, previous recognition has been extended to the elderly members of the congregation by holding quarterly dinners for them.

The observance included a special during the morning worship hour, followed by a buffet luncheon in the fellowship hall. There were around 60 participations.

THE PASTOR, the Rev. B. L. Kincaid delivered a Biblical message on "Pillars of the Church," referring to those who were being honored.

Many of those being honored comprised the choir for the morning service; the others sat in a reserved section within the sanctuary.

Solos were rendered by Hilary York and J. C. Pearce, 91, who sang "I'm Satisfied With Jesus." Pearce, who has been an outstanding Baptist layman for most of his life, said he has been a Christian for 80 years.

Other senior adults 80 years of age and older in attendance were Mrs. Esther Moody, 90; Mrs. Ida Hicks, 86; and Lee Jones, 81.

Mrs. Moody said she was converted in a revival meeting at the old arbor at the Grays Chapel Methodist Church when she was around 12 years of age.

Mrs. Hicks, a native of Moore County, said she was converted in a revival meeting at the Big Oak Christian Church 71 years ago.

Lee Jones, who moved to Asheboro from Ellerbe in 1927, has been a member of the Balfour church since the early forties. He is a retired barber.

Recognition was also extended to the committee in charge of senior adults activities at the church, composed of Marie Cox, Monadell Glass and Era Pritchard.

### **Pughs Are Feted On Anniversary**

July 24, 1980 - The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jake C. Pugh of Rt. 1, Franklinville, honored their parents on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, July 20 in the fellowship building at New Salem United Methodist Church.

APPROXIMATELY 200 guests attended the reception from 3-5 o'clock.

Hosts were Mrs. Ralph (Audrey Pugh) Wood of Rt. 3, Randleman, Billy Ray Pugh of Greensboro, Frank Pugh of Rt. 1, Franklinville, Tony and Norman Pugh of the home, and Colon Pugh of Rt. 2, Randleman.

The couple also has seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were married July 19, 1930 in Danville, Va. Two of their three wedding attendance, Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ward of Asheboro, were in attendance at their anniversary observance. The other one, Mrs. Thelma Pugh Chandler of Greensboro, was unable to attend.

Mrs. Pugh is the former Ruth Johnson, a native of Liberty Township who was reared in the area between the Melancthon Lutheran Church and the Randolph Methodist Church. Her parents were Carl L. Johnson and Estelle Williams Johnson.

MR. PUGH is a son of the late S. A. Pugh and Ida Hayes Pugh. He and Mrs. Pugh are living in the area in which he was born and reared. Their anniversary gift from their children was a framed painting of their residence since 1941 by Mabel Pugh, a niece.

Mr. Pugh has been a farmer and for 27 years was in carpentry maintenance for the cotton mill in Worthville. He still maintains a shop at his home and engages in the building of cabinets.

### **Farmer Lions Club Receives Awards**

July 24, 1980 - The Farmer Lions Club, chartered in 1969, was the recipient of the awards at "Awards Night" held recently by District 31-D.

The club received an award for "outstanding service," denoting its achievement in meeting the goals of Lions International and the rendering of service in the community in which it is located.

A "100% Secretary's Award" was presented to Richard Delk, who is serving his seventh year as secretary of the Farmer Lions Club.

The secretary in a Lions Club is required to issue a detailed report each monthly, in duplicates of four. The report sent to four different Lions organizations are used as a basis for the rating of the local club.

It is said that "the backbone of every Lions Club is a good secretary" and Richard Delk's dedicated service to the Farmer Lions Club is no exception.

Officers of the Farmer Club, in addition to Richard Delk, are Alton Delk, president; Dee Wright, first vice president; Thurman Hogan, third vice president; and Harvey Hammond, who is serving his eight year as treasurer of the club.

Other members of the club are Richard Fields, Rodger Smith, Alvin McDowell, Carlee Spencer, Dwight Nance, James Johnson, Clark Thornburg, Donald Parker, Clay Yates and the outgoing president, the Rev. Scott Owen. Members at large are Charles Bescher, Wayne Bescher and Winfred (Wimpy) Hammond.

The Farmer Club meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month in a supper meeting at the Farmer School cafeteria. Twice a year, in the spring and fall, they enjoy a fishing expedition at one of Clark Thornburg's ponds.

### **Missionary Arrives in Asheboro**

July 25, 1980 - The newest missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Asheboro is 19 year old Elder Russell Ence of St. George, Utah.

He arrived on July 22 to join Elder Max Holyoak in the propagation of the church doctrine in the area served by the Asheboro Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, located on Chestnut St.

He came to Asheboro after one month's service in High Point, which was preceded by five weeks of indoctrination at the Missionary Training Center in Provo, Utah and five days at the North Carolina Missionary headquarters in Charlotte.

Elder Ence finished high school in the spring of 1979 and since that time has been employed with a construction company operated by his father. He plans to resume his education following his two-year stint as a missionary for his church.

As with all of the missionaries approved and sent out by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, he will work without pay and will bear his own expenses during the period of his service.

### **Packs Are Honored On 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 27, 1980 - Mr. and Mrs. Harry Pack of Rt. 6, Asheboro, parents of 10 children, celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Sunday, July 20.

Their Children hosted a reception for them in the fellowship house at the Ramseur Church of God. Friends and relatives greeted the couple from 2-4 o'clock.

One daughter, Mrs. John L. (Rogenia) Smith of Mauritius, Port Louis, an island in the Indian Ocean area, was unable to attend the reception. Her husband, a United States Marine is attached to the American Embassy on the island on which they reside.

Their other children are Mrs. David (Christina) Garner, Mrs. Garrett (Deborah) Thompson, Judy Pack and Timothy Pack of Rt. 6, Asheboro, and Rebecca, Beverly, Sandra, Harriet, and Amy Pack of the home. There are three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pack were married July 3, 1955 in Chesterfield; S. C. Mrs. Pack is the former Betty McPherson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McPherson of Rt. 6, Asheboro. Her mother is a resident of the Brian Center of Nursing Care but was able to attend her daughter's anniversary observance.

Mr. Pack is a native of McDowell County, W. Va. He is employed as a commercial painter. Mrs. Pack is employed at Dixie Furniture.

### **VBS Draws 468 Children**

Aug 1, 1980 - Vacation Bible School at the Asheboro Church of God, located at the corner of Sunset Ave and N McCrary Streets, was held last week with an enrollment of 468 and an average daily attendance of 398.

It was a departmentalized school with 20 classes and approximately 80 adult instructors. The curriculum featured Bible studies, music, and crafts. The lesson theme was "Jesus I Believe In You" and the school theme was "The Vacation Bible School Express."

The latter theme characterized the six church buses which were used to haul an average of 233 to the daily classes.

The pastor of the church is the Rev. Robert Blackaby, the school director was Libby Griffin. Mrs. Griffin said she planned for the school six weeks ahead of time.

Other departments heads include Alice Gray, youth crafts; Jesse Tyndall, junior department; Debbie Reeder, pre-school crafts; Maxine Lee, primary department; Leon Allred, youth department; Mona Trogdon, primary department crafts; Rene Trogdon, junior department crafts; Lola Anne Jarrell, refreshments; and J. D. Lawson, bus director.

One of the more enjoyable aspects of the school was the mobile refreshment stand provided by Automatic Vending Service from which the students were served potato chips, snow cones, lemonade, cotton candy, pop corn, and ice cream on alternating schedule between classes.

Each student who attended for two sessions received a certificate and students with perfect attendance received a certificate with a gold seal. A gift certificate was also presented to the best all-round student in each class. They were selected by the teacher and assistant teacher.

The commencement was held Sunday morning during the worship service, with each department presenting a program.

### **School Plans Two New Buildings**

Aug. 1, 1980 - The erection of classroom building and gymnasium on a new site is being planned for the Fayetteville Street Christian School, owned and operated by the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, 901 N. Fayetteville St.

The two buildings will be erected on a 13 acre tract of land at the end of West Pritchard Street, in the vicinity of York Street. The property, formerly owned by Stanton Presnell, was once known as the old fairgrounds site and is adjacent to land now owned by the Fayetteville Street Church.

Asheboro architect Robert W. Hedrick has been secured to draw up plans for the new building as with an occupancy target date set by fall of 1981.

Heretofore, the school has operated from the existing facilities at the church site. The proposed buildings, which will be located a couple of blocks away, will be intermingled with the existing buildings in the continued operation of the school.

The school, which began in 1971, has expanded into its present operation of kindergarten-3 through the ninth grade. The school administrator is Bruce Phipps. A committee elected by the church and composed of chairman Nelson Combs, Jim Johnston, Rev Smith, Ed Lavelle and Junior Snow, directs the operation of the school.

During the summer months, the church operates a large day care center at which Christian environment and some training is emphasized.

In Apr., a five-week campaign was launched within the church membership to raise \$150,000 which was established as the victory goal for the campaign. A challenge goal was set at \$225,000 and a hallelujah goal was set at \$300,000

"Together We Build" was selected as the slogan for the campaign. A banquet and worship service celebrating the theme of this slogan was held on Apr. 27 in the cafeteria at Guy B. Teachey School with a capacity attendance. The weekly amounts requested during the pledging period represents "not equal gifts but equal sacrifice" church officials said.

Campaign pledges has reached \$177,000 and it is anticipated that church non-members, whose children are

students in the school, will also be given an opportunity to contribute to the fund raising a campaign.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Nat Thompson, whose ministry at the church began in 1973. Assisting him in the fund raising campaign was a steering committee composed of Charles Allen, campaign director; Tommy Sellers, spiritual emphasis director; David Hamilton, advance gifts director; Garland Lawson, promotion director; Chris Frazier, canvass director; Mrs. Peggy Cox, banquet director; Mrs. Joanne Thompson, secretary and Jimmy Byrd, follow-up director.

George Crook, a member congregation who has building experience, will supervise the construction of the classroom building and gymnasium. It is anticipated that some volunteer labor will be used.

It is planned to build on a "pay as you go" basis. "We are building by faith; we will give God the credit," said Rev. Thompson.

Enrollment for the incoming year at Fayetteville Street School has already reached 310.

### **Auman Couple Receive Anniversary Surprise**

Aug. 3, 1980 - The children of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie J. Auman Rt. 8, Asheboro, and other family members joined together in surprising the couple on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, July 27, at home of Mrs. Auman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Caudill, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

The final detail in the carefully made plans occurred when Mr. Auman's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Betty Jean Auman) Davis, invited Mr. and Mrs. Auman to a Sunday noon luncheon.

Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Davis brought the couple to the Caudill residence where they were greeted by other family members.

Other hosts, in addition to Mr. and Mrs. Davis, were Mr. and Mrs. Auman's children, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Auman, Rt. 1, Rougemont, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff (Gwen Auman) Parker, Rt. 4 Asheboro, Robin and Scott Auman of the home, and Mr. and Mrs. Caudill, Mrs. Auman's parents, Miss Sarah Caudill and Mrs. Clara Auman, her sisters, and Greg Russell and Vickie Sweatt, friends of Robin and Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Auman were married July 29, 1955 in a ceremony at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church, the first marriage to occur in the new building which had been erected at a different site a short distance from the site of the old Flag Springs Church building.

Mrs. Auman, the former Mae Caudill, is employed as a library assistant at the Seagrove School. She is also a member at the board for the Seagrove Public Library and has recently retired as the secretary and treasurer of the Andrew Auman Reunion Organization, a position she held for many years.

Mr. Auman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arcus Auman, also of Rt. 8, Asheboro. He is an employee of Union Carbide Corp.

### **Rich Family Leaves For Papua, New Guinea**

Aug. 8, 1980 - Jim Rich, a Rt. 2 Sophia native, his wife Beulah, and their five children, Nate, 11, Jill, 10, Randy, 8, Jennie, 5, and Janelle, 2 left last Friday on their third

13,000-mile trip to Papua New Guinea where they will resume their service as missionaries in that area.

Their previous service in Papua New Guinea has included slightly more than eight years. It is anticipated that they will remain for four years during their current tour of duty.

THEIR RETURN this time came almost exactly two years from the time of their arrival home for their second furlough. While here, they have stayed in the home of Jim's mother, Mrs. Mae Allred Rich, Rt. 2 Sophia.

During their furlough Jim has been employed at Caraway Furniture Co. and has held various mission services.

Although they are associated with the Evangelical Bible Mission of Hobe Sound Bible College, Hobe Sound, Fla, their missionary efforts in Papua New Guinea are strictly independent and have been throughout the eight years they have already served.

They receive no guaranteed funds for their support and the pursuance of their mission. According to Jim, they receive only "what the Lord lays on people's hearts to give."

Their mission station is situated at Merle 82 miles out in the jungle. There is only a trade store there, selling such items as fish and rice.

For their other supplies, they walk seven miles to the nearest air strip and take a plane to the nearest source 82 miles away.

ON THEIR second tour of duty there they had the use of an automobile which they used to go for the things which they needed. But at least for the time being they will revert back to the procedure on their first tour of duty in securing the things they need.

Thus far they have been the only missionaries at Mele but they expect to be joined by another couple in the near future, especially if a proposed Bible College is established there. When the school begins it is anticipated that Jim will serve as one of the instructors.

Most of the three to four millions of people who live on the islands of Papua New Guinea speak the difficult Wiru language but Jim and Beulah and their children communicate mostly with people there through an adaptation of "Pigeon English."

### **First Assembly Of God Dedicates**

Aug. 8, 1980 - The new sanctuary for the first Assembly of God at 831 Meadowbrook Rd. towers above the countryside in the vicinity in which it is located.

Dedicated on Sunday, July 27, during the worship service, the imposing new structure has been evaluated at between \$650,000 and \$700,000. The actual cost was in the neighborhood of \$400,000.

ASCENDANCY TO the front entrance is reached by two flights of steps. Above the entrance are large panels of stained glass featuring a large unique picture of the returning Christ, complete with crown and scepter. The cross is located above this area.

On the wall of the entrance foyer inscribed in large letters of gold is this scripture; "Jesus Christ, the Same Yesterday, And Today, And Forever Hebrews 13:8." On the wall at the back entrance is another inscription "Not By Might, Nor By Power, But By My Spirit, Saith The Lord of Hosts. Zechariah 4:6."

Paved parking spaces are located in the front and back of the new building which is attached to the building which existed prior to its construction. The previous buildings will be used for educational purposes and fellowship.

The interior of the sanctuary which has a seating capacity of 700, including balcony and choir area, is impressive with its high ceiling of pine decking supported by long beams. The upholstered pews of oak finish and white ends contrast with the red wall-to-wall carpeting and the white sprayed walls.

The sanctuary is completely encircled by a wide hallway. Nine doors provide an entrance from the hallway into the sanctuary the building consist of an office complex, conference rooms, a choir rehearsal area, baptistery, and changing rooms for baptismal services. There are five rest rooms.

BUILDING COMMITTEE for its construction was composed of Hub Ross, chairman, Gerald Chapman, Tony Sykes, Henry Blue, Ollie Joyce, and Billy Mergler, Pastor of the church is the Rev. Randal L. Ross whose pastorate of two and a half years there has resulted in an increase from 80 members to a present membership of 350, including children.

The dedication service occurred on the ninth anniversary observance of the church's beginning on July 19, 1979. First services were held in the V. F. W building.

Dedication of the first church structure occurred on Sunday, Oct 31, 1971. First pastor of the church was the Rev. Doyle Crane.

### **Trinity High Class Holds 56<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Aug. 10, 1980 - The 1924 graduating class at Trinity High School held a reunion Aug. 2, during a luncheon at the Western Steer on Fairfield Road.

This class, who held a reunion six years ago on the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation, has lived to see both the building in which they attended classes and the structure which took its place condemned and destroyed.

THEIR CLASS WAS the last to graduate from the old Trinity College building. Actually, their graduation exercise was held on the campus grounds since the building was condemned for use just prior to commencement day.

This most recent reunion was planned without much notice to accommodate the presence of Troy Sapp Boose, a class member, and her husband, Glenn, who were visiting in the area from Hollywood, Fla.

OTHER CLASS MEMBERS present were Elwood McDowell, Portsmouth, Va; Luther Hepler, Myrtle Hughes Myers and Elsie White, all of Thomasville; Allan Prevost and Gladys Jordan Hutchins, Trinity; Bernice Myers Lambeth, Mildred Albertson Maner and Ruby Payne Shoaf, all of High Point; and Eula Richardson Osborne, Greensboro.

Members not in attendance were W. D. (Bill) Dowms, Aurora, Mo., and Lola Belle Welborn Parks, Thomasville.

Deceased members are Ray Parrish, Moir Ferguson, John Andrews, Ranson Harris, Wilbur Hall, Lelia McDowell Enoch, Jessie Millikan and Blanche Younts Hartgrove.

### **Birthdays Celebrated**

Aug. 13, 1980 - A joint birthday celebration was held Sunday for Mr. and Mrs. George Hillery Lucas, Rt. 1 Star, at the little River Community Building.

Mrs. Lucas became 81 years of age on July 21 and Mr. Lucas will reach the age of 82 on Aug 17.

The couple live around two miles from the Randolph County Line. They have been living at their present residence since their marriage on Sept 2, 1917.

They are the parents of nine children—Mrs. Kate Bell, Rt. 5 Asheboro; Mrs. Naomi Nichols, Robert Lucas, Rt. 1 Star; Mrs. Margie Royal, Troy; Mrs. Helen Burns, Asheboro; and Mrs. Ruth Wood, Rt. 3, Randleman.

The couple also has 30 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Lucas is a native of the area in which he still lives. He was born and reared about a mile from his present residence. His parents were Isaiah and Catherine Burris Lucas.

Mrs. Lucas, the former Rachel Shuping, is a native of Iredell County. She came with her parents to their present community at the age of 13.

The couple courted for four years prior to their marriage. Mr. Lucas' brother, John, married Mrs. Lucas' sister, Ruth. Mr. Lucas is an uncle of Mrs. Clyde (Pearlie) Lucas of Asheboro, and a first cousin of the late J. W. (Will) Bean, former chairman of the State Industrial Commission and a resident of Asheboro at the time of his death.

### **Kearns Family Cemetery Discussed At Reunion**

Aug. 13, 1980 - An old Kearns family cemetery, containing the graves of the first family members to settle in Randolph County, was re-discovered by current family members last summer in New Hope Township.

The old cemetery was discussed at a recent reunion of the Kearns-Woods-Johnson families in the fellowship hall at Science Hill Friends Meeting and an offering was received to establish a permanent marker at the site.

Around 32 graves were found in the cemetery, all of them designated by a slate rock but many of them without an inscription.

Those inscribed contained the names of William Kearns the first member of the family to settle in this area, and his wife, Mary King Kearns, and their sons, Silas Kearns and William T. Kearns.

Beside of Silas' grave of his wife, Jane Thompson Kearns, and it is assumed that the grave beside of William T. Kearns is his wife, Margaret Andrews Kearns; however, that grave is unmarked.

Other graves are Absylla Peacock, Josiah Lyndon, Mary Lyndon and Fetra Blackman. There are also two other graves partially marked with the name Ruby and the initials J. T. The oldest date is listed as 1795.

It is planned to erect a marker containing all of the known names and to include in the known names and to include in the proposed memorial recognition of the unmarked graves.

It is thought that William Kearns settled in this area between 1760 and 1765.

### **Former County Native Brings Guests For Visit**

Aug. 14, 1980 - Miss Elmata Spinks, of Spring Village, N. Y., has been away from her native Randolph County since 1954. Twice a year she comes back for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Higah L. (Hige) Spinks, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Currently on a visit here, she has as her guest three mentally impaired clients for whom she cares in her home (a fourth client was unable to come because of an illness).

Miss Spinks formerly was employed at the Rockland State Hospital and a similar hospital at Middleton, M. Y., for 24 years, leaving after receiving an injury.

After leaving, she applied to the state for "home care boys" and was granted Norton Townsend and Eddie Walker from the Rockland institute and Charles Cassidy from the Middleton institute, the trio who came with her for the summer visit. The fourth client is Percy Johnson from the Rockland institute.

While here Townsend, Walker and Cassidy have been well received by Miss Spinks' relatives, friends and former neighbors. Last Saturday evening, they were entertained at an ice cream supper hosted by Irma Jean Person and Odessa Thompson, and on Sunday morning they accompanied Miss Spinks and Mrs. Person to the First Pentecostal Holiness Church for the morning worship service.

Miss Spinks and her three clients, accompanied by Mrs. Annie Ray, a friend of long standing with Miss Spinks, journeyed to Randolph County in a van.

Discussing her present employment, Miss Spinks said "I have my dream. I'm doing what I really enjoy doing."

### **Shady Grove Church Pays Off Its Indebtedness**

Aug. 15, 1980 – The small black congregation at the Shady Grove United Methodist Church, located on Rt. 6, Asheboro, just off of Hwy. 64, burned their mortgage Sunday, Aug. 10, nine years ahead of schedule.

They occupied their new building on the fifth Sunday in May, 1976. They had borrowed \$10,000 to complete the modest new building, after having received funds from the Randolph Area Mission Society, Global Missions Society of New York, and from various friends in the local community.

THE MORTGAGE on their loan was scheduled to expire in 14 years but due to generous gifts from Mr. and Mrs. George Guy Miller, Asheboro friends and employers of Miss Inez Marley, chairman of the building fund, and assistance from other sources, the congregation paid the indebtedness off on the fourth Sunday in May of this year, nine years ahead of schedule.

In addition to their gifts on the indebtedness, Mr. and Mrs. Miller also paid for the erection of a steeple on the new structure following its occupancy.

Mr. Miller was present to receive the thanks of the congregation at the note-burning Sunday afternoon. His wife was unable to be present because of illness.

The Rev. Billy Hunter, pastor of West Bend United Methodist Church and a long time friend of the congregation preached the sermon and officiated during the note-burning ceremony. The church pastor is the Rev. Mrs. Sophia East.

Officials of the church, in addition to Miss Marley, are Mrs. Edna Robinson, Mrs. Howard Spinks, and Lonnie Lockhart; trustees, Mrs. Betty Lockhart; treasurer, and Mrs. Paulette Luther, secretary.

THE NEED for new facilities at Shady Grove was called to the attention of the denomination and the community more than five years ago by Dr. Eugene Peacock, then district superintendent, and the pastor, the Rev. Mrs. East.

At the time the church building, which was in the neighborhood of 80 years old, had become unsuitable for worship. The building could not be heated properly and at various times during the winter months the congregation

had to move out of the dilapidated structure which was heated only by a small wood stove.

### **At Union Grove Baptist Church Manesses Perform During Worship Hour**

Aug. 15, 1980 – An estimated congregation of 375 people attended the rendition of the Maness Family Singers at the Union Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Sunday Aug. 10.

Comprising the group, who are members of the church, were Bobby W. Maness and four of his children, Terry, 22, Randy, 20, Pamela, 16, and Barron, 15. Their pianist was Kenneth Cooper, a talented non-family member performer.

OTHER MEMBERS of the Maness family, in addition to the musical members, are Mrs. Bobby W. (Betty McNeill) Maness and another son, Derwin, 13.

Asked about including Derwin in the musical group, Bobby said, "I've been talking to him." Asked about Betty's role, he said, "she just looks out after us."

The program, which occupied the entire worship hour, included arrangements of the great gospel hymns, adaptation to the southern gospel style, some contemporary songs and spirituals.

Bobby Maness has served as the choir director at the Union Grove Baptist Church for around 10 years. His children have grown up in the church and have participated in the various musical groups, from the beginners to the senior choir.

This participation has also been noted in the musical programs of the schools they have attended. All of them play the piano, including their father.

In secular life, Bobby Maness is employed at Union Carbide Corp. and the family resided on Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Terry is a June graduate of N. C. State University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in animal science. He is employed as a broiler supervisor for Perdue Poultry in Ahoskie.

On Saturday, Aug. 16, Terry will be united in marriage to Miss Lori Oxford of Palmetto, Fla., in a 7 p. m. ceremony at the Union Grove Church. Soloists will be his brother, Randy, and his sister, Pamela. The bride-elect is a niece of the Union Grove pastor, the Rev. W. A. (Bud) Gillett.

RANDY IS a rising junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where he is a music major. He participated in the various musical groups at the university and has excelled in regional competition. In addition to his attendance at the university, he also serves as Minister of Music at the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Pamela is a rising junior at Northmoore High School and Barron a rising sophomore at the same school. Derwin, the prospective member of the group, will be an eighth grade student at Westmoore School this fall.

An earlier appearance of the Maness Family Singers at the Union Grove Church occurred on the first Sunday in May during the annual Memorial Day service.

### **Reunion Celebrates 50th Year For RHS Class of 1930**

Aug. 20, 1980 – The 1930 graduating class of Randleman High School celebrated the 50th year of their graduation by holding a reunion Aug. 9 at Williams Restaurant in Randleman.

Members came from as far away as Florida and California to attend the reunion. Similar reunions had only been held the first and second year after their graduation and in 1960 and 1961.

Class members in attendance included Effie Browne Robbins, Mary Everhart Vickrey, James Parsons and Vera Robbins Allred, Randleman; Ruth Davis Brown and Faye Farlow Davis, Rt. 1, Sophia; Millie Farlow McLaughlin and Roberta Lassiter Blake, High Point; Dr. Dennis Fox, Salisbury; Margaret Hall Johns, West Hollywood, Calif., Harrell Stevens, Burlington; Claude Vanwerry, Holden's Beach; Walter and Eugene (Gene) Wall, Neptune Beach, Fla.

Surviving members not in attendance were Ruby Robbins Wallace, Rockingham; Edna Hussey Kivett, Gibsonville; Paul S. Penn, Newman, Ga.; James L. Baldwin, Plant City, Fla., and Dorothy Fox Causey, Greensboro.

Deceased members are Jack Brown, Elsie Heath James, Kenneth Hilliard, Thomas (Tommy) Hollingsworth, Mary Johnson, Jewell King Linney, Elma Robbins Langley and Stuart Story.

Also present was H. H. Hamilton of Lillington, who was principal of their school at the time of their graduation; and Mrs. Frank (Edith) Talley of Randleman, who was their grademother.

Mrs. Talley did not have any children in their class but she was their 8th grade teacher and their affection for her was so great that they asked her to be their grademother.

### **With 'This Is Your Life' Program Friends Meeting Honors Its Oldest Members**

Aug. 22, 1980 - Quaker Heights Friends Meeting honored its oldest member, Mrs. Pauline Allred Cagle Andrews, with a "This is Your Life" program Sunday, Aug. 17, on her 78th birthday.

The occasion was a complete surprise to Mrs. Andrews who was born near Franklinville, the daughter of the Rev. John Monroe Allred, a well-known Christian minister, and Romelia Burrow Allred. She attended the Pleasant Cross Christian Church as a child.

MRS. ALLRED came to Asheboro at about the age of 17 and went to work at the Acme Hosiery Mill, boarding at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shaw who lived on Uwharrie St. It was while in Asheboro that she met and married Joseph Harrison Cagle.

Later, the couple moved to High Point where Pauline worked at Adams Millis Hosiery Mill and its subsidiary plant, Pointer Hosiery. While in High Point she and her husband attended the Central Friends Meeting and also adopted a daughter, Nancy, who is now married to Ed Hughes. Six years later Joseph Harrison Cagle passed away.

In 1964 Pauline, always endowed with a deep love for children, went to the Crossmore School near Linville to become a house parent to the children in that school. Upon her departure from that position she went back to the vicinity where she had been born and bought a home on Rt. 2, Franklinville.

Old friends and former associates who came to extend tributes during the program which honored her life were Ethel Malone, Evelyn Allred, Colene Burns, Vida Callicutt, and two former associates from High Point, Estelle Whot and Margie Martin.

A tape recording from the Rev. Cecil Hayworth, her former minister at the High Point Friends Meeting, was played during the program.

Quaker Heights congregational members who participated in the program were Don Davis, Lee Roy Russell, and Starsha Tuggle, who composed and read a poem in honor of Mrs. Andrews, Anne Allen, Eddie Hughes, grandson of Mrs. Andrews, Jimmy Routh, Deloise Russell, who presented 10 song books to the Meeting in honor of Mrs. Andrews, and the minister, the Rev. Robert Kidd.

At the beginning of the program "Happy Birthday" was sung, the junior youth presented birthday cards to Mrs. Andrews, and a corsage was pinned on her.

MELVIN ALLEN served as master of ceremonies and Mrs. Mary Lou Tuggle was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Andrews delighted the congregation by correcting various parts of the prepared script and adding other humorous remarks.

Several birthday gifts were presented to Mrs. Andrews. At the conclusion of the program the entire group enjoyed cake and homemade ice cream.

### **Sentimental Visit To England Taken By Rev., Mrs. Hodnett**

Aug. 22, 1980 - A Seagrove woman, Mrs. Joan Hodnett, and her husband, the Rev. Bill Hodnett, have returned from a sentimental visit to Christchurch, England, home town of Mrs. Hodnett.

This was the first time Rev. Hodnett had visited the country of his wife's birth and, in addition to revisiting and showing her husband the scenes of her childhood, Mrs. Hodnett also held a reunion with her only sister, Mrs. Betty Marshall, of Auckland, New Zealand.

The reunion between the two sisters was arranged to coincide with the visit. Also joining the reunion were Mrs. Marshall's two daughters - one from London and one from New Zealand - and Mrs. Marshall's son who lives in Mauritius, a British Island in the Indian Ocean.

During World War II, Mrs. Hodnett was a member of the Auxiliary Territorial Service and while serving in Italy she became acquainted with her husband, who was also serving there with the US Army.

They were married in Nov. 1945 in Naples, Italy, after which she came back to England for her discharge and he came back to the United States for his discharge from military service. She joined her husband, who is a native of Longdale, Ala., in May 1946.

Since coming to the United States to live, Mrs. Hodnett has visited relatives in England three times, including the most recent visit, and in New Zealand twice. One of the visits to England was at the time of the death of her mother, who had moved to that country following the death of her husband.

But she had especially wanted her husband, who is pastor of Seagrove Christian Church, to visit the place where she was reared. She took him to visit cousin, former neighbors, the school she had attended, and on several sightseeing tours.

But one historical site they visited she had never seen herself - William Shakespeare's home at Stratford-On-Avon.

On one sightseeing tour, the couple ran into a touring group which included five of their friends in the Seagrove area - Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lail, Mrs. Asa Farlow, Mrs. Louise

Bell and Mrs. Geneva Cox, and a former Seagrove resident, Mrs. Imogene King Bulla, and her husband, Max.

Both Rev. and Mrs. Hodnett and the other Seagrove people knew that each other were in the country and had been trying to get in touch but their meeting was accidental and a surprise.

### **Departing Minister, Wife Are Honored At Reception**

Aug. 15, 1980 – The Rev. B. C. Owenby, pastor of the Armfield Heights Baptist Church on Uwharrie Street for the past eight years, will leave Asheboro on Aug. 25 for a new pastorate at the Longview Baptist Church in Raleigh.

He concluded his pulpit ministry at the Armfield Heights Church with the Wednesday evening and Sunday morning worship services at the church on Aug. 6 and Aug. 10.

On Aug. 10, he and his wife were honored by the congregation at a reception at Camp Caraway with guests greeting them from 2-4 p. m. Mrs. Cynthia Wilson was in charge of the arrangements.

Farwell gifts of five volumes of the New International Commentary were presented to Rev. Owenby and a gold necklace with a bead for each year of their service at the church was presented to his wife, Marion.

The minister, a native of Asheville, received his training at Mars Hill College, Furman University and Southeastern Theological Seminary. He was licensed to preach at the age of 19 and ordained at the age of 21.

Prior to coming to the Armfield Heights Church, he served the Mountain View Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro for nine and a half years.

He feels that his ministry at the Armfield Heights Church has been "very fruitful" and he feels that the local church "has made many contributions to my development."

During his pastorate at the church the yearly budget apportionment increased from \$9,000 to \$32,000.

At the time of his departure from the local pulpit, he lacked only two months of serving out a second term as moderator of the Randolph Baptist Association.

He has been succeeded in this position by the Rev. Alton G. Cook, the vice-moderator of the association and pastor of the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church near Liberty. Rev. Cook was present for the reception honoring Rev. and Mrs. Owenby along with Joe Turner, chairman of deacons at the Armfield Heights Church.

Rev. and Mrs. Owenby are the parents of two children, Mrs. Tim (Kathy) Stanton of Asheboro, and Barry Owenby, 19, who will accompany his parents to their new area of service.

### **Hughes Couple Observes 50th Wedding Anniversary**

Aug. 29, 1981 – Mr. and Mrs. John Hughes of Rt. 3, Thomasville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 24 in the fellowship hall at Unity United Methodist Church.

Friends and relatives from Randolph and Davidson Counties, as well as other areas, were in attendance. Mrs. Hughes is the former Verda Briles.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hughes are natives of the western part of Randolph County.

Mr. Hughes is the son of the late Charlie T. Hughes and Rettie Kennedy Hughes who lived in the vicinity of Westfield Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hughes is the daughter of the late Mark and Lottie Smith Briles who lived two miles from the old Poplar Ridge School, on the east side of Uwharrie River.

Mrs. Hughes is well known as a retired school teacher who taught for 41 years at Pleasant Hill, Caraway, Westfield, Poplar Ridge, Tabernacle, Fairgrove and Liberty Drive in Thomasville.

She wrote a book, published three years ago, which gave a detailed history of the people and events of the Mt. Gielad, Poplar Ridge and Mt. Shepherd church communities, situated in the vicinity of the Hoover Hill Gold Mine in the foothills of Shepherd Mountain.

A focal part of the book revolves around the old Poplar Ridge School, from which the book got its name, a school which Verda Briles Hughes attended, later taught and in recent years has been active in the reunion organization which commemorates the existence of the school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married on Aug. 23, 1930. Attending them at their wedding were Mr. and Mrs. Horace Farlow of Rt. 1, Sophia, who received with them at their wedding anniversary reception on Sunday, Aug. 24.

Previously the two couples had assisted each other in their 25th wedding anniversary celebrations and Mr. and Mrs. Hughes had participated in the 50th anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Farlow.

Mrs. Hughes is a versatile musician who plays the piano, organ and banjo and also serves as choir director at the Unity Church. Mr. Hughes is identified with the lumber business and continues to operate a sawmill.

### **Homecoming Held, Honors Grand Chef De Gare Smith**

Sept. 7, 1980 – Approximately 175 40 and 8 members and their wives throughout the state of North Carolina attended a homecoming on Aug. 31 for Lon T. Smith of Liberty, who was recently elected Grand Chef De Gare of the Grand Voiture of North Carolina of the 40 and 8.

This position is the equivalence to the office of the State Commander of the American Legion. This is the first time a 40 and 8 member from Randolph County has been named to this position.

The homecoming celebration was held at the American Legion Post home in Liberty with dinner being served to those in attendance. The address of welcome was extended by local post commander Haskell A. Ledbetter.

Randolph County Board of Commissioners chairman Richard K. Pugh was the principal speaker for the occasion.

Other speakers included Walter Johnson, Cheminot National, J. Frank Baker, Grand Correspondent, and Fred Corbitt, legion department commander, all of Charlotte. Responding to these remarks was the newly elected Grand Chef De Gare. Also present was Ed West of Kinston, Grand Historian and Photographer.

The new Grand Chef De Gare was presented with a Red and White 40 and 8 jacket by outgoing Grand De Gare, Clint Thompson, also of Charlotte.

Liberty town manager, Frank Kime, was present to represent Mayor Joe Griffith who was called out of town on business.



Gary McMasters, former commander of the legion post in Liberty and a member of the Voiture serves as chairman of the homecoming event.

Elbridge Smith, veteran post adjunctant, and service officer also a member of the Voiture served as master of ceremonies. He is a brother to Lon T. Smith.

Prior to the conclusion of the ceremonies, the new Grand Chef De Gare was presented with a lifetime gold membership card in the 40 and 8 by his fellow members of Randolph County Voiture 1172. This was the first presentation of a life membership to a member of this Voiture.

A watermelon slicing was held on the grounds at the legion post home following the ceremonies.

### **Pastor Honored For His Service**

Sept. 10, 1980 – "Jack Sherron Day" was observed Sunday at White's Memorial Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, honoring the Rev. Jack Sherron for 16 years of service in the pastorate of the church.

The occasion was planned as a surprise to the pastor and was only announced to him after he had conducted the preliminaries of the morning worship service prior to the beginning of his sermon.

But the sermon he had prepared was not delivered that morning. William Cheek, a deacon in the church, took over and served as the moderator for the remainder of the morning service.

At this point Jack's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sherron, and other family members who do not ordinarily attend White's Memorial were ushered into the sanctuary. His wife, Mickey; his daughters, Jackie and Patricia; his son Randy; and his grandchildren were ushered to the front of the church where they sat with the Rev. Sherron in seats of honor.

Tributes to the ministry of Rev. Sherron and presentations occupied the remainder of the service after which the entire congregation greeted personally the minister and his wife before they adjourned to the new fellowship hall where everyone enjoyed a buffet luncheon.

The presentations included a large portrait of the minister which will be placed in the fellowship hall, a plaque denoting his years of service, a scrapbook detailing the years of his ministry, a Winchester rifle, and a large cake which commemorated the occasion.

Assisting the moderator of the service in the presentations were the other four deacons – Ralph Bowers, I. W. Allred, Clancy Allred, and Grady Harris – and George Cook, whose wife, Mary, prepared the cake.

An additional presentation (a check for \$100) was made to the minister's wife.

Handling the arrangements for the honor were Mrs. Louise Allred and Mrs. Edith Trogdon.

Rev. Sherron was first called to the pastorate at White's Memorial on Aug. 17, 1952. He received his license to preach from Cedar Falls Baptist Church on Sept. 7, 1952 and on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1952, the White's Memorial Church voted to ordain him into the ministry.

He served as pastor at White's Memorial until Apr. 1966 after which he served as pastor at Gospel Chapel Baptist Church and a supply pastorate at Ramseur Christian Church before returning to White's Memorial as supply pastor on May 21, 1978.

He is a former employee with many years of service with Randolph Electric Membership Corporation from which position he retired on disability.

A humorous note was injected into the service when Rev. Sherron revealed going to The Trophy Shop the week preceding the observance which honored him to pick up a trophy which he had ordered for another phase in the church activities. The attendant at the shop, not realizing which trophy he wanted, brought out the one which was presented on "Jack Sherron Day."

Rev. Sherron, declining to accept that trophy from the attendant, surmised that the church was going to give him a trophy but outside of that did not know anything about the observance which honored him.

Upon being presented the rifle, he admitted to looking at rifles the week before and expressed his pleasure at not having bought one for himself.

### **Fox Celebrates Birthday Early**

Sept. 10, 1980 – Thomas M. Fox, who lives on the outskirts of Staley just across the road in Chatham County, will turn 87 years old Monday.

However, his birthday was celebrated early – on Aug. 31 – when the Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, where he is a member, held a program in his honor.

The program was held early in order that a niece from Boston, Mass., could attend and participate.

Fox, a native of Alamance County, is a World War I veteran who was in France with his infantry regiment waiting to go to the front line when the Armistice was signed.

He still recalls the shouting, the blowing of whistles, the shooting of the guns and the other celebrating which marked the end of the war. He said in another hour he would have left for the firing line if peace had not been declared.

A sawmiller and a farmer, he has spent most of his life in the vicinity of Staley – except for the time he lived in Greensboro with his wife, Annie Alston Fox, and his second wife, Rebecca Walker Fox, who he married following his first wife's death.

He is now living in a small house which he helped to build on the premises of Lucian Austin, a brother of his first wife.

### **Lowes Honored On Their Wedding Anniversary**

Sept. 11, 1980- Mr. and Mrs. Lawson Lowe of Farmer celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 7 in the fellowship hall at Amity Hills Baptist Church.

Hosts at the reception in their honor were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lowe and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Lowe of Asheboro and Mrs. and Mrs. Dempsey Lowe of Farmer, and Mrs. Lowe's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Benny Chandler of Denton.

Benny Chandler as reared in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe following the death of his parents, Norman and Tero Elliott Chandler of Rt. 2, New London.

Other immediate family members of Mr. and Mrs. Lowe include four grandchildren, Bradley, Jeffery, Rhonda Beth and LeAnn Lowe, and Deanna and Sherry Chandler, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Benny Chandler.

Guests called to greet Mr. and Mrs. Lowe from 3-5 o'clock.



Among those in attendance at the reception were Mr. Lowe's five sisters, Mrs. Pallie Morris and Mrs. Kathleen Hendricks of Rt. 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Vivian Voncannon of Rt. 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Rachel Ervin of Charlotte, and Mrs. Joan Siler of Guilford College, and his brother, Johnny Lowe of Farmer, and Mrs. Lowe's sisters, Mrs. Lula Britt and Mrs. Claudine Carter, and her other brother, Thurman Chandler, all of Rt. 2, New London.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe were married Sept. 7, 1940. Mrs. Lowe is the former Beatrice (Betsy) Chandler, a native of Rt. 2, New London, between New London and Albemarle.

She got acquainted with her future husband while visiting a cousin in Denton.

A former textile employee, she has operated Betsy's Flower Shop in Farmer for several years.

Mr. Lowe is the son of Mrs. Eldora Delk Lowe of Farmer and the late Doak Lowe. He is self-employed as a sawmill operator.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe are members of the Amity Hills Baptist Church, where Mr. Lowe serves on the board of deacons.

### **Friends Turn Out For 68th Birthday**

Sept. 14, 1980 – Approximately 100 friends, neighbors and customers came to Elvin Smith's birthday party Sept. 7 at his home on Rt. 6, Asheboro.

They were invited to come by from 3-7 p. m. but continued to drop in until about an hour later. The turnout was in celebration of his 68th birthday which occurred on the following day.

The guests came singly, in twosomes, and in small groups. They were served refreshments under the carport, where they sat and talked with Smith for awhile and visited among themselves in the yard.

Owner and operator of the E. L. Smith Grocery on N. C. 42 for around 35 years, Smith has been crippled for all of his life. He hasn't walked in the past 10 years. Now he only has the use of his left hand.

Before he started the E. L. Smith Grocery, he operated a smaller store up the road a short distance for about three years. During the years he has been in business, it has been necessary for someone to drive him back and forth to his store each day.

In recent years, his condition has deteriorated. He underwent surgery at Duke Hospital four years ago and since last Nov. has been in the hospital several times.

Joining Smith in his birthday celebration were two sisters, Mrs. Grace Luck, and Mrs. Arlene Scott, both of Rt. 1, Asheboro. He has another sister, Miss Verlia Smith, serving as a missionary in Cutta, South America, and a brother, Vernon Smith, of Rt. 1, Asheboro.

### **Progress Evident At Baptist Church**

Sept. 16, 1980 – Jackson Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Denton, located in a remote area in Western Randolph County about a mile from the Davidson County line, has shown considerable progress since the Rev. Billy Joe Yates became its pastor five years ago.

A new sanctuary has been built, the old building has been renovated, additional land has been purchased and a fellowship hall, separate from the existing structure, is being erected.

But, more importantly, the attendance at the church has increased about five times its previous number. The attendance was around 35 people when Rev. Yates came

to the church; recently the Sunday School attendance reached 176 with additional people coming in for the worship service.

However, the minister is quick to disclaim any credit for the progress which the church has made. He persists in giving credit to the Lord, whom he says "has really been good to me." He also recognizes a visitation program which has helped the church attendance.

Rev. Yates, who lives on Rt. 11, Lexington, two or three miles from the Jackson Creek church, is a self-made preacher. Although a church member at the time, his genuine conversion occurred at the Cid United Methodist Church in Jan. 1974.

This acceptance of Christ as his Lord, and Saviour followed closely his sustaining of third degree burns in a fire at his home.

A short while after his conversion, he returned to the Walter's Grove Baptist Church, located in the same community as Jackson Creek Baptist Church, where he had previously attended.

In Sept. 1974, he responded to a call to the ministry. Soon after his conversion, the Lord began "dealing with him" to become a preacher. He tried to withstand this call by becoming engaged in other types of religious work.

After his acceptance of the call, he said "the Lord began opening doors for me." He spoke at Walter's Grove at a "packed out house" and at about 13 other different churches in addition to speaking over a radio station in High Point. He also began a close scrutiny of the Scriptures.

His knowledge of the Bible is remarkable, considering the briefness of his ministry and the Christian experience. He quotes from memory various parts of the Bible with rapidity and without referring to the printed portion.

He feels that this "is a gift from God" since his memory is not as accurate in other areas." He has not had any formal training for the ministry. He is a graduate of Farmer High School.

He became a pastor at the Jackson Creek church in Aug. 1975 – 11 months after he accepted the call to preach. His pastorate there went on a full-time basis about two years ago.

He teaches a class in the Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaches in the morning worship service at 11 a. m., conducted a youth group in the evening at 6 p. m., and preaches again at 7:30 p. m. and is heard on radio station WCSE every Sunday afternoon at 3.

A practical minister, he also assists with the construction and renovation projects at the church, utilizing his experience as a carpenter. In addition to being a carpenter, he had previously engaged in sawmilling and farming.

Rev. Yates, 44, is a native of the Jackson Creek community. He is the son of Mrs. Virgie Gallimore Yates and the late John W. Yates. He is married to the former Vickie Leonard and they are the parents of two children, Gregory, 15, and Christy, who will be 13 in Oct. .

The present Jackson Creek Baptist Church was organized Aug. 15, 1954, in a 30 by 32 foot frame building which was built prior to the organization of the church. There were nine charter members. The first pastor was the Rev. W. B. Hopkins.

Three of the charter members of the church – Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Scarlett and Paul Cody – are still active. Deceased charter members are Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie

Byerly, Frank and Curtis Cody, and the Rev. Hopkins, who is not longer a member.

However, an old part of the cemetery at the present Jackson Creek church was used by another church named Jackson Creek which was located east of the present church structure. This church building was torn down long before the present church was organized, and rebuilt as the Walter's Grove Baptist Church at the present site of the Walter's Grove church.

### **Macedonia Baptist Holds Anniversary**

Sept. 17, 1980 – Macedonia Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Liberty, celebrated its 100th anniversary Sept. 14 with both morning and afternoon services and dinner on the grounds.

The church had its beginning at a "presbytery of ordained ministers" at Macedonia Meetinghouse on the Aug. 30, 1880. It was first called Baptist Church of Christ at Macedonia.

Comprising its charter membership were five members from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, located north of Liberty, and three members from the Sandy Creek Baptist Church, located southwest of Liberty, who felt that the distance between the two churches necessitated the need for a church in between.

At a called meeting at the Mt. Zion church on "Tuesday after the second Sabbath in Aug. 1880," prior to the beginning of Macedonia, the five members from that church – E. G. Brothers, his wife Sarah, and their three daughters, Sarah J., Theodosia and Ladosca – asked for and received "letters of dismission" in order that they might become members of the church which would soon be organized at Macedonia.

There is no record concerning the dismissal letters for the other three charter members – Alfred W. Kivett, Rachel Kivett and Patterson Williams – who came from the Sandy Creek church.

Members of the presbytery who organized the church where T. M. Baldwin, M. Baldwin, Enoch Crutchfield and M. P. Beck with the latter becoming the first pastor at Macedonia.

Even before the organization of the church, the original church property, consisting of approximately one acre of land, was purchased on May 17, 1879, from Alfred W. Kivett and his wife, Rachel, and Sarah Breedlove by E. G. Brothers, D. M. Kimrey, and M. D. Kivett for the sum of \$5 to be used for a Missionary Baptist Church.

This purchase of land went unrecorded until Dec. 6, 1920, at which time another purchase of land, approximately one and one-fourth acres which had been purchased from Polly and Mary Humble for the sum of \$55 on July 22, 1919, was recorded at the same time as the first purchase.

The second purchase of land was made by the trustees of Macedonia Baptist Church, who at the time were J. C. Brothers, D. R. Brothers and J. N. Layton.

Early records of the church reveal the strict standards which the church required its members to uphold. Many incidents are recorded where members were invited to the church by written notice to explain various charges which had been brought against them.

In one instance, a resolution was passed requesting all members to be present at the next regular conference, especially the male members, or render an excuse, or the church would have to bring a charge of contempt against them.

In 1963 an addition to the first church structure was erected. A second church structure was erected in 1932 with Sunday School rooms added to the building in 1948. Other additions and renovations followed in the ensuing years.

A church parsonage was build on U. S. 421 in 1959 next to the site which was later selected for the re-location of the new church structure which was completed and occupied on Oct. 4, 1969. This site is about a half mile from the old church site.

On Sunday, June 22, 1980, a note-burning service was held which declared the new church building clear of indebtedness.

Burials continue in the cemetery at the old church site which has existed since the burial there of Lovonia Stephenson, daughter of L. C. and C. E. Stephenson, who died Nov. 12, 1900.

The old church building at the original site has been torn away but an appropriate memorial has been established in the cemetery to commemorate the memory of those who are interred there.

A bell dedication during the Centennial celebration recognized the installation of the bell and memorial to the left of the sanctuary in which the church pastor, the Rev. F. G. Alford and the bell committee, Gladys Canter, Grace Wolfe and Peggy Chilton, participated.

The bell, which originally belonged to First United Methodist Church in Liberty, was rung during the ceremony by M. E. Bryant, 89, oldest active member of the church.

Former pastors present to participate in the Centennial celebration were the Rev. D. O. Wright and the Rev. Norman Livengood.

Several members of the congregation were attired in old fashioned dress for the celebration and some old cars were parked on the church grounds – including a 1936 Cadillac and a 1935 Buick. A pony cart provided rides for the children during the noon hour.

The Centennial committee was composed of Lee Garrett, Hilda Holder and Joyce Tilley. The Centennial day program was composed of Rev. Alford, Joyce Tilley and Doris York. The historical display was handled by Fern Harmon and the Adults Sunday School class.

A historic booklet, containing 60 pages with pictures, was published as a part of the Centennial celebration. The book, which is entitled "Macedonia Baptist Church – The First Hundred Years," was placed on sale for \$5.

### **Church Plans Commissioning**

Sept. 19, 1980 – A special service of appreciation and commissioning will be held at Crestview Wesleyan Church, Rt. 7, Asheboro, Sunday, Sept. 21, beginning at 11 a. m.

The church pastor, the Rev. W. Willard Kiser, and the local church board will ask the membership to vote upon continuing ministries for four men who have been assisting the pastor and the church in visitation, Sunday School, youth, music and pastoral duties.

These men and their proposed area of ministry are the Rev. Danny Outter, assistant pastor; the Rev. Wilson Goins, pastor-at-large; Danny Boone, youth pastor; Jerry Williams, bus pastor. The latter three will be volunteer workers.

Speaker for the morning service and joining the pastor in the commissioning service for the four men will be the Rev.

Carroll Upton, newly-elected superintendent of the North Carolina East District of the Wesleyan Church.

Following the service the local church board will be hosts at a luncheon honoring the four new workers in the fellowship hall.

Completing the list of those holding key positions in the church leadership is Michael Albright, superintendent of the Sunday School.

In the afternoon at 3 o'clock, following the official business session and service of commissioning, there will be a baptismal service at Recil Cox's pool, located near the church.

All friends and family members of the men who are being commissioned, as well as the general public, are invited to attend the morning service at 11 o'clock and greet the new district superintendent.

Due to the special service in the morning and the baptismal service in the afternoon, the evening service at the church has been cancelled.

### **Nursing Center Has Its Own Chorus Band**

Sept. 24, 1980 – A unique musical group, the Brian Center Chorus and Rhythm Band, gets together every Tuesday night at the Brian Center of Nursing Care at 3230 E. Presnell Street, Asheboro, where all of them are residents to sing and play their instruments and to practice for their outside appearances.

Their second public appearance occurred Sunday, Sept. 14 at the Back Creek Friends Meeting on Rt. 3, Asheboro, where they had sung once before.

Their oldest member, Sam Lowe, Sr., 98, is a member at the Back Creek Meeting. The pianist for the group, Cora McKenzie, is 88 years of age.

Other members of the group are Dora Smith, 81, Fleeta Brown, 82, Myrtle Hinshaw, 86, Ruby Preslar, 59, Martha Hancock, 74, Faye Bullard, 47, Blanche Hedrick, 66, Eugene Hutchins, 88, Lee Sanders, 71, Myrtle Hare, 70, and Kerman Baker, 80.

The director of the group is Evelyn Callicutt, a nurse at the Brian Center of Nursing Care.

Mrs. McKenzie, the pianist, said she taught music for 30 years and had been playing the piano since she was 10 years old.

### **Church Breaks Ground For Gym**

Sept. 29, 1980 – Approximately 175 members of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, along with non-congregational students of the Fayetteville Street Christian School and their parents, assembled Sunday, Sept. 21, in the late afternoon sunshine to break ground for a gymnasium for the school.

Participating in the groundbreaking, which occurred on a newly purchased site at the end of West Pritchard Street, were the church pastor, Rev. Nat Thompson, the school administrator, Bruce Phipps, deacons, trustees and members of the school and expansion committees.

The church choir rendered special music, accompanied by the brass ensemble, and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace."

The theme of the pastor's message for the occasion was "Time." He said "the time is now, I believe, our time has come to do all the works of the Lord. We have come to the time to face the challenge which has come to our church."

He referred to the groundbreaking as "a very special occasion and a historic one."

The gymnasium, expected to cost in the neighborhood of \$250,000, will be the first phase of a building program planned for the new 13-acre site located in the vicinity of the Fayetteville Street church complex. Proposed next is a classroom building.

The new gymnasium will be a 100-by-150 foot structure. It will include a high school size basketball court, some temporary classroom space, office and locker space, rest rooms and shower facilities. It will be a pre-engineered metal building with brick exterior and interior walls.

Architect for the building will be Robert W. Hedrick of Asheboro. The superintendent of construction will be George Crook, a carpenter, contractor, and a member of the church congregation. In some areas of construction he will be assisted by volunteer labor from the congregation. Other aspects of the construction will be sub-contracted.

The excavation and clearing of the site is expected to begin soon.

### **Mrs. Dixon Observes Her 96th Birthday**

Sept. 30, 1980 – Mrs. Juliet Cox Dixon, Rt. 1, Randleman, celebrated her 96th birthday on Sept. 14 at the home of her granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max (Elizabeth Dixon) Welborn, Rt. 1, Randleman, with whom she has resided for the past 26 years.

Next to the home in which they live is the large two-story house, nearly as old as Mrs. Dixon is, in which she formerly resided. The rear portion of the house is of log construction.

Mrs. Dixon, the daughter of Thomas Vander Crawford Cox and Fannie Long Cox, was born about a quarter of a mile away in another log house. Her father dies 10 months after she was born.

In 1907, she married Charlie Lee Dixon, Sr., who died three years later, after the birth of their only child, Charlie Lee Dixon Jr. Her son died in 1969.

After the death of her husband, Mrs. Dixon became the "man of the house," working on the farm on which she was reared, keeping cows and selling milk and butter. It has been said of her that "she could do anything a man could do."

She is the oldest member of the Cedar Square Friends Meeting and still retains strong religious beliefs in her declining years.

### **'Day' Observed By Faith Temple**

Oct. 1, 1980 – Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, was ablaze with flags Sunday as the church observed "Thank God For America Day" during the morning worship service.

A galaxy of flags lined both sides of the paved entrance which led into the church sanctuary and a flag flew from the staff in front of the steeple.

Inside of the sanctuary, flags flanked both sides of the pulpit where painted signs read "Be A Good Christian," "Be A Good American" and "Register And Vote" Pictures of all of the presidents of the United States lined the walls of the sanctuary.

A color guard – composed of Edward Perkins with the U. S. Flag; Krista Trogdon with the Bible; Steve Tysinger with the Christian Flag; and Lawrence Handy, a sergeant in the U. S. Army Reserve, who represented the Armed Forces –

entered the church prior to the beginning of the service, Marching to the tune of "God Bless America."

The congregation sang "God Bless America," "Faith of Our Fathers," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," and "Stand Up For Jesus." There was also the pledge of allegiance to the U. S. flag, the Christian flag, and to the Bible.

The Rev. Richard Trogdon, pastor of the church which is described as "fundamental, Independent and missionary," preached on the subject of "God Bless America."

He said Sunday morning 'as a member of the moral majority I have no intention of changing this church into a political rally but we are going to be destroyed if the government doesn't change things they are doing.

"We fundamentalists have been out of politics so long we don't know what it is all about. My intention is to observe the real separation of church and state as called for by the constitution of the United States. We have had enough destruction to last for a lifetime." He said.

Speaking further, he said "we at Faith Temple Baptist Church have no intention of allowing laws to be passed that will put homosexuals and lesbians in charge of sex education and to teach their values to a captive audience of school children with our tax monies.

"We have no intention of sitting idly by while politicians pass the ERA to tear two-year-old children from their mother's arms and send their mothers off to fight an all male enemy, to fill a foxhole and to face feminine atrocity. I can't be silent. I will not be silent and let this happen to the mothers and young daughters of this church."

Trogdon, Who classified himself as a Conservative Democrat, said that "homosexuality, abortion and ERA are the issues."

## **Family, Church Honors Mrs. Georgia Hill Cain**

Oct. 2, 1980 – Mrs. Georgia Hill Cain, Rt. 1, Ramseur, was honored on successive Sundays at the Maple Springs United Methodist Church, where she is the oldest member.

On Sept. 21, she was honored by her family on the occasion of her 87th birthday. The following Sunday she was honored by her church in a special service of appreciation for her life in the church and community.

Mrs. Cain is a Stokes County native who was reared near the Surry County line, about five miles from the place where her late husband, James Arthur Cain, was reared.

Mr. and Mrs. Cain were married on Dec. 13, 1914, and around three years later they moved to the area in which Mrs. Cain is now living. She said they came to this part of the state because land was unavailable in Stokes County, especially land which fronted a road.

Their first child, James Ralph Cain, who lives with his mother, was born in Stokes County. Their other children, who were born in Randolph County, are Bernice Johnson, Rt. 2, Ramseur; Oneida Cain, Greensboro; Verlene Hopkins, High Point; and Clifford Cain, Rt. 1, Ramseur. Two children, Aleen and Howard, died early in life. James Arthur Cain died on Dec. 5, 1970.

The Maple Spring Church, which is located across the road from Mrs. Cain's residence, was not in existence when she and her husband moved to Randolph County. So she joined the Deep River Baptist Church, located near Coleridge. She was baptized in a pond which was situated near the church cemetery. This was about 61 years ago.

However, she later moved her membership to the Maple Springs Church due to the convenience of attending worship services and not having to drive the distance to the Deep River Church.

Several members of the Cain family and other families from Stokes County moved to Randolph County about the same time as Mrs. Cain and her late husband. But she said the new Randolph County friends and neighbors which she acquired after coming here would have prevented her from being homesick even if none of the others from Stokes County had not come here to reside.

The Rev. Ben Witherington, the new pastor at Maple Spring, had words of praise for Mrs. Cain during the service which honored her, and she was presented with a corsage and other gifts to commemorate the occasion. Mrs. Albert Chilton was in charge of the arrangements.

In addition to her children, Mrs. Cain has nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

## **First Baptist Has Note-Burning Ceremony**

Oct. 3, 1980 – First Baptist Church in Randleman held a note-burning ceremony Sunday morning, Sept. 28, which commemorated a series of achievements which extended over the past 33 years.

Participating were the pastor, the Rev. B. G. Pratt, the church treasurer; Mrs. D. B. Hillard Sr., the chairman of the deacon board, D. B. Hillard Sr., the church trustees, Bill Long, Billy H. Willard and Harry D. Freeman; and the chairman of the stewardship committee, Ray Cashatt.

MRS. VERA Robbins Allred, an active member of the church for 52 years, presented a summary of the progress since June 1, 1947, covering the period which was included in the note-burning.

It was on that date, June 1, 1947, that the congregation moved out of the old church building, erected after the organization of the church in 1879, into the present structure of Gothic design, constructed of grey native stone.

Following the occupancy of the new building the church conducted a sale of bonds. The new building was erected under the pastorage of the Rev. J. I. Memory.

The next accomplishments of the church occurred during the pastorage of the Rev. John Raspberry during which a new pastorium was purchased and the church undertook the sponsorship of the Worthville Baptist Mission for a period of eight years.

Later a modern pastorium on Forrest Drive was built under the pastorage of the Rev. Fred Reece who served from 1957-1963.

An educational building was erected under the pastorage of the Rev. B. L. Kincaid whose ministry at the church extended more than four years.

The present minister, the Rev. Pratt, has served the church since Nov., 1969. During his pastorage the educational building and the pastorium have been air conditioned, a new organ has been purchased and other improvements have been made to the church property.

ALSO, DURING the pastorage of the Rev. Pratt, the Joel Frank and Irma Ringgold Stegall Scholarship Fund has been established at Wingate College.

It was for these achievements that the note-burning was held. Mrs. Allred offered a summation from Nehemiah 4:6, "So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof; for the people had a mind to work."

## **Farmer Class of 1930 Holds Its First Reunion**

Oct. 8, 1980 – The first reunion of the 1930 graduating class at Farmer High School came 50 years after their graduation exercise on May 20, 1930, in the school auditorium.

The reunion was held Oct. 5 in the school cafeteria. Every living member of the class except for Glynn Bane Moore of El Dorado, Ark., whose husband Clint Moore died during the week prior to the reunion, were present.

Those present were James Johnson, Holton Thornburg, Gertrude Lowe Winslow, and Van Lanier, Rt. 3, Asheboro; Annie Pickett Dorsett, Rt. 7, Asheboro; Annie Williams Comer, Crissie Trogdon Robbins, and Everett Morris, Asheboro, Cieta Varner Nixon, High Point, Sara Kearns Lewis, Raleigh, Melva Cranford Reynolds, Star; Louise Thornburg Davis, Newport News, Va. ; and Henry Parker, Lakeland, Fla.

Deceased members are Loy Dawson Morgan, Roy Lackey, Hazel Cashatt Bost, and Lula Plummer Elliott, the latter two dying during the past two years.

Before the reunion, one of the class members, Henry Parker, had only seen about three of his class members since graduation, having been gone from this area most of the time since he graduated.

Except for the meal, the class members spent their time reminiscing about the days when they were students and relating the things which had happened to them since graduation. They decided to meet again in two years on the third Sunday in Oct.

## **Asheboro Church Of God Sunday School Birthday Observed**

Oct. 10, 1980 – The bi-centennial observance of the beginning for the Sunday School was celebrated at the Asheboro Church of God on N. McCrary Street with the baking of a huge five-layer cake and a special service in recognition of the observance.

The Sunday School attendance for the occasion was 420, up more than 100 from the usual attendance of 275-300.

THE CAKE was baked to serve 550 at the 11 o'clock worship hour. However, there was enough left over to serve the night congregation.

For the special service Darrell Hunt, Sunday School Superintendent for the past seven years, and Charles Reeder, assistant superintendent, retraced the history of the Sunday School, old songs were sung, and a documentary film was shown. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Paul Kennedy.

The history of the Asheboro Church of God was given by Mrs. Eunice Spivey, one of two charter members of the local church still living and the only one who still remains a member there.

Mrs. Spivey recalled the organization of the church at a tent meeting site on Ross Street on Wednesday night, Sept. 1, 1937, following a revival meeting at the site.

The first Sunday School service was held the following Sunday, Sept. 4, in a little store building north of the hospital on N. Fayetteville Street. The attendance, according to Mrs. Spivey, "was close to 30."

But the congregation was unable to pay the rent on the store building and only stayed there a month. They moved

into Mrs. Spivey's home at the corner of N. Park and City View, where they remained for 11 months before moving into their first church building on Chestnut Street.

The 420 attendance at the bicentennial observance was more than 14 times larger than the "close to 30" attendance at the first Sunday School at the Asheboro Church of God 43 years ago. Much of the credit for this can be given to an effective bus ministry at the church which is responsible not only for increased Sunday School attendance but also successful youth services on Wednesday nights.

The large cake which was featured in the bi-centennial observance was baked by Mrs. Norman Kinney, a local caterer. The cake, which was appropriately inscribed, was topped by the replica of a church building. A picnic luncheon and the consumption of a cake followed the special service in the sanctuary.

## **Fund Raiser Will Benefit Youth**

Oct. 15, 1980 – W. O. W. Camp 921 will hold a fund raising auction sale at the Fresh Air Camp, located between Central Falls and Worthville, on Saturday for the benefit of the Garland Johnson family, who live on Rt. 2, Asheboro.

Brian Johnson, 15-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson, underwent a kidney transplant Oct. 1, 1978, which was rejected 20 days later. Since that time he has received service from a kidney dialysis machine. Their medical expenses, which are a continuing factor, have reached or exceeded an estimated \$125,000.

THE AUCTION sale will begin at 10 a. m. in the mess hall at the Fresh Air Camp. Donations payable to the Brian Johnson Fund will be accepted.

Those donating items for the sale are asked to bring them to the Fresh Air Camp; Garner Brothers Grocery and Service, 3556 N. Fayetteville St. ; and to the home of Thomas C. Watkins, 1023 Old Liberty Rd. Watkins is president of Camp 921 and Garner is secretary.

When Brian Johnson became sick four or five years ago it was first thought he might have been bitten by an insect. He remained in the Randolph Hospital for six weeks.

He was then taken to N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill where doctors learned that his kidneys were deteriorating. His disease was diagnosed as coming from streptococcus, which starts with strep throat. However, he could not be put on a kidney machine until both of his kidneys had collapsed.

The donation of the kidney which his body rejected came from his mother, Janet. Doctors said it was unusual for a parent-related kidney to be rejected.

THE FIRST time he entered the hospital, which covered the period of the transplant and rejection, he stayed for 10 months. He has had nine operations in the past two years. His afflictions also include an oversized heart and heart murmur.

He returns to the hospital in Chapel Hill every three weeks but often goes in-between when emergencies arise. He only stays overnight when he needs a blood transfusion.

Every other night, his body is connected to a Peritoneal Dialysis Machine on which he remains throughout the night. If his weight becomes excessive he has to go on the machine every night. Sometimes he gains six or eight pounds a day.

His mother, who underwent two months of extensive training, watches and monitors closely the operation of the machine. It takes two hours to get him ready for the

machine, and it takes nearly that much time to disconnect him.

Except for his trips to the hospital in Chapel Hill, Brian hasn't missed but one day this year at Southwestern Randolph High School, where he is a 10th grade student. When he was in the eighth grade he missed 101 days but still passed his grade. He was a member of the Beta Club while a student at Farmer School.

HE SPEAKS in a dispassionate manner in discussing his illness; he is realistic and fully aware of its implications; he is intelligent and carries with him a demeanor far beyond his age. Recently, he was baptized into the membership of the Crestview Wesleyan Church.

There are no plans at the present time for another transplant. His name is not currently on a donor list.

Since their medical bills occur continuously and have to be processed by computer with the insurance company and Medicare, the Johnsons really don't know the exact amount they owe. They estimate that it takes between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for the supplies which Brian needs monthly. So far they have not become eligible for Medicaid.

Earlier in Brian's illness, the family was assisted by the Zoo City C. B. Club Inc., churches and other groups. Despite her manifold duties at home, Mrs. Johnson, still finds time to work temporarily as a waitress at Dixie Restaurant and Little Texas Fish Camp. Garland Johnson works at Stuart Furniture Industries Inc.

The couple are also the parents of two other sons, Mark, 11, and Chris, 6. Brian celebrated his 15th birthday on Oct. 11. The family's mailing address is Rt. 2, Box 435, Asheboro.

### **Coleridge School Staff Honored By Lions Club**

Oct. 15, 1980 – The Coleridge Lions Club held a "school staff appreciation night" in honor of the personnel of Coleridge School on Oct. 9 at Florence Hall, located adjacent to the Concord United Methodist Church.

The honored guests for the occasion included the teachers, the aids, the cafeteria employees, and the school secretary.

Other guests included the wives of the club members, the county school superintendent, John Lawrence, and two school board members, Mrs. Mary Tate Blake, and Grady Lawson.

The principal of the school, W. Mike York, Jr. was present in a dual capacity, as a member of the school faculty and as the current president of the Coleridge Lions Club.

Master of ceremonies for the occasion was veteran member of the club, Elvin Murray, who is a charter member. He introduced the speaker, Mrs. C. A. (Evelyn) Cox, a former faculty member who taught for 23 years at the school.

Mrs. Cox, who is gaining increasing recognition as a historian in the Ramseur-Coleridge area, first taught at the Coleridge School over 50 years ago.

She remembered Coleridge at that time as "a pretty little town," the cleanliness and neatness of the houses, the yards, and the mill, but with no electric power except what was generated at the mill.

She said the electricity was only turned on after 6 p. m. because it had to be used to operate the mill during the daytime.

The school building which had been built in 1908 was getting "pretty old" when Mrs. Cox came to Coleridge to teach and she said "there was no equipment, no library, and no supplementary books."

She bought a hammer, which she still has, to tack the achievements of the students on the wall; the rooms were hot or cold according to the weather, and she said, "we had nothing except children and text books."

She phrased a question, "Would you people call that the good old days?"

However, she mentioned one asset, seemingly in contrast to present overall conditions, when she said "we did have respect,"

Senior members of the faculty, both of whom were present, are Mrs. Marie Stout and Mrs. Evelyn Gates.

One of the members of the Lions is C. A. Cox, former principal at the school and also the husband of the speaker for the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Cox recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

### **First Three Coleridge School Graduating Classes Reunited**

Oct. 16, 1980 – The first three classes at Coleridge High school (1936, 1937 and 1938) held a reunion Oct. 11 at the home of caterer, Mrs. Clarence C. Cranford Jr., at Moffitt's Mill, located on Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Two of the three members of the 1936 class, Jack Brown and Bernice Cain Johnson were present (Carol Jane Cox-Smith was not there).

All of the living members of the 1937 class except two were present, including Brewster Macon, Lester Moffitt, Henry Needham, Ruby Albright Hayes and Eloise Davis Poole. Absent were Margaret Craven Blackwell and Irene Marley Johnson. Deceased members are Lillie Cox Burgess and Thomas Brower.

Present from the 1938 class were Elizabeth Flippin Caviness, Faye Hannon Brower, Everett Cox, Alton Cox, Elsie Poole Cain, Stella Mae Brown, Ireland and Ralph Hayes. Absent were Harvey Marley and Herbert Rogers, the latter member living in Payette, Idaho.

Mrs. Brower, from the 1938 class came from her home in Scotsdale, Ariz. to attend the reunion. She had not seen her classmates in 18 years.

Class teachers present were Mrs. Ester C. Hodgin and C. A. Cox, accompanied by Mrs. Cox, who is also a former teacher at the school.

### **Money Raised For Chris Lee**

Oct. 23, 1980 – The R & M Randolph Montgomery CB Club recently raised money to purchase a wheelchair for Marvin Christopher (Chris) Lee, an 11-year-old victim of cerebral palsy.

After purchasing the wheelchair for \$914, the club had enough money left over to establish a \$2,000 trust fund for the youth with an additional \$275. 08 to be placed in a savings account for his benefit.

Trustees for the funds are Peggy Newton, Geneva Routh and Norma Goins, the latter being secretary of the R & M CB Club. The president of the club is James King.

Chris, who is the son of Mrs. and Mrs. Melvin Thomas Lee, of the Clarence Smith Trailer Park at the corner of Poplar and Flint streets, is a student in the cerebral palsy school in Greensboro.



A country ham and egg supper was held at Moore's Grill to help raise the funds. This supper was sponsored by the R & M CB Club, assisted by businesses and individuals in Asheboro and elsewhere.

Other businesses donated food for the supper and still another group donated prizes for the fund raising event. Money jars were also placed in some of the businesses. At one of these businesses, the Blue Mist Restaurant on U. S. 64, a customer left a check for \$400 to be applied to the wheelchair fund. Children's Chapel at Fayetteville Street Baptist Church donated \$75.

Peggy Newton, a waitress at Moore's Grill, handled the arrangements for the fund raising supper.

She said the hard work and effort which was required to raise the money was worthwhile when a "million dollar smile" broke out on Chris' face when he was presented the orange-colored wheelchair.

The chair replaced the dilapidated one which he had used since he was a small child.

### **Family Members Join Randolph Hills Church**

Oct. 24, 1980 - Six people joined the Randolph Hills United Methodist Church in Archdale at the recent homecoming service of the church, four of whom were from the same family and included three generations of that family. A baptism at the service included four generations of this family.

The new additions were Percy Wood, his wife, Elna Pauline Wood, Susan Wood, Pierce and William Edmund Wood, grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wood, and John Amos Rouse and Eloise Brown, not related to this family.

Also undergoing infant baptism at the same time was Chad Irving Pierce, two-month-old son of Susan Wood Pierce and her husband, Craig Pierce.

Adult baptism was administered to the great-grandmother and the uncle of the infant. The others joined by both baptism and transfer of membership.

Max Wood, chairman of the administrative board at the church, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Wood, the father of Susan Wood Pierce and William Edmund Wood, and the grandfather of Chad Irving Pierce.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Frances (Fran) Lindsey, who began her tenure of service there in June. She is the wife of Dr. Julian Lindsey, superintendent of the Thomasville District of the United Methodist Church. Randolph Hills is located in the High Point District.

### **In The Ramseur Area**

Oct. 30, 1980 - A new sorority, the Gamma Omiezon Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority Inc., has been functioning in the Ramseur area since June when the organization occurred at McCray's United Methodist Church.

Major concerns of the new sorority is the plight of persons afflicted with mental retardation and to provide incentives for local students to seek higher educational training.

Members of the sorority are Geraldine Siler, president, Annie Matthews, secretary, Charlotte Staley, treasurer, Hattie Gales and Jeanette Cheek, chaplains, Marie Siler, historian, Ethel Caviness, keeper of peace.

Attending the initiation of the sorority were Gloria Chapman of Oakwood Village, Ohio, national president,

Margaret Shoffner of Greensboro, director of Mid-Eastern Region of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. and representatives from the Alpha Theta Chapter of Raleigh.

Recently the members of the new sorority attended the meeting of the Mid-Eastern Region of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. in Raleigh where they were pinned and fully initiated in a ceremony.

Meetings of the sorority are held once a month in the homes of the members.

### **Chimney Lane Church Honors Florida Couple**

Oct. 31, 1980 - A Lake Wales, Fla. couple, George and Juanita Kickasola, were honored by the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas (Tom) England and the congregation at the Chimney Lane Church of God recently, on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Kickasola, described by the Rev. England as "my spiritual parents," spend several days visiting in the England home while also on the visit with their son, Ronnie, in North Wilkesboro.

The Rev. England got acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Kickasola while he was engaged in business for himself in Florida.

He subsequently was called into the ministry and has since been grateful for the assistance and influence which he received from the couple at that time in his life. They prayed, read the scriptures, and counseled with him as he began his ministerial career.

The anniversary occasion, which came as a complete surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Kickasola, took the form of a worship service and fellowship supper in the basement area of the church. A corsage and boutonniere were presented to the couple and an anniversary cake was baked in their honor.

The Chimney Lane congregation worships in new facilities which were dedicated in 1978, after worshipping in an old barn in the same area for the first years of their existence.

In addition to their church services they also operate a Christian Academy, with classes kindergartened-6, and a Child Development Center with day care children.

The associate minister is the Rev. Richard Watson.

### **Oliver's Chapel Church Holds Mortgage Burning**

Nov. 9, 1980 - Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley, held a mortgage burning service on Nov. 2 with the Right Rev. James W. Wactor, presiding Bishop of the Central North Carolina Conference, delivering the sermon for the occasion.

"We are here to celebrate the achievement wrought by you in building this edifice and paying for it," he said. His text was found in 2 Kings 4:7, "go pay your debt and leap with joy."

Others participating in the service were the Rev. Annie P. Hart, pastor; the Rev. J. C. Gray, former pastor; Sister Bertha Swaringen, local minister; and Harvey Dark, Everette Phelps, Worth Brooks, Paul Headen, Henry Brooks, Walter Staley, Robert Brooks and Augusta Brooks, trustees and stewards.

Oliver's Chapel began at a brush arbor in the town of Staley but moved close to its present site at the time of its organization in 1861.



The first site was located at the end of a dirt road and the first house of worship was a log structure which was moved to the site from Staley.

A burial site was started and in 1921 a frame structure was erected. The congregation continued to worship there until moving to its present site in 1971, where a new structure was erected and the road paved.

The land on which the first building was erected was donated by Oliver Siler, for whom the church was named. A daughter of the land donor, Margaret Siler, is still a member of the church.

The first trustees of the church were King Brown, Billy Wilson, Billy McMasters, Amos McMasters and Bige Brown.

Other names associated with the church at the time of its organization were Thomas Marley, William Phelps, Fannie Phelps, Abraham McMasters, Hannah McMasters, Hattie Brown, Maggie McMasters, John and Martha Phelps, and John and Ora Marley.

A building fund for the church structure which was later built at the new location was started during the pastorate of Rev. Gray.

The fund was continued during the pastorate of the Rev. Ocie M. Brown and the new building was erected while she was the pastor.

The mortgage was paid off in May 1980 during the pastorate of Rev. Hart who came to the church in 1977.

The land on which the most recent building was erected was donated to the church by the late C. E. Brooks, a native of the community who lived in Cincinnati, Ohio, when he donated the land.

Total cost of the building, including the interest on the money which was borrowed was \$43,991. 68. Prior to its occupancy the church borrowed \$14,000 from First Peoples Savings and Loan in Ramseur to complete the financing of its construction.

Trustees and stewards when the mortgage was secured were Chairman O. W. Matthews, Everette Phelps, Worth Brooks, James Brooks, Harvey Dark, Sr., Henry C. Brown, Seymour Brown, W. E. Brown, Paul Headen and the Rev. J. P. Godfrey.

Those serving in similar capacities at the time of the mortgage cancellation were Chairman Harvey Dark Sr., Everette Phelps, Worth Brooks, Samuel Matthews, James Brooks, Henry Brooks, Augusta Brooks, Robert Brooks and Walter Staley.

## **Aid Sought In Reprinting Randolph Native's Book**

Nov. 11, 1980 – A Tyngsboro, Mass. woman Mrs. Mary Cox Small, visited in Randolph County recently seeking assistance in reprinting a book written in 1966 by her father, Casper Waldo Cox, a Randolph County native.

The book, "Hoot Owls, Honeysuckle and Hallelujah," has been sold out but a publisher in Massachusetts has agreed to print 100 copies for \$600 promising "to provide a finer format."

The setting of the book lies mainly in Randolph County following the migration of the author's great-great-grandfather, Harmon Cox, to the New Garden Settlement, from which he came south, crossing Deep River and establishing a new home close to the headwaters of Richland Creek.

Despite their Quaker backgrounds, the book involves itself with the first Harmon Cox as a Regulator during the

Revolutionary War period and with the activities of Eunice Cox, widow of the second Harmon Cox, grandfather of Waldo Cox, and her young son, Yancy Cox, during the Civil War period.

Familiar names such as Richland Creek, Kemp's Mill, Panther Creek, Panther Rock, Piney Ridge, Purgatory Mountain, Haddock's Mountain, and Deep River are found throughout the book.

Yancy Cox, who once served as treasurer of Randolph County was described by his son as being "everything at once, husband, father, farmer, teacher, politician, Justice of the Peace, veterinary surgeon, public surveyor, auctioneer, and he wanted to be Governor, but found that too many of his friends were Democrats"

The wife of Yancy Cox was Nancy Lowdermilk of the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church community, daughter of Emsley Lowdermilk a descendant of Jacob Lowdermilk who is buried in the Pleasant Hill cemetery and the first member of his family to come to Randolph County.

Yancy and Nancy Lowdermilk Cox were the parents of 14 children including two sets of twins.

There is much mention made in "Hoot Owls, Honeysuckle And Hallelujah" about their home place located in the area of the Panther Creek Baptist Church located south of the zoo site where only the old chimney is still standing.

Randolph County relatives of Yancy and Nancy Lowdermilk Cox include four grandchildren, Ethel Hinshaw Beeson, Evelyn Hinshaw Gates, Seth Hinshaw and Clyde Hinshaw, children of Delia Cox Hinshaw and her husband Amos Hinshaw. Mrs. Beeson and Mrs. Gates are joint owners of the 500 acre tract of land which comprises the Yancy Cox homeplace.

Mrs. Small made an appeal for funds to reprint the book at the recent reunion of the Lowdermilk at the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, the first one she had attended in 48 years of its organization.

She requested that donations be sent to her at 171 Scribner Road, Tyngsboro, Mass. 01879 prior to the last day of Nov. . The books may be purchased for \$6 each.

While in this vicinity, Mrs. Small visited the old Yancy Cox homeplace where her father was born and reared and the place which provided much of the material for her book.

Other out-of-state family members many of them from the Yancy Cox family, attended the family gathering included Allen Lowdermilk Jr., Nancy Lowdermilk, Robbie and Brian Lowdermilk, A. M. and Lottie Lowdermilk, Greenville, S. C., Sterlton Shields, Hempstead, N. Y., Mrs. Esley Cox LaVine, San Diego, Calif., Mrs. Mary Stevens, Lovingson, Va., Georgia Cox, Sheila Cox and Kim Pippin, Hampton, Va.

## **Troy Church Celebrates Homecoming, Centennial**

Nov. 19, 1980 – The First Congregational United Church of Christ in Troy, which began during 1880-81 as a church and a missionary school, is now in its second century of existence, having celebrated its homecoming and 100th anniversary last month.

It was established by a board known as the American Missionary Association of New York City and, according to local historians, the "church was organized with much opposition."

The majority of missionary schools and churches were organized in various parts of the South after the freeing of

the slaves to assist in the education of Negroes and needy whites.

In most cases, the minister of the church was also the principal of the school. This was true during the first years of the church and school in Troy. Organizing both institutions was the Rev. William Herman Ellis, a white missionary from Cambridge, Mass.

A building was erected which housed both the church and the school and was named Peabody Academy. This building continued to serve both institutions through the school year in 1928 when the academy became a public school and the ownership of the property was assumed by the state.

However, in the first years of the school, the church had raised \$1,500 toward the construction of the building so, when the church-related school was dissolved, the church was given the principal's residence (erected in 1924) next door compensate for the money which had been raised.

The partitions were removed from this building and worship services were held in it until it was dismantled and a new building erected at the same site in 1940. This building continues as the place of worship except for extensive renovation in 1956.

Rev. Ellis served the church and school until his death. At that time Louis H. Leake, a student of Rev. Ellis, took over until another white minister, the Rev. C. C. Collin of Newark, N. J., came to assume the position.

Both Rev. Ellis and Louis H. Leake were buried on the school grounds, but their bodies were removed to a new burial site due to the construction of a new building on the site where they were interred.

The memorial tablet for Rev. Ellis refers to him as "the founder of Peabody Academy and First Congregational Church of Troy," and the inscription further states "he gave his life in service for others."

The inscription on Leake's grave states "in memoriam of Louise H. Leake, first member of his race to teach at Peabody Academy, Troy, N. C." and further states "this tablet is re-erected in love and memory of his leadership and inspiration."

After Rev. Collin, the Rev. O. Faduma, and African by birth and a graduate of Yale University, became the first black minister of the church in 1895. He was also the principal of the school. He served for 17 years and his picture hangs in the vestibule at the church.

There have been 14 other pastors, including the present pastor, the Rev. David Williams of Fayetteville, who is also employed as a mental health consultant for Cumberland County. Rev. Williams and his wife have just returned from attending the United Black Christian Conference in Hartford, Conn.

Members of the congregation who have been in the church for more than 50 years include R. C. Dobbins, Louise Christian, Lena Haywood, D. Elwood McRae, Mamie Anderson and Elizabeth Means, and were recognized at the Centennial celebration.

Chairman of deacons is Samuel T. Hawkins, a retired school teacher and principal with 40 years of service. He served the school system in Montgomery County for 34 years, of which 12 years was as the principal of the school next door to the church. Hawkins was also a former student of the church-sponsored school.

Improvements at the church in recent years have included the addition of a pastor's study, choir room, restrooms,

fellowship hall, brick veneering of the exterior of the church, purchase of an organ, new pews, pulpit furniture, and a mimeograph machine.

The church indebtedness has been paid off and the congregation participates in joint community aid to the sick and shut-in contributes to the upkeep of Freeman's Cemetery provides housing for a Headstart program of the county, and the church choirs have spread the "gospel in song" throughout the county and in other areas.

Among those participating in the Centennial program was Mrs. Addie Luther, well-known Randolph County caseworker who also serves as president of the Western North Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ.

### **Hillsville Civitans Organized Club Receives Charter**

Nov. 23, 1980 - The newly organized Hillsville Civitan Club received its charter on Nov. 17 at a dinner meeting at Camp Caraway which was attended by more than 150 members, guests and Civitan dignitaries from throughout the state.

Top officials of Civitan International included Jim Ritchie, international president; Curtis Farlow, Governor of N. C. District West; Wayne Seals, Governor-Elect; Fred Mackie, Lieutenant-Governor of Area 5 East; and Alfred Thomas, district extension chairman, all of whom participated in the meeting.

The new club, comprised of 39 charter members, was organized under the direction of the district extension chairman, Alfred Thomas, and had as its sponsor the New Market Civitan Club which along with other clubs in the area was represented at the meeting.

Steve Davis, president of the sponsoring club, and Julian Blalock, a member of that club, made presentations to the newly organized club and an additional gift from the entire assemblage consisted of a check for \$152 with which to begin the treasury.

Officers of the Hillsville club are Tommy Hayes, president; Keith Nelson, president-elect; Reid Harris, secretary; Lowell Davis, treasurer; Gary Hill, chaplain, Troy Beeson, sergeant-at-arms; and Lloyd Blair, Larry Hill and Norman Nelson, directors.

Other charter members are Richard Welborn, Marvin Cooper, Devoe Murchison, Homer Childers, Jr., Joe Brant, Max Bulla, Steve Caughron, Michael Lee Cavin, Tony Cromer, Don Davis, Stacy Farlow, Darrell Hardin, Don Farlow, Herbert Overcash, Allen G. Poole, Steve Poole, Mack Hilliard, Paul Huey, John Johnson, Jr., Robert Ledbetter, Jimmy Lockhart, Thomas J. Osborne, J. Allen Steed, Rodney D. Trivette, Charles Walker, Larry Wayne Walker, Mickey Walker, R. H. Walker, Austin Welborn and Randy Welborn.

### **Faith Temple Congregation Marches To Church**

Nov. 27, 1980 - Faith Temple Church of God said a symbolic goodbye Sunday afternoon to the small rented building on Old Cedar Falls Road in which they had worshipped for the past six years.

Singing "We Are Marching To Zion," they Marched the approximate one half mile to the new site of worship which they had purchased, also located on Old Cedar Falls Road.

As they approached the new site and entered their new house of worship, a building which had been moved from

the site of the new shopping complex on East Salisbury Road, they changed to another song, "When the Saints Go Marching In," and continued to sing this song in jubilation as they circled the interior of the building.

Leading the March was the pastor of the church, Elder Benjamin Faison and church officials Napoleon Hammond, Josephine Hammond, Zezzie McNeill and Rosa Shaw.

Furnishing special music for the service which followed in the new building was the choir from the Alley Grove Baptist Church in Biscoe. Representatives from Bass Temple United Church of God in Hamlet, also pastured by Elder Faison, were also present.

A special service will begin at 3:30 p. m. Sunday at the church and will continue each evening at 7:30 except for Saturday evenings, until the final service at 3 p. m. on Sunday, Dec. 14, when the building will be dedicated.

Church and city dignitaries are being invited to participate in this final dedication service.

### **Ester Brown Has Her Day**

Nov. 27, 1980 – "Ester Brown Day" was observed at the Maple Springs United Methodist Church Sunday in honor of Mrs. Brown, who has been a member of the church for 47 years.

Her son, Odell Brown, who lives beside of his mother on Rt. 1, Ramseur, joined with the Maple Springs minister, the Rev. Ben Witherington, in paying tribute to the life and influence of Mrs. Brown.

A corsage and an additional flower from the congregation of the church were presented to the honored woman as a further expression of appreciation.

Following the service a family dinner was held at Florence Hall in Coleridge with the minister and his wife and daughter, also in attendance. Mrs. Brown recently observed her 75th birthday.

Mrs. Brown is a native of Pleasant Gove Township, having been born and reared west of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church, one of the 12 children of the late Charlie and Annie Brady Cheek.

Brothers and sisters include Mrs. Blanche Moffitt, Mrs. Macie Teague and Mrs. Lucille Poole, all of Rt. 1, Ramseur, Shelly Joe (Bill) Cheek Rt. 2, Robbins, Coy Cheek, Robbins, Charles (Buster) Cheek, Asheboro, Mrs. Ayleen Brady and Mrs. Helen Freeman Rt. 4, Siler City, and Hoyt Cheek, Kernersville. Two brothers, Roy and Tracy, are deceased.

Mrs. Brown attended the schools at Pleasant Grove and Bennett before marrying Don E. Brown, of the Maple Springs community on Aug. 28, 1928.

Before moving their membership to the Maple Springs church in 1933, the couple were members of the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

In addition to their son, Odell, they were also parents of two daughters, Peggy Brown Davis who died in 1963, and Patsy Brown Burgess also of Rt. 1, Ramseur. There are also nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Don E. Brown died in 1964 shortly after the death of his daughter, Peggy. For many years before and after his death, Mrs. Brown operated the Don E. Brown Store located across the road from the home in which Mrs. Brown and her husband lived.

### **Couple Honored On Anniversary**

Dec. 2, 1980 – Mr. and Mrs. Albert Chilton of Rt. 1, Ramseur celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov 23 in the fellowship hall at Maple Springs United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception from 2-4 o'clock were their children, Sergeant and Mrs. David (Juanita) Borzick, U. S. Army, Ft. Stewart, Ga. and Miss Teresa Chilton of the home, and the couple's twin granddaughters, Nancy and Lisa Borzick, who celebrated their fifth birthdays on Saturday before the anniversary observance.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilton were married Nov. 24, 1955 at the Methodist parsonage in Robbins.

Mrs. Chilton is the former Era Russell, a native of High Falls, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Russell.

Mr. Chilton, a native of the community in which the couple live, is the son of Mrs. Atlas B. Chilton and the late Troy Chilton.

Both of them are members of the administrative board at the Maple Springs church and Mr. Chilton also serves on the building committee and as president of his Sunday School class.

He is a partner in the Ramseur Barber Shop and was formerly employed with the Jones Barber Shop in Greensboro.

### **Young Couple Gallantly Face Their Son's Heart Condition**

Dec. 11, 1980 – David and Rose Fogleman's first child was born with a serious heart defect on Aug. 19. A few hours after his birth he was removed to the hospital in Chapel Hill where he will return later for surgery.

When David Monroe Fogleman III was born he weighed seven pounds, eight ounces but he had a bluish look which at that time was not regarded as being unusual.

At first it was thought that he was cold but less than three hours after his birth, as the look persisted, he was placed under oxygen and plans were made to take him to the hospital in Chapel Hill.

Rose Fogleman, 17-year-old mother of the child saw her son when he was born, she saw him again just before he was taken to Chapel Hill. She didn't see him again until he was returned home four days later after she had been discharged from the hospital.

David Monroe Fogleman Jr., 19-year-old father of the child, remarked proudly "I got to feed him first."

David Jr. and his parents followed the ambulance in which his son was taken to the hospital in Chapel Hill. He visited him every day while he was there.

It was learned at the hospital that the two main arteries to the child's heart were crossed or "switched" at the time of birth. Whenever the child's condition will permit surgery, an operation will be performed to reverse the arteries to their rightful places.

The young couple are gallantly facing up to their son's condition and are assuming their responsibilities becoming parents who have reached more mature years.

At the time of their marriage David was 17, Rose 15. He was reared in Randleman, she came from Asheboro. They are now living in a mobile home just off of US 220 near the Forest Park Baptist Church south of Randleman. Their mailing address is P. O. Box 64, Randleman.

David works at Stuart Manufacturing Co. in Asheboro and he praises the company for their consideration during the

time of their son's illness. Rose worked at Mr. Jean's in Randleman before her son was born.

Paying for their son's affliction is not a major problem at this time since both David and Rose have insurance policies at the places they worked. But David, full of pride for his first born, said "even if we couldn't afford to pay for it, I would work the rest of my life to pay it."

David got his first job at the Jitterburger in Randleman at the age of 14 and worked at a series of jobs after that "saving up" to pay for his first automobile when he got old enough to drive.

He quit school after he completed the 10th grade but went to night classes at Randolph Technical College and received his high school diploma through the GED program. Rose quit school after she completed the 8th grade but she too plans to later secure her high school diploma through the GED program at RTC.

Paternal grandparents of the child are Mr. and Mrs. David M. Fogleman Sr., and the paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Reitnel.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Loflin and the maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Otis Burns.

### **Baby Has Surgery After Frantic Trip**

Dec. 14, 1980 – Emergency surgery was performed on David Monroe Fogleman III, 4-month-old son of David and Rose Fogleman, Rt. 2, Randleman, Thursday afternoon at N. C. Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill following a frantic trip to Chapel Hill on Wednesday afternoon.

The trip occurred a day before an article appeared in The Courier-Tribune related the plight of the young couple and the serious heart defect of their son at the time of his birth on Aug. 19.

Temporary surgery had been performed at the Chapel Hill hospital soon after the child's birth, plugging up a hole in his heart with the tube and a balloon-type apparatus. A major operation had been planned in the future to correct the discrepancy at birth.

But on Wednesday afternoon the child's condition grew worse. David was called from his employment at Stuart Manufacturing Co. and he and Rose, along with David's mother started on the trip to the hospital in Chapel Hill.

As they neared Siler City, the little boy's condition became critical; his color, which had been bluish since birth, turned blue black all over and it appeared that he was dying.

The young couple appealed to a Siler City policeman for assistance, mainly to escort them to the hospital in Chapel Hill. But the policeman instead guided them to the hospital in Siler City where the child received oxygen and an ambulance was called for the trip to Chapel Hill.

Rose rode in the ambulance with her son for the remainder of the way. The child was administered oxygen during the trip.

Relatives state that the child would have lived only a few minutes if the administering of the oxygen had not been started in Siler City.

It was discovered upon reaching the hospital in Chapel Hill that the tube which had originally been placed had "clogged" up and was cutting off his breathing. The emergency surgery the next day enlarged the hole in his artery and installed a larger tube. He was also placed on a breathing machine.

David and Rose Fogleman, ages 19 and 17 respectively, stayed with their son at the hospital until returning home Friday afternoon.

The hospital found a place for the couple to sleep Wednesday night but on Thursday night there was no room in the hospital available and the couple stayed in the lobby all night.

It is expected that the child will remain in the hospital for eight or ten days. Hospital officials think perhaps the emergency surgery will last for eight months, after which the permanent surgery is planned.

### **Callahans Honored On 50th Anniversary**

Dec. 19, 1980 – Mr. and Mrs. William E. (Bill) Callahan of Rt. 8, Asheboro, were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary by their children Dec. 14 at the General Electric Clubhouse.

Their children are Mrs. Ilene Marion, William Callahan and Deanie Callahan of Rt. 8, Asheboro, Mrs. Ada Perry of Rt. 2, Sophia, Mrs. Bonnie McGee and Mrs. Venar Jones of Rt. 6, Burlington, Mrs. Sadie Callahan of Henderson and Mrs. Mazie Branson of Siler City.

One son, J. C. Callahan, died in 1966. One child died at birth and another one died after one month. There are 19 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Callahan are natives of Surry County, having been reared near Dobson. They were married Dec. 18, 1930 at the courthouse in Dobson, Mrs. Callahan is the former Mary Gillispie.

Upon leaving Surry County the family first moved to Yadkin County, then to Rowan County before settling in Randolph County in 1947. Mr. Callahan is a retired farmer.

The couple is of Primitive Baptist faith. They retain their burial ground at the Little Vine Primitive Baptist Church in Surry County.

### **Newly Organized Sorority Has Candlelight Service**

Dec. 21, 1980 – Gamma Omicron of Eta Phi Beta Sorority recently organized in the Ramseur area conducted a candlelight vesper service Sunday, Dec 14 at McCrary Chapel United Methodist Church.

A visiting musical group, the young adult choir of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Asheboro, furnished several selections. Woody

Mrs. Margaret Shoffner of Greensboro, regional director of Mideastern Region of Eta Phi Beta, was the speaker for the service. She was introduced by Mrs. Geraldine Siler, President of Gamma Omicron.

Mrs. Pamela Barker extended the welcome and gave the history of vespers Mrs. Marie Siler gave the history of candlelighting. Other Gamma Omicron members participated were Mrs. Jeanette Cheek, Mrs. Hattie Gales, Mrs. Annie Matthews, Mrs. Ethel Caviness and Mrs. Charlotte Staley.

With lighted candles all Gamma Omicron members participated in the processional and recessional.

Refreshments were served in the fellowship area of the church at the conclusion of the service.

### **Humbles Celebrate Wedding Anniversary**

Dec. 25, 1980 – Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Humble, former Randolph County residents now living at 2611 Azelea Drive

in Greensboro, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, Dec. 20 at the home of Mrs. Humble's sister and brother-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Howard Earl Lilly of 400 Quaker Drive, Asheboro.

Joining with the Rev. and Mrs. Lilly in the honoring of Mr. and Mrs. Humble were the couple's two children, Karen and Jimmy Humble.

Mr. Humble, son of Mrs. Neudy Humble of Rt. 1, Asheboro and the late Walter Humble, is employed at A. M. International in Greensboro. He is an Army veteran.

Mrs. Humble, the former Grace Hughes, is the daughter of Mrs. Dorothy Hughes of Rt. 2, Sophia and the late Carl Hughes.

They were married Dec. 23, 1955 at the Mt. View Methodist Church west of Asheboro.

Among those present for the anniversary celebration were the Rev. Henry Thompson, who officiated at their marriage ceremony a quarter of a century ago, and Mrs. Gladys Swaney Hinshaw, soloist for the ceremony.

Mrs. Hinshaw also sang at the observance of her wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Humble are present members of the Emmanuel Wesleyan Church in Greensboro.

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### Members Vote To Change Name

Jan. 2, 1981—Members of the Shiloh Independent Christian Church Rt. 1, Ramseur, voted to change the name of the 137 year-old church organization during a business meeting on Dec. 28.

In action that has been termed "historic" by church officials. 93 percent of those participating voted to change the name to Shiloh Baptist Church Independent.

The favorable vote followed a unanimous recommendation by church deacons, Earl Coble, Orville Teague, Mike Stout, Mark Stout and Bill Craven.

It was the second major vote by the members concerning their church organization.

In 1965, as a specialty called business meeting the members of the then Shiloh Christian Church voted 24 to 8 to remove themselves from the newly formed United Church of Christ which resulted from a merger of the Congregational-Christian churches and the Evangelical Reformed Church.

Later, the church incorporated itself as the Shiloh Independent Christian Church on June 20, 1969 — a designation which remained until the vote on Dec. 28.

As a result of the vote, the church is now in the process of perfecting the change of the name by submitting an amendment of the charter to Secretary of State Thad Eure in Raleigh.

One preparatory move was to secure a quit-claim deed from the United Church of Christ for the one-half acre on which the historic Shiloh Academy building was located.

This site, originally owned by the church, was deeded to the Randolph County School System in 1908 when the county assumed the responsibility for the school which existed there.

In 1978, the school system deeded the site back to the church since the school had long since been disbanded. However, as a precautionary measure prior in the changing of the name, the church desired to quit-claim deed from the conference whose predecessors, the Christian Church and

the Congressional Christian Church once held jurisdiction over the Shiloh church.

Officials of the United Church of Christ complied with the request for the quit-claim deed.

An appropriate identification for the church at Shiloh is the principal reason for wanting to change the name of the church organization.

Although they added "independent" to the original name in 1989 they still felt that their differentiation with the previous association was still not clear.

Their identification is now with the "fellowship" of the Baptist people who have historically believed in conservatism and fundamentalism. This included an "independence of any ecclesiastical authority outside of their own membership with no convention or association to govern their activities.

They do not participate in cooperative programs but are "self supporting, self-governing, self-propagating" in their mission programs and the schools they support. Presently, the Shiloh church has a 21 percent mission budget supporting nine missionaries in various countries and furnishing financial aid to a devotional publication, Daily Bread Ministry.

A need for identification by an earlier group of people led to the organization of the Christian Church back in the latter part of the 18th century when various schisms in the Methodist Episcopal Church resulted in the formation of other groups including General Meeting of Christians in 1828 and The Christian Church in 1830.

In 1864, the Deep River Valley Conference, which became a part of the Southern Christian Convention, was formed at Shiloh.

Not much is known of Shiloh history from its organization in 1843 until the deeding of three acres of land to the church by H. T. and Martha Moffitt in 1890. The present church building was erected in 1909 with renovation in 1949-50 and through the ensuing years. An addition consisting of Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall was opened in 1973.

The present pastor, the Rev. David Schwartz follows a long list of ministers who have served the church. A native of California, he is married to the former Linda Annas of Reidsville. They are the parents of three sons, David, 11, Jeremy, 8, and Matthew, 4.

Rev. Schwartz is an instructor at Faith Christian School where he teaches the Bible to students. Mrs. Schwartz is employed at the First National Bank in Asheboro. Their sons attend the Fayetteville Christian School.

### Couple Celebrates Their Wedding Anniversary

Jan. 6, 1981 — Mr. and Mrs. Cliff J. Thomas of Rt. 1, Franklinville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 28 in the fellowship building at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church where they are members.

Joining with them in the anniversary observance were their two daughters, Katheryn Kidd of Pleasant Garden and Elaine Auman of Rt. 1, Franklinville and their three grandchildren Brian Kidd, Corbin Auman and Corinne Auman.

Also participating were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Braxton of Rt. 1, Snow Camp who were married along with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas on Dec. 21 1930 in a double ceremony at the

home of Mrs. Braxton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fernando Woody in the Snow Camp area.

Mrs. Thomas, the former Myra Perry, daughter of the late Artemas R. Perry and Celia Perry, is a first cousin of Mrs. Braxton. She is a native of Alamance County.

Mr. and Mrs. Braxton celebrated their anniversary Sunday Dec. 14, in Alamance County with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in attendance.

Cliff Thomas, son of the help George N. Thomas and Dora Freeman Thomas, is a native of Montgomery County but was living in Asheboro at the time of this marriage. He and Mrs. Thomas got acquainted while attending Elon College.

He operated Thomas Brothers Grocery in North Asheboro for eight years before they moved to the Grays Chapel area in 1844. Now retired, he taught at the Grays Chapel School for 23 years. Mrs. Thomas is a retired employee of Burlington Socks.

Mr. Thomas has been a member of the Lions Club for 30 years, first the Franklinville club and then the club at Grays Chapel. He is a Sunday School teacher at the Grays Chapel Church.

Mrs. Thomas is a member of the High Point District Executive Committee of the United Methodist Church, serving as a coordinator of Global Concerns for United Methodist Women in all 53 churches in the High Point District.

Their anniversary cake, a gift from fellow church members Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Singleton, was baked and served by Mrs. Singleton. Pouring punch was Mrs. Farrell Sumner and decorating the fellowship hall was Mrs. Charles Barker, also associates of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas in the Grays Chapel Church

### **Reception Honors Asheboro Couple**

Jan. 7, 1981 – Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ingold of 1561 Thornsedale Drive celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday Dev. 28 at the Elks Lodge in Asheboro.

Guests called from 2-5 p. m. at the reception which was hosted by their daughter, Miss Robin Ingold, a senior at Asheboro High School and other family members.

Mr. and Mrs. Ingold were married in a Christmas Eve ceremony at the home of Misses Sallie and Edith McCain on E. Salisbury St. on Dec. 24, 1955.

Mr. Ingold, son of Oakwell Ingold of Asheboro and the late Eva Parks Ingold as a partner to Hoffman and Ingold Auto Sales, located at 107 N. Fayetteville St.

Mrs. Ingold, the former Louretta Murray is the daughter of Mrs. Oppie Thurman Murray of Rt. 1, Bennett and the late Walter Murray. She is employed at Von Tex Hosiery Mills, Inc. and is a former longtime employee at Acme McCrary Corp.

Among those in attendance at the anniversary celebration were Ms. J. C. McDuffie, the former Winnie Mae Murray, sister of Mrs. Ingold and Mr. McDuffie.

### **Reception Honors Seagrove Couple**

Jan. 16, 1981– Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Gene Macon of Rt. 1, Seagrove, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday, Jan. 11 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Joan) Auman, also of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Auman in hosting the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Macon's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mike (Kay) Macon of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Guests numbering 130 called from 2-4 o'clock and afterwards. This group included all of Mrs. Macon's three sisters and six brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Macon were married Jan. 7, 1956 in Bennettsville, S. C. Both of them are natives and lifelong residents of the community in which they live.

Mrs. Macon, the former Betty Asbill, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Asbill of Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Mr. Macon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Macon, also of Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Mr. Macon is a farmer and poultry dealer while Mrs. Macon has been employed for more than 12 years as the cafeteria manager at Brower School. They are members of the Antioch Christian Church.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Macon's three sisters, Edna Hayes, Elsie Kiser and Jeanette Reeder, three of her sisters-in-law, Glenda, Betty and Vera Asbill, two of her nieces, Brenda McNeill and Vicki Joyce, and a cousin of Mr. Macon, Brenda Phillips.

### **Anniversary Celebrated As Family Get-Together**

Jan. 29, 1981– A family get-together, including the noon meal, featured the 38th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse L. Kirkman of Rt. 2, Ramseur, Jan. 25 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ray Kirkman of Asheboro.

Other family members of Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman include her son, William N. Needham Jr. of Chattanooga, Tenn., who was unable to attend the observance, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman were married Jan. 25, 1943 by Justice of the Peace E. H. Morris at his office in Asheboro.

Both of them are natives of Randolph County. Mrs. Kirkman is the former Evelyn Shirley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman are both employed at Acme-McCrary Corp. in Asheboro and are members of the Patterson Grove Christian Church, where Mr. Kirkman is Superintendent of the Sunday School.

### **Benefit Set For Family**

Feb. 5, 1981– A Ramseur family beset by hard luck, illness, accident and fire, will benefit from a gospel singing Saturday at the Jackson Creek Baptist Church, located on Rt. 2, Denton.

The church, of which the Rev. Billy Joe Yates is the pastor, is located in the home territory of Paul Hulin, who will benefit from the singing along with his wife and son, Glenn.

The family lives in a mobile home in the Highway 22 Mobile Court, located south of Ramseur on the road to Coleridge.

Glen Hulin, age 6 ½ was born with muscular dystrophy. He has never walked and is unable to sit up without support. He has had one operation at Duke Hospital and will undergo more operations later.

He attends a class for the handicapped at the Oak Hill School in High Point. Along with other students, he is conveyed to and from this school in a van each day. He



leaves home at 7 a. m. and sometimes it is 5:30 or 6 p. m. when he returns.

Nearly a year ago, Paul Hulin was laid off at the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Division of Burlington Mills.

Last July, the mobile home in which the family lived was destroyed by fire while they were away from home. All of their belongings were destroyed.

In Oct., Paul Hulin sustained a broken leg when the car in which he was changing oil fell upon him. The cast on his leg was only removed last month.

Groups from the Jackson Creek Church and the Walters Grove Baptist Church will participate in the singing, along with other area singers. An offering will be received for Mr. and Mrs. Hulin and their son.

### **Piney Grove Family Hit By Third Fire**

Feb. 9, 1981— When Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Matthews returned to their home from Greensboro last Monday night, they were stunned by an all-too-familiar sight.

The trailer they had been living in had burned. Nothing was saved.

It was the third time in two years that the residents of the Piney Grove community had been burned out.

Matthews said that when he saw the results of last Monday's fire, he had to return to this car to sit down "It knocked me off my feet." He said.

Both Matthews, 66 and his wife, Geneva, 58 live on Social Security disability payments. Matthews has been suffering from a kidney ailment for about 4 years and receives service every other day from a dialysis machine at the Kidney Treatment Center in Greensboro.

He is a lifelong resident of the Piney Ridge community located in southwest Randolph County, and has spent his life mostly in sawmill work until the beginning of his illness.

The first fire occurred about two years ago when the house in which the Matthews had lived since 1952 burned almost to the ground, destroying all of their furnishings and other belongings including a kidney machine on which Boyd was receiving treatment at home at the time.

They were not home at the time of this fire and learned of it from a neighbor who had met them between Asheboro and their home as they returned from Greensboro. This fire was covered by insurance but they were not allowed for a total loss since part of their house was still standing.

After staying for awhile with their daughters, who live in the vicinity, they purchased a mobile home with their insurance money and located it at their old home site, beside the shell of the house which had burned.

Just one month after they had moved in they awoke one night to find that the shell of their former house was on fire. A neighbor first saw the fire and sounded the alarm. The fire spread and burned their trailer, which was a total loss. They were able to save only a vacuum cleaner and a few clothes.

Again they stayed in the house of their daughters and for a while moved to Liberty where Mrs. Matthews formerly lived.

After about four months in Liberty, Boyd was able to purchase another trailer home without any down payment and placed it at the home site where their other two dwellings had burned.

Before bringing the trailer to the site, Boyd had cleared the debris from the last two fires and had sown grass on the

front lawn. They had made only a few payments on the trailer before it burned.

At the time of the fire last Monday night, Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were again in Greensboro where Boyd had been treated on the kidney machine. They returned home about 11 p. m. to find the trailer had burned. The fire had occurred about 9 p. m. Nothing was saved from this fire.

After spending the night with relatives they moved into a little block building which Boyd had formerly operated as a store but lately had rented it out as a furnished apartment which was not occupied at the time of the fire.

This building had been partially partitioned off for a small kitchen area on one end. The living area contains a bed, one chair and a woodstove in the kitchen area there is a wood cook stove, a refrigerator, and an old wooden cabinet.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Matthews who live at home sleep on mattresses on the floor in the living area. Boyd plans to add a couple of rooms and a bathroom to this building, "if I can get ahold of a little money," and continue living there. At the present, there are no bath facilities in the little building.

Initial assistance in their time of need has come to Mr. and Mrs. Matthews from the Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro, the Salvation Army, the Department of Social Services and friends and neighbors in the Piney Ridge community.

The Central United Methodist Church has agreed to serve as a receiving station for any individual or organization who wished to render assistance to the couple. Those wishing to donate clothing, household furnishings, food or money are asked to get in touch with the church at 629-1423.

The Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department responded to all three of the fires and at one of the fires the Eastside Volunteer Fire Department was also there.

### **Reception Honors Randleman Couple**

Feb. 20, 1981 — Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Waugh of Rt. 2, Randleman, were honored by their children on their 40th wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, in the fellowship hall at Bethany United Methodist Church.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Richard (Dickie) Waugh II of Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Barry (Penny) Johnson of Rt. 1, Liberty. Their family also includes five grandchildren.

Guests called from 3-5 o'clock. Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Waugh's sisters, Mrs. Marybelle Martin and Mrs. Jessie Groce, her niece, Mrs. Wanda McClintock, and her cousins, Mrs. Betty Routh and Miss Leighann Routh.

Mr. and Mrs. Waugh were married Feb. 15, 1941 in Dillon, S. C. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Morgan of Asheboro, who were married at the same time.

Mrs. Waugh, the former Fannie Lovill, is a native of Stokes County but has lived most of her life in this area.

Mr. Waugh is a native of Portland, Maine. He got acquainted with his wife while serving in the U. S. Army at Ft. Bragg. He is currently employed as a supervisor with Burlington Industrial Fabrics, Central Falls Plant.

### **Family, Friends Surprise Trogdons**

Mar. 4, 1981— The Rev. and Mrs. Richard J. Trogdon, Rt. 1, Franklinville, were surprised three times recently on the observance of their 24th wedding anniversary.



Their children – Ricky, Cindy, Krista, Aaron and Jason – presented them with an anniversary cake and prepared a special dinner for them at the Trogdon home on Feb. 21.

This festivity was planned without the knowledge of the minister and his wife.

On the following Sunday morning at the Faith Temple Baptist Church which was founded nearly 10 years ago by Rev. Trogdon, the congregation received and presented to them a special love offering.

Rev. Trogdon and his wife knew nothing about this until the offering plates were passed in the Sunday morning service.

Following the service, a couple in the congregation invited the minister and his wife out for dinner.

But instead of following this plan, the couple took them to the Randleman Elementary School cafeteria where the other members of the congregation awaited them for another wedding anniversary dinner in their honor, including another anniversary cake.

Both Rev. Trogdon and his wife, the former Barbara Routh, are natives of the area in which they live. They were married Feb. 24, 1957.

Continuous progress has marked the ministry of the Faith Temple Baptist Church since it was organized July 4, 1971 in the living room of the pastor's home.

This progress has included worship in modular homes in the pastor's yard, the purchase of land and move to the present site, and the erection and occupancy of a new sanctuary nearly a year ago.

Since that time, a full recreational center has been established in the older facilities at the church and the erection of a balcony in the sanctuary is being contemplated to provide further seating space.

The membership at the church has now reached 400 and the pastor said that not a Sunday had passed this year without a conversion and someone joining the church.

### **'Man Of The Year' To Be Honored**

Mar. 6, 1981 – George T. Brower will be recognized as "Man of the Year" in special services Sunday, Mar. 8, at Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, 1017 Forrest St, Asheboro.

These services will mark the annual observance of Men's Day at the church. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Thurman H. Murphy.

The theme for the morning worship service beginning at 11 o'clock will be "Christian Fellowship." The Rev. James Edward Lucas of High Falls will be the guest speaker. The male chorus will sing. Layman Grady Lane will preside.

The recognition service honoring the Man of the Year will be held in the afternoon at 2:30. Last year's Man of the Year, Luther Harper, will preside. Music will be provided by the Wesley Chapel senior choir, Mrs. Bessie Gales of Ramseur, and relatives of the Men of the Year from Greensboro.

An evening service will begin at 6 o'clock, with the Rev. Thomas J. Bethea, choirs, ushers and congregation of the Swift Street A. M. E. Zion Church in Greensboro as the special guests.

George T. Brower is a native of Guilford County but was reared in Moore County in the New Zion community near Robbins. He attended the Long Leaf Elementary School in that area and Pinkney High School in Carthage.

While residing in the Robbins area he was a member of the New Zion A. M. E. Zion Church, where he sang in the choir.

After coming to Asheboro he joined the Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church where he sings in the gospel choir, serves on the steward board, is assistant preacher steward, recording secretary and treasurer for Ministry of Kindness.

He is also a member of Wesley Men's Auxiliary, a church custodian and works diligently for charitable causes.

His hobbies are being a Big Brother to young boys, singing and sports.

He is employed with Food World, Inc., North Asheboro Division, and has been employed with the firm which was previously Big Bear Super Market since May 7, 1957.

He is married and he and his wife have two children and one grandchild.

### **Couple Honored On 25th Anniversary**

Mar. 12, 1981– Mr. and Mrs. Farrell Chriscoe of Rt. 2, Seagrove, were surprised on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, Mar. 8, by their children at the Chriscoe residence.

Upon their arrival at the home from the morning worship service at Community Baptist Church where they are members, the couple found different arrangements in the dining area, an anniversary cake, additional cooking, various guests, and an array of gifts.

Hosts for the surprise celebration were the couple's children, Clara Mae and Gurney Chriscoe, also of Rt. 2, Seagrove, and Melvin, Daniel, Donald, Amy and Anna of the home. Three children are deceased and there are two grandchildren, Susan and Steven Chriscoe.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe were married Mar. 10 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Chriscoe is the former Annie Davis, a native of Moore County and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. David of Rt. 1, Star. Mr. Chriscoe is the son of the late Henry and Mamie Stutts Chriscoe and a native of the area in which the couple live.

He is employed as a long-distance driver for Ferree Trailer.

### **Polio Victim Related Story To Aid Others**

Mar. 19, 1981- Sixty-four-year-old Charles L. Stutts of 1427 S. Fayetteville St. has been a strong advocate of the March of Dimes since he invited President Franklin D. Roosevelt to his high school graduation in Biscoe many years ago.

He told Roosevelt in a note attached to the invitation that he like the president was a polio victim who had built a dream of attending college.

The president was unable to attend Stutts' graduation but he responded by referring him to the State Department of Rehabilitation who told him he would be able to attend a state-supported college of his choice. When fall came, Stutts enrolled at what was then State College, later transferring to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he studied as a pre-medical student.

Stutts was a healthy child until the age of two when he became ill with what was then termed a cold and nagging temperature which were hard to control. His condition did not improve as a child normally does but the family doctor was not able to diagnose the case until his good leg began to show signs of withering away.

He said "my earliest memory of childhood was not normal. I recalled walking on one good foot and hobbling on a small leg and ankle that gradually turned sideways."

"As far as my folks knew then, there was no hope, no prospect of change for me except that my foot and leg would become steadily worse. I grew up without being able to run and romp."

Later, as he attended college, his crippled leg and foot did not get any better and even prevented him from getting to all of his classes on time. He said "walking from building to building was almost impossible, but I would not give up. I could not give up."

He sought help from the doctors at Duke Hospital and learned that his leg could be straightened at least to the extent that he could wear slippers like other teenage boys rather than the cumbersome shoes and steel brace that had given him so much discomfort during the previous years.

As time progressed, the chance came for him to work with handicapped boys and girls and he said "no person ever put his heart into his job more than I did. Each boy and girl toughed me deeply because each of them was really me several years ago. It was I reaching, wanting, hoping, trying to get a foothold, and I did my best to help them in their efforts."

Currently an employee at Randolph Technical College he plugs the March of Dimes drive which is underway in Randolph County at the present time.

"Today I walk with only minor discomfort," he said. "Today I am able to be a part of the current of humanity because the March of Dimes and vocational rehabilitation for the polio and handicapped patients came to my rescue."

"One of the greatest expressions of the present day drives and fund-raising projects is the March of Dimes. It clings close to my heart, leaves me with the desire to touch every outstretched hand that needs me and demands that I speak up if my voice will help make the March of Dimes successful in our area."

### **Strickland Honored With Birthday Fete**

Mar. 23, 1981— A family dinner at Western Sizzlin Steak House on Mar. 15 honored Charlie H. Strickland Rt. 5, Asheboro on his 83rd birthday.

All of his six living children — Betty Wall, Carolyn Nelson, Leon Strickland, Junior Strickland and Lacy Strickland, all of Asheboro and Evelyn Campbell, of Mount Airy 00 were in attendance.

A native of the Lovejoy section of upper Montgomery County, he moved with his parents to the southern vicinity of Asheboro when he was six years old. His father was Ashley Strickland, his mother was Betty Russell Strickland.

His brief schooling at the West Bend School to which he walked three miles one way consisted of part of three years and was terminated when he lost his books.

There was no money to buy additional books and by the time Strickland had grown "big enough to reach the handles on the plow," so he quit school and didn't go back. He still does some plowing on a small scale.

At an early age he married the late Rachel (Pet) Robbins and they became the parents of ten children, four of whom are deceased. Charlie said he wanted a large family but stopped at then children when the times got hard. His wife died four years ago.

He has been associated with various business interests, having operated a store for 45 years — first at West Bend and then on Mack Road where he has lived for over 35 years. Once he also operated a grist mill at West Bend. Along with his store he has also operated a used car lot, a junkyard and an auction sale.

Strickland said he had attended various churches throughout his lifetime but it was only in recent years, after his 80th birthday, that he changed "his way of living."

His conversion occurred at the Amity Hills Baptist Church where he was later baptized and admitted into the membership of the church. He attends the services regularly along with a friend, Mrs. Pearl Rollins, who serves as a Sunday School teacher at the church.

### **Comers Observe 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mar. 25, 1981 - One of Randolph County's outstanding families is the family of Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Their living descendants number 101 - 11 children, 47 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Two of the 13 children born to their marriage are deceased.

Mr. Comer is 88 years of age, Mrs. Comer is 85. On Mar. 15, the Comers observed their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

On the Saturday evening prior to their anniversary date their sons and daughters, their daughters-in-law and sons-in-law congregated at the old family homestead to join together in the annual commemoration of their marriage.

Coy Comer, once a vigorous lumberman for nearly 60 years of his life, has been confined to a wheelchair for the past 10 years. During this time his speech has been impaired. But he still communicates with a hearty smile and laughter and a keen sense of what is going on around him. During his period of disability he has continued to attend the services at the nearby Needham's Grove Church which has received strong support from the Coy L. Comer family.

His wife, Annie Florence Garner Comer, still looks after her household and the needs of her husband despite an affliction of arthritis in her knees. She continues the quilting which has characterized her marriage, assisted by her daughters, in a room which has been made larger by the removal of a partition,

Formerly they "quilted" in a smaller dwelling located near the larger house but the present arrangement permits Coy Comer to be a part of the proceedings. One daughter estimated that about 20 quilts had been made since last summer. Mrs. Comer sews all the tops together in a small hallway outside of the quilting room.

The lives of Mr. and Mrs. Comer and their children have revolved around the church and their close friendship and communion with each other. Their dedication to the former is especially noticeable at the Needham's Grove Church, where many of them attend, but is also evidenced at churches where the rest of them attend.

Their closeness as a family is reflected especially at their annual get-togethers at Christmas, Easter, and on the occasion of the anniversary of their parent's marriage. Their spontaneity and warmth among themselves and their love and respect for their father and mother pervade at these times of reunion.

For several years, before the illness of Mr. Comer, Mr. and Mrs. Comer and most of their children banded together as the Comer Family Singers, making many public

appearances and being in great demand by churches and other organizations.

The first break in the immediate family circle came in June 1953 when Mrs. Mattie Needham, the sixth child born to Mr. and Mrs. Comer, was killed in a tractor accident. The next death to divide the family circle occurred when Mrs. Edith Yow died two years ago this past June.

The remaining children in the succession of their births are: Mrs. Mettie Williamson, Rt. 2, Seagrove; Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Rt. 2, Robbins; twin sister of Mrs. Edith Yow; Tracy Comer and Bill Comer, Rt. 2, Seagrove; Ted Comer, Mrs. Evelyn Caviness and Mrs. Helen Ritter, Rt. 1, Robbins; Mrs. Lola Upton, Wake Forest and Ramseur; Carroll Comer, Robbins; and Rev. Arnold Comer, Winston-Salem.

The entire family has been very proud and supportive of the youngest of the 13 children, the Rev. Arnold Comer, who surrendered his life to the ministry several years ago and who is now serving a pastorate in Winston-Salem.

### **Church Welcomes Former Pastor, Fetes Older Members**

Mar. 27, 1981 - Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, welcomed a former pastor back Sunday, Mar. 22, as the church honored members of the congregation who have attained their golden years.

A large crowd was on hand for the morning worship service at which the Rev. Troy Vaughn was the speaker. He had served two pastorates at the church, 1933-1943 and 1955-1960, for a total of 15 years.

Before he spoke several members of the honored senior citizen group rendered old-fashioned testimonies, paying tribute to the veteran minister and stating their love for the church and its sound principles.

Also speaking was Ken Vaughn, son of the Rev. Vaughn who is a member of the congregation.

Special singing was rendered by Wilbur and John Kearns, with Wilbur accompanying on an autoharp, the honored senior group, and the guest speaker who sang "Zion's Hill." The service was conducted by the pastor the Rev. Steve Saunders.

Following the special service the entire congregation enjoyed a buffet dinner in the fellowship hall.

Those honored for attaining their golden years of their lives included the Rev. and Mrs. Troy Vaughn, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Kindley, Mr. and Mrs. Cline Trotter, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kearns, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jarrell, Thelma Rush, Nell Jackson, Alberta Poole, Martha Walker, Dorothy Hughes, Blanche McKenzie, Bessie Hudson, Verdie Lambeth, Ruby York, Edith Loflin, Stella Kenyon.

### **Cranford Observes His 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Apr. 2, 1981 - Carson Clark Cranford, Rt. 2, Denton, a man of many distinctive qualities, observed his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday on Mar. 30.

He is back on his feet after spending a few days at Randolph Hospital where he was treated for pneumonia, returning home a week and a day before his birthday.

Prior to this brief illness he was in good physical shape, especially for a man of his age. He drove his automobile and mowed the spacious lawn of his country residence on N. C. 49, west of Farmer, with a riding lawn mower.

Throughout his lifetime he has lived conservatively, and with particular care for the appearance of those things for which he was responsible.

According to his son, Lester, he didn't allow any briars to grow on the banks of his ditches and he kept the limbs trimmed back from the edges of his fields.

He farmed the fields of his 127-acre farm with a team of mules and Cranford admits that "I was more foolish about them (the mules) than I should have been." But he added, "I never did have one that wouldn't do what I wanted them to do."

In the later years of his farming he bought a tractor but didn't like to use it and sold it to a neighbor.

A Davidson County native, he was born in sight of the Randolph County line in the general vicinity of his present residence; he is the son of Alson and Hannah Halton Cranford.

Later, the family moved to a place on what is now N. C. 49, just south of his present residence, when Carson was approaching young manhood and later he had the privilege of helping move the family of Ila Floe Cranford, whom he would later marry, to across the road from their residence.

He and his wife, who is now 87 years of age, will celebrate their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in May. Before an illness which has confined her in recent years, Mrs. Cranford attained 39 years of perfect attendance at the Farmer Homemakers Club and she was employed for 20 years in the school cafeteria in Farmer.

Cranford attended Bombay Academy located in the vicinity in which his family lived and at one commencement exercise he won the speaking contest for boys. Presenting him the medal which he received for this achievement was North Carolina Gov. Charles Brantley Aycock, who was the speaker for the occasion.

Cranford bought 62 acres of the land on which he presently resides before his marriage and he and his wife started their married life in a two-room house located on that tract of land. Later, they bought the additional acreage and moved to the dwelling in which they now live, remodeling it at the end of World War I and adding more rooms.

With his team of mules he raised mainly corn and wheat and after he had "sowed the wheat" he spent the winter months cutting logs for a sawmill, earning a dollar a day and leaving home before daylight carrying a lantern on his way to the sawmill.

His pastime pleasure back then was hunting opossums at night. His son said that he also liked to hunt rabbits but that he never carried a gun.

His daughter, Mrs. Melva Reynolds, of Star, has fond recollections of her father during her childhood days. She said, "I never heard him speak a harm word about anyone. I never knew a man who lived a cleaner life. I have never seen him get so busy that he couldn't help a neighbor. He never talked about people."

He is a long time member of the Salem United Methodist Church. Besides his son and daughter, he has four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

### **Reception Honors Mrs. Jesse Rich**

Apr. 2, 1981 - Mrs. Jessie Norman Rich, was honored Mar. 27 at a reception at the General Electric Clubhouse by employees who had worked under her supervision since July 1969.

Mrs. Rich, an employee of the Asheboro plant of General Electric Co. since May 1962. was the first woman to be named a supervisor at the local plant.

Hostesses at the reception honoring Mrs. Rich were Louise Kinney, leader of the toothbrush line; and Dolly York leader of the hair dryer line - the areas of Mrs. Rich's supervision at the plant (also the mirror Line).

Joining the two leaders in the sponsorship of the reception were approximately 75 employees, those presently working on the three lines and others who had previously worked in those areas.

Mrs. Rich was presented with a rocking chair and various other gifts. Present for the occasion was her husband, James M. Rich, with whom she resides at 144 S. McCrary St.

On Thursday, preceding the reception, Mrs. Rich was honored by salaried employees of the company at an event also held at the clubhouse.

Mrs. Rich is a native of Boonville in Yadkin County. She came to Asheboro in 1939 to play basketball with the woman's team at McCrary Hosiery Mills and also to work for that company. She was recruited by Neil Cockerham, who came from the area in which she lived and who at that time was associated with the athletic program at McCrary. Currently he is serving as a lieutenant with the Asheboro Police Department.

Mrs. Rich's last day of employment at General Electric Co. was Mar. 31. On the eve of her departure from the company she had high praise for her employer, saying "they have really been good to me. I am proud to have been a part of General Electric."

She has no definite plans for her days of retirement, except to "catch up on a lot of things" at her home and in other areas. Formerly, she worked as a Gray Lady at the hospital and she might resume that duty and might also consider taking some courses at Randolph Technical College.

### **St. Joseph's Church Fetes Its New Pastor**

Apr. 3, 1981 - A reception in the fellowship hall at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 512 Wainman Ave., honored the new pastor of the church, Father Louis R. McCartney, O. S. F. S. Sunday, Mar. 29.

Members of St. Joseph's Ladies Guild served as hostesses for the reception at which guests called from 3 until 5 o'clock.

The 55-year-old veteran minister, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., assumed his duties at the church on Mar. 26. The church consists of approximately 125 families comprising about 675 souls.

He came to the Asheboro church after six years at Holy Infant Catholic Church in Durham. Prior to his service at the Durham church his ministerial duties had included five assignments.

These were assistant pastor at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Wilmington, Del., instructor at Niagara Falls, N. Y. at Bishop Duffy High School; a return to St. Anthony's church in Wilmington, Del. As assistant pastor; assistant pastor at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church at Vienna, Va. ; and chaplain at St. Gertrude's Priory, a Benedictine convent and school for exceptional children at Ridgely, Md.

His preparation for the ministry included an A. B. degree in philosophy and an M. A. degree in guidance and counsel

from Catholic University of America in Washington, D. C. and attendance at the DeSales Hall School of Theology in Hyattsville, Md.

His Ordination into the ministry occurred on June 7, 1952. His religious community is found in Oblates of St. Francis from DeSales (O. S. F. S.)

### **McDowell Feted On 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday**

Apr. 9, 1981 - Talbert McDowell celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday Sunday at the home of his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hal McDowell, Rt. 2, Asheboro, with whom he has resided for more than 25 years.

At this annual observance to commemorate his birthday, other members of his immediate family in attendance included four other sons, Ernest, J. A., Thomas and Glenn; his daughter, Blanche Kivett; Mrs. Evlas McDowell, the widow of his deceased son, Howard; and two sisters, Mettie Dodson and Tura Lowe.

Special guests were Rev. Edward Bean, pastor of the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, his wife and their four children.

McDowell is a native of the Jackson Creek area, living between Piney Grove Methodist Church in Randolph County and Canaan Methodist Church in Davidson County.

He was the second of 13 children born to John Riley McDowell and Claudie Louvine Hoover McDowell and had to quit the Piney Grove School at an early age to "help my daddy farm and raise the other children."

He hauled crossties to Asheboro at the age of 10 and remembers how he bought his first pair of "Sunday Shoes," by cutting three cords of wood.

He moved to Asheboro in 1930 and worked for 25 years at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill until his retirement.

Since the death of his wife, the former Nannie Coltrane, in 1955 he has lived with his son and daughter-in-law. He helps around the premises of his son's home and mows the yard with a riding lawnmower.

### **New Church Dedicated**

Apr. 10, 1981 - Last Sunday was a day of rejoicing for the congregation of East Side Baptist Church as they held services of dedication for their new church structure on U. S. 64, East Dixie Drive.

The new edifice is imposing in its newest site at the highest crest of the highway, the former location of Randolph Telephone Co. The church was formerly located a short distance away, across the highway and to the northwest.

It was clearly an emotional day of dedication for the East Side pastor, Rev. Donald M. Jones, who came to the church six and one-half years ago, the trustees and deacons who joined with him in the direction of the extensive building program, and the entire congregation as well.

The construction of the building, the purchase of the site, the furnishings and equipment which went into the building, and the landscaping of the 3.8-acre tract of land on which the building is located cost approximately \$440,000.

Funds used to pay this amount came from the sale of the former church property to the company which is building a shopping center on land which includes the former site of the church. Although an existing indebtedness remains from improvements at the previous site, there was no indebtedness incurred on the new construction.

The new T-shaped church structure, with a brick exterior and interior, contains 7,500 square footage of space, consisting of sanctuary, six classrooms, library, nursery, church office, pastor's study, three bathrooms, and a balcony.

The high ceiling in the sanctuary is supported by arched beams, stained to match the paneling behind the pulpit area, with natural wood decking. The pews have upholstered seats and backs, matching the green wall-to-wall carpeting of the entire area.

A large cross, glittering in red illumination, is situated in the multi-colored window behind the chancel, while Old Testament symbols were placed in the multi-colored windows on one side of the sanctuary and New Testament symbols on the other side.

Colon Cheek, a Randolph County native who heads up the C. A. Brown Construction Co. Inc. in Thomasville, was the contractor for the new construction. He was recognized for his services, along with David Jessup, brick mason and Raymond Brady, carpenter.

Rev. John Long, the second pastor to serve the East Side church, was present to speak during the morning worship service and do participate in the service of dedication in the afternoon. He is now a resident of Colfax and engaged as an evangelist. Many other visiting ministers attended the services of dedication, especially the afternoon service.

Special singing was provided by the Burns Trio from the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville, S. C. and local church groups.

In attendance were eight of the 12 charter members who organized the East Side Baptist Church on Nov. 11, 1962, including Emmett Thomas who assisted the Rev. Gurney Harrelson in the beginning of a mission which preceded the organization on the second Sunday in Aug. 1962.

The last service held in the former church building was Sunday, Sept. 28, 1980. Until the new structure was completed services were held in the fellowship building which was moved to the new site, with Sunday School classes convening in the former telephone building which was moved to the back side of the new site.

The sanctuary at the old site was sold to the Soul Saving Station in Asheboro, who in turn moved it to a new site and renovated it for permanent use as their house of worship.

### **Mrs. Sallie Hall Celebrates 95th**

Apr. 10, 1981 - Mrs. Sallie Robbins Hall, a native of the Randleman area, was honored by family members last Saturday evening on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and various in-laws congregated at the home of Mrs. Hall's youngest daughter, Mrs. Richard Earl (Jean) Johnson, 710 Galway Place, in Asheboro.

Joining Mrs. Johnson in the celebration of their mother's birthday were her sisters, Mrs. Margaret Johns, North Hollywood Calif., Mrs. Mary Cochrane, Atlanta, Ga. And Daytona Beach, Fla., Mrs. Edith Matthews, Greensboro, and their brother, James Lee Hall, Jr., Randleman.

Mrs. Johnson, her sisters and brother had also gotten together earlier in Jan. but that time it was due to the serious illness of Mrs. Hall and her hospitalization at The Randolph Hospital.

After her discharge from the hospital Mrs. Hall came to reside with Mrs. Johnson, leaving her home in Randleman, located next to the Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church,

where she had lived since her marriage to James Lee Hall, Sr. Jan. 14, 1912. Mr. Hall died in 1946.

Prior to her illness in Jan., Mrs. Hall had worked consistently at her home, making quilts, afghans, and other embroidered handiwork. The items she made were marketed at the Blue Hobby Horse, operated by Mrs. Richard Petty.

Mrs. Hall is one of 21 children born to John Quincy Robbins and two wives. He was first married to Abigail (Abby) Hardin, Mrs. Hall's mother, and they were the parents of nine children, of which Mrs. Hall is the only surviving member. After his first wife's death, he was married to Lundie Owens and they had 12 children.

Mrs. Hall has been a member of the Mt. Lebanon church for most of the time since her marriage. She taught a Sunday school class there for 30 years or more. She has been very consistent in her loyalty and attendance at the church.

She received flowers from the church on the occasion of her birthday, with many of her friends from the church and the area visiting her during the weekend of her birthday celebration. She also received more than 100 congratulatory cards and was the recipient of two birthday cakes, one of which was baked by her half-sister, Mrs. Nora Brown, Rt. 3, Randleman.

### **Cyclists See Seagrove**

Apr. 13, 1981 - Four cyclists from Middlebury College, Vt. Got the taste of southern hospitality last Thursday evening when they were entertained by members of the congregation at Seagrove United Church of Christ and some town officials.

Students Jim Healy, Hancock, Mich., Cindy Makin, Thorton, N. H., Cindy Lewis, Saudi Arabia and Andover, Mass.; and Pam Dinsmore, Quebec, Canada, were taking advantage of a spring break at Middlebury College, described by them as "a small liberal arts college", for a bicycle tour of the central part of North Carolina.

Another student accompanying them, Dave Hill, of Pittsburgh, Pa., omitted the Seagrove stop to visit with his girl friend at Chapel Hill.

All members of the senior class at Middlebury, the students had, in previous school years, cycled through the Outer Banks area of North Carolina during their breaks at the school.

The students left the college on the previous Friday evening by automobile, spent that night in Washington, D. C. and drove down to Jamestown the next day where they parked their car and continued their tour on 10-speed bicycles.

Before reaching Seagrove they rode their bicycles to Tanglewood Park, the Union Grove Campground in Iredell County, the Cross Country Campgrounds at Lake Norman and the Morrow Mountain recreational facility before coming to Seagrove by way of Troy where their plans to tour the Uwharrie Mountain area were cancelled due to the rain last Thursday.

Before starting the tour they had written Nancy Reeder, the town clerk at Seagrove, about securing lodging for the night they planned to spend in Seagrove. They had also written officials in other areas concerning places to stay. Some answered and others ignored the inquiry.

But Seagrove responded with an offer from Mrs. Reeder's church, the Seagrove United Church of Christ, for not only

lodging but a meal as well. The latter hospitality included Seagrove Mayor Vera Richardson, council members Mrs. Ethel McCaskill and Mrs. Barbara Luther.

Other officials joining in the buffet supper, which was served in the fellowship hall, included Mrs. Blanche Spencer, the town's tax collector, who is a member of the Seagrove United Church of Christ, and Richard Gillson, Chief of Police in Seagrove.

Rev. Bill Hodnett, pastor of the church, and Mayor Richardson spoke words of welcome to the four cycling students before the eating of the sumptuous food which had been prepared by the ladies of the church, Mayor Richardson and Councilwomen McCaskill and Luther.

The students were overwhelmed at the hospitality extended to them. None of the other towns they had visited had offered any food and not many of them lodging without charging.

One of the students, Cindy Lewis, referring to the food, said "this is like Thanksgiving," another one, Pam Dinsmore, said "it is better than Thanksgiving," and still another said "I can't believe it."

There was also laughter, especially among the local people, when Jim Healy, not versed in southern foods, referred to the turnip greens he ate as "turnip tops."

The students had especially wanted to stop overnight in a small town like Seagrove, similar to size to Thorton, N. H., the hometown of Cindy Makin.

### **Radio Club Sets Jamboree Date**

Apr. 14, 1981 - The Good Will C. B. Club, Inc., comprised of members from both Randolph and Moore Counties will hold their third annual jamboree on Saturday, May 16, at the Davis Recreational Center on N. C. 705 just west of Robbins.

The jamboree will begin at 9a. m. and will continue until 12p. m. Three grand prizes will amount to \$350. 00. Door prizes will be presented and eight trophies will be awarded.

There will be gospel music in the afternoon and country and western music in the evening. Various types of food and cold drinks will be served along with coffee.

The Good Will C. B. Club, which has the motto "help us help our fellow man," was organized four years ago in Aug. The club's aims are to "Promote citizen band radios and to help the needy, sick and old."

Their participation has included coffee breaks, Gospel singings, and a supper.

They have raised money for cancer patients and other afflicted people and they have assisted in two March of Dimes drives. At Christmas they contribute to the elderly, the handicapped, and the needy.

Their first president and also their current president is Jerry Davis. Other officers are Broadus Chriscoe, vice president; Julia Ann Marsh, secretary; and Gaylene Albright, treasurer.

Charter members include the above officers, along with Herbert Lambert, Merle Lambert, Clara Belle Chriscoe, Dwain Albright, Weldon Williamson, Norma Williamson, Jessie Davis, Fred Marsh, William Rogers, Mary Jo Rogers, Page McNeill, Mae McNeill, Reece Mabe, and Dorothy Mabe.

Additional members are Charles Hinson, Betty Hinson, Debbie Kinley, and Dean Kinley. The club meets every third Saturday night in the month.

A year following their organization the club organized a Junior club.

### **Pyrtles Honored On Anniversary**

Apr. 19, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. William Vestal Pyrtle, Jr. of Rt. 2, Denton celebrated their 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 12, in the fellowship hall of New Union United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Tim (Gaye) Armstrong of Rt. 3, Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Jan) Richardson of Rt. 8, Asheboro, Terry Pyrtle and Larry Pyrtle of the home and Billy Pyrtle, a student at the North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton.

Also assisting with the reception were Mrs. Roxie Hall, sister of Mr. Pyrtle and Mrs. Sandra Satterfield, neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Pyrtle.

Following the reception the couple were further honored by their children at a supper at Western Sizzlin Steak House in Asheboro, of which their son, Larry is the manager.

Besides their children Mr. and Mrs. Pyrtle also have three grandchildren, Stacey and Shane Armstrong and Kristy Pyrtle.

Mr. and Mrs. Pyrtle were married Apr. 14, 1951 in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Pyrtle is the former Norma Jane Ledwell, daughter of the late J. E. Ledwell and Ada McPherson Ledwell. She is employed at General Electric Co. in Asheboro.

Mr. Pyrtle is the son of the late William Vestal Pyrtle Sr. and Ada Slawter Pyrtle. He is employed with Champagne Dye works in Asheboro.

### **Rt. 1, Sophia Couple Feted On Anniversary**

Apr. 21, 1981 - The four daughters and sons-in-laws of McLean and Vadalia Farlow honored the couple on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 12, at their home on Rt. 1, Sophia.

Hosts for the reception which began at 2p. m. were Elizabeth Ann and Larry Rich of Greensboro. Amelia and Keith Davis of Randleman, Elaine and Robert Skalany of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Beverly and Michael Hilliard of Sophia.

The reception was held in the same house in which McLain and Vadalia were married Apr. 12, 1941 in what was then the home of Vadalia's parents, the late Cecil A. Farlow and Mabel Lowe Farlow. Officiating at the ceremony 40 years ago was Friends Minister Ed Harris.

McLain is the son of the late Percy Farlow and Marjorie Cannon Farlow.

Besides their four daughters the couple has nine grandchildren.

Vadalia a graduate of High Point College, taught school for 33 years at Nathaniel Greene in Guilford County and New Market in Randolph County.

McLain is a veteran of World War II and has been a farmer for several years.

Both McLain and Vadalia are birthright members of Marlboro Friends Meeting where Vadalia presently serves as recording clerk.

About 100 Meetinghouse members, friends, and relatives attended the reception, some from Illinois, Benson, Durham, and Winston-Salem.



The four daughters and sons-in-law alternated in greeting the guests. On display were mementoes of the engagement, wedding, and honeymoon, including newspaper clippings, the marriage certificate and photographs.

### **McMasters Cemetery Links Historic Past To Present**

Apr. 23, 1981 - A new chain link fence has recently been placed around the McMasters Cemetery, also known as the Old Mack Cemetery, three miles west of Staley.

There are also further plans for improvement including cleaning the cemetery, erecting some fallen monuments, straightening other markers and placing them in concrete. A work day for these and other improvements has been scheduled for Saturday beginning at 8a. m.

The chain link fence was purchased by the Peter Kivett Family Association of Randolph County at a cost of \$1,400. Spearheading this purchase and other improvements were Willard Hiatt, president of the association, and Larry Wall, the immediate past president.

Peter Kivett, whose original homeland was Holland, is believed to be the forefather not only of the Kivetts in this area but also Kivetts throughout the United States. Many family members around the United States participated in the purchase of the chain link fence.

Reunion president Hiatt is also conferring with N. C. State Archives on the possibility of placing the former Kivett land, and old house and cemetery on the National Register of Historic Sites. The original grant of land to Peter Kivett was made by Lord Granville and it is thought that his entire acreage amounted to 1,302 acres.

More than half of the estimated 110 graves in the cemetery have markers, some with names and others without. Oldest dates on those with names were William Allredge, who died Nov. 13, 1789, and his wife, Elizabeth, who died Oct. 24, 1793, and Peter Kivett, who died Sept. 28, 1794, and his wife, Anna Barbara, who died July 26, 1797.

An Epitaph on Anna Barbara's soapstone monument, similar to the one at her husband's grave, was inscribed with these words, "My soul is above this earth, raised by Jesus there to sing His praises." The stone which comprises their monuments is similar to the product which was formerly processed at the soapstone mine which was located in the area.

An easement was secured by reunion officials from adjoining landowners Benjamin Foust and Floyd Langley, providing right of way into the property which is located off of State Road 2458 and also gave the right to clean and maintain the cemetery and to erect the chain link fence.

The easement listed the dimensions of the cemetery as having approximately 180 feet on the eastern side, 174 feet on the northern side, 105 feet on the western side, and 183 feet on the southern side.

Family names found on the various monuments besides the Kivetts and the Allredges were McMasters, Williams, McCollum, York, Stout, Craven, Scotten, Foust, Boroughs, Caviness and Nelson. There were more McMasters than any other family.

Reunion president Hiatt expressed his appreciation to those who helped and donated money for the cemetery project. Saying, "We had a lot of good help from a lot of people."

### **Historic Church Site to Hold 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Apr. 23, 1981 - The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the present building of worship at Salem United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Denton, will be observed at a special service Sunday morning, May 3, beginning at 11a. m.

A plaque will be presented to the church in memory of Ivy Kearns, Henry Harrison Kearns, John Thompson, Emory B. Kearns, D. Green McMasters, Samuel W. Kearns, Calier Steed Kearns, and others who helped to build the present sanctuary in the winter and spring of 1881.

This plaque will be presented by Dwight Nance and Gary Nance, descendants of Thomas Nance, who helped to build the first church at the Salem site in 1822. Dwight Nance is chairman of the board at Salem and Gary Nance is the superintendent of the Sunday School.

Prior to the erection of the first building in 1822 the society of Methodists, the first to be formed in that community, worshipped at Russell's Schoolhouse, about a quarter of a mile west of the present Salem site. Records indicate that these meetings began in 1818.

Helping to build the first house of worship in 1822, in addition to Thomas Nance, were William Thompson, Silas Kearns, William Wood, Isaac Jackson, and others. According to a history of Salem United Methodist Church, this first building was referred to as "a good house in its time."

Speaker for the anniversary service will be Dr. Marvin S. Kincheloe, of Damascus, Va., a former pastor of the church. His subject will be "The Cloud of Witnesses" and his text will be found in Hebrews 12:1.

Neale Kearns, of Asheboro, will also speak on "Our Ancestors." A picnic luncheon will be held on the grounds during the noon hour and a singing will be held in the afternoon. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Scott Owens.

All of the men who helped to build the present church building 100 years ago, in whose memory the plaque will be presented, were members of the Kearns family except for one, John Thompson.

Many of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of William and Mary King Kearns, the first members of the family to come to this area, are buried in the cemetery at Salem. William and Mary King Kearns, who came from Ireland between 1760 and 1765, are buried in a remote family cemetery, a couple of miles or so from the Salem church site.

Other members of the Kearns family, Isaac Franklin Kearns, served as pastor of the church in 1865. His parents, Allen and Nancy Wood Kearns, once lived and owned what is now the Carl Green Nance place across the road from the Salem Cemetery.

The 1881 building at Salem, which will be commemorated in the anniversary service, was dedicated July 1, 1883 by the Rev. W. S. Black who served as its pastor in 1882. His text was "And Abraham Gave All That He Had To Isaac." The only basic change in the structure since its erection 100 years ago has been the addition of Sunday School rooms at the rear of the building in 1953.

An excerpt from the famed Bishop Francis Asbury's Journal and Letters, dated Dec. 17, 1793, tells of a visit which was presumably in the area in which Salem is located.



Bishop Asbury wrote: "After eating, we had to ride sixteen or eighteen miles in the evening home with brother McGee. In the morning we crossed Deep River, in a flat, not without danger; then down Caraway Creek to Randolph Town; thence to Uwharrie at Fuller's Ford. Here we were assisted by some young men with a canoe. Thank the Lord, both men and horses were preserved! These young men sometimes prayed and sometimes swore. After riding three miles, came to Wood's, but Russell's was the place of preaching, where I found some who had heard me in Virginia many years past."

Then Rev. Brantley York, the founder of Trinity College, tells about attending a camp meeting in the latter part of Aug., 1824 in the southern portion of Randolph County at a church called Salem. He praised the hospitality which he and two companions received at the meeting.

He wrote again in Aug., 1837 about attending and preaching at another camp meeting at Salem. He said, "the kind of treatment with which I was favored by the Salem tent holders made a lasting impression on my mind. These were Nances, the Lewises, the Ingrams, the Kearns, the Woods, and many others. I remember them with gratitude."

One of the prized possessions of the Salem United Methodist Church is an old record book which is only two years younger than the church itself. It was bought by Emory B. Kearns for the price of one dollar.

According to an inspection of the fly leaf the book was purchased, "with an earnest regard that in this book shall be kept a faithful record of all business transactions of the society at Salem, also a list of members and the date when they joined and when transferred or died, with other items that may be of interest to the rising generation."

### **Randleman Class of '31 Holds Its 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

May 3, 1981 - The 1931 graduating class at Randleman High School held a reunion at Camp Caraway on Apr. 25.

It was their first reunion since their final graduating exercise nearly fifty years ago in the old high school auditorium on May 28, 1931. For some it was their first opportunity to see each other since that time.

Nineteen members from a class of 44 attended the reunion—Grace Caviness Millikan, Notre Redding Hollingsworth, Opal Graves Russell, Allene Julian Pugh, Elizabeth Turner Moore, Ada Penn Coltrane, Mellise Lambe Worsham, Ruby Lassiter Culver, Daisy Robbins Farlow, Mildred Brookshire Trogdon, Mavour Underwood Poole, Catherine Farlow Andrews, Halcie Millikan Beeson, Arza Stevens, John Edward Caudle, Isaac N. Phillips, W. Forrest Matthews, Horace Lineberry, and Joe S. Powell.

Also present was the school principal at the time of their graduation, Professor H. H. Hamilton.

Deceased members are Robert H. Allred, Samuel N. Bowman, killed in World War II, Elwood C. Brookshire, Eunice Canoy Lanier, Mary Elizabeth Coltrane McCain, Irene Farlow Briles, Mary Farlow Hickerson, Lacy L. Gaster, Earl E. Graves, Ollie Newby Dorsett, Zora Powell Hodge, Arch T. Russell, Kenneth W. Sink, Mildred Talley Crawford, and Juanita Wood Brown.

Absent members were James Baldwin, Millie Dennis Millikan, James Harrelson, Helen Stevenson Harrelson, Leard Brown, Mecia Short Abston, Grover McCollum, Grady Farlow, Mary Everhart Vickery, and Hal Allred.

### **Couple Feted On Anniversary**

May 6, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Cooper of 294 E. Allred Street, were honored on their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Apr. 26, at their home.

Hosts for the reception which began at 3 o'clock were their daughter Teresa Harmon of Rt. 3, Randleman and Mrs. Cooper's nieces, Deborah Mitchell and Cathy Crotts.

The couple also have a son, Robert Cooper of Randleman who was present for the reception, and four grandchildren.

They were married Apr. 20, 1946 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Paul Bruton. The witnesses at their marriage ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Waymond Beane, were also present at their anniversary celebration, along with several other friends and relatives.

Mrs. Cooper is the former Maxine Cranford, daughter of the late Carson and Maybell Varner Cranford. Mr. Cooper is the son of the late William and Lillie Luther Cooper. He is employed as a loom fixer at the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills, Burlington Industries.

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

May 7, 1981 - A Central Falls Couple, Mr. and Mrs. William Tarrif Lamb, were honored by their family Sunday, Apr. 26, on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosting a reception at Camp Caraway Baptist Center were their two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wayne (Nancy) Coble of Randleman and Mr. and Mrs. Terry R. (Carolyn) Dezern of Rt. 6, Asheboro.

The family group also includes two grandchildren, Wayne Randall (Randy) Coble and Sandra Dezern.

Relatives and friends of the couple greeted them from 3 until 5 p. m.

But prior to the beginning of the reception the couple renewed their marriage vows in a ring ceremony conducted by their pastor, the Rev. J. C. Mangum of the Central Falls Baptist Church.

The ceremony also featured the appearance of Malcolm (Mack) Strider, music director at the Central Falls church, who sang, "Beulah Land."

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb are both natives of the eastern section of Randolph County where both of them attended the Mt. View School.

Mrs. Lamb, the former Essie Hunt, is the daughter of the late Walter and Lillie Robbins Hunt while Mr. Lamb is the son of the late W. C. and Mary Hughes Lamb.

Their marriage occurred Apr. 30, 1931.

Mr. Lamb is a retired employee of Burlington Socks. However, both he and Mrs. Lamb are part-time employees at Camp Caraway Baptist Center where their anniversary celebration was held on Sunday, May 26.

### **Evangelist Answered Call**

May 7, 1981 - Claudie Harrison, a Baptist evangelist living at Rt. 3, Denton, had very little contact with the church and religious matters before he felt called by the spirit of God nearly eleven years ago.

In fact, he had only been to church a few times before his marriage to Peggy Ann Latham, of the Gravel Hill Baptist Church community in the southwestern part of Randolph County.

Before he walked the aisle at a Sunday morning worship service at the Gravel Hill church to accept Christ, he said he had felt the power of God.

He said, "my conversion was so powerful, I felt the irresistible power of God."

Three months after his conversion he began feeling that he was called to preach. But it was about ten months after his conversion that he announced his decision.

His announcement that he was called to preach at a Sunday afternoon prayer service at the Liberty United Methodist Church, also located in the New Hope Township area in which he and his family were living.

He got his first chance to preach the next Wednesday evening at the mid-week service at the Gravel Hill church where he and his wife were attending and where they are still members.

His first sermon dispelled any doubt which he might have had about the religious calling. He preached without hesitation, and with ease and clarity.

Prior to his conversion he had been unfamiliar with the Scriptures.

In Nov. of that year he assumed the pastorate of the Farmer Baptist Church where he remained for more than four years. He then served the Lane Street Baptist Church in Kannapolis for 18 months before entering the field of evangelism.

His evangelistic work has included a crusade at the Denton Airport, the Bethel Camp Meeting at China Grove, the High Rock Camp Meeting, sponsored by the High Rock Baptist Church in Davidson County, and various churches in Randolph County and elsewhere.

Along with his evangelistic campaigns he has since last Oct. been filing the pulpit at the Bethel Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, his second time to serve the church in that capacity.

Although a fundamentalist and separatist in theological beliefs, he doesn't have "the attitude of a Pharisee" and does not confine his ministry to churches that adhere to those beliefs.

He preaches in churches of various denominations and is himself a member of Gravel Hill Baptist Church, a missionary Baptist church in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Nearly 38 years old, his life has more practical aspects than those which are usually associated with some ministers. He has worked hard all his life and still engages in outside employment along with his ministerial activities.

Over the past few years since entering the ministry he has worked in a textile plant, he has been a brick mason, and he has worked at a sawmill, work that included cutting logs, running a skidder, tripping and packing out lumber, and other sawmill duties.

While serving the Kannapolis church he laid brick for the new fellowship building which was erected during his pastorate there. Recently he and his wife and their three children, Tammy, 16, Pam, 12, and Claudie Jr. (Jody) 9, have moved into a new home on which he did most of the work.

Their new home, located on the Gravel Hill Church Road, near Mrs. Harrison's childhood home, has a partial construction of field stone. An exposed chimney on the interior of the house is constructed with sandstones, with the minister doing all of the masonry work.

The new house contains a full basement, in which a large space has been set aside for the minister's study. A patio at the rear of the house, 10 feet wide and more than fifty feet

across the entire width of the dwelling, affords a full view of the countryside for a distance of many miles.

The people of the community say they are proud of the change which came into the life of Claudie Harrison and proud of his ministry which serves them and the people of other areas. Harrison said, "I'd rather live here than anywhere else."

### **Wesleyan Church Plans Auction Sale**

May 8, 1981 - Two organizations at the Crestview Wesleyan Church, Rt. 7, Asheboro, are planning a large auction sale Saturday, May 9, at 2015 S. Fayetteville Street on Hwy. 220 Business south, next to the Plywood Store, beginning at 10a. m.

Funds raised from this sale will finance the paving of the driveway at the church and possibly and the entire parking lot. These improvements will complement the new church structure which was erected few years ago.

Sponsoring the auction sale will be the Wesleyan Men and the Woman's Missionary Society at the church. It will be the first project of the former organization which only came into existence last Feb.

Many items, especially tools and household merchandise, will be sold at the auction. Peacock Auction and Real Estates Sales, comprised of Jerry and Sammy Peacock, will be selling the merchandise without charge.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Willard Kiser, President of the Wesleyan Men is Recil Cox, W. M. S. president is Mrs. Faye Hall.

### **Denton Residents Honored On Their Anniversary**

May 10, 1981 - The Rev. and Mrs. Rossie James Hobbs, former Randolph County Residents now living in Denton, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, May 3, in the fellowship building at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

Around 200 people came from many areas to greet the couple from 3 until 5 o'clock.

Ramseur Wesleyan church is one of the pastorates served by the Rev. Hobbs since he entered the ministry in 1945. He stayed at the Ramseur church for nine years.

Other pastorates have been at Draper, Mebane, Foster Street Church in Asheboro, Forrest City, and Denton. During this time he has also studied at Owosso Bible College in Michigan and Pilgrim Bible College in Kernersville, serving also a faculty member at the latter school after it became Kernersville Wesleyan College.

Both the Rev. and Mrs. Hobbs are natives of Greensboro. Mrs. Hobbs is the former Ruby May Medley. The couple were married Apr. 25, 1931 in Danville, Va.

Before entering the ministry, the Rev. Hobbs was employed in textiles and several businesses, including operation of the Parrish Grocery at the end of Sunset Ave. in Asheboro.

His conversion and call to the ministry occurred 40 years ago at the Second Pilgrim Holiness Church in Greensboro under the ministry of the Rev. W. A. Way, a minister who was well known to Randolph County people.

Hosts for the reception which honored the Rev. and Mrs. Hobbs were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Rossie Hobbs Jr. of Eden, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Blanche) Allred of Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Taft (Freda) Scarlette of Mebane, the Rev. and Mrs. Archie Hobbs of Raleigh, Mr.

and Mrs. Clyde Hobbs of Midland, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Esther) Lucas of Spring Lake.

Other family members include 16 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

At a reception guests were greeted by Mrs. Madge Kivett, a member of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, and Mrs. Joyce Kinney, a member of the Ramseur Wesleyan Church. Among those in attendance was the Rev. Carroll Upton, superintendent of the N. C. District East of the Wesleyan Church and the Rev. W. Lee Cockrell, assistant superintendent.

### **Dr. Vance Havner To Bring the Message To Revival Services**

May 15, 1981 - One of the nation's outstanding preachers, Dr. Vance Havner, will be featured in a series of revival services at Balfour Baptist Church, 1644 N. Fayetteville St., beginning Sunday, May 17 at 11 o'clock and continuing through Wednesday, May 20.

The Sunday night service will begin at 7 o'clock, with the remaining night services beginning at 7:30, and preceded by special inspirational music beginning at 7:10 p. m. The pastor of the church is the Rev. B. L. Kincaid.

Dr. Havner, who will reach his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday in Oct., was the subject of a biography, "Journey from Jugtown," published in 1977. At that time, he had delivered over 13,000 sermons and participated in more than 1,000 revival campaigns and conferences.

The forward in this biography was written by another outstanding evangelist, Billy Graham, who said "I do not know of any man in my generation who has so stirred revival fires in the hearts of so many people throughout the nation as has Vance Havner."

Dr. Vance Houston Havner was born in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina in a little community known as Jugtown, located west of Newton, the county seat of Catawba County. The name Jugtown was derived from his father's trade as a potter.

He was converted and baptized in South Fork River at the age of 10, licensed to preach at the age of 12, and ordained into the ministry at Corinth Baptist Church, in which he was reared, at the age of 15.

When word got out about the "boy preacher," the country churches in Catawba contacted him for services and at the age of 12 he was invited by the First Baptist Church in Hickory for a service, at which the estimated congregation numbered 1,800 people.

His first educational pursuit was at Hog Hill, Jugtown's only educational institution and a school without grades. From there he went to South Fork Institute, a struggling little Baptist school at Maiden, then to Boiling Springs High School, which is now Gardner-Webb Baptist College, then to Catawba College, a denominational college sponsored by the Reformed Church, and finally to Wake Forest College where he only remained for little more than one semester.

When he left Wake Forest one of his professors said to him, "My boy, you will regret this someday." Many years later, Dr. Havner said, "He may be right, but so far I haven't."

His lack of advanced formal education has not proved to be a handicap throughout the nearly 70 years of his ministry. Billy Graham has also said that "Vance Havner is the most quoted preacher in this country today" and this

statement is probably based on the hundreds of articles he has written for religious journals and more than 30 books.

In 1971 he received the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Gardner-Webb Baptist College, after having preached the commencement sermon for that institution.

Also, he has been widely acclaimed by such illustrious institutions as Moody Bible Institute, Wheaton College, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Southern Baptist Convention, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, various state conventions and other groups and agencies throughout the country.

The Rev. Kincaid invites the general public to attend the services at which Dr. Havner will be speaking. Several other churches have indicated a desire to cancel their regular services and attend.

### **Beldings Honored on 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May 17, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Belding of 1114 Cliff Road, who were married Saturday, May 10, 1941, were honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, May 10, at their home.

It was a surprise celebration hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Barbara) Varny Jr. of Hamstead, Md., Joe Belding of Pittsboro and Miss Jan Belding of Carrboro. Their immediate family also includes two grandchildren, Julie Varny, nine and Chad Varny, five.

Friends, relatives and neighbors who called at the Belding residence from one until 4 p. m. were served with a buffet luncheon.

As a part of the celebration Mr. and Mrs. Belding renewed their marriage vows in a brief ceremony performed by their pastor, Father Louis R. McCartney of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Attending them were Mrs. Ina McNeill, sister of Mrs. Belding, who attended their wedding and signed their marriage certificate 40 years ago and also hosted a wedding supper in their honor at that time.

Other sisters of Mrs. Belding in attendance at the anniversary celebration were Mrs. Ronnie Madaris of Asheboro and Mrs. Connie Smith of Clarksburg, W. Va. Mrs. Belding, a native of Moore County, was the former Omnie Baldwin. She was reared at Mills Home in Thomasville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Belding are employees at Bossong Hosiery Mill. Mr. Belding, a native of Charleston, S. C. has been employed at the plant for over 40 years and is presently serving as plant engineer.

Out of state guests at the anniversary celebration, in addition to Mrs. Smith, were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Varny Sr. of Baltimore, Md. And Mr. and Mrs. Bob Clark of Warren, Ohio. J. J. Belding and Bob Clark served together in the U. S. Navy during World War II.

Plans for the anniversary celebration were finalized Sunday morning while Mr. and Mrs. Belding were away from their home attending church.

### **Reception Honors Asheboro Couple**

May 17, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. George Randolph Graves of Rt. 4, Asheboro, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Saturday, May 9, in the fellowship hall at Flag Springs United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their children Mrs. Duane Louise Gunter of Rt. 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Billy (Betty Sue) Brown of Rt. 4, Asheboro and Bobby Graves of Rt. 8,

Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Graves are natives of Union township. Mrs. Graves from the High Pine area and Mr. Graves from nearer to Pisgah.

Mrs. Graves is the former Glenna Voncannon, daughter of W. L. and Louella Parks Voncannon. Mr. Graves parents were Samuel and Lena Beane Graves.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Graves are retired employees of General Electric Co.

Guests called at their reception from three until five o'clock.

Their family also includes six grandchildren.

## **Grays Chapel Students Honor School Caretaker**

May 24, 1981 - An overwhelming expression of love and esteem was manifested by the student body at Grays Chapel School on May 15 when their beloved caretaker, Junius Routh, retired.

Although his tenure of service had been comparatively brief, only seven years, he had won the hearts and influenced the lives of the 500-plus students at the school. He was their friend and confidant, and they came to him with their problems.

His first knowledge that his last day at the school would be eventful came during the morning when upon returning to the school grounds after an errand elsewhere he saw the large sign on the outside of the building "We Love Junius."

Then many of the students blossomed forth with lapel signs proclaiming "Junius Routh Day" with the additional statement "I Love Junius."

But that was only the beginning. Prior to the dismissal of school he was called to the gymnasium where all of the students and teachers had assembled, along with his wife, Daisy Lee, who is a teacher at the school, and their four children - Linda, Julie, Jill and John.

As he entered the gymnasium he received a standing ovation. He had no knowledge of what had been planned and wondered why an assembly was being held that time of the day.

The observance of "Junius Routh Day" proceeded under the direction of Sylvan Routh, principal of the school, who said Junius' presence at the school had provided the students "with an extra ear" in addition to the teachers and other school officials.

Presentations of various tokens of their love then came from some 18 classes at the school, including a poem and a song especially written for the occasion and a cake especially baked for Routh.

But the most outstanding presentation was a gold watch which came from the entire student body, purchased from funds which they had provided.

After the program had ended perhaps the most touching aspect of the whole event occurred when Jenny Coble, a member of the special education class, came forward to extend her tribute. But she was overcome with the emotion of the occasion and ended up by throwing her arms around the retiring caretaker and embracing him.

The recipient of the tributes and the gifts was also overcome and did not trust himself to respond publicly. But as soon as the assembly ended he talked with the various groups who surrounded him.

A native of the Grays Chapel area, he resides at Rt. 1, Franklinville. Before accepting the position at the school he

worked as a salesman for more than 20 years at the Chevrolet agency in Liberty.

## **Denton Couple Feted**

May 28, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Hughes of Rt. 2, Denton, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday, May 17, in the fellowship building at Amity Hills Baptist Church.

Hosts were their children, Mrs. Ruby Hoover of Lexington, Mrs. Helen Trotter of Rt. 2, Asheboro. Austin Hughes of Charlotte, and Mrs. Virginia Bullard of Rt. 3, Denton.

The couple also have 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes were married May 18, 1921 in Lexington.

Mrs. Hughes, the former Eida Jane Varner, daughter of the late Charlie and Celia Kindley Varner, is a native of the Hughes Grove Baptist Church area near the Randolph-Davidson line.

Mr. Hughes, son of the late Edward (Ed) Hughes and Emma May Hughes, is a native of the Clarksberry United Methodist Church area in Davidson County.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes now live on Highway 109, near the Tom's Creek Primitive Baptist Church. He is 81 years of age and she is 78.

## **Bulla Book Recounts Origins**

May 28, 1981 - The Bulla Book, which has much of its origin in Randolph County, will be published later this year and will contain more than 500 pages of colorful family history.

It begins with Thomas Bulla, Sr., an emigrant from Northern Ireland who settled in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa., and continues with Thomas Bulla, Jr. who came to Randolph County in the late 1700's and established a homestead on Back Creek, about five miles northwest of Asheboro.

Descendants of Thomas Bulla, Jr. and his wife, Esther Weddis Bulla, will comprise the major portion of the book, including their ten children, including seven born in Randolph County.

The first three children, William, James, and Thomas III, were born in Sadsbury township, Chester County, Pa.; the others, Sally, Isaac, Joseph, John, Daniel, Betsy, and Uriah, at the old homestead on Back Creek in Randolph County.

The birth of the first child to be born in Randolph County, Sally, occurred in 1781. This confirms that for 200 years Bullas have lived in Randolph County. The old homestead, still standing, has been occupied by members of the Bulla family continuously since that time. The present occupant is Henry Bulla, a great-great-grandson of Thomas Bulla, Jr.

Thomas Bulla, Jr. died Jan. 26, 1809 and is buried in the family cemetery situated across the creek from the old homestead. Family burials in this cemetery were discontinued in 1903 with the death of Alfred Bulla, grandson of Thomas Bulla, Jr., who also resided at the old homestead.

After the death of Thomas Bulla, Jr. his widow, Esther, and most of their children left for the western states or elsewhere. Only Daniel Bulla, who also lived at the old homestead with his wife and 11 children, and John Bulla remained in Randolph County.

Esther Bulla, who died Feb. 28, 1851 at the age of 93 in

Richmond, Wayne County, Ind., wrote a letter to her son Daniel in 1825, requesting that he send to her the large print Bible which "would suit my eyes much better."

In addition to the large number of family groups, which will be listed in the Bulla Book, it will also contain early wills, land grants, deeds and biographies.

The author of the book is Robert A. Gennings, of Grants Pass, Oregon and San Diego, Calif., whose maternal grandmother was Kesiah Bulla Brannon, daughter of William W. Bulla, and granddaughter of James Bulla, the second son of Thomas Bulla, Jr. and Esther Weddis Bulla.

Gennings started research on his grandmother's family in 1975 and intensified his efforts in 1979 when he found the genealogical information which had been compiled on the Bulla family about 70 years earlier by his grandmother's first cousin, Levi Bulla, but never finalized into a family history. Since obtaining Levi Bulla's family information Gennings has worked almost full time on the compilation of the Bulla Book.

Members of the family from Randolph County who assisted in the gathering of the information about 70 years ago included Ben F. Bulla, George E. Bulla, and T. Fletcher Bulla.

Some years ago a compilation of Bulla family history was started in the local area by Mrs. Juanita Jackson Kesler whose mother was Lela Bulla Jackson. Through several years of research she obtained much information on the Bulla family, especially as it pertained to the descendants of Daniel and John Bulla who had remained here in the area in which they were born.

Since she has learned of the overall history of the Bulla family, involving family members throughout the United States, being written by Robert A. Gennings, Mrs. Kesler had made her extensive research available to him for inclusion in the Bulla Book.

Coordinating information from Bulla families who reside in Randolph County and various parts of North Carolina for inclusion in the Bulla Book, particularly the descendants of Daniel and John Bulla, is Ralph L. Bulla who has been active in the Bulla, Farlow, and Millikan reunion organization for 44 years.

Since the deadline for inclusion in the book is nearing, Bulla urges that all those concerned submit their family groups to him at 209 Old Liberty Rd., Asheboro, N. C. or call him at 672-2595 if they desire additional information or genealogical forms.

Family information is desired through the eighth generation for those having the Bulla name. Other family groups are limited to the first family away from the Bulla name. Information which is obtained beyond this limitation will be preserved for future use in the Bulla family history.

Information concerning the family can also be sent directly to the author, Robert A. Gennings, P. O. Box 1945, Grants Pass, Oregon, 97526, and orders for the book can also be mailed to him at that address. Before July 1, 1981 the price of the book is \$20. 50. After July 1, 1981 the price will be \$24. 50.

Both Ralph L. Bulla and Mrs. Kesler have been asked to join Gennings in the copyright of the book.

### **Shriners Meet Boy They Helped**

May 28, 1981 - Members of the Randolph Shrine Club and their wives who gathered for a supper meeting recently at Byrd's Fish House heard that receipts from the Shriners'

annual "paper sale" are 89 percent higher than last year during the same period.

They also had as their guests Jimmy Ray Holder, 7, who the club is sponsoring as a patient at the Shriners Burn Institute in Cincinnati, Ohio, and his mother, Paula.

Jimmy Ray, a first grade student at Lindley Park School, has received evaluation and treatment four times at the burn institute since the Shriners assumed the sponsorship.

On one of his visits to the institute he underwent surgery. All of his treatment is without charge since the facility is sponsored entirely by shrine donations, fees, and fundraising projects.

Also, transportation by airplane to the facility for Jimmy Ray and his mother has been provided each of the four times they have been to Cincinnati by the Randolph Shrine Club and a Oasis Temple unit in Greensboro.

Jimmy Ray, who was severely burned in a fire in a parked automobile when he was eight and one-half weeks of age, will make his next visit to the burn institute in Oct. . This proposed visit will be an evaluation for plastic surgery.

He was referred to the Randolph Shrine Club by Jim Cooper, a club member who noticed his condition one day when Jimmy Ray and his mother were shopping in downtown Asheboro.

President of the club is Willard Cox who presided at the meeting. David Knight, vice president, served as chairman of this year's paper sale and made the progress report at the supper meeting. Other officers are George Case, secretary, and Holtis Cahoone, treasurer.

According to Knight, receipts at the time of the report had reached \$5,311 as opposed to those received by the same time last year. Of this amount \$1,582 was received in the street sale on Saturday, May 2. Participating in this sale, in addition to the Oasis Nobles, was Jimmy Ray Holder's mother, and a group of high school students.

The paper distributed in the sale was the sixth annual publication of the Oasis Shrine Temple paper which is printed to aid crippled and burned children in North Carolina. The money raised is used to finance burn institutes at Galveston, Texas and Boston, Mass., in addition to the one in Cincinnati, Ohio and to 17 orthopedic hospitals and one spinal hospital located in various parts of the United States.

Ed Vick, a member of the Randolph Shrine Club, was cited as having raised \$1,400 of the overall amount of \$5,311 which was reported at the supper meeting.

Other activity at the meeting consisted of a program on Community Watch, with Randolph County Sheriff Robert Mason and Lieutenant Larry Emerson participating.

### **Lions Erect Clubhouse**

May 28, 1981 - The Tabernacle Lions Club, one of the smallest clubs in the county with only 15 members, is erecting a club building which will also be available for community purposes.

The building site is a lofty knoll overlooking U. S. 64, a short distance east of Uwharrie River. There are three acres in the building site.

The land has been owned by the club for several years. Club members had previously erected a picnic shelter which has been used for summer meetings, cookouts and other purposes.

The building under construction has dimensions of 30 by 60 feet and upon its completion will consist of a dining area,

kitchen, storage room, and two bathrooms. A fireplace has already been built. Additional features will include paneling and insulation.

The masonry work has been done by the bricklayers class at Southwestern High School under the direction of Allen Ridge. Most of the other work except the plumbing will consist of volunteer labor.

Except for Archdale-Trinity and Randleman, Tabernacle is the only Lions Club in Randolph County to erect a building of their own.

The club established a building fund two or three years ago and donations from individual members as well as from others have been received since that time.

Officers of the club are Leon Lyndon, president: Michael Brewer, first vice president: Sherill Saunders, second vice president: Bruce Spencer, third Vice president: Venson Loflin, secretary and treasurer: John Maddocks, Terry Younts, Arthur Thomas and Worth Cox, directors.

Other members of the club are Jimmy Nixon, Billy Younts, William Swaney, Wade Small, and Emmett Ross Jr. Baxter Younts is a member-at-large.

John Maddocks, also a former president of the club, is coordinating the construction of the new building. Members of the club hope to occupy the building the latter part of this year on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the club.

### **McLaurin Assumes Pastoral Duties At Union Grove Baptist Church**

May 29, 1981 - The Rev. David Wayne McLaurin, age 25, assumed the pastorate of the large rural Union Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove Sunday morning, May 24, preaching his first sermon as pastor in the 11 a. m. worship service.

The experience and background of the new pastor is far more extensive than his age would indicate.

His preaching began at the age of 14 when he spoke at a youth observance at his home church, the Piney Grove Baptist church, in Fuquay-Varina, Wake County, of which area he is a native.

After this appearance in his home church he received calls to speak in other churches and at the age of 15 he felt a definite call to the ministry and was licensed to preach by his home congregation at the Piney Grove Church.

His ministry spread quickly after that and he preached in youth revivals and crusades in several different churches, on the radio, and at the South Hill mall in Raleigh. He became the youngest evangelist in the state of North Carolina.

In Mar. 1973 he was the featured speaker at the N. C. Baptist Men and Boy's Convention in Fayetteville. He also preached in Fayetteville. He also preached to several thousand at the N. C. State Royal Ambassadors Convention in Raleigh. He was named the assistant pastor and staff evangelist at his home church.

He was ordained into the ministry by his home church on Feb. 17, 1974 at the age of 17. By that time he had received national prominence by preaching in states from Florida to Maryland. The Raleigh News and Observer called him "a young man with a message."

He received a royal Ambassador Scholarship to Campbell College at Buie's Creek, from which institution he graduated with a B. S. degree in religion, with a special emphasis in pastoral ministries, in the spring of 1978. He enrolled at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

at Ft. Worth, Tex. in the fall of that year.

Before leaving for the seminary he was honored at David McLaurin Day at his home church. His participation in the field of evangelism prior to that time had included 175 revivals in churches across North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Virginia and Maryland and his endeavors in the evangelistic field had been acclaimed by William C. Lamb, Director, Division of Evangelism, Baptist State Convention, Robert L. Costner, Director of Missions (Retired), Raleigh Baptist Association, and pastors of various churches.

During his tenure of study at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as the Lord began to change the tenor of his calling, he served for a year and a half as the pastor at the Necessity Baptist Church at Caddo, Tex. His graduation from the seminary with a Master of Divinity degree occurred May 15.

The new pastor at Union Grove is married to the former Sharon Dale Powell of Cary, and they are the parents of a 17-month-old daughter, Bethany Joy. Their marriage occurred Nov. 23, 1975.

Before receiving the call to become the pastor at Union Grove the minister had preached in a series of revival services at the church and had also filled a preaching appointment there during the ministry of the immediate past pastor, the Rev. W. A. (Bud) Gillet.

Following the morning worship service at the church, after he had preached his first sermon there as pastor, the congregation honored the new pastor and his wife at a luncheon in the fellowship hall. An upholstered reclining chair was presented to the minister as a graduation gift. Among the large congregation present for the morning service and luncheon were the minister's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred McLaurin of Rt. 1, Fuquay-Varina, and other members of his family.

### **Church Sanctuary Now Debt Free**

May 29, 1981 - The congregation of the Clear View Baptist Church, located between Cedar Falls and Franklinville, sang "Showers of Blessings" Sunday, May 17, just prior to burning the note on their sanctuary which was completed and occupied for the Sunday morning service on May 20, 1973.

The note was obtained for \$50,000 on Oct. 19, 1971, with payments to continue for 20 years. It was paid off on Apr. 28, 1981, about nine and a half years after it was secured and less than half of the time from its expiration.

It was deemed a remarkable achievement for the comparatively small congregation, especially since there were no fund raising projects involved in the clearing of the indebtedness. There were no suppers or other sales to raise money. The money came from the sacrificial giving of the congregation. The only special emphasis was directed to the fifth Sunday offerings.

The Pastor of the church, Rev. Tim Strider was joined by Rev. Judson Rotan, director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association, in conducting the special service commemorating the note-burning.

Representing the congregation in the actual burning of the note were Clinton (Click) Nance, chairman of the building committee, Louis Brady, chairman of the deacons, and Hurley Bowers, a trustee.

The Clear View church was organized Sept. 15, 1957 by the Rev. Otis Hampton who became its first pastor. The church was incorporated Oct. 31, 1972.



Charter members were Julian Howard, Juanita Howard, Hurley Nance, Frances Nance, E. J. Swaringen, Marie Swaringen, Ervin Nance, Mary Nance, Otis Hampton, Martha Hampton, Alvin Nance, Annie Ruth Nance, Linda Nance Smith, Alvin Leonard Nance, Mary Sue Nance Cain, Mack Nance, Audrey Nance, Clinton Nance, Wanda Nance, James Cozart, Nora Cozart, Ruth Jackson, Tommy Jackson, Henry Jackson, Hurley Bowers, Louise Bowers, and Ruby Lou Nance Maness.

Pastors, in addition to Rev. Mr. Hampton and Rev. Mr. Strider, have been Rev. James Moon, Rev. Boel Creason, Rev. Fred Carlton, and Rev. Tim Strider.

The congregation first worshipped in the basement of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Nance, then in an old house located on the Artemas Spencer property which they purchased as the present site of their church.

An educational building, which included temporary space for a sanctuary, was completed in Oct., 1959. A parsonage for the minister and his family was completed in May, 1964. Additional Sunday School rooms were built in Oct., 1967. Groundbreaking for the new sanctuary, on which the note was burned May 17 was held in Nov., 1971.

The church facilities, including the church parsonage and cemetery, are located on knoll in "clear view" of the road between Cedar Falls and Franklinville. The location provided the inspiration for the name of the church.

Two ministers have been called from within the church congregation, Rev. Ervin Nance, who is presently serving as pastor of Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Rev. Bruce Smith who is pursuing his ministry through the channels of the church.

## **Ramseur Church Honors Longtime Member**

May 31, 1981 - Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, continued the honoring of the senior members Sunday, May 24, as recognition was extended to Sterling Thornton Priddy, 70, a member for more than 45 years.

Present for the occasion were three of his four children, Jesse Priddy and Mrs. Betty Jean Lizotte of Rt. 1 Ramseur, and Herschel Priddy of Rt. 2, Ramseur and other family members.

His other daughter, Mrs. Shelby Chriscoe of Greenville, S. C. was not able to be present for the recognition service but came with her family later for a week's visit with her father.

Mr. Priddy's wife, the former Flora Brown, died seven years ago this past Apr. . He also has eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

A member of the church administrative board, sexton for the cemetery committee, and an usher, Mr. Priddy attended Sunday School every Sunday last year, including the Sunday it snowed.

Praising him in the service of recognition was the church pastor, the Rev. Ben Witherington, as a pew was reserved for the honored member and his family. A boutonniere was pinned on him and two gospel books were presented to him.

He is a Stokes County native who came to Randolph County at the age of 18, coming two years after a sister, Mrs. Abe (Gertie) Bouldin, also of Stokes County, had moved here.

He has been a farmer for all of his life and in addition to his now limited farm activities he also helps a neighbor with

his tobacco crop. In earlier years he also worked at a sawmill and at Enterprise Manufacturing Co. in Coleridge during the winter months.

He recalled that his wages at the latter place were 40 cents an hour.

Other senior members honored in similar services at the church included Mrs. Georgia Cain and Mrs. Esther Cheek Brown. The recognition extended Mr. Priddy was a complete surprise to him. Humorously he said, "If they had told me about it I might not have went."

## **Historic Strieby Church Burns Note On Building**

June 1, 1981 - Sunday, May 24, was a significant day in the history of the century-old Strieby Congregational United Church of Christ, Rt. 5, Asheboro, with a note-burning and cornerstone laying featuring the morning and afternoon services.

The 86 year-old pastor, Rev. J. H. Hooker, was the speaker for the morning service; the afternoon speaker was Rev. Ervin Milton, formerly a pastor in this area but now serving as the Conference Minister for the Eastern North Carolina-Virginia District.

The rituals and mechanics of the cornerstone laying were conducted by the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of Hoover Lodge No. 90 of Asheboro, assisted by St. Andrews Masonic Lodge of Burlington.

Leading the Masonic rites were King Solomon's Illustrious Grand Deputy Inspector General Arthur Enoch Jr. and Second Lieutenant Commander Don Davis of King Solomon's Grand Council, both of Burlington.

Strieby Congregational United Church of Christ had its beginning around 1872 in the Rockey Branch Schoolhouse, formerly owned by the Quakers about two miles from the present site.

The school building, which was given to the new worshippers by the Quakers who had moved to a new location, became the first school and church building for Negroes in the county and possibly in the state.

One of the 60 black students enrolled in the school was Islay Walden, known as Isaac in his community, who was aided by his father and former master to leave the community for further education.

He later returned after completing his studies at Howard Normal School, a part of Howard University, and New Brunswick Theological Seminary, New Brunswick, N. J., to join in the building of a church and school for the community.

While he was gone the former slaves had begun to leave the huts in which they formerly lived in search for a new place to live. They settled in the vicinity of the site in which the present church is located.

When Islay (Isaac) Walden returned to his home community as an evangelist under the auspices of the American Missionary Association, he was joined by Dr. Strieby from the New York Board of the Association in the evaluation of the community for a church and a two-teacher school.

The first building, which served as both church and school until 1905, was erected enthusiastically by both the men and women of the community. The community, which was first called "Hill Town" because of the many people by that name who lived there, was changed to Strieby in honor of Dr. Strieby who had led them in the building and also



extended financial assistance.

A post office was soon established and in 1905 a separate building for the school was erected. Rev. Isaac Walden became the first pastor of the church and he and his wife became the first teachers at the school.

That first 60 by 30 foot building, erected in the 1800s, served as the house of worship until the occupancy of the present modern structure in 1972. By that time the community had decreased greatly, the school and the post office had disappeared, and only a few active members remained in the church. Also, the old church building had been condemned and declared unfit for use.

But due to the dedication and giving of the members in the community and elsewhere, the people held their first fund-raising rally on Dec. 24, 1969. They raised \$1,000 in less than a month. Pledges were made at a financial sacrifice. Members away from home, in New York and New Jersey, formed a "Fun For Fund" club. By 1971, the building fund had reached \$22,600.

Three years following the occupancy of the new building the indebtedness on it had been paid off. Plans were immediately made for a new fellowship building, to be attached to the church structure. It was this building that was cleared of indebtedness in the note-burning service on Sunday, May 24.

The pastor of the church, the 86-year-old Rev. James H. Hooker, has served since 1960. He came to the organization with a record of building churches and he never wavered in his belief that Strieby could erect a new building despite its active membership of about 15 people and the lack of faith in the project by the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

A history of the Strieby Congregational United Church of Christ, outlining happenings and events in the church, the school, and the community from 1872-1981, was written and presented by Mrs. Kate Lassiter Jones, a native of the community. Mrs. Jones was one of the leaders who initiated the fund-raising campaign for the new facilities which were completed in 1972 and it was she who formed the "Fun For Fund" club among the members who lived in New York and New Jersey. Since that time Mrs. Jones and her husband, Dr. George H. Jones, have returned to her native community and established a new home near the place of her birth.

## **Cranfords Celebrate Their 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 4, 1981 - A significant milestone in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Clark Cranford, Rt. 2, Denton, their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, was reached on Thursday, May 28.

Mr. Cranford 95, and Mrs. Cranford, nearly 88, have spent their entire lives in the community in which they live.

They are a couple who are respected and admired and by those who have lived in the community with them.

Once actively involved in their church and other community events, their activities have been curtailed since the illness of Mrs. Cranford which began three years ago and the recent illness of Mr. Cranford.

It has been difficult for them, especially Mrs. Cranford, not to be a vital part of the community which has been the predominant factor in their lives.

But their neighbors and friends have responded in a gracious manner and many kindnesses have been extended to them. Mrs. Cranford, an excellent cook

throughout her lifetime has been the recipient of many dishes, pies and other delicacies.

They were married on Sunday, May 28, 1911, as opposed to their anniversary on a Thursday, and the ceremony was performed by Magistrate Tom Ingram, a neighbor, while the couple were seated in a buggy in the yard of the old Bombay Academy which both of them had attended.

They were attended by two other couples, Mary Cranford and Reid Kearns, Blanche Elliott and Devon Cranford, also riding in buggies.

Their marriage started off in the same manner in which they have lived because directly after the ceremony they drove to the Silom Methodist Church, just across the county line, and attended the church service there.

The couple have long been associated with the Salem United Methodist Church; Mrs. Cranford's membership has been there for 77 years.

Her longevity has been reflected in other areas also. For 39 years she maintained perfect attendance in the Farmer Homemakers Club, formerly the Farmer Home Demonstration Club. For 20 years she was employed at the Farmer School cafeteria, only retiring at the age of 71.

Also, except for six months Mr. and Mrs. Cranford have lived their entire married life in the house in which they presently reside, a large country residence with a circling porch, amidst a landscaped setting of large trees, grass, and flowers.

Mr. Cranford, a quiet-mannered man who reflects integrity and stability, has been a farmer, with some sawmill work during the winter months.

His health has been good until this year. Until recently he continued to mow his spacious lawn with a riding mower and he continued to drive his automobile.

A family dinner on Sunday, May 31, celebrated the anniversary of their marriage. Their immediate family consists of a daughter, Mrs. Melva Reynolds, of Star; a son, Charles Lester Cranford, who resides with his parents; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Cranford is the former Miss Ila Floe Cranford, daughter of Milton Worth Cranford and Priscella Kearns Cranford. Mr. Cranford's parents were Alson Cranford and Hannah Haltom Cranford.

When Mrs. Cranford was 12 her family moved directly across the road from where Mr. Cranford and his family lived.

Referring to that time Mrs. Cranford said "I didn't think I would ever court him."

## **Woman Who 'Rang' An End To Four Wars Is Feted**

June 4, 1981 - A former Worthville resident, an employee of the Worthville Cotton Mill for more than a half century and the "ringer" of the mill bell at the conclusion of four wars, Mrs. Kathleen Robbins Julian Layton, came back to the vicinity Sunday to celebrate her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Layton is now a resident of Rt. 2, Liberty. The birthday dinner in her honor was held at the home of one of her daughters, Helen Toomes, who operates We Care Nursing Home between Worthville and Millboro, next to Mrs. Layton's old homeplace.

Her other children were in attendance. They are Juanita Julian and Tommy Julian, Rt. 1, Franklinville. Ruth Lane, Greensboro, and Dolly York, Asheboro, along with other family members, former fellow employees from the mill and

old friends.

Her employment at the mill extended through three wars - World War I, World War II, and the Korean War - and as a valued employee she was given the honor of ringing the old mill bell to celebrate the ending of the conflicts.

Although her employment had ended when the Vietnam War finally came to an end, one of the mill supervisors, John Wesley Callicutt, brought her back to ring the bell for the fourth time to mark the end of a conflict.

Mrs. Layton worked at the mill for 51 years. A large celebration at the Worthville Community Center was held following her retirement on June 3, 1958.

Her employment began there when she was 14 years of age, after her parents, Tom and Em Millikan Robbins, had moved from their Back Creek residence to Worthville. Her parents only stayed in Worthville for a year but Kathleen remained until her marriage to S. A. Layton a few years ago.

Her first husband was Melvin Julian, father of her children, whose death occurred in Mar., 1961. Melvin Julian was a supervisor at the mill and it was said that he once "fired" Kathleen because her children wanted her to stay at home.

But Kathleen was one of the more efficient employees and could do most of the jobs in the mill. Three days after her dismissal the company sent for her to come back to work.

She was respected by both the officials of the mill and her fellow employees. She was affectionately called "Mama Julian" by the latter group.

She was born in Back Creek Township, near John Wesley's Stand and attended the one-teacher school at Lena's Grove.

### **Christian School In Second Year**

June 5, 1981 - A small school, described "as accelerated, thoroughly Christian, fundamental, and highly academic," has completed its second year of operation in the Bible Missionary Church on Ross Street.

Thirteen children comprised the student body of the Bible Missionary School, sponsored by the church, this past year. Presently lack of space prohibits the admission of other students. It is hoped that a larger area of study will be available later.

The school had its academic source from PACE (Packet Accelerated Christian Education) which originated in Lewisville, Texas. The school is under contract for the booklets from which the students pursue their studies, after having signed a statement of faith concerning the school's fundamentalist viewpoint.

It is a course of study which is completely individualized, with each student working at his or her own level and allowed to advance as quickly as desired. The required number of booklets or "Paces" for the school year is 48. However, some complete more and the highest number completed for this past school year was 72.

Each student works alone in an enclosed area under the supervision of the school superintendent. Mrs. Deborah Pike Newton, who gives assistance when required, hears students' oral reviews and supervises their tests and Scripture memory work.

Mrs. Newton, wife of Eric Newton, received a bachelor of science degree in child development from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and formerly taught at the university and at the Donna Lee Loflin School in Asheboro.

The children work quietly and if they need help in

academic matters they "flag" their principal by raising a small American flag from their work area; if they need help in practical matters they raise a small Christian flag which either Mrs. Newton or her two monitors, Mrs. Cornelia Walkinshaw and Mrs. Faye Baker, respond to.

Opening exercises are held at the school each morning, including pledges to the American flag and the Christian flag, reading of the Scriptural verses which they are memorizing, and the singing of religious choruses. Congratulation slips for those who have acquired a grade higher than 80 are also handed out at this time.

A chapel program is held each Wednesday, with remarks from Rev. L. L. Wheeler, the pastor of the church.

The passing grade at the school is 80; if it is lower, the booklet has to be repeated. After becoming a part of the program the school was evaluated by PACE and received "model status" due to its successful operation.

Consideration for this designation was derived by having a staff and student code of dress with standards of modesty and neatness; providing instruction in personal evangelism; completing one year in the accelerated Christian education program; maintaining a correct office record system; maintaining a décor of facilities at quality level; academic achievement of at least an average of 54 "Paces" per year with a grade percentage of at least 84 percent; and a quality reading program.

PACE is an international program and has similar schools throughout the United States and other countries such as Canada, Australia, India, South America, and England.

Students at the school this past year included Mary Angelene Neely, Daniel Lee Baker, Angela Ellen Ragel, Floyd Everette Davis, Jr., Barbara Ann Davis, Rebekah Rose Grantham, Joseph Levi Grantham, and Sarah Alice Grantham, all of Asheboro: Timothy Eugene Hammons, Randleman: Lora Mechele Partin and Amanda Lynn Partin, Siler City, and Robert Edward Schweigert, Jr. and Ralph Andrew Schweigert, of the Seagrove area.

The equivalent of grades one through ten were taught at the school this past year. Next year there will be two kindergarten students, Mrs. Newton's son Joshua and Jaime Baker.

Following the close of school an awards banquet was held at the D. A. V. building located off U. S. 220 south of Asheboro, on Friday evening, May 29, with approximately 75 students, parents, other family members and friends in attendance.

### **Old School Days recalled by 275 At First Reunion**

June 11, 1981 - "Providence Day" was observed Thursday, May 30, in the first reunion held by students of the Providence School, located northwest of Randleman, which closed its doors in the spring of 1954.

A group of 275 former students, principals, teachers, and family members, congregated on the shaded lawn of the Providence Friends Meetinghouse, adjacent to where the schoolhouse formerly stood for a joyous get-together.

They came early, they stayed late, and they brought a large amount of food for the picnic luncheon - far more than they could eat.

For some years former students had urged that a reunion be held. Finally, Geraldine Whitley White, a former student and teacher, and Elsie Walker Johnson, a former student, seized the initiative and began plans for coordinating the

reunion.

Their only regret was that some who had asked for the reunion died before it could be held. For those who had died, students, teachers, and school employees, a brief memorial service was conducted by Ida Pugh Stout.

Former principals in attendance at the reunion were Robert Ayers, Cecil Cox, Victor Murchinson, and Carter Pike. The three were listed as a part of the prepared program.

Former teachers, in addition to Geraldine Whitley White, included Glenn Ayers, Louise White Andrews, also a former student, Lalah Cox Macon, Ethel Fields, Dorothy Allred, Mary Pike, Evelyn Cox, and Hazel Maness Macon.

The first school at Providence was opened over 200 years ago when the Quakers established a school there soon after the beginning of worship services in 1762. The school became an academy in 1857 and was sold to the Randolph County Board of Education in 1924.

After the county took over the school in 1924 classes were limited to three months during the school year. However, additional classes were held beyond that period on a subscription basis.

In 1926 a school district was requested by petition, which was approved to begin two years later.

A consolidated public school with high school classes began for the school year 1927-28.

The first class to graduate was in the 1927-28 school year and was comprised of two students, Martha Teague McClintock, who was present for the reunion, and Doard Gregson, who is deceased. They were the only students in their classes during their last two years in high school.

The high school department was closed at the end of the 1944-45 school year, seven years after it started, and the lower grades were discontinued at the end of the school year, 1953-54, nine years later.

The enthusiastic crowd at the Providence School reunion voted to hold another reunion next year, Saturday, May 29.

Serving as master of ceremonies for the reunion was Lyndon White, son of Geraldine Whitley White and a radio announcer WZOO.

## **Fellowship Building Named For Local Minister**

June 11, 1981 - During the consecration service for the new fellowship building at the West Bend United Methodist church on Albemarle Road Sunday morning, a sign was at the building designating it as the "Rev. Billy V. Hunter Fellowship Building."

A plaque placed on the inside of the new building also commemorated the 12-year-ministry of Rev. Hunter at the West Bend church. The minister has received a new assignment and his last service as the pastor at West Bend will be Sunday morning, June 21.

The naming of the new building in his honor by the administrative board of the church came as a surprise to the minister. It was a tribute for his extended ministry at the church and an expression of gratitude for his accomplishments there. Presentation of the recognition was made by Lewis Holt.

Only one week prior to the recognition, Rev. Hunter had been honored by the Randolph Area Mission Society in which he had served as an officer for many years. At that meeting he was presented with a bronze plaque in appreciation for his service with that group.

Paying tribute to him were E. Wayne Highes, president of the society, Dr. George P. Robinson, district superintendent, and Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reese, Dr. Robinson said "he has been one of the great leaders and pastors of the conference." Mayor Reese said "he is an unassuming man who goes about our community doing good, he is a shining example. I am thankful for the 12 years he has spent with us."

In his area of service with the mission society, Rev. Hunter has been especially helpful with the black United Methodist churches in Randolph County, guiding them through various building programs which have marked their progress in the past few years.

Since coming to the West Bend United Methodist Church in June, 1969, the church under his ministry cleared the indebtedness on the existing building, erected a new nine room parsonage on South McCrary Street, and completed the new fellowship building which has been named for him. This construction also included a considerable amount of paving between the new building and the present church structure.

The fellowship building, which was first used on Memorial Day, has dimensions of 32 feet by 70 feet. It has a brick exterior, a paneled interior with dining area, kitchen with new equipment, and two rest rooms. The interior is highlighted by the large stone open fireplace and mantel which was built and presented to the church by William Holloway.

Rev. Billy Van Hunter is a native of Winston-Salem and a minister with 25 years of experience in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Although licensed to preach in 1949 he said "I don't know a time that I didn't want to be a minister." He prepared for the ministry at Pfeiffer College, Salem College, Emory-Henry College, and High Point College where he graduated with a A. B. degree in 1955. He attended Duke Divinity School for one year.

Beginning with the new conference year he will become the pastor of the Rankin Memorial United Methodist church in High Point. His wife will continue to be a member of the faculty at the Charles W. McCrary School in Asheboro where she has taught the first grade for the past 12 years.

Their son, Jonathan, is a rising senior at Pfeiffer College. Both Mrs. Hunter and Jonathan are talented musicians.

## **Asheboro Pair Feted On 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 12, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Vernon E. Garner of Rt. 6, Asheboro, were honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, June 7, at a reception in the fellowship hall at Balfour Baptist Church.

Hosts were their four sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Garner of Harriman, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. David Garner of Rt. 7, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Garner of Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Garner of Rt. 3, Asheboro.

Stan and Steve Garner are twins. The immediate family also includes five grandchildren: Dara, Kimberly, Shay, Jill, Toni and Craig.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner were married June 6, 1941. Mrs. Garner is the former Evelyn Haywood, a native of Mt. Gilead and daughter of the late William Haywood and Lillie McNeill Haywood.

Mr. Garner, a native of the Snider community north of Denton, is the son of the late Nereus Garner and Connie

Snider Garner. He is an employee of Rampon Products, Inc.

Mrs. Garner has been employed in the school cafeteria in Franklinville for 21 years and has served as manager of the cafeteria for most of that time. Among those attending the reception were members of the cafeteria staff.

Also in attendance were Mrs. Garner's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Koy Lee Haywood of Baton Rouge, La., former residents of the Asheboro vicinity, their daughter Janice of Raleigh, and Mrs. Ruby Garner of Denton, stepmother of Mr. Garner.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner are longtime members of the Balfour Baptist Church.

## **Ramseur Church Breaks Ground For Sanctuary**

June 15, 1981 - First Christian Church in Ramseur, formerly Ramseur Christian Church, took a step forward June 7 at the conclusion of the morning worship service when the congregation broke ground for a new sanctuary and additional Sunday School class rooms.

It was also the annual observance of homecoming and the present sanctuary was filled to capacity for the occasion, in addition to more than 100 children and adult workers holding a separate service in the Ramseur Elementary School.

The homecoming service was preached by Rev. Adrian Pugh. Deacons, Danny Burgess, Brower Smith, Elvin Cox, Roy Smith, and Douglas (Doug) Wright, along with the pastor and choir participated in the actual ground-breaking ceremony. However, for the groundbreaking, the shovel was turned over to Arthur Cox who will be 82 on June 25. Cox, who served as choir director for 50 years, has been a member of the church longer than any other person except one.

In a church business meeting Sunday evening, following the homecoming and groundbreaking service, the church voted to award the contract for the proposed new facilities to Colon Cheek of the CA. Brown Construction Co., Inc., of Thomasville.

The first phase of construction will be the new sanctuary with a seating capacity of 400. Upon its completion, the second phase, including Sunday School class rooms, nursery, recording room, and vestibule, will be started. A full basement will be a part of both phases of construction.

Estimated cost of construction will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000, including the cost of new pews and a sound system. Prior to receiving the homecoming offering, the building fund on hand had reached \$128,000, of which about \$68,000 had been received since the beginning of the pastorate of the Rev. Pugh exactly 18 months before this year's homecoming day.

But most noticeable since the coming of the new pastor, who formerly served as assistant pastor and youth director at Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, has been the increase in attendance.

When he came on the first Sunday in Jan., 1980, the Sunday School was averaging 101 in Sunday School. On the first Sunday in Jan. this year the average attendance was 210. The average continued to increase with 226 for the first quarter and then to 255 for the second quarter. On the day of homecoming Sunday School attendance was 268.

The west wing of the present structure will be torn down

prior to the beginning of construction for the new sanctuary. The present sanctuary, which was erected three or four years following the organization of the church on Nov. 26, 1893, will be torn down after the completion of the new sanctuary and before the beginning of the second phase of building.

First Christian Church now operates one children's church. Another will be organized later. A recent addition to the staff is Dwane Pugh, brother of the pastor, the Rev. Adrian Pugh, who will serve as assistant pastor, youth director, and choir director. He is a recent graduate of Piedmont Bible College.

## **Lillie Brown Yow is Remembered For Her Service to First Church**

June 17, 1981 - Mrs. Lillie Brown Yow, formerly of Central Falls, has been a resident of The Methodist Home in Charlotte for more than 20 years, having entered the home on Apr. 25, 1961 following the death of her husband, Luther Q. Yow, on May 25, 1956.

At the time of her departure from Randolph County she was noted for 23 years of loyal and dedicated service in the nursery department at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro which she had joined Oct. 3, 1937.

On Mar. 18 of this year she observed her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Despite her age she continues to be active in United Methodist Women with whom she has been associated since entering the home. However, she has discontinued her presentation of devotions at the home after 19 years of participation in this phase of activity.

Mrs. Yow's church activity dates back to July, 1914 when she joined the Gibsonville Methodist Church. Her interest in working with children in the church began in Gibsonville when her pastor's daughter was born in her home.

After the birth of his daughter, Louise, she received permission of the Rev. G. W. Clay to organize a cradle roll department in the church. On the afternoon of the day Louise was born Mrs. Yow went out and enrolled 19 infants.

She continued her church activity at the Park Place Methodist Church in Greensboro and the Central Falls Methodist Church before uniting with the First Methodist Church in Asheboro where she remains a member.

On the Sunday prior to her departure for The Methodist Home over 20 years ago she was honored at both morning services at what is now the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro and was presented with a large print Testament on which her name was inscribed in gold letters.

The pastor, the Rev. Cecil G. Hefner, inscribed these words in the bulletin concerning her departure: "Words cannot express our appreciation to Mrs. Yow for her great dedication and faithfulness across the years of First Methodist Church. She will leave us in a few days for the Methodist Home in Charlotte. We wish for her every blessing and happiness. Mrs. Yow has taught so many of our people in the nursery department. Her influence will never be forgotten."

Mrs. Yow still retains her loyalty to the church in Asheboro and said recently "that church has been wonderful to me. I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart."

Recently some mothers of the children she had taught visited her at the home, took her out to eat and presented a gift to her before they left.

Her dedication to children across the years has been more noteworthy in view of the fact that she has never had any of

her own.

### **Congregation Honors Departing Minister**

June 17, 1981 - The fellowship area of the Asheboro Friends Meeting was filled to overflowing Sunday as the congregation said goodbye to their minister, Leslie N. Winslow, who had served them for 16 years.

A brief service honoring Winslow's ministry - the longest in the history of the Asheboro Friends Meeting - was held under the guidance of veteran member Bertha Councilman.

Several people praised the minister and his wife "who laughed with us during our time of joy and cried with us during our time of sorrow."

The presentation of gifts and other remembrances included a check for \$1,000 presented by Clifton Allen, clerk of ministry and council. Also presented was a huge scrapbook from Mrs. Councilman which included messages and pictures from various members of the congregation.

Leslie Winslow's ministry in Asheboro was characterized by the Meeting becoming a participating congregation in the community, a Christ-centered Meeting with a community-minded ministry.

During his stay the Meeting joined with other congregations in Asheboro in the conduct of youth breakfasts, Lenten services, union thanksgiving services, and the evangelistic crusade conducted by Asheboro and Randolph County churches at the high school stadium last year.

Physical improvements at the Meeting during his pastorate have included the erection of a fellowship building, Rollins Hall, and the erection of a new parsonage. There is no indebtedness on either building.

Also, additional land has been purchased and the future construction of a children's center for day care and apartment complex for adults have been discussed.

Leslie Winslow is a native of Hertford, the county seat of Perquimans County, where he grew up on a farm and attended the Up River Friends Meeting. He was called to preach at the age of 16 but did not respond until later, at which time he was married and employed in a men's clothing store in Hertford.

He prepared himself for the ministry by attending Roanoke College in Salem, Va., Peabody College and Trevecca College in Nashville, Tenn., receiving his Bible training from the latter school, then coming back to North Carolina where he studied at Guilford College.

His first pastorate was at Pilot View Friends Meeting in Yadkinville, his second at Spring Garden Friends Meeting in Greensboro, and his third pastorate, before beginning the pastorate at Asheboro, was a mission assignment at Kernersville Friends Meeting.

His wife, who has taught at the Guy B. Teachey School in Asheboro for the past 14 years, is the former Ruby Smith, a native of the same area where her husband was born and raised. They are the parents of two children, Mrs. Mark (Mary Geneva) Stickle, of Fayetteville, and Worth Winslow, a recent graduate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who is now employed in Greensboro.

The Winslows moved to Greensboro on Monday where they will assume their new assignment on July 1. The interim period includes two weeks of vacation which was due the minister from the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

### **Fathers Are Spotlighted At Church Cake**

### **Bake Contest**

June 26, 1981 - The Men's Cake Bake contest at Balfour Baptist Church generated a great deal of interest in the church's celebration on Father's Day on Sunday, June 21.

Judging of the contest occurred in the fellowship hall while the pastor, the Rev. B. L. Kincaid, held a vesper service in the parking lot at the rear of the church.

Judges from outside of the church membership included Harold Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Yates, Richard Richardson and Sam Jones.

In the boy's contest Alex Kidd had the prettiest cake and Harold Ayers the best theme.

In the men's contest Frank Sherrill's cake was the prettiest. Raymond Thompson's the best theme. Mike Miller and Randy Neal's were the most original and Monroe Kidd had the best antique design. Sherrill's cake emphasized the Carolina Blue and Dad's No. 1. Thompson's cake contained the quotation "On Your Day Dad," portrayed by a man in a hammock. Mike Miller's entry contained several parts and took the form of a train. Randy Neal's theme was a continuation of the recent golf tournament, the Balfour Open, which was sponsored by the church, and Monroe Kidd's antique entry consisted of decorated cornbread.

Following the selection of the various winners by the official judges the cakes were served to the assembled congregation along with soft drinks. During this period the entire group chose Joe Kearns' cake as "the best tasting" despite repeated efforts by the Balfour pastor, the Rev. Bill Kincaid, to project his cake as the winner in this category.

Other entries, beside those already mentioned, included cakes baked by Robbie Wilson, Gaylon King, David Garner, Steve Lyle, Terry Moore, Terry Chitwood, Kerry Kincaid, Chris Henderson, Dick Noble, Dwayne Henderson, Pearce Burkhart, Larry Elmore, Nate Bullard, Dwight Ayers, Dick Stratton and Joe Johnson.

### **Eagle Scout Award Given At Ceremony**

June 26, 1981 - Thirteen - year-old Eric Lambert, a member of Scout Troop No. 518, received his Eagle Award in ceremonies Sunday afternoon, June 21 in the sanctuary at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, sponsor of the Scout troop.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger D. Lambert, Rt. 1, Franklinville, he was the youngest member of the troop to receive the highest award in Scouting. He will be an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Grays Chapel School this fall.

He received his Eagle Award after two years and nine months of membership in the Scout troop. However, his overall record is seven years, including his membership in Cub Scouts and as a Weblo Scout.

He received all of the electives available as a Cub Scout and received the God and Family Award and the Arrow of Light as a Weblo Scout.

In Boy Scouting he has consistently advanced though the various ranks and achieved 32 merit badges in the attainment of the Eagle Scout Award.

Prior to receiving the award he completed the "mile swim" in the summer of 1980 and was tapped into the Order of the Arrow in May, 1981. Remaining for him is the completion of the God and Country Award and the securing of Palms for his Eagle Award.

Tommy Routh, Scoutmaster for the troop, presented the award, assisted by the young recipient's parents. An unusual presentation concluding the ceremony was a

plaque of appreciation from the new Eagle Scout to his Scoutmaster.

Routh has been the Scoutmaster of the troop for the past 13 years, during which time 15 Eagle Awards have been presented, with one more to be awarded on July 19. The overall record for the troop is 19 Eagle Scout Awards since the formation of the troop in 1962.

Assisting Tommy Routh in the strong leadership of the troop are four assistant Scoutmasters, Tony McMasters, Ed Baldwin, Floyd Parks, and Randy Parks, and a Scouting committee composed of Sam Routh, chairman, and Max Hinshaw, Roger Lambert, Brenda McMasters, and Gary Caudle.

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

July 2, 1981 - Dr. and Mrs. Robert E Doak of 645 N. Fayetteville Street, were honored Sunday, June 28, at a reception commemorating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Richard Bittner of 527 Shannon Road, friends of the couple, hosted the reception which was held in the parlor at the First United Methodist Church, where Dr. and Mrs. Doak are members.

Approximately 150 guests called from 2 until 4 o'clock.

Assisting in the reception were friends and various associates of Dr. and Mrs. Doak, including Mary B. Smith, Alice Ward, Vera Streigel, Bess Finch, Margaret Long, Hildred Pritchard, Minnie Mills, Lena Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Croft, and Dr. and Mrs. Earlie Hill.

Also Florence Riddel, Julie Sharp, Ina Andrews, Ruth Yow, Rose Badgett, Sarah Helen Covington, Helen Bailiff, Amy Bittner, Sabrina Bittner, Esther Moffitt, Mary Parker, Helen Spencer, Judy Marlow, Bob Smith, Dr. and Mr. John Davis, Mildred Sullivan, Jane and Ray Bittner.

Dr. and Mrs. Doak were married June 30, 1931 in Detroit, Mich., of which town Mrs. Doak, the former Angelene (Anne) Sowles, is a native and where the couple lived before coming to Asheboro in Jan., 1939.

Dr. Doak is a native of Goderich, Ontario, Canada. His preparation for his chosen profession included attendance at Lincoln College, Indianapolis, Ind., Logan College in St. Louis, Md., and specialization in the upper cervical area at Grostic School in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He began his chiropractic practice in Asheboro in Jan., 1939 and has maintained it continuously since that time. Only curtailing it a few years ago seeing no new patients now but still retaining those who have been going to him for a long time.

When he first came to Asheboro his office was over the First National Bank and at that time there was no other chiropractor in town. However, one chiropractor Dr. Palmer, had preceded him to Asheboro but had died before his arrival. Since 1963 Dr. Doak has maintained his office at his home at 645 N. Fayetteville Street. He is a member of the Asheboro Kiwanis Club.

Mrs. Doak has been active in various areas since coming to Asheboro. She has served as president of the Asheboro Woman's Club, executive secretary of the Randolph County Chapter of the American Red Cross, president of the woman's guild at the First United Methodist Church, and is presently active in the local organization of the American Association for Retired Persons.

Special guests at the reception were Mrs. Hazel Preston of Seal Beach, Calif., sister of Mrs. Doak, and Miss Carnie Rightsell, a former Asheboro resident and member of First

United Methodist Church who is now a resident of The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

### **Lodge Observes St. John's Day**

July 2, 1981 - Amid a scene of colorful pageantry, music, marching and formal attire the members of Oakland Lodge No. 501 Prince Hall Affinate observed the annual commemoration of St. John's Day Sunday afternoon, June 23 at Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church Rt. 1, Staley.

Joining in the observance were members of Unity Chapter N. 522-A Prince Hall Affinate order of the Eastern Star. Both the Oakland Lodge and Unity Chapter are based in Ramseur.

Marshals formed an arch with their staffs as lodge members dressed in black suits, and chapter members, dressed in formal gowns of white entered the building for the processional and left the building for the recessional at the close of the meeting.

Speaker for the occasion was the Rev. J. P. Godfrey, a member of Oakland Lodge, its chaplain and the pastor of Centennial A. M. E. Zion Church in Bear Creek.

Special music was provided by Mrs. Nathan Gales and the Centennial A. M. E. Zion choir. An offering was received for the Oxford Orphanage.

Lodge members in attendance included Robert Foushee, junior deacon: James Smith, treasurer: Harold Isbell, senior warden, Clayton Marley, worshipful master: Carnell Goldston, Junior warden: Earl Jones, secretary: Lee McQueen, Jr., senior deacon, Rev. J. P. Godfrey, chaplain, Henry (Mick) Baldwin, past master: George Parsons, past master: and Grady Ritter, past master.

Also attending were Floyd Spinks (marshal), Joe Roseboro, George Lowery, Rufus Matthews, James Matthews, Joe Davis, Robert Brooks, Elworth Cheek, Odell Emonds, Clyde Goldston, Junior B. King, Larry Goldston, June Hill, Arlen Cheek, Nathan Gale, James Fox, Howard Spinks, John R. Bittle (steward), Elvin Marley, James Mitchell, Earl Glover (past master and assistant district deputy), and Junior Ben Brown (past master).

Members of the chapter present were Ruth Woods, Clarice Spinks, Jeanette Cheek, Hollis Glover, Beatrice Spinks, Brenda Goldston, Dorothy Spinks, Clayton Marley, Virginia Marley, Lois Cheek, Estelle Goldston, Jean McQueen, Marie Siler, John Bittle, Pattie Gales, Ethel Edmonds, Betty Matthews, Shirley Brooks, Bessie Gales, Agnes Foushee, Hazel Goldston, Eliza Davis, and Betty Brown.

New officers of the lodge will assume their duties at the next meeting on July 7. Officers elected include Carnell Goldston, worshipful master: Harold Isbell, senior warden: George Lowery, junior warden: Earl Jones, secretary: and James Smith, treasurer. Additional officers will be named by the elected officials.

Dinner was served at the conclusion of St. John's Day at the Oliver's Chapel church by members of the Unity Chapter.

### **Liberty Grove Church, 20 Years Old, Struggles to Exist**

July 3, 1981 - Liberty Grove United Methodist Church, located west of Liberty, just off Hwy. 421, is still struggling to maintain its existence after many setbacks since its organization more than 20 years ago.



A fairly large crowd was in attendance on Sunday, June 28, at the annual homecoming service but on the two Sabbath days before homecoming there was a much smaller attendance, 19 on one Sunday and 20 on the other one. The Sunday School enrollment is 30.

For the past 18 years Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Butler, who formerly attended the Bethany United Methodist Church, have assumed the leadership of the small congregation. Twice a month the minister from the First United Methodist Church in Liberty comes out and preaches at 10 am.

Before Mr. and Mrs. Butler came to the church it almost became extinct. It is said that for a time the only people attending the church were a man and his wife who came and sat during the period which had been scheduled for the service.

But other problems through the years had beset the church since its organization as Barton's Church by a group of Reformed and Lutheran Settlers in 1760.

After worshipping for a short while in a log building the Lutherans left Barton's Church and established Richland Lutheran Church a few miles away. The Barton's Church was unable to withstand this division and the church was closed for a number of years.

In 1826 the church was reopened by the newly organized Methodist Protestant Conference as one of four circuits, Liberty, Roanoke, Warrenton, and Oxford.

Although there were other Methodist churches in Randolph County, the Liberty Grove church became the oldest Methodist Protestant church in the county. The Rev. Alson Gray was its first pastor.

In 1873 James Washington Brower headed a group which erected the frame building which still serves as the house of worship. Others assisting him were Patterson Pickett and son, Philmore Pickett, Eli Fogleman, Dr. Thomas Black, George Black, Abraham Staley, and W. W. Amick.

But nearly 20 years later, in 1895, Liberty Grove again suffered a deterioration of its membership when a Methodist Protestant Church was opened in the town of Liberty. Many of its members started attending the new church in town and Liberty Grove was left to continue its struggle to exist.

The present church membership is very small, less than 20 active members. But the will to retain a heritage of two centuries past still exists. This heritage is still evident in the building which was erected 108 years ago and in the large cemetery which contains graves dating back to the late seventies.

The church structure, although altered slightly through the years, still contains the hand-hewn wide boards which marked its construction, some of which are put together with pegs.

Formerly a box-like structure with separate front doors, one for the men's side and the other one for the women, the building now has a single front door along with a vestibule comprising the entrance. However, the separate doors still comprise the entrance to the sanctuary, even though the men and women now sit together.

The Rev. Paul Bruton, former pastor at the church, preached his third successive homecoming sermon at Liberty Grove since his retirement from the active ministry. The Rev. Oakle Evans, pastor at the Bethany United Methodist Church, located in the Liberty area, participated in the afternoon service.

Johnny Staley, long time member who will soon reach his

90<sup>th</sup> birthday, was present along with his sister, Mrs. Ruby Staley Layton of Greensboro, who will soon reach the age of 85. Also in attendance were three older residents of the vicinity, Flavious Brower, Mae Smith and Harvey Smith. Brower is a descendant of James Washington Brower who built the present church in 1873.

### **11 years Later, Friends Visit**

July 14, 1981 - Two little girls who played together one afternoon 11 years ago, one from Asheboro, N. C. and the other from Valley City, Ohio, were reunited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John North in Valley City.

Gina North, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. North and Robin Ingold, also 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Ingold of 1502 Thornsedale Drive, Asheboro, had only seen each other one time before their reunion last week.

This first meeting took place when they were between six and seven years of age at Windy Hill, S. C., where both families had gone on a fishing expedition.

Prior to going out fishing the Ingolds had inquired about some child for their daughter to play with while they were out. The motel management where both families were staying arranged for the meeting between the two girls.

The girls became warm friends during that brief encounter while they played in the sand and since that time have corresponded with each other, exchanged photographs and maintained other contacts. But only by mail until the get-together last week.

When Robin graduated from Asheboro High School in June she received a graduation gift from Gina. Gina will graduate next year. She expects to return the visit of her Asheboro friend.

The Ingolds made arrangements to stay in a motel while visiting in Valley City and did remain there one night.

But the next night and for the remainder of the visit they stayed with the Norths at the insistence of Gina's family. However, Robin stayed with her friend from the beginning of the visit.

Mr. and Mrs. North, Gina and a younger brother, Doug, live in the northern part of Ohio, near Lake Erie. During the visit they took the Ingold family on a visit to the Amish town of Millsboro, Ohio.

### **Their Past Is Intertwined With That Of Summey Town**

July 16, 1981 - Living quietly in the western Randolph County community known as "Summey Town" are Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Howard Summey whose official address is Rt. 1, Trinity.

Their neatly-kept home, part of which is 75 year-old, is located on the "Summey Town Road" next to Jackson's Creek which eventually flows into Uwharrie River below the dam being constructed by the City of Asheboro.

The landscaping of their front yard includes a huge rock which blends well with the natural rural setting. A little farther east are other large rocks which comprise a solid base all the way to the creek, including the creek bed itself.

Jesse Summey, age 84, is the third generation of his family to live on the land on which his home is located. His father and mother, William Summey and Jane Elbertson Summey, lived in the same house. His grandfather, Lindsey Summey, lived in another house on the same land. His great-grandfather, Mike Summey, lived in an adjoining



county.

On Mar. 10, 1918, Jesse Summey was married to Gertrude (Gert) Briles, daughter of James and Ellen Little Briles, and the couple lived for 12 years in the near not far from where she was born - near Pierce's Mill in the Uwharrie River area - before coming back to Mr. Summey's native homesite. The road on which Mrs. Summey lived as a child was called the Goose Egg Road.

During their childhood Mr. and Mrs. Summey attended schools which have long passed from the educational scene in Randolph County. He attended Gibson's Academy and she attended Taw's College.

After moving back to his old homeplace, Mr. Summey set out five maple trees which now provide shade and a nice breeze on hot, sunny afternoons. There is also a row of cedar trees across the road, which he also set out at the same time, which flank the barn and other farm buildings on that side of the road.

For many years Mr. Summey was engaged in sawmill work, cutting the logs for the mill. He also farmed, a vocation which he still enjoys to a lesser degree. He continues to operate the farm tractor, keeps the yard around the country residence cleanly mowed, raises corn and a garden.

Mrs. Summey does not claim to share the energy and activity which her husband of 63-years possesses. At the age of 79, she says, "I'm retired."

Mr. and Mrs. Summey are active members of the High Rock Baptist Church, located on the road parallel to the one which provides an outlet to the "Summey Town Road." However, the monuments to their burial plot, reflecting the careful planning of this couple, are erected in the beautifully landscaped cemetery at the Pierce's Chapel Primitive Baptist Church, the ancestral burial ground for the Summey family.

There are not as many members of the Summey family living in "Summey Town" as in years past when the community received its name. But as long as Jesse Summey and his wife live it will definitely retain its name as well as its tradition of the past generations.

None of their six children live there. They are Frances Leonard and Velna Rider, Rt. 11, Lexington; Rachel Jones, Detroit, Mich.; Astor Summey, Rt. 3, Asheboro; Magadlene Myers and Eva Hill of Rt. 2, Thomasville.

The "Summey Town Road," which traverses a distance of some two miles east of the county line, has been paved in recent years, following efforts for many years by its inhabitants to get a better road.

### **Congregation Surviving Despite Low Attendance**

July 17, 1981 - Free Grace Mission Church, Rt. 1, Trinity, is a small congregation who has persevered for a quarter of a century despite extremely low attendance and lack of community support.

Located on State Road No. 1339, south of Parrish Grocery on Old Hwy. 64, Joseph R. Kinley, a member of the congregation, said in reference to the smallness of the group, "we will continue until God says it is enough, we are not going to quit."

Less than 25 people attend the Sunday morning services at the church. The Friday night prayer service has a much smaller number than that sometimes two or three people.

The Sunday morning congregation although small in

number, come from various places - Davidson County, Robbins, Asheboro, Greensboro and Snow Camp. The distance they come prohibits their attendance at the prayer service.

The only members of the congregation from the community in which the church is located are Kinley and his wife, Iva Summey Kinley, who gave the land on which the church is situated, next to the home in which they live.

The church started in a tent meeting which was located more or less at the same site. The meeting lasted for two weeks and two weeks later a camp meeting was also held at the site.

Regular services began in the home of Mrs. E. W. Kinley, mother of Joseph R. Kinley, and for a time the church prospered, with many people coming from various places and, according to Kinley, the worship services lasted most of the day and were spent in "praising the Lord, preaching, testifying, and shouting."

In June 21, 1956, a building committee was appointed and the church was erected a year and a half after the first tent meeting was held.

Members of the congregation embrace a holiness belief containing two works of grace, regeneration and entire sanctification. Those people who adhere to this belief refrain from participation in practices which involve members of the more liberal church groups.

Prior to starting the Free Grace Mission Church, Mr. and Mrs. Kinley attended the Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church on Rt. 3, Asheboro, now known as the Sawyersville Wesleyan Church. This church, however, was a considerable distance from their home and they found it more convenient to attend the church next door.

Despite the lack of growth for their small congregation, especially in recent years, Mr. and Mrs. Kinley are commended for their consistency and their dedication to the principles in which they firmly believe.

### **At Age 92, He Remains Active**

July 21, 1981 - Joe R. Fairrington, a resident at Brian Center for Nursing Care in Asheboro, celebrated his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday there Sunday.

He was admitted to the center on June 2, 1976 and was the 32<sup>nd</sup> patient to enter the nursing institution.

He leads an active life at the center which has grown tremendously since he went there to live. He is actively involved in the program which is sponsored by Randolph Technical College, was recently named "Student of the Week" and was awarded a certificate for 32 hours in creative art and crafts.

He also claims the distinction of being the champion checker player at the center. He sings in a choir which makes guest appearances, and also plays in a band. He attends regularly the Sunday School period on Sunday mornings and the prayer meeting on Thursday evenings.

A native of Guilford County, Deep River Township, he lived in Friendship Township of that county before moving to Montgomery County in 1944 where he operated a store and service station in Biscoe.

But his occupation varied various times while living in Guilford County. He farmed, worked in a hosiery mill, a cotton mill, furniture factory, excelsior factory, and in a bone mill where he made fertilizer from the bones of animals. He was a barber, he laid brick and rock, dug wells, worked as a carpenter, and helped to "lay people out" when they died.

He moved to Asheboro in 1963 and before entering Brian Center for Nursing Care lived on Spero Rd. and at a housing authority in Randleman. His wife, the former Mattie Elvira Jones, died in Oct., 1971. His children are Martha F. Carter, Josie Faye Tysinger, and Mary Pearl Bennett, all of Asheboro; Railto Furrington, High Point, and Richard Lee Furrington, Rt. 2, Randleman.

Furrington recently attended the reunion of his family at the town hall in Jamestown. He was one of 11 children and living besides him are two sisters, one 90 and the other one 96. The 90-year-old sister was also present at the reunion.

Summing up their lives he said "the Good Lord has been mighty good to us."

## **He'll Lead the Wagon Train**

July 23, 1981 - Seventy-five-year-old Curtis Hussey will serve as Wagon Master for the 26<sup>th</sup> time at the Farmers Day Parade in Robbins on Saturday, Aug. 1, beginning at 10 a. m.

He will be leading a contingent of about 400 horse-drawn vehicles in a covered wagon built in 1906, the year in which he was born. The wagon will be pulled by his pair of Belgium horses, Nubbin and Frank.

Trophies will be awarded following the parade to the following entries; best mule; best team of mules; best colt; best work horse; best team of little horses; best parade horse; best dressed man; best dressed woman; best dressed girl; best dressed boy; best rig; the oddest rig; and the best pony rig.

The Farmers Day Parade began somewhat unofficially on the first Saturday in Aug., 1956. That year it was only included these three entries, Curtis Hussey and his team of horses, Della and Stella, in a covered wagon; Branson Hussey driving an open wagon with his team of champion mules, just purchased from Vaughn Pugh's Barn in Asheboro; and Graham Hussey, driving a team of mules to a top buggy. Branson and Graham Hussey, who are brothers, are first cousins to Curtis Hussey.

This first parade was planned after the three participants asked Robbins Mayor Wayland Kennedy "if there was any law against it." their reasoning was that it would be nice to drive their teams through town since a quarter of a century ago a lot of people came to town on Saturday in similar wagons.

Their trip through town had been planned to take place about three weeks earlier but heavy rains had damaged the water system in Robbins and they decided to wait until the first Saturday in Aug. . The successive parades and the observance of Farmers Day had been on the same date each year. Estimated crowds now number 20,000 and the annual event attracts many dignitaries, especially those in the political area.

A wagon train, led by Curtis Hussey, will congregate in High Falls Thursday evening, July 30, remain overnight and start out the next morning for Robbins where it will stay Friday night. There will be string music and dancing in downtown Robbins Friday night.

Curtis Hussey was born west of Robbins, a mile or so north of N. C. 705, and still lives in sight of the old homeplace where he was born and raised in an unpainted house in which his grandparents, Johnny and Emmaline Maness Hussey, lived. Both the house and the barn are reminders of wagon days. The barn is built from notched logs and the doors are faced with pegs.

Curtis has always dealt with horses and recalls early years when he hitched four horses to the farm implements. For many years he used a team of horses, Dolly and Pat, in the Farmers Day parade but changed last year to a pair of Tennessee horses, Nubbin and Dobbin. Dobbin proved unsatisfactory for parade purposes was sold to a sawmill operator. Another horse, Frank, was purchased and will pull the covered wagon along with Nubbin in the parade this year.

He recalls the remark made by his father when he came home with the 1906 version of the covered wagon, the older man cautioning his son that "it takes a lot of shelter for them wagons."

Many names are applied to Curtis Hussey, such as "Wagon Train Man," "Wagon Master," "Egg Man," and "Shaving Man." He has dealt with eggs since as a young man he went out through the countryside buying eggs and reselling them in the country stores and in the village and in the towns. Now a dealer brings the eggs to him and he resells them in Aberdeen, Star, Biscoe, Robbins, and other places. The latter mane comes from his hauling of shavings to chicken houses for the past 15 years.

Despite his 75 years he is still a man of strength and vigor. His day usually starts about 6 a. m. and usually ends about 10 p. m. He said the shaving pit closes at 3:30 in the afternoon and, after that, he distributes his eggs.

## **Church Has A Bus Ministry and Choirs**

July 24, 1981 - Many things are happening at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, under the pastorate of Dr. Kenneth Randolph Coward who had served the church for the past two years.

This past May he received his Doctor Of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va., of which city the 33-year-old minister is a native.

Prior to this time he had received a Master of divinity degree from Virginia Union School of theology, also of Richmond, Va., and before that had graduated from the same institution with a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry and mathematics.

His ministerial responsibilities before becoming the pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church was an associate pastorate at the Jerusalem Holy Church in Richmond under the pastorate of the late Bishop Annie Chamblin.

He also taught school for four years and works as an engineer for Stone and Webster Engineering Corp. in Louisa County, Va., in the building of nuclear power plants.

Since coming to the pastorate of First Pentecostal he has instituted a fund raising campaign at an established goal of \$50,000. This fund will be used for either a new building or an expansion of present facilities at the church.

Also, a bus ministry from Asheboro to the church, several miles away, has been initiated and it is hoped to begin one from Ramseur in the near future. Other achievements include the sponsorship of a class in adult education at the Caveness School building in Ramseur and the development of choirs at the church which now number four - adult, youth, mass choir and children's choir.

Projected areas of service for the future would include the establishment of a coffee house ministry, prison ministry and an evangelistic ministry.

First Pentecostal Holiness Church is an affiliate of Mt. Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc., with headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa. The church was organized some 96 years

ago by the late Elder Julia Goldston Ewing who served as its pastor for 32 years before her death in Mar., 1977.

Serving as pastor for two years before the coming of Dr. Coward was Mrs. Pearl Lee Goldston.

### **New Organ Dedicated At Church**

July 29, 1981 - Star United Methodist Church held a service of dedication for a new organ during the morning worship service Sunday.

The new digital computer organ, which was installed for use on Sunday, July 19, was donated to the church by Dr. Charles F. Scarborough, Jr., and daughter, Betsy Scarborough, to the "glory of almighty God in loving memory of Clara Aderholt Scarborough," wife and mother, respectively, of the donors.

The service of dedication was led by the church minister, Rev. David R. Grissom, with the two donors and congregation participating. Accepting the new instrument of music in behalf of the church membership was the chairman of the administrative board, Von Allen.

Following the service, a special musical concert was given by Ted C. Hayes, representing the Case Music Co. in Charlotte. The organ was purchased from the company.

Hayes, a former minister of music in several Baptist churches in Florida who has traveled with evangelistic associations as organist, pianist, soloist, and choral director, demonstrated the features of the new organ during the concert. Regular organist at the church is Mrs. Riley Phillips.

Before learning that a new organ would be donated to the church, a decision had been made to purchase a new organ following efforts by a special organ committee including, the board of trustees, the finance committee, and the administrative board.

Dr. Scarborough, a native of Mt. Gilead, had been practicing medicine in Star since Sept. 4, 1949. Chancel flowers for the service of dedication were presented by members of his staff, Jenny Davis, Linda Parsons, Louise King, Linda Henley, and Walter Pugh, III.

A large crowd was present for the dedication.

### **They Collaborate In Harmony**

July 29, 1981 - The young adult choir at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, has achieved recognition in this area and other parts of the country due to the talented leadership of two young men, Anzell McNeill and Dean Staley.

McNeill, 23 is the director of the choir and sometimes serves as its accompanist. Staley, 20, is the regular accompanist for the choir and sometimes serves as the director. The two work in unison and their positions are interchangeable.

Part of the choir, along with their director and accompanist, have just returned from the National Youth Convention of the Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, Inc. in Richmond, Va., where they sang before several thousand people from all across the country.

Previously they had sung at the Southern District Convention of their denomination in Orangeburg, S. C. They have sung at some of the college campuses in North Carolina and they have sung in Burlington, High Point, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Fayetteville, and Durham. They observed their 13<sup>th</sup> anniversary in Mar. and have held a mini-concert at their local church. Currently they are

planning a tour through South Carolina and Georgia in Aug. . They have held three workshops, teaching quality performance in Gospel music, twice at their local church and once at the J. M. Caveness School in Ramseur, where the choirs in this area were invited to participate.

Anzell McNeill, known as the "doctor of music," is endowed with rich natural talent. He is without formal training and received only what instruction his sister passed on to him while she was taking piano lessons. He is in demand from various groups for instruction and for performances.

One of the groups he has assisted is the fellowship choir at the Winston-Salem State University and his services are continually in demand at other places. His participation has become fulltime and it is now a profession for him.

He has been a part of the musical program at First Pentecostal Holiness Church throughout his lifetime and started in the children's choir. "I can play anything if I hear it once," he admits, "I pick things up very easy." During an interview he taught the young adult choir a song he had only heard a few hours earlier. He played the organ with one hand and directed the choir with the other.

His musical talents, however, may be hereditary since his father, Jessie, and his mother, Nezzie, are both musically inclined and the three of them, along with brothers Earl, Felix, Darneil and Leon and their sister, Norma Jean, comprise the McNeill Family Singers who make frequent public appearances.

Anzell participated in the various musical groups while a student at Asheboro High School, where he graduated, as did his co-worker Dean Staley while he was a student at Eastern Randolph High School where he graduated in the spring of 1980.

Staley exhibited his love for music at a very early age when he derived sounds from his mother's "favorite cake pan" and other kitchen utensils. He played in the school band for six years at Ramseur Junior High School and Eastern Randolph High School. He also sang with the chorus and the ensemble.

Like Anzell, he also started playing the piano and organ by ear but later was taught by Vernon Phillips, a veteran Franklinville area musician, for three years and also received some lessons from Hattie Mae Gales for a brief period.

A member of the choir at first Pentecostal said that both Anzell and Dean have written songs and while praising both of them, said that "Anzell was more refined." Staley said when making the comparison that "it takes me a little longer than Anzell."

While Anzell devotes his entire time to musical pursuits, Staley is involved with attendance at Randolph Technical College, employment at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home, summer employment at Union Carbide, and tuning pianos.

### **Simmons Honored By Church**

July 30, 1981 - Rufus Gid Simmons, 85, became the fourth member of Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, to be honored by the church for long years of faithful service.

Mr. Simmons was accorded the recognition during the morning worship service Sunday. The pastor, Rev. Ben Witherington, praised not only his faithfulness to the church and community but also the contributions of his late wife,

Eula Saunders Simmons, who died in Apr. of this year.

A gift was presented to the honored member and a boutonniere was pinned on him by a niece, Mrs. Lena Jones. Two half-brothers, Reid and Ira Simmons, were also in attendance.

Simmons lives diagonally across the road from the church and formerly lived on the same side but was living across the river when the first church edifice was started. He recalls coming and donating free labor while the church was under construction. He worked with other men of the community on the construction.

He said the ladies provided meals for the volunteer workers.

He joined the church Aug. 8, 1934, after its official organization. For several years before that time the worship was undenominational and held in the old Maple Springs Schoolhouse.

A native of Stokes County, near the town of Westfield, he came with his parents, Melvin and Ruth Owens Simmons, to Randolph County many years ago. His mother died when he was 11, after the birth of five children. His father later married again and seven children were born to this marriage. Simmons is the only one of the first set of children still living.

Simmons and his wife celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary several years before her death. During the latter part of their marriage they spent 12 winters in Zephyr Hills, Fla., near Tampa. They were enjoyable years in their lives and they especially enjoyed the winters they spent in Florida.

Gid Simmons, now left alone, is mourning the death of his wife, Eula. He said "she was the best friend I ever had, I sure do miss her."

Other older members of the church honored by the congregation have been Mrs. Georgia Cain, Mrs. Esther Brown, and Thornton Priddy.

### **Church Initiates Senior Citizens Day**

Aug. 5, 1981 - Staley - Senior Citizens Day was initiated in a special service Sunday evening, July 26, at Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley.

Plaques signifying awards of merit were presented to Mrs. Annie J. Brown, oldest female member of the church, and Tom M. Foxx, oldest male member.

The 87-year-old Mrs. Brown, accompanied by her daughter, Janice Marie Staley, was present to receive her award. Foxx, also 87, was unable to be present.

Mrs. Brown, a native of Chatham County, moved to the Staley area in 1924. She is a long time member of the church and a life member of the missionary society.

Other citizens of the community, 60 years of age and older, were presented certificates "in appreciation of devoted and invaluable services tendered to the Oliver's Chapel community."

These included Fannie Staley, Mr. and Mrs. Ivory Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Coley Horton, Naomi Brown, Leora Matthews, Lucy Staley, Dorothy Headen, Addie Siler, Pearl Matthews, Edna Bullock, Mr. and Mrs. Junious Brown, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Gray, Burnice Alston, Georgia Nettles, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brooks Sr., Everett Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Alford, Aleian Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. Lucion Alston, Eva McMasters, Margaret Siler, and Marshal Cox, Rt. 1, Staley, mail carrier for many years.

Helen Headen was in charge of the program. She was

assisted in the presentations by Linda Graves and Vera Andrews.

### **Mrs. Neudie Humble Is Honored**

Aug. 6, 1981 - Mrs. Neudie Humble, Rt. 1, Asheboro, well known Randolph County crafts woman was honored by family members on her 81<sup>st</sup> birthday Sunday, July 26, at the Grantville Community Building.

The occasion also marked the second reunion of the Jim Dunlap family, of which Mrs. Humble is a member. The Dunlap family originated in the upper part of Moore County, after moving to the area near Carthage.

Four of the five surviving children of Jim Dunlap were present for the reunion - Mrs. Humble, Mrs. Texie Mabe, Mooresville; Mrs. Madge Priest, Southern Pines; and Mrs. Helen Sherrill, Fayetteville. Mrs. Hazel Owen, Dumas, Texas, was unable to be present.

Formerly there were 15 children. Some of those who have died in recent years were Auby, Woodrow, Brit and Charlie Dunlap, Ossie Brown, Caddell, and Mannie Bottoms.

A special guest was Douglas Dunlap of Mt. Chermons, Mich., son of Arby Dunlap. Also present was Harvey Humble of Greensboro, son of Neudie Humble, the guest of honor. Mrs. Humble has distinguished herself in recent years for her needlework and the making of cloth dolls which she exhibits in the Fall Festival and on other occasions.

### **Browns Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 13, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Lester Brown of 317 Shaw St., Randleman, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by renewing their marriage vows in a 5 p. m. ceremony Sunday, Aug. 9, at the Faith Temple Baptist Church.

The renewal vows were heard by the church pastor, the Rev. Richard J. Trogdon. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are members of the church congregation.

The couple were married Aug. 9, 1941 in York, S. C. Mrs. Brown is the former Johnsie Heath, daughter of the late John and Mary Ellington. She is a native of Randleman.

Mr. Brown, son of the late George and Sarah Jane Garner Brown, is a native of Rt. 3, Eagle Springs. He is employed as the superintendent of Southern Fabric Mills in Greensboro.

Mrs. Brown was formerly employed at J. P. Stevens and Co. in Greensboro and at the Foodline and Food Mart Grocery Stores in Randleman.

Following the renewal of their marriage vows their children honored them at a cake-cutting and reception in the fellowship hall. Their granddaughter, Julie Beane, served the punch, their daughter and daughter-in-law served the cake.

Organ music was provided by Mrs. Lynn Hudson during the ceremony, including the song "I'll Never Walk Alone." At the conclusion of the ceremony Mr. Brown presented his wife with a ring containing a stone of ruby to commemorate the symbol of their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

### **Ervins Honored On Anniversary**

Aug. 14, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ervin of Randolph Hills Apartments in Ramseur, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 9 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James F. Wanda McNeill.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. McNeill in hosting the celebration

were Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Martha) Brady of Bennett, also a daughter and son-in-law of the honored couple.

The couple also have four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Special guests at the reception were Mrs. Ervin's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Stephenson of Durham and surprise guests, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Dennis of Dayton, Fla., sister and brother-in-law of Mr. Ervin.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin were married Aug. 8, 1931 in Halifax, Va. Mrs. Ervin is the former Velma Pittman, a native of Onslow County, N. C. Mr. Ervin is a native of Cumberland, Md.

They have spent most of their married life in Durham, however, living for brief periods in Asheboro.

### **Church Bids One Minister Goodbye, Welcomes Another**

Aug. 16, 1981 - Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, said goodbye to a former pastor Sunday, Aug. 9, who is leaving for the mission field while at the same time still welcoming a new pastor who assumed his duties on Sunday, July 12.

A love offering of \$250 was presented to the departing minister and his family, equal to a similar amount which had been presented earlier, along with other individual gifts of monetary value from various members of the congregation.

A photo album, containing pictures of members of the congregation, was also presented to the Rev. and Mrs. Steve Saunders to take with them when they go to Paramaribo, Suriname, South America on Aug. 27. This presentation came from the Woman's Missionary Society.

The luncheon in the fellowship hall, which followed the morning service, jointly honored the Rev. and Mrs. Saunders and their two children, Ben, 4, and Carla, 2 and the new pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. David Surrent and their son, Phil, 11.

The Rev. Steve Saunders had served the Sawyersville church for four years before responding to the call to the mission field in South America. He is following in the footsteps of his father, the Rev. D. R. Saunders, in both areas of service.

The elder minister, the Rev. D. R. Saunders, served the Sawyersville church for five years before relinquishing the pastorate to his son and earlier in their career the Rev. and Mrs. D. R. Saunders had served as missionaries in the West Indies and South America for six years, taking their son, Steve, to the foreign field when he was two years of age.

Steve's wife, the former Carolyn Downey, will not be entirely unfamiliar with the mission field either since she and Steve met when he accompanied a Youth Enlisted Service Corps on a mission to Brazil where her parents were serving as missionaries.

One of the stops Steve and Carolyn will make on route to their mission station will be at Guyana, South America, where Steve lived as a child when his parents were serving as missionaries in that area.

The new pastor, the Rev. David Surrent, and his wife, the former Rebecca (Becky) Smith, got acquainted during their attendance at the Southern Pilgrim College at Kernersville.

He is a native of High Point, coming out of the Hayworth Wesleyan Methodist Church of that city, and she is a native of Montgomery County, coming out of the former Pilgrim Holiness Church at Troy, now the First Wesleyan Church.

Since their marriage on July 16, 1967, the Wesleyan Methodist and Pilgrim Holiness denominations have merged to form the present Wesleyan denomination.

Immediately following their graduation from South Pilgrim College they served as Ministers of Music at Calvary Wesleyan Church in Greensboro for two years and at the Albemarle Wesleyan Church for three years.

While in Albemarle they felt led to change the scope of their ministry and at the conclusion of their service there they moved to Central S. C., where David enrolled at Central Wesleyan College to prepare for the regular ministry.

While attending the college he pastored the North Garden Wesleyan Church in that Area. After completing his studies there they accepted a pastorate at the First Wesleyan Church in Lenoir, where they remained for seven years before coming to the Sawyersville church.

David has served in denominational capacities including president of North Carolina Wesleyan Youth, East District, and treasurer of North Carolina Wesleyan Youth, West District.

While in Lenoir he served as president of the ministerial association and as president of Yoke Fellow, Caldwell County branch, and was also involved in the furtherance of activities for the senior citizens of that area.

Both David and his wife Becky, are talented musicians. David also plays the trumpet.

Becky is a first cousin of the former pastor at Sawyersville, Steve Saunders. Her mother and his father are brother and sister.

### **Birthday Celebration Reunites 9 Children**

Aug. 19, 1981 - The 77<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of Ross Goins, 214 Fremont Drive, on Aug. 16, brought his nine children together for the first time in 45 years.

All of them had been at home at various times but not at the same time. Elgie Green Goins, wife of Ross Goins and mother of their nine children, died in 1951.

Military service overseas prevented some family members from coming home for her burial.

The children are Janet Williamson, Don Goins, Roger Goins, and Jerry Goins, all of Asheboro, Pat Bowman, Sophia: Mary Hatley, Winter Park, Fla. : Robert Goins, Tooele, Utah: Evelyn Stout, Thomasville: and Ron Goins, Winston-Salem.

Two successive sets of twins were born to Ross Goins and his wife. The twins' names are Jerry and Janet and Don and Ron. Their births occurred about two years apart.

Told that "it was mighty nice to have two sets of twins in succession," Goins said "it might be nice now but it was terrible when it happened." He said "you could not buy two pairs of shoes for the price of one."

A native of Asheboro, Ross Goins worked in chair factories for most of his life until illness forced his retirement several years ago.

One of his first jobs was varnishing chairs at the Piedmont Chair Company in Asheboro. He then worked in High Point and in Thomasville and was employed at what is now Thomasville Furniture Co. He was employed there for more than twenty years.

He came back to Asheboro for a long period of employment at P & P Chair Company. He was working there as the foreman in the finishing department when the "Kennedy Rocker" became famous. He worked on the

famous rockers as they were processed through the finishing department.

Goins said of the chair that "it was the biggest hit in the south, telephone calls and telegrams poured into Asheboro, everybody in the country wanted one, folks drove down from Washington and Michigan to see them."

It was a joyous time when Ross Goins and his nine children got together at the same time. A picnic dinner was eaten as the family gathered on the back lawn and many family pictures were made. Various other family members were also present.

### **Whites Honored On Anniversary**

Aug. 20, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. White of Rt. 7, Asheboro, were honored by their children Sunday, Aug. 16, on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosting a reception in the fellowship building at Brower's Memorial Wesleyan Church were Mr. and Mrs. Gene (Jean White) Hogan of Rt. 3, Denton, Mr. and Mrs. Van (Carol White) Spencer of Myrtle Beach, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Edwin (Ed) White of Greensboro, and Donnie White, also of Greensboro.

Guests called from 2 until 5 o'clock. The immediate family also includes seven grandchildren - Ritchie, Mynette and Jamie Hogan, Stephen and Chuck White, Scott and Lauren Spencer.

Mr. and Mrs. White were married Aug. 16, 1941 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. White is the former Dorothy Snider, a native of Randolph County.

Mr. White, a native of Chatsworth, Ga., is employed as manager of H & S Sports World at 1137 N. Fayetteville St.

### **After 60 Years In Ministry Rev. York Remains Active**

Aug. 20, 1981 - Rev. T. R. (Theodore Roosevelt) York has been a minister for more than sixty years. Despite his 76 years he is still pastor of a church and visit's the sick in the hospitals and nursing homes.

Asked if he had any plans to retire soon, Rev. York said, "no, not as long as there is so much to do."

A man of boundless energy, he commutes to Staley from Thomasville every Sunday morning for services at the Staley Wesleyan Church where he has now been the pastor for the past four years.

He is not content to just preach and perform the ordinary tasks of church routine. Since coming to Staley he has led the congregation in installing wall-to-wall carpeting and new, colored windows.

Just recently he arranged for an open-air service in the evening at the church yard, asked the Baptist minister in the community to preach the sermon and invited an outside group to sing.

Although he is originally a Pilgrim Holiness (now known as Wesleyan) by denomination, he has never confined himself to activity within his denomination. He visits those who need his service, regardless of denomination, and this has characterized his ministry for the past six decades.

Nor has he confined his ministry to the United States. Since 1950 he has engaged in an evangelistic ministry in the West Indies, Virgin Islands, Panama, and the countries of Ecuador and Peru in South America.

He went into semi-retirement in 1977 and established a home in Thomasville, where he spent his longest pastorate.

But this didn't last long and in about a year he came to Staley church.

Rev. T. R. York is a native of Ramseur, the son of John Elbert York and Jane York. His parents moved to Asheboro shortly after the end of World War 1. The streets in Asheboro were unpaved at the time. His first job was at Acme Hosiery Mill and he also worked as a telephone operator in the evening hours.

He was converted in a revival meeting at the Asheboro Pilgrim Church, first known as the Apostolic Church and immediately began holding prayer meetings of his own. He enrolled at the Beulah Bible School in Westpoint, Va., to study for the ministry.

He attended there for two years and during his student days preached at an Apostolic Church and a Presbyterian Church near the school.

After leaving school he lived in Rowan County in the home of an elderly minister, Rev. C. A. Ludwick, and engaged in a summer of evangelism. While in Rowan County he met his wife, the former Kathleen Earnhardt, and they were married on Christmas Day, 1925, the same day as Rev. York's birthdate.

His first pastorate was the Mt. Zion Pilgrim Holiness Church, about seven miles south of Thomasville. It was a one-room, unpainted building on a dirt road which was reached by fording a creek. Services had to be suspended at times of flooding, freezing and thawing out. He remained there the first time for three years.

But after a pastorate of three years at the Bethlehem Pilgrim Holiness Church in Alamance County he returned to Mr. Zion where he would remain for the next 25 years.

A period of success followed his coming to the church the second time and Mt. Zion became the strongest rural church within the denomination in the entire United States.

Following some successful revival meetings, the attendance increased to the extent that a new brick building was erected and additional land was purchased. The Sunday School eventually averaged 300 each Sunday and the record attendance on one rally Sunday was 500 people.

The Rev. Mr. York conducted a radio ministry which was self-supporting for 18 years while at the Mt. Zion church. He was serving as president of the ministerial association in Thomasville at the time he left the Mt. Zion pastorate.

Although the present facilities at Mt. Zion, valued at more than a million dollars, were erected after he left, many believe they came about due to the program he initiated during the 28 years of his pastorate there.

He left Mt. Zion to become the pastor of the First Pilgrim Holiness Church in St. Petersburg, Fla., due to the health of his wife and they served that church for 12 years.

Then he came back to his native county of Randolph and became the pastor of the Mt. Olivet Wesleyan Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, where he remained for nine years.

Building programs characterized his ministry at both of the latter churches, with the addition of Sunday School space at both places and the renovation of the parsonage at Mt. Olivet.

Rev. and Mrs. York are the parents of a daughter, Charlotte, who is married to The Rev. Fred Sumalt, pastor of Christ Wesleyan Church in Winston-Salem.

### **Reception Fetes Asheboro Couple**

Aug. 23, 1981 - Children of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Southard of 1009 N. Fayetteville St., honored their parents Sunday,



Aug. 16, on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosts at a reception in the fellowship building at Friendship Baptist Church on Spero Road were Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Southard of 110 Sunrise Ave., Mr. and Mrs. Todd (Patti) White of 1211 Oakgrove Rd., Miss Kathy Southard and Miss Denise Southard of the home.

Guests called from 2 until 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Southard were married Aug. 12, 1956 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Southard is the former Verda Cagle, a native of Randolph County and daughter of the late Stamey and Ola Ingold Cagle. She is an employee of the dietary department at The Randolph Hospital.

Mr. Southard is a native of Rockingham County, the son of the late John Henry and Addie Martin Southard. He is a retired carpenter.

Among those in attendance at the reception were Mrs. Annie Pegram and Mrs. Virginia Trotter, of Reidsville, sisters of Mr. Southard.

### **Reception Fetes Ramseur Couple**

Aug. 27, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Williamson of Rt. 1, Ramseur celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Aug. 23, at a reception held in the dining area at Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department.

Hosts were their three children, Janie, Jeff and Julie Williamson. Guests called from 2 until 5 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were married Aug. 24, 1956 in Chesterfield, S. C.

Mrs. Williamson is the former Patty Hicks, daughter of Mrs. Estelle York Hicks of Rt. 2, Ramseur and the late Guy Hicks. She is employed at Weiman Furniture Co. in Ramseur.

Mr. Williamson is the son of the Archie Williamson and Maggie McCoy Williamson, Rt. 1, Ramseur. He has been employed for about 28 years at Burlington Industries, Ramseur Plant.

Next May Mr. and Mrs. Archie Williamson will celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They were present for their son and daughter-in-law's anniversary, along with Mrs. Williamson's mother, Mrs. Hicks.

### **Mrs. Effie Spinks Celebrates 89<sup>th</sup> With Children**

Aug. 27, 1981 - Mrs. Effie Goldston Spinks, Rt. 1, Seagrove, celebrated her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Aug. 22, with all of her 10 children in attendance along with other relatives.

Her children are Garland Spinks, Rt. 4, Siler City, Mrs. Lucy McSwain and Archie Spinks, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Redell Spinks, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Jewell Booker, Dillwyn, Va.; Mrs. Thelma Hines, Greensboro, Ray Spinks, Ramseur; Sherman Spinks, Rochester, N. Y. and Mrs. Ruth Staley, Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Although her family is a large one, the family of her parents, Gillis and Mary Ann Brower Goldston, was even larger with 14 children, all of whom lived to maturity except one, Hasseltine, who only lived a few days.

Two sisters, Ada Hawkins, Asheboro, and Beatrice Spinks, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and two brothers, Hurley Goldston, Rt. 1, Asheboro, and James Goldston, Rt. 1, Seagrove, joined Mrs. Spinks for her birthday celebration. Another sister, Mrs. Mary Spencer, Asheboro, was unable to be present.

The remaining brother and sisters, now deceased, were Celie Cheek, Beulah Goldston, Donna Green, Elizabeth Hill, Lola Bell, Curtis Goldston, and Julia Ewing.

Gillis Goldston was a farmer and his wife, Mary Ann, was a well known mid-wife for many years, serving both the white and black communities.

According to one of her daughters, the doctor who also served the community used to tell people "if Mary Ann can't handle it, you need not call on me."

Her income from her mid-wife work, coupled with what her husband received from the farm, helped to support and raise their large family of children.

Her daughter also said that her mother received three of four dollars for delivering a child, a price which was later raised to ten dollars.

Some of Mary Ann's 14 children were delivered by her mother, Betty Brower, who was also a mid-wife.

Effie Spinks and her brothers and sisters attended the services at the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and also the school by the same name, the latter being a one-room log structure with an open fireplace.

When the weather was rough or if it snowed while they were at school, Gillis Goldston would drive his covered wagon to the school and bring his children back home.

Family members have been deeply religious and involved in church activities, with one of the daughters, Julia Ewing, serving as the pastor of the First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, at the time of her death.

Several of them have left the Methodist faith under which they were reared but as Effie Spinks said the denomination was no significant "just so they live the life."

### **Reception Honors Asheboro Couple**

Sept. 2, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hunter of 319 Greenlawn Drive celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a reception Saturday, Aug. 29, in the fellowship hall at Balfour Baptist Church where they are both active members.

Hosts were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hunter of Rt. 6, Asheboro and Mrs. Cathy Hunter Batten of Farnville, Va. Their family also includes grandson, Rhett Hunter Batten.

Their marriage occurred Sept. 2, 1956 at the First Baptist Church in Ellerbe. Mrs. Hunter is the former Nancy Wallace.

Mrs. Hunter is a native of the Ellerbe area and Mr. Hunter moved there with his parents from Pilot Mountain at an early age.

Prior to moving to Asheboro in 1961 the couple lived in Rockingham where Mr. Hunter was associated with Klopman Mills.

An employee with 25 years of service with Burlington Mills he is now serving as operations manager of the transportation department with the company in Burlington.

Mrs. Hunter is employed as the director of volunteer services at the Randolph Hospital in Asheboro.

Among the guests in attendance at the reception was her maid of honor at the wedding 25 years ago.

### **Staley Recognized On 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Sept. 3, 1981 - John Harvey (Johnny) Staley, lifelong resident of Rt. 2, Liberty, was honored on his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on Aug. 27.

On the day of his birthday he was recognized by his fellow senior citizens as they congregated at the old town hall in



Liberty for their daily meal.

He received further recognition the following day as he met with fellow members of Ramseur Barracks No. 2432, comprised of World War I veterans, their wives and widows, at the town hall in Ramseur.

A larger family celebration occurred on the following Sunday at the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in Kimesville.

Johnny Staley still lives in the same house where he was born and was the youngest boy of seven children born to John Wesley Staley and Emma Duella Royal Staley.

His oldest brother, Charles W. Staley, lived to be 91, another brother, Ben and two sisters, Mamie and Mary died in their seventies and eighties. His other brother, Paul, is still living at the age of 93 in Phoenix, Ariz. And his other sister, Ruby Leighton, 85 is living in Greensboro. His mother was 91 when she died, his father was 88.

At the time of his birth, the house in which his parents lived consisted of two rooms, one of which was built of logs.

He recalled there was only one large bed and the children slept on small beds which were brought out at night and pushed under the larger bed during the daytime.

He farmed in the summer time before he was called into service in World War I and worked at a sawmill in the winter time, receiving 50 cents a day for 10 hours of work. In addition to his own farming he helped other people farm, receiving 30 cents a day of his wages. He also hauled cordwood to Liberty for which he received one dollar a cord. He said "I was raised up in the hard times."

He didn't see active service during the war because soon after entering the Army he became ill and spent time in various hospitals.

His brother, Paul, also served in World War I, having volunteered hoping that his brother would not be drafted but left at home to assist his parents and younger sisters. Paul Staley usually visits his homesite every two years and spends two months with his brother.

Johnny Staley's concern for his parents and sisters stayed with him throughout their lifetime, and he remained single and stayed at home with them as long as they lived. He said "I felt it was my duty to look after my father and mother."

He is a long time member of the Liberty Grove United Methodist Church where his father was also a member. His mother, a Baptist, belonged to the Macedonia Baptist Church. His parents are buried at the latter church. Staley attended both churches, especially while he was growing up.

## **Ramseur Church Building Fund Gets Boost**

Sept. 4, 1981 - The building fund at First Christian Church in Ramseur received a hefty increase Sunday, Aug. 30, when the collections for the day, set aside for the building fund, amounted to \$22,885. 17.

This amount does not represent the pledges or promises but actual cash and checks which could be applied immediately to the building fund.

The pastor, the Rev. Adrian Pugh, now beginning his 21<sup>st</sup> month in the pastorate of the church, had established a goal of \$20,000 for the fifth Sunday offering and had remained confident that it would be reached.

The Sunday School offering was \$18,295.04 but the worship service offering and the children's church offering

brought the total up to \$22,320.30, well beyond the established goal, with the additional money being received during the night worship service.

A refreshing aspect to the fund raising came at the end of the morning worship service when the large number of children assembled in the church basement for their service marched into the sanctuary upstairs and presented the pastor with the bag of money which they had accumulated as their offering for the fifth Sunday collection.

The morning worship service was concluded with the entire congregation singing "To God Be The Glory."

The construction of the new sanctuary at First Christian Church, formerly known as Ramseur Christian Church, is well underway, with the roof expected to be completed this week. Construction began shortly after the groundbreaking the first Sunday in June.

Upon its completion the existing sanctuary, erected around 85 years ago, will be torn down to allow the additional construction of a balcony, pastor's study, nursery, and entrance to the new building.

Ramseur Christian Church was organized Nov. 26, 1893 at the home of L. W. Cox and shortly thereafter purchased the abandoned Baptist Church building and land. A new building, the present structure, was erected three or four years later.

It was a busy weekend at First Christian. In addition to the successful fund raising on Sunday, a supper was sponsored by the women's Fellowship Saturday night, raising funds to buy a pew for the new sanctuary in honor of Mrs. Sherman Maness, a long time former president of the fellowship.

On Sunday morning the monthly men's breakfast was held, with the ladies of the church as their invited guests.

Also, at a meeting of the Women's Fellowship on Monday night, Lee Nall, a missionary, was the guest speaker and members brought their favorite recipe for all to taste.

## **Cousins Reunion Marks Anniversary Of Twins**

Sept. 10, 1981 - Sunday, Sept. 6, was the 198<sup>th</sup> anniversary of twin daughters, Rachel Elmira (Emma) Millikan Robbins and Louise Elvira (Vida) Millikan Cox, to Daniel Washington Millikan and his wife, Annie L. Cross Millikan.

These twin daughters were two of the 14 children born to Daniel Millikan and his wife, Ann, who were residents of Back Creek Township.

Date of birth for the twins was Sept. 6, 1873. Two years prior to their birth another set of twins had been born to Daniel Millikan and his wife, a daughter who died after three days, known only as Sis, and a son named Alfred Russell.

This accounted for the successive birth of twins to Daniel Millikan and his wife, Ann.

Another child was born to the couple, Benjamin F. Millikan, lived only nine months. All other children lived to maturity and mostly old age.

These children, six daughters and six sons, included Frances (Fannie) Bulla, Nancy Jane (Nan) Robbins, Sarah Lou Hinshaw, Thomas Anel Millikan, Alfred Russell Millikan, Rachel Elmira (Emma) Robbins, Louise Elvira (Vida) Cox, Mary L. Ward, Robert Arthur Millikan, James Garfield Millikan, Daniel Walter Millikan and Gurney Lee Millikan.

Nineteen years ago the descendants of the surviving 12 children of Daniel and Ann Millikan began holding a "cousins reunion." They chose as their meeting date the

anniversary of the birth of the twin daughter, Rachel Elmira (Emma) and Louise Elvira (Vida).

However, since the event began death has diminished their ranks and ill health has prevented some from attending. The event this year was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jack F. (Virginia) Garner at 1511 Arrowood Rd.

The only grandchildren of Daniel and Ann Millikan in attendance included Mrs. Garner and three sisters, Mrs. Wanda Bunting, Mrs. Kathleen Layton and Mrs. Elizabeth Marsh, daughters of Rachel Elmira (Emma) Millikan Robbins and Annie Cox Harrell, daughter of Louise Elvira (Vida) Millikan Cox.

Also present were a granddaughter-in-law, Mrs. Clarence Cox. And a great-granddaughter, Mrs. Forrest Pulley.

### **Friends Meeting Dedicates New Parsonage Building**

Sept. 20, 1981 - Another milestone in the 114-year-old history of Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Trinity, occurred Sunday morning, Sept. 11, when a dedication worship service was held for the new parsonage building which was erected recently.

Leading the service of dedication was the minister, the Rev. J. Winfred Crouse, who spoke briefly from a scriptural quotation found in Nebemiah, "Let us rise up and build."

Also speaking during the service was Billy Britt, superintendent of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Recognition was extended to members of the building committee, Steve Caughron, Tom Osborne, Charles Coltrane, W. R. Lanier, John Bartlett, Ruby Ward, Janice Morgan, Brenda Monroe, Dessie Coggins and Jean Crouse.

Gratitude was also expressed during the service to various other members of the Meeting, both men and women, who exerted physical labor during the construction of the parsonage. Included among members of the building committee were two carpenters, one of whom is also a cabinet maker, one brick mason, and one electrician, all of whom assisted greatly in the construction of the building.

This labor of love enabled the Meeting to construct and equip the new building for the amount of \$84,679. 54, much lower than the valuation of the building. There is an indebtedness on \$25,000 on the overall amount.

The energy efficient structure consists of approximately 2,500 square feet of space and includes four bedrooms, two full baths, two half-baths, living room, family room, kitchen, dining area, utility room, double garage, and patio.

Plans for the construction of the building began shortly after the retiring of the indebtedness on the newest church plant Nov. 7, 1979. This structure, consisting of sanctuary and educational area, was erected in 1971. Three of the buildings preceded the erection of the present Meetinghouse.

Note-burning for the present church building occurred on the night before Thanksgiving in 1979, just prior to the coming of the present minister on Jan. 1, 1980.

Both J. Winfred Crouse and his wife, the former Jen McClusky, are natives of Greensboro. Prior to his entering the ministry they were associated with the membership of the Glenwood Friends Meeting of that city.

During his ministry before coming to Poplar Ridge he served Union Hill, a Friends Mission in Mount Airy, seven years; South Fork in Chatham County, nine years;

evangelistic work, two years; and Union Cross in Yadkin County, five years.

While he was at Union Hill a new church building and parsonage were erected. While he was at South Fork a new church building was erected.

He and his wife are the parents of two sons, Michael Crouse, a teacher in Yadkin County and Bruce Crouse of Rt. 1, Snow Camp, the senior probation officer in Chatham County. They also have two granddaughters, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Crouse.

Following the service of dedication a ribbon-cutting ceremony was held at the new parsonage, which is located just north of the church structure. Billy Britt participated in this ceremony.

Afterwards a fellowship luncheon was held in the third church building at Poplar Ridge, which is now used as a fellowship area. Open house in the new parsonage followed the luncheon.

The church bulletin announced a meeting of the Poplar Ridge Church Growth Committee for Tuesday night, Sept. 22.

Goals stated by the Meeting at the time of the note-burning at Thanksgiving two years ago included consideration of a new parsonage, which has now been completed, the paving of the parking lot, the erection of a fellowship hall and the continued spiritual growth of the meeting.

### **Oldest Member Of Family Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Sept. 25, 1981 - The Joe Hop Joyce family got together Sunday to celebrate the birthday of the family's oldest member, Mrs. Edna Rice of Reidsville.

The Joyce family is originally from Rockingham County but moved to Randolph County in 1919.

Mrs. Rice was 80-years-old on Sept. 23 but the formal observance was held three days earlier in the fellowship hall at Union Grove United Church of Christ, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

One of her two sons, Floyd M. Rice, Rt. 4, Asheboro, is a member at Union Grove and lives in the community with his family. Her other son, James Eugene Rice, lives in Raleigh and is employed with the state Department of Public Instruction. Her husband, Eugene Rice, died around 19 years ago.

Nine of Mrs. Rice's brothers and sisters joined her for the birthday observance, including Miss Emma Joyce, Miss Hallie Joyce, A. Jack Joyce, and Henry Joyce, Rt. 4, Siler City; Mrs. Brooksie Higgins, Franklinville; Marshall Joyce, Rt. 2, Ramseur; Charlie W. Joyce and Martin L. Joyce, Rt. 1; and Woodrow Joyce, Rt. 1, Randleman.

A brother, Jeff Joyce, Rt. 4, Siler City, and a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Craven, Rt. 1, Ramseur, were unable to attend. The 12<sup>th</sup> member of the Joe Hop Joyce family, C. L. Joyce, died at the age of 9.

When the family came to Randolph County 62 years ago they moved from Rockingham County where they lived near Stoneville not far from the Virginia line. They came to Randolph County for the same reason that many other families came from Rockingham, Stokes and Surry Counties - to cultivate their crops on land that was more flat and to a county where land was more available at that time than in the counties from which they came.

All of the 12 children in the Joe Hop Joyce family were

born in Rockingham County except the two youngest, Marshall and C. L. who were born after the family moved to the present homesite in the extreme eastern part of Randolph County near the Chatham County line.

Joe Hop Joyce died in 1958. His widow, Hessie Price Joyce died three years ago at the age of 96. The other occasion which has brought the family together since Mrs. Joyce's death, besides the birthday celebration for Mrs. Rice is the annual homecoming service at Brush Creek Baptist Church where Joe Hop Joyce and his wife, Hessie Price Joyce, are buried.

Mrs. Rice, who was 76 years old when her mother died, is quoted by one of her sons as saying "I didn't feel so old until Granny died." Besides her two sons those present for the birthday celebration included her five grandchildren and her one great-grandchild.

### **Picnic Is Held On Grounds Of Randolph Rest Home**

Oct. 1, 1981 - The 12<sup>th</sup> annual picnic and open house at Randolph Rest Home took place Sunday, Sept. 27, underneath the large oak trees on the front lawn at the home at 2218 S. Fayetteville St.

The resident members at the home, their families and other guests ate a meal from tables placed on the lawn. An upraised platform had been erected to provide for the entertainers - the Carolinians, a gospel singing group, the Carrousel Cloggers and Sandy Chrisco, banjoist.

Resident members at Randolph Rest Home and a related home in attendance at the picnic were Tom Carter, Ruth McPherson, Nettie Yow, Annie Lineberry, Pauline Gerring, Georgia Smith, Ronnie Jarrell, Dora McDowell, Glenn Glass, William Williamson, Irma Rathborn and Casper Allen.

Also Zula Hinshaw, Paul Allred, Roberta Cox, Dana Hill, Lessie Sink, Norman Potter, Lizzie Hege, Billy Swaney, Cora Kennedy, Janette Bowman, Dot Hogan, Frances Kearns, Louise McDowell, Jettie Myrick, Leister Christenberry, Mary Frazier and Astor Walton.

Mrs. Lou Wilson, administrator for the home, was assisted by her activities director, Lind Hinds and other planning and holding of the annual picnic and open house.

They express their appreciation to Garner Florist for flowers; Lowe's Foods for ice; Randolph County Senior Adults Association for loan of tables and chairs; Susan Hunter and Teasha Hinds for cutting and preparing flowers for the residents of the home; and to Robert Hochuli, Scoutmaster for Troop No. 525, and members of his troop for helping set up the tables and chair along with A. J. Potter.

Their appreciation is also extended to three Girl Scout troops for assisting the home residents with their plates during the serving of the food - Junior Troop No. 676, leaders Linda Hinds and Lisa Stilwell; Junior Troop No. 391, leader Linda Everette; and Cadet Troop No. 106, leader Peggy Everette.

Members of Junior Troop No. 676 are Teasha Hinds, Patricia Cagle, Ashley Harper, Tamatha Padgett, Tina Outen, Ginger Bullins, Nina Rich, Charlotte Rorie, Crystal Auman, Wileen Crowder, Elaine Garner, Susan Hunter, Pongiot Tan, and PoChoo Tan and Sharon Brown.

Members of Junior Troop No. 391 are Lisa Cranford, Amy Lomax, Susan Scott, Amy Weaver and Deborah Brown. Members of Cadet Troop No. 106 are Sue Ellen Brewer,

Sharon Brady, Caroline Brumley, Cindy Cox, Jodi Cummings, Donna Everette and Christa Hartman.

### **Hillsville Civitan Members Celebrate Club's First Year**

Oct. 1, 1981 - The Hillsville Civitan Club installed new officers at a ladies night banquet at the New Market School Cafeteria Monday evening and reviewed a large number of achievements during the newly-formed club's first year of operation.

The club's service record during the past year included the delivery of fruit baskets and Christmas gifts to the senior citizens of the community; the distribution of food for needy families; the recognition of the clergy at a special meeting; the planning of a garden for an elderly citizen; participation in the Special Olympics in Charlotte; the sponsorship of a Boy Scout Troop; and the development of an athletic field for the youth of the area.

The club's fund raising activities included selling of Christmas trees and Halloween candy; the sponsorship of a spaghetti supper, a car wash, a donkey basketball game, a church softball tournament; and a harvesting of a field of cane.

New officers installed were president, Keith Nelson; president-elect, Don Farlow; secretary, Reid Harris; treasurer, Lowell Davis; chaplain, Ed Overcash; sergeant-at-arms, Ted Hanes; and directors, Johnny Hayes, Larry Hill, Norman Nelson, Bobby Ledbetter and Ed Overcash.

Civitan of the Year award was presented to the in-coming president Keith Nelson. A unique presentation of two distinguished citizenship awards was made by two members of the club. Lowell Davis and Faye Hayes, to their mothers, Edith Davis and Faye Hayes, members of the cafeteria staff who prepared the meal for the ladies night banquet and who had assisted in the funds raising meal during the past year.

Installation of officers was conducted by Curtis Farlow, Governor of N. C. Civitan District West, who stated that his first project as governor involved the organization of the Hillsville club and that his last responsibility as governor constituted the installation of the officers for the beginning of the club's second year.

Before adjournment of the meeting a ceremonial signing of a lease for the proposed new athletic field was participated in by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Caughron, grantors of the lease, along with club secretary, Reid Harris, and Lowell Davis, the club treasurer.

Hillsville Civitan Club was organized Nov. 17, 1980 with 35 charter members. The present membership of the club is 45. First President of the club was Tommy Hayes.

### **Garner's Are Feted On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Oct. 2, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Lockey M. Garner of Rt. 1, Robbins, were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 20, at a reception at the General Electric Clubhouse in Asheboro.

Hosts were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Garner of Lynchburg, Va., Mr. and Mrs. Worthy Garner of Carthage and the Rev. and Mrs. Carl L. Ziegler of Asheboro.

Guests called from 3 to 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner were married Sept. 19, 1931 in Shawnee, Okla. Mr. Garner is a retired carpenter and Mrs.

Garner was an employee of B. B. Walker Shoe Co. in the mid-1960s.

Guests from out-of-town included Mrs. Willa Mae Glass, a niece from Birmingham, Ala., and another niece, Mrs. Darlene Hill of Maple City, Mich. And her son, Lowell.

### **Reception Honors Asheboro Couple**

Oct. 7, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Harris, residents of Asheboro since 1916, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Sunday, Oct. 4, at their home at 208 E. Walker Ave.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson (Barbara) Harrill of Sparta. Assisting were their granddaughters, Mrs. Patrick (Jan) Brantley of Asheboro and Mrs. Carl (Patricia) James of Chapel Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris were married Oct. 3, 1931 in Cheraw, S. C. by the Rev. J. S. Hartzell.

Mrs. Harris is the former Nellie Cole, a native of the White Hill community in Lee County. She met her husband while both of them were students at the Goldsand School in Franklin County, of which county Mr. Harris is a native.

They lived in Baltimore, Md. Before coming to Asheboro where Mr. Harris formerly operated West-side Grocery on Uwharrie St. Mrs. Harris worked a the Randolph Public Library in Asheboro for 15 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris are members of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro. Their minister, the Rev. Don Leonard, was unable to attend the anniversary reception due to illness but he called them over the telephone to extend his congratulations and best wishes.

Around 135 guests called at the Harris residence from 2 until 5 o'clock.

### **Church Fetes Mrs. Chilton**

Oct. 7, 1981 - Mrs. Atlas Barnette Chilton, Rt. 1, Ramseur, became the fifth member of Maple Springs United Methodist Church to be honored for long and useful service to the church.

When she entered the sanctuary on Sunday morning, Sept. 27, from the Sunday School Department, she noticed there was a ribbon on the pew where she usually sits.

She realized what was happening because four other members of the church had been honored before her. They were Georgia Cain, Esther Brown, Thornton Priddy, and Gil Simmons.

Her first words, after realizing that it was she who was being honored, were "I'm going home, I don't deserve this."

But her minister, Rev. Ben Witherington, and her fellow members thought differently. The minister praised her contributors to the church, a corsage was pinned on her, and she was presented with a potted plant of chrysanthemums.

A Christian since she was 19, she was converted during a prayer meeting in Madison County, N. C. where her parents were raised. She has been a member of the Maple Springs church for 36 years.

She formerly taught a class of teen-age girls and also a class of older women. Speaking of the church, she said, "I love everybody that goes there. That church has meant so much to me. I feel at home there."

Before moving with her husband, the late Troy Smith Chilton Sr., to this county shortly after their marriage on May 18, 1929, Mrs. Chilton lived in Beckley, W. Va. Where

she was born; Mooseheart, Ill, where she grew to young womanhood; at Charlotte Courthouse, Va. ; and Winston-Salem where she was living at the time of her marriage.

Living in the city on the eve of the depression made earning a livelihood difficult and her husband said "we'll go to the farm, I know I can make enough to eat." So they came to the eastern part of Randolph County where Troy Smith Chilton's parents and other relatives had earlier moved from Stokes County.

When Mrs. Chilton and her husband moved to the Maple Springs community they lived east of Brash Creek in a boat on her way to the church located on the west side, when the water was low she crossed on the rocks.

Mrs. Chilton is 73 years old. She is the mother of four sons, Troy Smith Chilton, Jr., Rt. 1, Asheboro; Albert Chilton, who lives across the road from his mother; John Chilton, Rt. 4, Asheboro; and Jim Chilton, Franklinville.

### **Church Honors Brewer For Years As Treasurer**

Oct. 7, 1981 - Asbury Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, recently honored veteran church member Albert F. Brewer who has retired as treasurer of the church after serving for 32 years.

A member of the church for the past 36 years, he also served as a deacon and a trustee. He will be 70 years of age on Nov. 7.

The church pastor, Rev. Jimmy Upton, presented the retiring treasurer with a plaque of appreciation which included the following inscription: "Well Done Thou Good and Faithful Servant."

The presentation took place at the annual observance of homecoming. The recipient's four daughters, Betty Jo Hancock, Patricia (Pat) Auman, Tula Faye Kiser, all of Rt. 2, Seagrove, and Linda Sue Brown of Dobson, placed flowers in the church in honor of their father.

Mrs. Albert Brewer is the former Maie Allred and she and her husband live at Rt. 2, Seagrove. In addition to their daughters, they have ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Albert Brewer, a native of upper Moore County, was an employee of the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills for around 34 years. Prior to that time he worked at mills in High Point and Kernersville.

He was converted at the Dover Baptist Church, located near where he was raised, and also attended the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church in the same area.

His service as treasurer covered three building programs at the Asbury Church. They included the renovation and additions to the old church building, the construction of a new sanctuary, and the building of a fellowship hall. The latter two buildings have been constructed in recent years.

The indebtedness on the sanctuary was paid off three years following its completion and the fellowship hall was mostly paid for at the time of its completion.

The successful building programs at the Asbury Baptist Church have been attributed to careful, diligent planning pursued by the long time church treasurer, Albert F. Brewer, the minister and the congregation of the church.

Despite the lengthy period of his service as treasurer, Albert F. Brewer only served with three pastors. They were Rev. C. M. Strickland, Rev. Bennie Maness, and the present pastor, Rev. Jimmy Upton, who came to the church three years ago.

**Farmer Couple Observes 49<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Oct. 14, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Plummer Kearns, lifelong residents of the Farmer community, observed their 49<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 9.

Herbert Kearns, known to many of his friends as "Hub," was born in the heart of Farmer. He was next to the youngest of ten children born to John Orpheus (Orph) Kearns and Janie Plummer Kearns. His father was a farmer and the operator of a roller mill.

He attended the Farmer Academy, worked on the farm and at the sawmill, and during the depression years worked as the custodian at the Farmer School.

He said his salary at the latter job was \$64 a month, adding "I was glad to get it." But before he quit, the depression had increased and he was only getting \$31 a month. Later he became employed at Bossong Hosiery Mill where he retired ten years ago after 36 years of employment there.

A modest man who admits that he was "a pretty good baseball player," he played on the school team and teams in Ramseur and Denton, and received his job at Bossong Hosiery on the basis of his playing ability. He played with the tri-county league composed of Bossong, McCrary and Lucas.

Mrs. Herbert P. Kearns, the former Forrest Marie Kearns, was born in the Bombay School area west of Farmer, the daughter of John Newton Kearns and Eugenia Kearns. She attended the schools at Bombay and Farmer, and graduated from the high school in Denton.

They were married Oct. 9, 1932 at the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Harold Groce, pastor of the Farmer charge of the Methodist Church, officiating.

Hub Kearns has been a member of the Farmer United Methodist Church for practically all of his life. He has been a member of the church longer than any other active member.

Mrs. Kearns grew up in the Salem United Methodist Church but transferred to the Farmer church at the time of her marriage.

Mrs. Kearns has compiled a long record of service in the various activities of the community in which she has spent her life and in the various endeavors of her native county.

She is a charter member of the Farmer Homemakers Club, formerly known as home demonstration club, and has 39 years of perfect attendance with that club. She has participated in the cancer drive for longer than she can remember and she has also been involved in the drives of similar charitable organizations.

She has also served as a member of the board of directors of Randolph County Chapter for Exceptional Children.

An excellent cook, she has often been recognized for her culinary abilities in a statewide newspaper publishing special editions.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Kearns are Richard Kearns, Moorehead City, Reece Kearns, Greensboro, and Mrs. Roger (Nancy Jean) Jewett, Southfield, Mich. They also have 10 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Congregation Is Reading The Entire New Testament**

Oct. 15, 1981 - Most of the 105 members of the Bethany United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, have signed up to read the entire New Testament over a period of three months.

The church pastor is the Rev. Raymond J. Hahn. The program began Oct. 1.

Those enrolled in the program are following the procedure outlined in the publication "Bible Pathway" which is in its eighth year of existence with three million readers.

On each Sunday following the designated reading for the preceding week the Rev. Hahn will preach on the subject material for the week just past.

Upon the completion of the readings of the New Testament, congregational members of the Bethany church will be encouraged to embark upon a program which will involve the reading of the entire Bible over a period of a year.

Certificates will be presented to those who successfully complete the prescribed reading.

In connection with the program there was a distribution of Bibles at a banquet of Gideons on Oct. 10.

**Reception Fetes Ramseur Pair On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Oct. 16, 1981 - Over 200 guests attended the reception honoring a Ramseur couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Raymond Whitehead, on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage, Sunday, Oct. 11, in the fellowship hall at the First Baptist Church in Ramseur.

Hosts were their children Mr. and Mrs. Charles Michael (Mickey) Whitehead of Ramseur and Mr. and Mrs. William M. (Bill) Webb of Cleveland, Tenn. Mrs. Webb is the former Sibyl Whitehead.

Grandchildren of the honored couple are Cheryl Whitehead and C. Michael (Mike) Whitehead Jr. and Eddie and Jimmy Flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitehead were married Oct. 13, 1931 at the home of the bride on Rt. 1, Ramseur, near Moffitt's Mill.

Mrs. Whitehead is the former Dorothy Allen, one of seven daughters born to the late Walter and Nannie Hodgin Allen. This family also included two sons, Garland Allen of Rt. 1, Ramseur, who was present for the anniversary reception and the late Guy Allen.

Sisters of Mrs. Whitehead in attendance included Mrs. Norva Hudson, Mrs. Hazel Hutchinson and Mrs. Aileen Pierson of Asheboro. Another sister, Mrs. Mary Mann of Winston-Salem, was away on a trip but sent Mrs. Whitehead an orchid corsage for the anniversary occasion. Her other sister not present was Mrs. Esther Casstevens of Greensboro. A deceased sister was Mrs. Fleeta Hinshaw.

Also present was one of Mr. Whitehead's two sisters, Mrs. Frances Rabb of Asheboro. The other sister is Mrs. Clara McLean of Asheville.

Mr. Whitehead is the son of the late Charles G. Whitehead and Ida Jones Whitehead. He is a native of Ramseur.

He first attended Wake Forest College as a pre-medical student but transferred to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he graduated in 1924 with a PhG degree graduate in pharmacy.

He worked during the summer months after graduation at a drug store in Rocky Mount but came back to Ramseur in the fall of 1924 to become the owner and manager of Ramseur Pharmacy where he has remained for the past 57 years.

Twelve years ago he relinquished the management of Ramseur Pharmacy over to his son, Mickey, also a pharmacist, but still works full-time filling a grater part of the prescriptions and also keeping the books.

Throughout his pharmaceutical career he has been identified with various committees of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, the American Pharmaceutical Association and the National Association of Retail Druggists.

He is a member of the Ramseur Lions Club, of which club he has served as president and in other capacities, and currently has been a member of the club longer than any other person living. Formerly, he was a member of the Asheboro Rotary Club.

He has served as a member of the town board in Ramseur and has been active in the First Baptist Church in Ramseur, where he and Mrs. Whitehead are members, serving as a deacon, chairman of deacons, Sunday School teacher and currently a trustee.

Mrs. Whitehead is an active member of Weatherly Chapter No. 271 of the Order of the Eastern Star.

## **Nursing Home Patients Honored On Birthday**

Oct. 16, 1981 - A Birthday celebration at We Care Nursing Home, Rt. 1, Franklinville, last week honored two of the four patients at the home on their birthdays. Honored were Milton Young (Milt) Thornburg, who was 96 years of age Oct. 7, and Hazel Pilkenton, who was 85 years old on Oct. 10.

Other residents at the home are Thornburg's wife, Ella Lamberth Thornburg, also 96, and Gladys Pugh. Mrs. Thornburg celebrated her birthday last July 26.

Since she is more than two months older than her husband, he concedes that until he reaches her age, she is the boss.

However, years ago his father said, "she is the boss and I do hope Milt never finds out."

But, regardless of who the boss is, this aged couple, who have been married for 73 years, still have a good marriage and a most compatible relationship. That does not prevent an injection of quiet humor in their conversations, as evidenced by further statements by the couple.

Referring to their marriage on July 4, 1908, Thornburg said, "I love her now just like I did then." She said, "I always said if anything should happen to him I'd never marry again." But then she added, "time will decide that."

Milton Thornburg was born and raised in New Hope Township, close to Lassiter's Mill, one of nine sons and one daughter of Joe Thornburg and Liza Hardister Thornburg. He said there was also three adopted boys in the family.

He said he cut logs, hauled logs, worked at a sawmill, and did farming on the farm where he was raised. He also said the river ran right through their land. According to Thornburg, he didn't have much formal schooling but what he got was at Union School. The school was also the site of Union Methodist Church where services were discontinued when the building burned down. Members of the Thornburg family, including Milt Thornburg's parents are buried in the cemetery which remains at the old church site.

Mrs. Thornburg, whose parents were Samuel and Flora Lee Wright Thornburg, was born in Davidson County but at the age of eight moved with her parents to the New Hope area.

She also attended the Union School and later enrolled at Guilford College, where she cooked in the home of the professor to pay her way. She said she was first paid 90 cents a week but was raised to a dollar when her employer learned that she could slice the ham. When she first started to work in the home, the professor's wife slice the ham for her to cook.

The courtship of Milt and Ella Thornburg started after she went away to college. Although they both attended the union school at the same time, according to Ella "it never crossed my mind about marrying him, he was just a little boy like the rest."

But after she went to Guilford College and came home on weekends, she said, "I wouldn't be at home but a little out until I would see him coming."

After her attendance at Guilford, she taught at three different schools - Union where she had attended, Back Creek and Hickory Grove in Davidson County. All were one teacher schools and at Back Creek she said had about 100 students, including 25 first graders. He received \$22. 50 a month at the first school, a small raise at the next one, and \$30 a month at the latter one. "Times have changed," she said.

Three children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Thornburg. They are Hubert Thornburg, who is deceased, Louise Davis, of Newport News, Va., and Joe Thornburg, of Rt. 3, Randleman. The Thornburgs were living in Cedar Grove Township before they entered the rest home.

Hazel Pilkenton, the other person honored at the birthday celebration, is a native of Franklinville and a resident there until he started staying with his children following the death of his wife, the former Lucy Mae Stutts, on Aug. 15, 1965.

His children are Mary Hazel Allred, Asheboro, Lillie Mae Wilson, Bremen Ga., Amy Gatlin, Belmont, and John Wesley Pilkenton, of Alexandria, La.

Pilkenton worked in the cotton mill for 35 years, most of the time at the two mills in Franklinville and for a brief period at the mill in Gibsonville.

He is a member of the Franklinville Methodist Church and recalls attending the old church building which was located at the present cemetery site.

Hosting the birthday celebration including the turkey dinner and birthday cake, was Mrs. Helen Toomes, owner and manager of We Care Nursing Home.

## **At 91, Archie Brady Still Leads Full Life**

Oct. 16, 1981 - Archie Anguish Brady, Rt. 1, Seagrove. One of the oldest citizens in his community, celebrated his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday Oct. 10.

A man small build, dry wit, and with a twinkle in his eyes, he was born and has spent his life in the Piney Ridge community, except for brief periods when he lived in Alamance County and Philadelphia, Pa. In Philadelphia, he worked for two years in the shipyards.

He was born in a log house on land which was a part of the tract on which he still lives. He lived there until a year after his first marriage to the former Marshie Garner. They constructed the house where he still lives.

His parents were John and Susie Shamburger Brady and he is the last one of their children still living. The old log house in which he was born contained two parts. The kitchen was separated from the main part of the house. It was torn down 40 to 50 years ago.

Archie Brady attended the Piney Ridge School in a little



old building back of the church. I was about 12 feet long and 12 feet wide. He said only eight to 10 students attended when he did.

He was a farmer and a sawmill worker. He received 50 cents a day for his work at the sawmill. It was while working at a sawmill in Alamance County that he got acquainted with his second wife, Vinnie Fuller. Later he owned his own sawmill.

He and his first wife were parents of two children, Viola Coffin, Rt. 1, Seagrove, who lives near her father's birthplace, and Naomi Creek, who died about 20 years ago. His first wife died shortly after the birth of their second child.

He and his second wife were the parents of 11 children. They are Junior, who died at the age of 23, James Brady, Dorothy Matthews, Henderson (Boose) Brady, Maggie Green, Howard Brady, and Pete Brady, all of Rt. 1, Seagrove, Clamance Brady, Newark, N. J., Rev. Robert Brady, Mount Airy; and Sally Edwards and Ann Onell, Greensboro. He has 35 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

He retired from work five years ago but still did a little farming until "about 12 months ago when my boys took me off of the tractor." But he said if their tractors won't start they still come to and get him to start them.

He joined the Piney United Methodist Church when he was a young man.

### **Family Honors Kate Bulla**

Oct. 19, 1981 - Among the 400 people attending the recent reunion of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families were nieces and nephews of Kate Bulla, who also came to celebrate her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Miss Bulla, a native of Randolph County, is a retired school teacher who taught for 42 years - 23 years in Asheboro, seven years in Lexington, six years at Farmer, five years at Randleman, and one year at Clayton in Johnston County. She now lives at 341 East Ward St. in Asheboro.

Her first teaching position was in Asheboro in 1921-22 following her graduation from Asheboro High School in 1920 and one year of study at N. C. College for Women in Greensboro.

Family illness brought her back home where she taught again in the Asheboro schools before going back to Lexington.

She came back to teach at the Farmer School, her first position under the superintendence of her brother, T. Fletcher Bulla, who headed up the county school system for 36 years.

It was also while at Farmer that she received her bachelor of arts degree from High Point College where she majored in education and minored in English.

She came back to Asheboro for her longest tenure before going to Randleman for her final five years of teaching. Her teaching career came to an end with the close of the school year 1966-67.

Kate Allene Bulla was the 12<sup>th</sup> child of Benjamin Franklin Bulla and Harriette Redding Bulla, ten of whom lived to maturity, namely Lou, Mattie, Fletcher, Will, Mada Michaux, Earl, Dewey, Mary Wade and Kate.

All of the children were born on a large farm in the Back Creek Township. But in 1910 Ben Bulla and his wife moved their large family of children to Asheboro so that the children could receive better educational opportunities that

the one-room, one-teacher at Lena's Grove, situated a half mile from their Back Creek farm, could provide for their children.

This move was made after Kate had attended school for three years at Lena's Grove. However, she and her sister, Mary Wade, went back to the farm during the summer months and cooked for their father who continued to farm the extensive acres which he owned.

Kate has been a member of the Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro since 1917. She has attended there since 1910 when the family first moved to Asheboro. Formerly the family attended the Charlotte United Methodist Church west of Asheboro, located in the vicinity of their old homestead.

Throughout her teaching career Kate Bulla maintained the respect of her co-workers in the profession, her students, and their parents. In a reference to her co-workers, she said "I never taught with anybody I didn't like."

She has been the sole survivor of her immediate family of brothers and sisters since the death of her sister, Mary Wade, 11 years ago. Since that time her family has consisted of 32 nieces and nephews and their families.

Included in this group who came together at the annual Bulla, Farlow and Millikan reunion to honor their aunt Kate on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and to recognize her as the senior member of their family group.

They came from Asheboro, Randleman, Greensboro, Burlington, Siler City, Robbins, Saxapahaw, Johnson City, Tenn., Boulder, Colo.

### **Reception Honors Seagrove Couple**

Oct. 28, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Bill) Welborn of RT. 1, Seagrove, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 18, at the Antioch Christian Church where they were married on Oct. 20, 1956.

Hosts at a reception in the fellowship hall at the church were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Alden (Robin) Brown of Rt. 4, Asheboro, Stanley (Stan) and Steve Welborn of the home.

Guests, who called from 3 to 5 p. m. were registered by Miss Janice Chriscoe, cousin of Mrs. Welborn, who was a flower girl in the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Welborn 25 years ago.

Others assisting in their reception included two of Mrs. Welborn's three sisters, Mrs. Florence Wright of Ramseur and Mrs. Doris Cox of Rt. 1, Ramseur, who also participated in their sister's wedding.

Her other sister, Mrs. Evelyn Cannington of Anchorage, Alaska, was unable to be present but did call her sister and brother-in-law from McGarth, Alaska on Sunday morning to extend her congratulations.

Also present were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Westmoreland, who sang at their wedding and Gene Pitts, all of Colfax, who served as an usher.

Officiating at the wedding a quarter of a century ago was the late Rev. W. D. Chriscoe, an uncle of the bride.

Mrs. Welborn, the former Hilda Jeanette Marley, is daughter of Mrs. Dora Fox Marley Kiser of Rt. 1, Seagrove and the late Carnie Marley. A former employee at General Electric Co. in Asheboro, she is a native and lifelong resident of the community in which she and her husband live.

Mr. Welborn is the son of Mrs. Alma Dye of Greensboro and the late Otis Welborn. He is a native of Wilkes County



but was living in Greensboro at the time of his marriage.

He is employed as the rural carrier for Rt. 1, Seagrove and is now serving as the chief of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department, a position he held once before when the department was organized.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Welborn are active members of the Antioch Christian Church, Mrs. Welborn having joined the church at the age of 12 and Mr. Welborn after their marriage.

### **Church's Baby Contest Raises Project Funds**

Oct. 28, 1981 - Methodist Men of St. Luke's United Methodist Church conducted a baby contest Oct. 18 and raised \$1,724. 13 which will be used for church projects and in the budgetary apportionments of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

There were eight babies entered in the contest. They are listed here along with their adult sponsors and the amounts raised.

Shatara Marie Cross and Charles Hill, \$402. 25; Darren Rashad Nelson and J. N. Gill, \$302; Courtney Rae Hinson and Leo Payne, \$253; Branden Alexander Smith and John Henry Smith, \$229; Germaine Tyrone McSwaim and Harrison McGee, \$221; Ashley Montez Allen and Garret Lowdermilk, \$108; Ernest Byron Cross and Charles Roper, \$98; and Gina Barnes and D. W. Hardy, \$83.

A worship service preceded the baby contest in the sanctuary with Rev. W. H. Brice, pastor of Melita's Grove Baptist Church, officiating and his young adult choir providing music. An offering of \$27. 88 added to the contest receipts.

The baby contest and serving of refreshments followed in the fellowship hall.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. John A. Moore.

### **Reception Honors Asheboro Couple**

Oct. 29, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brown Redding, former long time residents at 332 Frazier St. and now residing at the Asheboro Summit Apartments, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Oct. 25, in the parlor at Central United Methodist Church, where they are members.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their daughters and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby R. (Carol) Poole of Hondo, Tex. and Miss Sarah Redding of Asheboro.

Their immediate family also includes three grandchildren, Jackie Heiligman of Yancy, Tex., Janice Garrison of Midland, Tex., and Douglas Poole of Hondo, Tex. and two great-grandchildren, Bonnie Heiligman and Jordan Garrison.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Esther Davis, Mrs. Treva Hughes and Mrs. Dot Smith, Frazier Street neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Redding. Mrs. Brenda Munford, Miss Thyra Nance, a cousin of the hosts, Miss Becky Lamb and Miss Cathy Howard.

Mr. and Mrs. Redding were married Nov. 18, 1931 in the parsonage of what was then the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church, now Central United Methodist Church. The Rev. R. C. Stubbins was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Redding is the former Agnes Elizabeth Nance. Both she and her husband are natives and lifelong residents of Randolph County. Mr. Redding is a former employee of McCrary Hosiery Mills, where he was employed as a

foreman in one of the knitting departments.

He is now a longtime member of Balfour Masonic Lodge No. 188 and is also a Shriner.

Among those attending their wedding anniversary reception were Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown of Rt. 4, Asheboro who witnessed their marriage ceremony 50 years ago.

### **Quaker Heights Dedicate A New Education Building**

Oct. 30, 1981 - A new Christian education building was dedicated by Quaker Heights Friends Meeting Sunday, Oct. 25, on the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Meeting. The Meetinghouse is located on E. Allred St.

The new facility connects with the existing structure and doubles the space in the first building which was occupied three years ago. Previously the Meeting had worshipped in the Boyd Building on N. Fayetteville St.

The Upstairs area of the new construction includes the pastor's study, six classrooms and a utility area. In the basement area is the fellowship hall, where a luncheon was held following the service of dedication, kitchen space and bathrooms.

Response to the building program was excellent, due to the critical need for additional space. Prior to the use of the new addition six classes were being held in the sanctuary, one in the nursery and another in the foyer of the Meetinghouse.

Due to volunteer labor from members of the congregation and increased giving by members and friends of the Meeting, much of the construction was paid for as the building progressed, with only a small indebtedness remaining.

"It was an answer to prayer," stated Donald O. Davis, chairman of the building program, as he recited the success of the venture.

Pastor of the Meeting is the Rev. Robert Kidd who came to the Meeting less than a year after its beginning five years ago.

Other officials of the Meeting include Melvin Allen, Clerk of Monthly Meeting and Doyle Vaughn, chairman of the Christian Education Committee.

Special speaker for the service of dedication was Billy Britt, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

### **Staley Couple Feted On 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 4, 1981 - Mr. and Mrs. William Marvin Kivett of Rt. 1, Staley, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 1, at a luncheon and reception in the dining area at the fire station in Franklinville.

Hosts for the luncheon were congregational members of the Full Gospel Church of God in Franklinville, of which the Rev. Herman Kivett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kivett, is the pastor.

The Rev. Kivett of Rt. 6, Asheboro, and his brothers and sisters were hosts for the reception which followed the luncheon.

The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Kivett are David Pike of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Erma Coley of Liberty, the Rev. Don Kivett of Pikeville, pastor of the Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Mrs. Shirley Farmer of Pleasant Garden and the Rev. Jack Kivett of Ramseur, an evangelist in the

Church of God of Prophecy.

In addition to their children, the couple have 15 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mr. Kivett, the son of the late Larkin and Laura Routh Kivett, is a native and lifelong resident of the area in which he lives. He attended the one-room, one-teacher Cedar Grove School.

He is a retired employee of Security Mills in Climax.

Mrs. Kivett is a native of the Snow Camp-Silk Hope area but moved to Randolph County and the Liberty area before her marriage to Mr. Kivett. The former Cleo Bare Pike, she is the daughter of the late Charlie and Betty Holt Bare.

She attended the school at Silk Hope.

The couple were married Oct. 31, 1931 at the courthouse in Asheboro.

## **Friends Lend Helping Hand To Blind Couple After Fire**

Nov. 5, 1981 - Neighbors, friends, and fellow CB'ers are rallying behind Clifford Williams, Rt. 2, Seagrove, and his wife, Faye, after they were forced to flee their home last Oct. 27 to escape the flames engulfing the structure.

Both Williams, 49, and his wife, 43, are totally blind and had been married less than three weeks at the time of the fire.

The small five-room frame house and all of its contents were considered a total loss. There was no insurance coverage on the dwelling. The couple did not have time enough to put their clothes on before getting out of the burning house.

It was the dwelling in which Williams had spent his entire life. His father, Willie Dickery Williams, died 16 years ago. His mother, Alice Kennedy Williams, died in 1969.

Williams lost the sight in his one eye in an accident when he was 12 years old. He lost the sight in his other eye in 1968. His wife lost her eyesight at the age of 16 after being tested at Duke Hospital for a brain tumor.

For the past few years, especially since he became completely blind, Williams has spent much of his time assisting people in need through the channels of his CB radio. His handle (radio name) is "Wheelbarrow Man."

He has raised money for individual families and organizations, including the Robbins Rescue Squad, through an annual cookout at his home and the sponsorship of walk-a-thons.

People are now discussing what can be done to help him and his wife in their time of need. People started coming to the Williams residence as soon as they heard about the fire and have continued coming since that time.

One neighbor, Boyd Comer, said: "we are talking with people, he'll get help, if people don't help Cliff now, you might as well forget about it." Boyd had already bought Williams a pair of overalls, his favorite mode of dress, while another man took the coat off his back and gave it to Williams. Someone also handed Comer a check for \$25 to apply to the construction of a new dwelling.

That occurred on the second afternoon after the fire and a small group of friends and neighbors were discussing the needs the fire had created and volunteered their assistance.

Those giving their names and addresses so they can be contacted by those who want to help were Boyd Comer, Box 320A, Rt. 2, Seagrove, 27341, phone 879-3300; Walton Chriscoe, Box 321A, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Billy Kennedy, Box

163A, Rt. 2, Seagrove, phone 464-3451; Wayland Davis, Box 321, Rt. 2, Seagrove, phone 879-3552 and Alton Greene, Rt. 1, Star, 27356. There will also be others soliciting.

The address of Clifford Williams is Box 316, Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Clifford Williams and his wife had gone to bed early on the night of the fire. He went to bed at about 9 p. m. and his wife who stayed up to make a telephone call, stayed up a little later.

A short while after she went to sleep, she woke up after hearing a sound like rustling of the wind.

She woke her husband who immediately said "let's get out of here, the house is on fire."

She panicked and had to be assisted out of the house by her husband. They first tried to come through the living room and out the front door but since the fire seemed to have started near their bedroom at the front of the house, they were unable to reach the front entrance. They changed their exit route and went out the back door through the kitchen.

They walked up the road to the barn, planning to turn on another road and go to the home of Clifford's nephew, James Comer. But they were met at that point by Boyd Comer, who from his house on the main road had seen first a glare of light and then flames reaching into the sky. His attention, however, had first been attracted by the barking of his dog.

The burned residence is located at the end of a dead-end road, almost out of sight from the main road where Comer saw the flames.

Units from the fire departments at Robbins and High Falls were alerted and responded immediately. So far, the origin of the fire has not been determined. Observers say that if Williams and his wife had waited to find their clothes before vacating the building they would not have gotten out.

Asked where they were staying since the fire, Williams said, "anywhere we can." the first two nights after the fire they stayed with Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Bertie Allen of Robbins.

Williams plans to rebuild the house at the same site. Recently he had renovated the house that burned. The house was first built by his father over 60 years ago.

Although still confused and bewildered about the fire which destroyed his childhood home and the narrow escape from the burning structure, Clifford Williams is certain that "from now on there will always be somebody around us that can see."

## **Service Honor York For 60 Years**

Nov. 6, 1981 - Special services celebrating the Rev. T. R. York's "60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the Lord's vineyard" took place Sunday, Oct. 25, at the Staley Wesleyan Church in Staley, of which church he is the pastor.

The Rev. Carroll Upton, superintendent of East District of the North Carolina Wesleyan Church, was present to pay tribute to the veteran minister along with other ministers in East District.

The district superintendent described the Rev. York as "everybody's pastor" and presented him with a plaque commemorating his lengthy service in the district. Other plaques were presented the Rev. and Mrs. York by the Staley church.

The celebration, which also recognized the 56 years of

marriage for the Rev. York and his wife, Kathleen, was comprised of both a morning and afternoon service, with lunch in between the two services.

The morning service featured a message by the Rev. George Culbreth, former pastor of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur and a former associate of the honored minister in the Ramseur Ministerial Association.

The afternoon service featured a message by the Rev. Wilbur Jarrett, pastor of United Methodist Church in Thomasville where the Rev. and Mrs. York now live and where they formerly pastored the Mt. Zion Wesleyan Church for 28 years.

Special singing was provided by Mrs. Evon Pulliam of the Christ Wesleyan Church in Winston-Salem, pastored by Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Sumwalt, daughter and son-in-law of the Rev. and Mrs. York for the past 17 years.

Mrs. Sumwalt, the former Mary Charlotte York, also paid a tribute to her parents during the day-long observance and alternated with her husband in presiding over the two special services.

The Rev. Culbreth compared the Rev. York with the prophet Isaiah of old who heard the voice of the Lord saying "whom shall I send and who will go for us."

T. R. York, the speaker said, "faced God in person to get out there to tell the world and he has."

The Rev. Jarrett compared the Rev. and Mrs. York with the Biblical character Enoch, saying "Enoch walked with God, so do the Yorks; Enoch knew the things that really counted in life, so do the Yorks; and Enoch had a Friend, so do the Yorks."

Greetings and letters were presented from the Staley Town Council, some former churches, and from Sixth District Congressman Eugene Johnson.

Besides the Staley and Thomasville churches the Rev. York has pastored churches in Snow Camp, Lexington, St. Petersburg, Fla., and the Mt. Olivet church near Liberty. While he was at Mt. Zion the church attained the largest rural Sunday School within the denomination.

District offices he has held include member of district board, both in North Carolina and Florida, Sunday School secretary, both in North Carolina and Florida, member of camp meeting board, district historian, and general conference delegate a number of times.

In other areas he has served as president of the Davis-Townsend P. T. A., president of Thomasville and Ramseur Ministerial Associates, president of the Randolph County York Association, and president of the Ramseur Senior Citizens Association.

His travels and ministry abroad include West Indies, Jamaica, Kingston, Montego Bay, Sava-La-Ma, Port Antonio, Barbados, Trinidad, Bahamas, U. S. Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, St. Croix, San Blas Islands, Panama, South America, Peru, Ecuador, Medellin.

## **Women's Day Observance An Overwhelming Success**

Nov. 8, 1981 - The 17<sup>th</sup> annual women's day observance at St. Stephens A. M. E. Church in Liberty Sunday, Oct. 25, was an overwhelming success both financially and spiritually.

The day was divided into three events, prayer breakfast at 9 a. m., morning worship service at 11 a. m. and the presentation of 100 women in white, a candlelight rededication service at 3 p. m.

The theme was "Christian Women Setting An Example."

Chairwoman was Mrs. Peggy Terrell, wife of the new pastor at St. Stephens the Rev. Allen D. Terrell, who was crowned Mrs. St. Stephens in the final service of the observance by Mrs. Ethelyne Headen. Mrs. St. Stephens for 1980.

Co-chairman was Mrs. Alice Matthews, a veteran participant in the annual observance who was named "Woman of the Year."

Remarks were made during the afternoon service by the pastor, the Rev. Allen D. Terrell, who came to the church on the last Sunday in May of this year.

A native of Washington, D. C., he received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Fayetteville State University and then attended the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Ga.

He is presently enrolled at Duke Divinity School in Durham where he and Mrs. Terrell reside.

His previous areas of service in the denomination have been at A. M. E. churches in Graham, Raleigh, Roxboro and his native Washington, D. C. His father, Dr. Emmanuel G. Terrell, is also a minister and two of his six brothers are also ministers.

One sister completes the family circle. The new minister at St. Stephens succeeded the Rev. C. W. Parker who served the church for several years.

## **Church Member Is Recognized For Her Service**

Nov. 10, 1981 - Mrs. Cladie Caviness Cain, a charter member of Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, was honored for outstanding service to the church during a recent worship period.

Although she moved out of the Maple Springs community to Ramseur in 1948, she drives back and forth to the services at the church at the age of 78. She is the secretary and treasurer of her Sunday School class and is a charter member of United Methodist Women.

One of the members aid "she is an inspiration to everybody, all of the church loves Cladie." It was also noted that "she takes the church outside the door of the sanctuary," visiting and showing a concern for the sick and elderly members.

She was born and reared in the Maple Springs-Pleasant Grove area, near Deep River. Her parents were Zeb Caviness. She attended the one-teacher school at Maple Springs. The building was used later for non-denominational religious services before becoming the Maple Springs Methodist Church.

She formerly belonged to the Pleasant Grove Christian Church before attending the services in the old schoolhouse and joining the Maple Springs church as a charter member.

Her marriage to Andy Cain was Apr. 30, 1921 and they became parents of six children. Geneva Hammer, Lakeview; and Paul Cain, Hazel Gardner, Roberto Baxter, and Jeanette Wilson, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Ruby Pierce, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Her husband died almost 23 years after their marriage and it then became her responsibility to continue raising her children. In 1975 she was named "Mother of the Year" at Maple Spring church.

The Maple Springs pastor, Rev. Ben Witherington, humorously remarked during his tribute that it looks like you

have been raising a lot of little Cains," taking note of her 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Members of her family almost filled one side of the church on Sunday morning when she was honored her daughter Hazel, pinned a corsage on her mother and the church presented her with a potted plant. A family dinner took place in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the service.

During the next week she served as a volunteer worker when the Red Cross Bloodmobile came to Ramseur.

### **New Parsonage Is Dedicated**

Nov. 11, 1981 - A new parsonage was dedicated at Spoon's Chapel United Church of Christ, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Nov and a new minister and his family joined the church.

The new pastor, Rev. Max Tussey, his wife, Rita, and their three children, Lorie, 18, Steve, 16, and Lynne, 15, moved into the parsonage on Saturday preceding the day of the church at the conclusion of the morning worship service, in which the minister preached his first sermon as pastor.

This was the first parsonage to be erected by the Spoon's Chapel congregation, formerly known as Congregational Christian, in the 88-year-history of the church.

According to the date on the cornerstone, the church started in 1893. It is said that a brush arbor, located near the site of the new parsonage was used for the worship services until a small, one-room frame structure was built at the church's present site.

The first house of worship was replaced by a larger frame building about 1937. This building was bricked over in 1956 and Sunday School rooms were added to constitute the present structure. A portion of the Sunday School department can be utilized as a fellowship hall and it was this area which was used for a fellowship luncheon between last Sunday's worship service and the service dedication.

Participating in that phase of the service were the new pastor, Ernest Scott, trustee chairman; Ottis Johnston, chairman of the building program; Lynn McDowell, chairman of deacons; and Gary King, former chairman of deacons.

The idea of building a parsonage originated with the congregation in 1974. A finance committee was formed the next year and the drive for funds received impetus with donations of \$1,000 each from Gillis Luck and Miss Verlie Smith, a member of the church who is currently serving as a missionary in Columbia, South America.

The building of the parsonage progressed at a leisurely pace since the pastor at that time lived in his own home and the need for a parsonage was not critical. But the building continued, with considerable volunteer labor from members of the congregation, and the church paying the bills as the work went on. There is no indebtedness on the completed building.

Near the end of the building period a decorating committee, composed of Binford Kinney, Geneva Goins, Dianne Kinney, and Linda Cain, was brought into service. During the service dedication a plaque was presented to Ottis Johnston "in appreciation for your work on our parsonage."

Lynn McDowell presented the keys of the new building to the incoming pastor after the keys had originally been presented to the board of trustees by the building chairman, Ottis Johnston.

Spoon's Chapel received its name from Joseph Spoon

who donated the land on which the first building was erected. He also donated the land for a church structure at Mt. Tabor, also located in the same vicinity, and the cemetery there which members of the Spoon family are buried.

The first burial in the now beautifully landscaped cemetery at Spoon's Chapel was that of Mrs. Susannah C. McPherson, wife of William H. McPherson, who died May 12, 1896.

Rev. Tussey, the new pastor at Spoon's Chapel is a native of Davidson County. He is a graduate of Catawba College in Salisbury and Lancaster Theological Seminary at Lancaster, Pa.

He came to Spoon's Chapel from the Heidelberg United Church of Christ in Thomasville. Other areas of service have included parishes in other parts of North Carolina, Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

Serving as supply pastor of the church prior to the arrival of the Rev. Mr. Tussey was Gene Davis, Rt. 2, Seagrove, a graduate of Campbell College and a local minister from the Union Grove Baptist Church, who was present for the dedicatory service at Spoon's Chapel.

### **Club's Charter Members Honored In Franklinville**

Nov. 12, 1981 - The four charter members remaining on the roster of the Franklinville Lions Club - John Brower, B. C. Jones, Earl Thomas, and Clyde Williams - were honored on the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the club at Nov. 2 meeting.

Jones was not at the meeting because of illness but his wife, Lula, was present to receive an emblem from Lions International Emblems were presented to all four of the charter members. Wives of other club members were also invited to the anniversary observance.

At the meeting, the veteran club members and wives of long-time members exchanged remembrances. Among the wives were Emma Brower, Margaret Williams, and Lula Jones. Also in attendance was Ruby Thomas, widow of Otus Thomas, first president of the club, who remained an active member until his death in 1960. Earl Thomas was not married at the time he joined the club.

The wives recalled cleaning the school gymnasium for the charter night supper on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1946 and drawing water out of the well to prepare the meal.

Thirty seven members joined the Franklinville Lions Club at the time of its organization 35 years ago, but only the four remain on the membership roll. Some of the others died while still members; others withdrew before their deaths.

Deceased charter members are C. L. Allred, George Allred, Elzie Brower, Tom Burke, W. A. Elam, Herman Ellison, W. A. Martin, Leon Padgen, Vaughn Pugh, Ray Sills, Otus Thomas and Clarence York.

Although they are not now members of the club, charter members still living, in addition to the four honored at the anniversary observance are Joe Allred, Woosley Allred, Clinton Burrow, E. B. Caldwell, Coy Chandler, Colon Ellison, Edward Graves, Fred Julian, M. F. Lee, James Martin, Robert Owens, Walter Parham, John Philbeck, L. K. Russell, Garland Trogdon and Clarence Wallace.

Officers named at the time of the original charter were Otus Thomas, president; Robert Owens, vice president; Clyde Williams, vice president; E. B. Caldwell, vice president; Fred Julian, secretary-treasurer; B. C. Jones, tail

twister; Garland Trogdon, lion tamer; and Coy Chandler, Edward Graves, C. L. Allred and John Brower, directors.

Three of the charter members still on the club's roster, John Brower, B. C. Jones, and Earl Thomas, received 35-year attendance awards at the anniversary celebration while the fourth member, Clyde Williams, received a 25-year attendance award. Current president of the club is Harold Smith.

### **Riverside Baptist Church Burns Note On Parsonage**

Nov. 13, 1981 - Riverside Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, located in the southeastern edge of Randolph County, symbolically burned the note on their parsonage Sunday, Nov. 8, and also "pounded" their new pastor who assumed his duties at the church on Sunday, Oct. 11.

The note on the parsonage was paid off Oct. 19 of this year, a little less than five years after open house was held in the new structure on Dec. 5, 1976 and a little more than five years before the final payment was due.

The amount of money borrowed on the new structure on Nov. 15, 1976 was \$20,000 and it was not due to be paid off until 10 years later, Nov. 15, 1986.

Only two special offerings were taken during the five years of indebtedness, the remainder of the money to pay off the debt came form the regular offerings received by the church.

This was the first parsonage to be erected by the church since its organization in 1910, the outgrowth of a brush arbor meeting.

Participating in the note-burning were the pastor, the Rev. Ronald Dane Young, the church clerk, Mrs. Valleen Maness, trustees and building committee members, Lewis Hussey, Carl Maness, Curtis Maness and Eugene (Gene) Garner.

The new pastor, 29 years of age, was called into the ministry while attending the Welcome Baptist Church in Danville, Va., of which he is a native. It was during the ministry there of the Rev. Tommy Smith, now pastor of Richland Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro.

He attended Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C. for two years and then graduated from Tabernacle Bible College of the same city with a graduate of theology degree and a Bachelor of Theology degree.

He has served as assistant pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Mauldin, S. C. and after coming to Randolph County two years ago he was first associated with Richland Baptist Church and afterwards with the Community Baptist Church in the areas of music, visitation and Sunday School promotion.

At the conclusion of the note-burning ceremony at Riverside the pastor and his wife, the former Kathryn Hill, were invited into the fellowship hall where they were surprised with an old fashion pounding, consisting of various food items which will help them adjust to moving into their new household at the Riverside Baptist Church parsonage.

### **1931 AHS Class Is Reunited**

Nov. 13, 1981 - Mrs. Chloe Allen Kearns was hostess for the 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the 1931 graduating class at Asheboro High School Nov. at her home at 644 Avondale Ave.

This was the second reunion of the class since their

graduation on June 2, 1931. The first reunion was held five years after graduation, over 45 years ago.

Some members of the class had not seen or spoken each other since the night of graduation, as they did not attend the first reunion.

In addition to Mrs. Allen, those attending the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their graduation were Gladys Henley Miller, Doris Milks Holland, Sara Helen Covington, Ina Andrews, Odell Cranford, Vance Kivett, Lucile Brown Kivett, Minnie Lee Burkhead MacFayden, Stanton Presnell, Helen Amick Presnell, and Ralph Bulla, all of Asheboro.

Also attending were Lois Stout Walker, Rt. 3, Asheboro; Golda Tysor, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Maude Burrows McCuiston, High Point; Esther Lambert Harris, Velna Cox Cheek, Lucy Clyde Ross Taylor, and Beulah Ritter Dunn, Greensboro; Mrs. Pauline (Polly) Smith Dall, Greenville, N. C. ; and Thelma Hurley Carter, West Point, Va.

Deceased members of the class are Waldo Cheek, Coyle Staley, Ernest Baldwin, Vernon DeMarcus, Colvin West, and Maxine Covington Burkhead.

Other members of the class are Eldon Cox, Miami, Fla. ; Alexander (Alex) Fox, Southport, Va. ; Cross Ford, Tama, Ohio; Juanita Pickett Laughlin, Rt. 2, Randleman; Margaret Robbins, San Francisco, Calif., who sent greetings to her former classmates; and Jimmie Harrington, address unknown.

Two married couples were members of the class. They are Stanton Presnell and Helen Amick and Vance Kivett and Lucille Brown. Both couple were married after graduation.

Due to the lapse of years - more than a half century since the day of graduation - some of the early arrivals at the Kearns residence watched others arriving at the reunion scene and wondered who they were.

The two hours scheduled for the reunion event were not sufficient to catch up on the years which had intervened since they had been together.

### **Balfour Baptist Celebrates Its Golden Anniversary**

Nov. 15, 1981 - Golden anniversary services, commemorating the founding of Balfour Baptist Church, 1642 N. Fayetteville St., were held Sunday, Nov. 8. Pastor of the church is the Rev. B. L. Kincaid.

The morning service featured the long time Editor of the Biblical Recorder, Marse Grant, who was the principal speaker for the observance.

This service also included letters from former pastors and recognition of charter members and special guests.

Judson Rotan, Director of Missions, brought greetings from the Randolph Baptist Association. Music was provided by Janice Haywood, a former member of the congregation now associated with the Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention.

Balfour Baptist Church was organized Nov. 8, 1931 at Balfour School with nine charter members, namely, W. M. Green, C. N. Moody, W. J. Jordan, J. C. Pearce, Mrs. J. C. Pearce, Edna Pearce Heath, Mrs. A. L. Moody, Mrs. R. C. Caudle and Mrs. W. A. Underwood.

Only one charter member, J. C. Pearce, age 93, remains a member of the church. Two other charter members, Mrs. Heath and Mrs. Caudle, attended the anniversary celebration. The other charter members are deceased.

The new church organization of 50 years ago worshipped

in the school building for two years before entering their own house of worship at the present site of the church, a brick sanctuary with 10 classrooms in the basement.

By this time the church had 64 members and a Sunday School enrollment of 146. An addition to the first building came in 1948. Later an educational building, consisting of a temporary auditorium, church office, pastor's study and classrooms for four departments, was erected in 1957.

On Oct. 24, 1976, the congregation moved into a new sanctuary which was attached to the 1957 building and provided additional classroom space. This newest construction was built on the original church site, with the 1933 building and the 1948 addition being torn down to make way for the new construction.

Pastors of the church have included O. P. Dix, 1931-36; R. E. Heath, 1937-51; Herbert P. Miller, 1951-59; W. Clyde Bearden, 1959-62; John W. Woody, 1963-67; T. W. Nelson, 1968-72; G. T. (Tom) Patterson, 1973-77; and the present pastor, B. L. Kincaid, who came in 1978.

Present for the anniversary celebration was the Rev. Nelson. Former pastors Miller, Bearden and Patterson spoke to the assemblage through video facilities. The others, Dix, Heath and Woody are deceased.

On Saturday afternoon and night before the day of celebration a "Sharabration" was held, consisting of a display of the handiwork of members of the congregation, followed by a hot dog supper and gospel singing.

An interesting historical presentation, entitled "His Church Yesterday, Today and Forever," was presented during the morning session by Terry Chitwood, Minister of Music and Youth, and consisted of enlarged photographic views of individual congregational members and church activities throughout the half century existence of the church.

Mrs. Lela Mae Moody Carter, daughter of charter member C. N. Moody, was presented with a gift and a plaque in appreciation of her 31 years of service as the church secretary.

An outstanding display of musical talent, under the direction of Terry Chitwood, dominated the afternoon session, including selections from the church quartet, Larry Elmore, Gaylon King, Dick Stratton and Ken Moore; soloists, Gaylon King, Katherine Church, Tammy Henderson and Kenny Clay; and ensemble and the choir.

In the afternoon, greetings were extended by the Rev. Talmage Smith, former associational director of missions and interim pastor at Balfour, the Rev. T. W. Nelson, former pastor and John Davenport, son of Steve and Bonnie Pearce Davenport, former members of the church who are serving as missionaries in Argentina.

Among the large crowd in attendance at the anniversary celebration were former members, some of whom came from out of town and from out of state, including Virginia, Georgia and Florida.

In contrast to the nine charter members 50 years ago, the present resident membership of the church is 555 and the overall membership 677. The annual budget for this year is \$164,379.

### **Asheboro Couple Observe Anniversary**

Nov. 18, 1981 - The Rev. and Mrs. Robert Newton Hunsucker of 912 Breeze Hill Rd., observed their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Nov. 15, by having lunch with their immediate family at the Holiday Inn in Asheboro.

They are parents of two sons, Richard B. Hunsucker of

Asheboro and George M. (Whitey) Hunsucker of Rt. 7, Asheboro. They have three grandchildren, Veronica Hooker, Galen and Michael Todd Hunsucker.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hunsucker were married Nov. 15, 1931 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Hunsucker is the former Nellie Earsley Albright of Coleridge.

Her parents were the late Lawrence Albright and Nordie Presnell Albright. She was employed in the cafeteria at the Guy B. Teachey School for 13 years prior to her retirement.

The Rev. Hunsucker is the son of the late William Frank Hunsucker, who was the circulation agent for The Asheboro Courier for many years, and the late Nettie Genea Morton Hunsucker. He is a native of Stanly County but grew to young manhood in Asheboro.

In addition to his ministerial duties for the past 31 years, the Rev. Hunsucker was employed for around 40 years at Acme-McCrary Corp.

He was licensed and ordained to preach in 1950 by Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge.

Other areas of service have been at the Friendship Baptist Mission, which later became the Armfield Heights Baptist Church in Asheboro; the Temple Chapel Baptist Church, which later merged into the Oakwood Park Baptist Church near Asheboro; the Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove; and the Center Cross Baptist Church, Rt. 8, Asheboro, where he spent 10 years.

He is presently serving as interim pastor of the Pleasant Union United Church of Christ, Rt. 2, Denton.

Building programs have characterized his ministry at most of the churches which he has served.

### **Old Yow Mill Water Wheel Turns Again Near Whynot**

Nov. 18, 1981 - Once a year - or whenever the need arises - the big water wheel at Yow's Mill starts turning. The water from Fork Creek pours forcefully through the water wheel, and the corn is ground into meal for the benefit of a few friends of the mill owner, Harwood Graves.

The mill, constructed in 1820, is also located on the rural paved road from Whynot to Erect.

Recently it was "grinding day" at the mill and bringing their corn were Alton Garner and Buren Garner who live on N. C. 705 between Seagrove and Robbins, and Woosley Brower of Franklinville. Assisting the miller was Howard Dunlap, also of Moore County.

Buren Garner proudly exhibited the corn he brought, saying "that's old corn like we raised 50 years ago."

The area behind the barn is scenic and beautiful, and revolves around the dam, the pond beyond it and the grassy slopes on either side. There are two large White Mute Swans, two Australian Black Swans and several mallard ducks. Sometimes the ducks get too close to the water and are swept over the dam.

In addition to the race which provides the water for the turning of the water wheel, there is a canal on the opposite side of the pond which Harwood Graves uses for the storage of his boat and a holding pen for the swans.

In 1815 Joshua Cox purchased land about two miles below the forks of the creek and along with a son-in-law, Henry Yow, built the mill in 1820 for grinding grains. Other members of the Yow family who have operated the mill have been Robinson Yow, Andrew J. Yow and son, and O. M. Yow. Other operators have been Minerva Swift and her son-in-law, A. Wesley Caviness, John C. Chriscoe and J.



D. Moose.

The mill ceased operation after the last owner disconnected the machinery and sold the building and land to the present owner, Harwood Graves, in 1936, Graves who later restored some of the machinery. It has not operated as a mill since that time except for the "special days" when the present owner opens it up for his friends.

Harwood Graves said he paid \$1,000 for the mill and 16 acres of land which was considered an exorbitant price at that time. He recalls that his father, Dolfia Randolph Graves, who died recently at the age of 101, endorsed his note when he bought the property.

### **Dinner Honors Christian Life Trio**

Nov. 20, 1981 - Over 100 guests attended a \$5 plate dinner at Camp Caraway Saturday, Nov. 14, honoring the Christian Life Trio, a local gospel singing group who have been performing in this community and other areas for the past 10 years.

The trio, composed of Ronnie York, his sister, Brenda Walker, and his brother-in-law, Everett Walker, are members of Richland Baptist Church where Ronnie is choir director and Brenda the pianist.

The guitarist for the trio is Joe Moran.

Following the dinner the guests assembled in the meeting room at Camp Caraway for a gospel singing which featured the Christian Life Trio and a former familiar singing group, the Davis Brothers and Barbara, who were hosts for the dinner honoring the Christian Life Trio.

The Rev. Tommy Smith, pastor at Richland, conducted a brief devotional and offering prayer. Later the program he presented the trio with a plaque expressing appreciation for their services over the past 10 years from "friends of the Richland Baptist Church."

The trio has especially been noted for their participation in benefit programs for those in need and for general worship services. The Davis Brothers and Barbara, consisting of Ray and Clay Davis, twin brothers, and Clays wife, formerly were involved in the same participation as the Christian Life Trio but Quit, except for rare occasions, when Clay entered the ministry a few years ago.

Serving as back-up musicians for the Davis brothers and Barbara at the Saturday night singing were William Winslow, Gary Callicutt and Harvey Hyatt.

Also a third group participating in the singing were the Gospel Lights, composed of Ray Davis, Harold Sykes, Bill Woodell and Bobby Camp.

### **Cross Road Baptist Church Establishes Its First Bible Club For Children**

Nov. 27, 1981 - Cross Roads Baptist Church, now in its fourth year of ministry for the Asheboro area, has recently established three adult Bible Clubs and just this past Wednesday started its first Children's Bible Club at the Brantley Mobile Home Park on Rt. 7, Asheboro.

The adult clubs already in existence are at Brian Center of Nursing Care, Asheboro Summit Apartments, and The Salt Box.

Coming out of retirement to serve as coordinator for the clubs is Mrs. Beatrice Chrisco "Bea" Cole who until some four years ago taught trainable retarded children at the Randolph County Center for Exceptional Children for 33 years.

The Bible class for children at the mobile home park will be conducted in the Cross Road church bus which has been outfitted with all of the facilities for this type of operation. According to the pastor, the Rev. Don McIntyre, the bus is so equipped that the classes could operate enroute.

The establishment of the Bible clubs comes under the supervision of the Sunday School Department at Cross Road, which Larry Reich is the director. Prior to the beginning of the children's club at the mobile park church representatives conferred with the parents, wrote letters to them, made telephone calls, and distributed material.

Bea Chrisco Cole's participation in the Bible Clubs is history repeating itself, since nearly 30 years ago she went into remote southeast Randolph County community and established similar classes, first in a tobacco barn, then in a brush arbor, and later in a block building.

As an outgrowth of those efforts nearly 30 years ago the Community Baptist Church was established and in recent years a modern church sanctuary and Sunday School Department has been erected along with a fellowship building.

The church paid tribute to Mrs. Cole recently in the dedication of their first church directory to her "for diligent work in a Bible Study that eventually led to the organization of our church."

A native of the Seagrove area, Mrs. Cole received her formal training at Piedmont Bible College and at the institution which is now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Her pioneer work in Randolph County was conducted under the Child Evangelism Fellowship of the Randolph Baptist Association. She formerly served as director of the children's church at Huldah Baptist Church where she was a member for many years.

Recognition has been extended to her through the receiving of the citizenship award from Asheboro Civitan Club, Service to Mankind Award from Asheboro Sertoma Club, and a certificate of commendation from the National Mental Health Association.

A new area of participation recently includes the publication of an article by her in Sunshine Magazine, Litchfield, Ill., entitled "Hilda's Gift," involving a student which she taught at the Randolph County Center for Exceptional Children.

Her success in the adult Bible classes was evidenced recently when she led an 80-year-old man to the acceptance of Christ. He testified to fellow patients at the Brain Center of his salvation and he told Bea the next day "I'm ready to eat, ready to live, ready to die, and there ain't much more for a fellow to ask for."

Bible stories at the children's club at the mobile home park will begin at 4 p. m. and will be illustrated by flannel graph, felt-o-graph, and multi-colored lights.

The mobile home park is located on Crestview Rd., the Cross Road Baptist Church is located on S. Cox Rd.

### **Rev. Evans Ends Harshaw Service**

Nov. 27, 1981 - The Rev. Joseph Evans, pastor of Harshaw Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Randleman, for more than 18 years, concluded his service at the church on Sunday, Nov. 22.

However, the 71 year-old minister, a resident of Greensboro, did come back the following Wednesday evening for the community Thanksgiving Service sponsored



annually by the Randleman Ministerial Association of which he has been a member.

He praised his relationship with the ministerial association during his lengthy stay in Randleman and also his work with the Department of Social Services which he did with the cooperation of Paul Bell in the Randleman area.

"I have found some of the best friends I have had while here," he said.

Three years ago last May the congregation at Harshaw Grove entered into a new church complex, including sanctuary and educational facilities.

The minister is leaving the church at the request of his physician. However, he will continue his pastorate of the Mount Herman Baptist Church in Ruffin which he has pastored along with Harshaw for the past five years.

Rev. Evans has been a minister for 21 years. He formerly served as associate pastor of New Light Baptist Church in Greensboro, his home church, and also assisted with the activities of the East Side Baptist Church in Winston-Salem Bible College.

He has also received special courses from Shaw University in Raleigh during the summer months and will continue these courses.

In Greensboro he has served with the adult probation and parole committee and the pulpit forum. He was employed for 24 years at A & T University in the interior decorating department and the locksmith shop service. He also taught in the summer workshops for maintenance supervisors and attended night classes at the university.

He is a member of the Rowan and Cedar Grove Baptist Associations, Greensboro and High Point Educational Associations, NAACP branches in Greensboro and Reidsville, and a member of Carolina Action. He is a former member of the NAACP branch in Asheboro.

While he was at Harshaw Grove, the Ophelia B. Sutton Scholarship Fund was established.

## **Their Marriage Spans 69 Years**

Dec. 1, 1981 - Sixty-nine years ago Mr. and Mrs. Clayton C. Andrews, now living on Rt. 2, Asheboro, were married in Greenville, S. C., where both were living at that time. Their wedding date was Nov. 30, 1912. Mrs. Andrews was 88 years of age on July 2, Mr. Andrews will be 88 on Dec. 4.

After their marriage vows, which were heard by a Baptist minister, they boarded the train for Charleston, S. C., where Mr. Andrews was staying at the time of their marriage.

Later they came back to Greenville and a little more than a year after their marriage, Andrews said, "I took a wild goose chase out to Arizona." He found that state to be a desolate place in which to live. It was dry, there was a lot of old dead grass and there "wasn't nothing growing except in the mountains," he said.

According to Andrews, he went "trying to make some money ... jobs around here didn't pay much." He didn't get the job he thought he would and ended up working in a copper mine, and only stayed seven months. He didn't do any digging in the mine but did operate the "cage" which took the other men down in the mine. He said that at times he took them down over 700 feet.

While he was in Arizona his parents moved to Greensboro, and it was to that town he located after leaving Arizona. But his wife had remained in Greenville, S. C. where she had a job and his first order of business was to bring her to Greensboro where both of them secured jobs in

a cigar factory.

But Andrews soon went to work with the Southeastern Express Co. where he remained for about 40 years. Mrs. Andrews, the former Myrtle Campbell, soon quit work to care for the first of their eight children.

The family moved to McLeansville in 1926 but Andrews continued to work in Greensboro. He said they moved to McLeansville so he could farm in addition to working for the express company, saying "town is no place for a poor man with children." He first rented a place and then bought a farm of his own.

Their children are Mrs. Marguerite Anderson, McLeansville; Mrs. Mary Frances Eaton, Burlington; Mrs. Lois Mildred Wooters, Greensboro; Mrs. Ruth Cook, Brown Summit; Jack Andrews, Asheboro; Bruce Andrews, Gibsonville; Dean Riley Andrews, Concord; and Bobby Andrews, Rt. 2, Asheboro, with whom Mr. and Mrs. Andrews have resided for the past year.

Their four daughters were born in succession, then came the births of their four sons. They also have 18 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrews still maintain their home in McLeansville but are residing with their younger son and his family due to the poor health of Mrs. Andrews. They are members of the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church in McLeansville which they joined after moving their in 1926. He serve as chairman of the finance committee during the erection of anew sanctuary there.

Andrews attends the Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Trinity, while staying in the home of his son. This church is located not far from the home of his son.

Although both Mr. and Mrs. Andrews were born in Baptist families and were married by a Baptist minister. They have been members of the Methodist church since their marriage. They were members of the College Methodist Church while they live in Greensboro.

## **Tabernacle Lions Have New Den**

Dec. 3, 1981 - Monday evening, Nov. 23, was an important date for the Tabernacle Lions Club. Club members celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the organization's founding and held their first meeting in a new clubhouse on a four-acre tract on U. S. 64 near the Uwharrie River.

Present for the special occasion was Lacy Presnell Jr. Presnell is former international Director of Lions, past District Governor of 31-D, and president of the Coleridge Lions Club at the time that club sponsored the organization of the Tabernacle Lions Club on Nov. 8, 1956.

Also present were Ronald D. Berry, former principal of Tabernacle School and one of the persons responsible for initiating the organization of the club, and Robert E. Spencer, another former principal of the Tabernacle School, a former member of the Lions Club there, and now executive secretary of the North Carolina Lions Club Association for the Blind, Inc.

Other clubs represented at the anniversary observance were Coleridge, Hamilton Lakes, Farmer and Asheboro. The Asheboro delegation included Julius Williams, deputy district governor, and Earl Johnson, zone chairman.

Only six of the original charter members are still members of the Tabernacle Club. They are Venson Loflin, Wade Small, Arthur Thomas, William Swaney, Billy Younts and Baxter Younts, a member-at-large.

They were recognized for their continuous membership and presented with chevrons denoting their years of service. It was also noted that each has a perfect attendance record for 25 years as club members.

The original charter membership list at the time of the organization 25 years ago included the names of Wade Younts, Larry Thomas, Waymon Trotter, Roy Bumgarner, S. A. Lowe Jr., Dallus Rush, Ronald D. Berry, L. E. Wood, Thomas C. Trogdon, Fred A. Freedle, Wayne Briles, Baxter Routh, Wade A. Hunt, Jack B. Small, Harlen Pierce, J. Lee West, John Younts, William F. Bulla and Gilbert Briles.

Present members, in addition to the charter members, include Michael Brewer, Worth Cox, Leon Lyndon, John Mattocks, Craig Martin, Jimmy Nixon, Emmett Ross, Sherrill Saunders, Bruce Spencer and Terry Younts. Sherrill Saunders is the current president of the club and presided over the anniversary meeting. The invocation and benediction was offered by Rev. Charles Walker, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Gilead United Methodist churches.

Recently the Tabernacle Lions Club sponsored the formation of a Tabernacle Lioness Club, the fourth women's organization of its type District 31D. The club is composed of Jean Saunders, president; Melinda Brewer, vice president; Nancy Younts, secretary; Kay Ross, treasurer; and other members, Melissa Spencer, Pearl Loflin, Virginia Younts and Fleta Younts. The club will meet every third Tuesday.

The New Lions Club building at Tabernacle is 30-by-60 feet long and consists of dining area, kitchen, two bathrooms and a storage room. It is of black construction with paneled interior and a ceiling of stipple sheetrock finish. There is an open fireplace in the north end of the building.

There is no indebtedness on the new building. Appreciation was extended during the anniversary observance to Alan Ridge and his bricklaying class at Southwestern High School. Also recognized were Roy Pierce, a carpenter, and Ardle Lee Perdue, electrician, for their services during the construction of the building.

### **Ceremony United Blind County Couple**

Nov. 24, 1981 – Juanita Julian of Rt. 1, Franklinville and John D. West of Rt. 1, Randleman were married Saturday afternoon, Nov. 14, at the New Salem United Methodist Church.

Both the bride and bridegroom are blind.

Officiated at their marriage ceremony were the Rev. Pete Taylor, pastor of the New Salem Church of which the bridegroom is a member, and the Rev. Joe Johnson, a former pastor.

The bride was given in marriage by her nephew, Tony Julian. Her matron of honor was her sister, Mrs. Ruth Lane of Greensboro; Acolyte for the wedding was her great-nephew, Chris Deaton.

The bridegroom was escorted by his best man, Lacy Ferguson, Jr. Ushers were fellow church members and fellow members of the Randleman Lions Club; Everett Henderson, head usher and Tommy McDonald, Bill Baggett, Robert Bischer and Hubert Allred.

Mrs. Lynn Smith, niece of the bride, directed the wedding.

A reception followed at the We Care Rest Home hosted by Mrs. Helen Toomes, another sister of the bride and manager of the home.

The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Layton of Rt. 2, Liberty and the late Melvin Julian. The bridegroom, a native of Manhattan, N. Y. is the son of the late John and Mary Gordon West.

Mr. and Mrs. West will make their home at 203 Church St., Randleman.

### **Asheboro Pair Feted On 50th Anniversary**

Dec. 9, 1981 – The seven sons and one daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thad Velpo (T. R. ) Allmon of Rt. 5, Asheboro, honored their parents on their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, Dec. 6 in the fellowship hall at Brower's Wesleyan Church on Mack Road.

The children are Leroy Allmon, James Allmon and Mrs. Kermit (Betty Lou) Thomas of Rt. 7, Bobby Allmon and Fred Allmon of Asheboro, Billy Joe Allmon, Johnny Allmon and Frank Allmon of Rt. 5, Asheboro.

Mrs. Thomas, their only daughter, is the youngest of the eight children.

There are also 18 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren in the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Allmon.

Mr. and Mrs. Allmon were married Dec. 24, 1931 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Hal M. Worth in Asheboro.

Mrs. Allmon, the former Wilma Trotter, daughter of the late Lee and Minnie Lou Yates Trotter, was born in the New Hope Township in the vicinity where she and her husband now live. But she was living in Asheboro at the time of their marriage.

Mr. Allmon is a native of Buncombe County in the western part of North Carolina but was living and working in Asheboro at the time of their marriage. He is a retired employee of Stedman Manufacturing Co. but formerly worked at Buttercup Ice Cream and Carolina Retreading.

Guests called at the reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Allmon from 3 until 5 o'clock.

### **Asheboro Couple Observe Their 25th Anniversary**

Dec. 10, 1981 – Mr. and Mrs. Nash M. Rush, Rt. 3, Asheboro celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6 at a reception in the fellowship hall at New Union United Methodist Church.

Hosts were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Debbie Rush) Jarrell, Asheboro and their younger daughter, Miss Pam Rush of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush were married Dec. 8, 1956 in the New Union United Methodist parsonage in Asheboro.

Mr. Rush, employed in the maintenance department at Randolph Technical College is the son of Clegg Rush, Rt. 3, Asheboro and the late Rachel Hoover Rush.

Among those in attendance at the reception were Rev. Leroy Reed, pastor of the New Union Church, and Mrs. Hunt, and Rev. Don Leonard, pastor of the First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro and Mrs. Leonard.

Asheboro attorney, Conway Barton in whose office Mrs. Jarrell is employed was present to make moving pictures of the anniversary scene.

### **Their Double Anniversary Brings Grim Reminder of World War II**

Dec. 10, 1981 – A double anniversary celebration for two Rt. 2, Asheboro couples who were married on Dec. 6, 1941, the day before Pearl Harbor, brought back grim reminders of World War II to at least one of the couples observing their fortieth wedding anniversary.

Honored during the celebration were brothers Kermit Hunt and Carroll D. Hunt and their wives, Albertha and Frances.

A year following the marriages Kermit Hunt was inducted into the U. S. Army eventually being sent overseas where he was critically wounded while serving with the Third Army in Germany on Mar. 29, 1945 a short while before the European phase of the war ending.

He was permanently disabled when a German mine exploded in his face and he was left completely blind and disfigured as a result of his injuries.

Although both couples, Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hunt and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Hunt, were married on the same day at the same place in Bennettsville, S. C. they only saw each other in passing on their way to the South Carolina town in which both couples were married.

Kermit and Albertha Hunt started first for the wedding site but were passed on the way by Carroll and Frances who reached Bennettsville first and were married thirty minutes earlier than Kermit and Albertha. Neither of the two couples saw each other except for the brief glimpse in passing until both couples arrived back in Randolph County.

The double anniversary celebration was held Sunday afternoon, Dec. 6 in the fellowship hall at the Mt. View Independent Methodist Church located in the area where both couples reside.

Hosts were the children of both couples and somewhat like their wedding forty years ago, the occasion was a surprise as each couple had been invited to help celebrate the anniversary of the other couple but neither knew it would be a joint celebration.

The children of Carroll and Frances Walker Hunt are Brenda Gurkins, Asheboro; Samuel Lee Hunt and Clifford Hunt, Rt. 3, Asheboro, Ruth Brady, Rt. 2, Sophia, David Hunt, Gail Brady and Lacy Lucas Rt. 3, Asheboro and there are nine grandchildren.

Kermit and Albertha Thomas Hunt only have one child Gary Calvin Hunt of High Falls.

Kermit and Carroll Hunt are sons of Samuel Calvin Hunt and Zula Pierce Hunt. Albertha Hunt is the daughter of Gurney and Lillie Hunt Thompson. Frances Hunt is the daughter of Horace Lee Walker Sr. and Nellie Lacy Walker parents of both couples are deceased.

Carroll Hunt is self-employed with Hunt's Automotive while his wife works at G & L Community Sewing. Kermit and Albertha raise Angus cows. Kermit will be 67 years of age in Jan. and his younger brother, Carroll is 58.

Following his injuries in Mar. 1945, Kermit Hunt was brought back to the United States and admitted to the Valley Forge Hospital in Pheonixville, Pa where he was recuperated for two years before coming back to his native Randolph County. His wife remained with him during the years of hospitalization at the hospital.

### **90th Birthday Is Celebrated With Party**

Dec. 11, 1981 – Mr. Lydia Dorsett Hudson, Rt. 1, Randleman, was honored on her 90th birthday Dec. 3. She was born near Millboro in 1891.

Immediate family members joined in a celebration of her birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Junior (Beulah) Kirkman, Rt. 3, Randleman.

Other children in attendance included Mrs. Odell (Ruby) Whitaker and Mrs. J. W. (Margie) Bescher, Rt. 1, Randleman, Mrs. Manley (Edna) Yow, Jr., Rt. 2, Randleman, Glen Hudson, Randleman and Fred Hudson, Asheboro.

One son, Edward Hudson, died in the service of the U. S. Navy in 1944. Mrs. Hudson's husband, Levi Hudson to whom she was married Oct. 24, 1914 died in 1958. There are also 15 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. One grandson, Bobby Bescher dies in 1975.

The birthday celebration was a surprise to Mrs. Hudson. "I thought I was going out to eat fish. I wish they had sort of told me they were having it," she said.

Mrs. Hudson has spent most of her life in the Randleman area but once lived in Cedar Falls, where she went to work in the mill at the age of 10. "The first day I worked, I received 10 cents, made 20 cents the next day and got up to 40 cents before I quit."

She has been a member of the Methodist Church for 75 years, having joined the church in Worthville at the age of 12. She is now a member of the New Salem United Methodist Church located near her residence.

She has praise for her church and its pastor, Rev. Pete Taylor, saying they remember her at both Thanksgiving and Christmas and brought her a cake on her birthday.

### **Benefit For Blind Couple Boosts Rebuilding Effort**

Dec. 11, 1981 – Fund-raising efforts for the Clifford and Faye Williams Housing Fund received a big boost last Saturday during a 12-hour benefit was held at the Westmoore Elementary School.

A total of \$8,230 was raised from noon until midnight, according to William Jerry David, president of the Good Will C. B. Club, Inc. that sponsored the fund-raising event along with friends and neighbors of Clifford and Faye Williams.

The money raised will be applied to the fund already in existence for the purpose of rebuilding the couple's residence at Rt. 2, Seagrove which was destroyed by fire on the night of Oct. 27.

Clifford and Faye Williams, a blind couple married less than three weeks at the time of the fire, barely escaped with their lives as the groped their way out of the burning structure.

Clifford Williams, known in C. B. radio circles as "Wheelbarrow Man," has been credited with spending the latter years of his life helping others in their time of need and in emergencies.

When disaster struck him the response was immediate. His neighbors and friends and others moved quickly. A week after the fire, the debris was buried and the site cleared for rebuilding. Less than a week after the fire, the footing was poured and a few days later, the foundation was laid.

Since that time, the construction of the 32-by-13 foot dwelling, consisting of two bedrooms, bath, and a large family room with kitchen and dining areas, has continued under the direction of a lead carpenter with plenty of volunteer labor. At the time of the huge fund-raising at

Westmoore, the roof was on the building and it was "dried in" according to structural specifications.

Soon after the fire, the Clifford and Faye Williams Housing Fund was established at the Fidelity Bank in Robbins, with Boyd Cosner, Clement Comer, Alton Greene and Twila Upchurch serving custodians of the fund.

Mrs. Upchurch said "we are very appreciative for everyone's concern and their generous giving."

The fund-raising at Westmoore consisted of a hot dog dinner, a chicken stew supper and a country and Gospel music throughout the entire 12-hour period. Other events included an auction sale of cakes, pies and other items and the awarding of prizes.

### **Surprise Reception Honors Oscar Hills**

Dec. 17, 1981 – Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hill of Green Valley Road, Rt. 1, Asheboro were honored with a surprise 25th wedding anniversary reception by family members, friends and neighbors Sunday night, Dec. 13.

Neighbors Bill and Ann Trogdon invited the couple to accompany them for dinner at Sam's Restaurant in Winston-Salem. Jimmy and Marie Dunn, also neighbors, went along.

Upon their return to Asheboro the Trogdons excused themselves, leaving the Hills and the Dunns to go to K-Mart to shop for items which Mrs. Dunn supposedly had need of. In the meantime the Trogdons were picking up the anniversary cake and transporting it to the Hill residence before the Hills and the Dunns arrived there.

However, long before this the families, the friends and the neighbors had assembled at the Hill residence awaiting the return of the couple from Winston-Salem. During their absence, their two children, Virgin Farelious (V. F. ) and Renate Jade, had prepared for the reception from their home base.

Earlier V. F. and Renate had indicated they had no plans for an anniversary celebration for their parents. Oscar, thinking that the trip and dinner in Winston-Salem constituted their celebration, remarked when he saw all the cars on his street that the neighbors across the road must be having a big party.

He soon realized his mistake and his wife, the former Nada Jade Robbins, was overwhelmed at the sight of all the cars and people and said "they have invited the whole world."

Family members in attendance included Mrs. Hill's mother, Mrs. Katherine Trogdon Robbins, and her two sisters, Xantippie Cheek and Shelia Robbins. Her father was the late T. F. Robbins, Jr.

Oscar's family included his 90-year old father, Virgil Hill and five of his sisters, Alberta Poole, Ava Routh, Allene Jarvis, Betty Greene and Faye Hall. His mother was the late Corina Kearns Hill.

### **Ability To Walk Brightens His Birthday**

Dec. 17, 1981 – Josh Randall Myrick's second birthday celebration was a happy observance despite the pain and suffering that has afflicted him since his birth on Dec. 10, 1979.

Son of Richard and Wanda Ritter Myrick, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Josh was born with spina bifida (open spine), and hydrocephalus (water head), and club feet.

An hour after his birth, he was taken to N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill, and five hours after his birth he was undergoing surgery which lasted for almost 10 hours.

Five days later, a shunt was inserted in his head to relieve the hydrocephalus and allow the proper drainage.

After a month in the hospital he was brought home for four days before returning due to a dislocated hip. His body was placed in a cast from the neck down. He stayed at the hospital this time for five and a half months.

The operation on his club feet occurred in Nov. 1980 and he came out of the hospital in six days with casts on both feet and legs. The cast came up to the middle portion of his body.

In July of this year surgery was performed on his left hip. The same procedure will be performed later on his right hip.

But the most remarkable achievement, as far as Josh's enjoyment is concerned, was getting braces and a walker on Sept. 22. He was walking for the first time two weeks later.

It was a wonderful moment for Josh and his father and mother, his 6-year-old sister, Darnell, and his 5-year-old brother, Greg.

Josh mastered the technique of walking in two weeks. That was evident at his birthday celebration at his home at Rt. 1, Ramseur Dec. 12.

Joining him at the party were his parents, his sister and brother, and his grandparents, his uncles and aunts, his little cousins and friends.

His parents are proud of their young son and the progress he has made. His mother, beaming with joy, is already looking toward the time she will enroll her son in the Coleridge School and is also dreaming of the possibility that one day the handsome, vivacious little boy will become a poster child for the March of Dimes.

### **Asheboro Pair Feted On 50th Anniversary**

Dec. 18, 1981 – A reception in the fellowship hall at Panther Creek Baptist Church Sunday afternoon Dec. 18 honored Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Beane of Rt. 4, Asheboro on their 30th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their sons and daughters-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. John B. Beane and Mr. and Mrs. Newman F. Beane of Rt. 4, Asheboro, and their grandchildren, Patricia Ann Moon, Eva Davis, Amanda Harper, Deborah Jo Beane, John Beane, Jr. and Ronald Beane.

The couple also has three great-grandchildren, Tammy Moon, Jody Moon and Treva Davis.

Their son, the Rev. John Beane, has served as pastor of the Panther Creek church for a total of 20 years during two pastorates there. Although members of Huldah Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Beane have been attending the church and their son pastors in recent years, located in the community in which they live.

Mr. and Mrs. Beane were married Dec. 23, 1931 at the home of the officiating magistrate, Vester Moore, located in the vicinity in which Mr. Beane was living.

A sawmill operator who cut logs for most of his working years, it was recalled that he brought his prospective bride to the home of the magistrate in the large lumber truck which he was using to haul logs at the time of their marriage.

Mr. Beane, son of Isom and Lydia Brown Beane, was born in the Center Cross area west of Seagrove, but spent most

of his life in the area where he is now living in the vicinity of the North Carolina Zoological Park.

Mrs. Beane, daughter of John and Mishie Latham Burrow, was born in the vicinity of the Giles Chapel church near Central Falls, but lived near Grays Chapel and Lineberry before coming to the Seagrove area.

### **Top Citizen In Farmer Is McDaniel**

Dec. 24, 1981 – Larry McDaniel, chairman of the Community Watch for the Farmer area, received the community's top citizen award at the Christmas meeting of Farmer Grange No. 683.

The award was presented "in recognition of outstanding service to the community and mankind." It further stated "your dedication and personal involvement are greatly and sincerely acknowledged."

McDaniel, a native of Siler City and a non-Grange member, is a resident of Rt. 5, Asheboro, where he lives in a cooperatively new home with his wife, the former Jena Nance. He is an employee of Union Carbide Corp.

He was chosen to head up the Community Watch program which was initiated by Farmer Grange in the pursuance of their goal "in seeking to improve the community."

The first public meeting related to the establishment of the watch occurred a year ago and was attended by 100 people. Appearing on behalf of the Randolph County Sheriff's Department were Capt. Larry Emerson and Sheriff Robert Mason.

Those law enforcement officials have characterized the Farmer Community Watch as one of the best organized in the county.

Since the public meeting, over 200 signs have been placed on mail boxes in the watch area and 25 larger signs have been placed at strategic points in the overall areas covered by the watch. Additional signs have been ordered for placement on other mail boxes in an area not initially included. Consideration will be given later to the possible inclusion of additional areas.

Some of the boundary lines included in the coverage allow Elliott's Store in New Hope Township, Lassiter's Mill, Cedar Grove Township almost to the Asheboro City Limits, Old U. S. 49 near Farmer, to Little Texas and to the Davidson County line on the Farmer-Denton Road and to the Broadway Road west of Farmer.

Assisting the community chairman Larry McDaniel are captains representing twelve sections of the overall area covered. They are Hal Luther, Miss Mozelle Horney, R. C. Adams, Mrs. Carl Kearns, Mrs. Gladys Thornburg, Mrs. Allen Wall, Mrs. Herbert Kearns, Mrs. Muriel Cox, Mrs. Walter Waynick, Mrs. Grace Williams, Mrs. Ashley Trotter, and Mrs. Coleen Apple.

At the Christmas party when the citizenship award was presented, the principal speaker was Harvey Foust, assistant agriculture agent, Miss Patti Oglesby, a teacher at Mr. Pleasant Elementary School provided music by playing dual dulcimers and relating the origin of each. Master of the Grange is Claude Williams and worthy lecturer is R. C. Adams.

Dec. 27, 1981 – Mr. and Mrs. Herman H. Brown of 244 East Wainman Avenue celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 20, exactly 50 years from the date of their marriage Dec. 20, 1931 in Danville, Va.

Mrs. Brown is the former LaRue Morris, a native of Ellerbe.

Hosting a reception in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church in honor of their anniversary were Mr. Brown's brothers and sisters. Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge T. Brown of Spartanburg, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Ferrell H. Brown of Jacksonville, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Halbert W. Lowe of Asheboro and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Norton of Latta, S. C. Guests called from two until four o'clock.

Accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Brown to their marriage site 50 years ago were Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Brown, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Brown, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Brown, Mrs. Nellie Perdue and her late husband, Willie Perdue, sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Brown and Miss Nola Wright and Erman Cox who would marry each other at a later date also in Danville, Va.

Prior to their own marriage Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Brown to their marriage ceremony also in Danville, Va. And later went with Mr. and Mrs. Erman Cox to their wedding in the same place.

Joining Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown at their anniversary reception along with Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Brown, two of the hosts were Mrs. Perdue and Mr. and Mrs. Cox, their attendants of 50 years ago along with Mrs. Perdue's late husband.

Also attending the reception were three additional sisters of Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Thelma Poleat of Kannapolis, Mrs. Edna Baldwin of Greensboro and Mrs. Mabel Dunn of Spring Lake.

Another sister, Mrs. William Lane of Asheboro was unable to be present because of illness.

Herman Brown, a native of Moore County, was living in Ellerbe when he got acquainted with his wife to be but both of them were living in Asheboro at the time of their marriage. They have been members of First Baptist Church since 1934.

Both of them are semi-retired, Mr. Brown, a former employee of Acme-McCrary Corp, is a part-time employee of Asheboro Hosiery Mills while Mrs. Brown is a part-time employee of Pinehurst Textiles Inc., where she was employed full-time for many years.

### **Reception Honors Couple On Golden Anniversary**

