

# **Visiting with Ralph Bulla**

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### **Denton Couple Honored On Their 40th Anniversary**

Jan. 6, 1982—Family members, friends and neighbors attended the wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Treece Ray Hogan of Rt. 3, Denton Sunday afternoon, Jan. 3 from two until five o'clock. Despite the inclement weather, 242 people were in attendance.

Hosts were the nine children of all who like their parents also live on Rt. 3, Denton most of them in the immediate vicinity of Mr. and Mrs. Hogan. Their children in the order of their births are Leslie, Gene, Patricia, wife of Wiley Joe Hurley, Ronnie, Terry, Ann, wife of Wayne Gravely, Mark, Phil and Brian.

Also assisting in the reception which was held in the dining area of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department were the wives of Leslie, Gene, Ronnie, Terry and Mark, the two sons-in-law and some of the 11 grandchildren. The two youngest sons, Phil and Brian are not married.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan were married on the same date Jan. 3, 1942, in Bennettsville, S. C. two months before Mrs. Hogan's 15th birthday. Mr. Hogan was 18 years old at the time of their marriage.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hogan are natives of New Hope Township, Randolph County. Mrs. Hogan, the former Elsie Colleen Sills was reared in Thomasville coming back to the community prior to her marriage.

She is the daughter of the late James and Ethel Cranford Sills. Mr. Hogan's parents were the late Milton and Lantie Latham Hogan.

Mr. Hogan, a lifelong sawmill operator, is president of Hogan Lumber Co. and also president of a new business, Hogan Dimension Mill, Inc. which was started three years ago. Associated with him in these businesses are his wife, all of his sons, and a son-in-law, Wayne Gravelly.

He is also a member of the board of directors of the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department, an organization which is also supported by the other members of his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan are both members of the Flat Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Rowan County.

Following the anniversary celebration, Mr. and Mrs. Hogan and the members of their immediate family, enjoyed supper at the Big Mark Fish House which is located in the community in which they live.

One of the various anniversary gifts received by Mr. and Mrs. Hogan were photographs of their children and grandchildren and in-laws, combined together and placed in one large frame. In the center of the frame is a poetic tribute to his parents written by their oldest son, Leslie, entitled "Our Family."

"United in love, joined hand in hand, four decades ago, our Family began. Our parents undertook a most remarkable chore, raising nine children, each just as special as the one before. All through our childhood, they taught us the way to be the best person we could day after day. Now we are older and the family has grown, but we still need your love and guidance, so let it be known. A family well blessed, truly this is so. How much we love mama and daddy, God only knows."

### **The Rev. Henry Thompson After 40 Years, He Resigns His Pastorate**

Jan. 8, 1982 – The Rev. Henry Harrison Thompson, a well-known local preacher for the past 40 years or more, resigned his active pastorate at Smyrna Grove Community Church on the last Sunday in the year 1981. At the age of 74 he will not resume the active pastorate but will be available for speaking engagements.

His ministry for the past four decades has been characterized by outstanding service in the rehabilitation of the Mt. View Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, where is served as pastor for 12 years and the building of the Smyrna Grove Community Church also on Rt. 2, Asheboro where he has served for the past 20 years.

He was a local preacher at the West Chapel Methodist Church when the district superintendent, the Rev. George B. Clemmer, asked him to assume the pastorates of the Mt.

View and Mt. Zion Methodist Churches which were about to disband.

After four years at both of these churches the Rev. Thompson left Mt. Zion to confine his efforts to the Mt. View Church in which community he was reared.

When he first went to Mt. View the building and grounds had deteriorated, there was no electricity, services were held twice a month and about a dozen people attended Sunday School.

When he left 12 years later the building had been completely renovated inside and out, the building was wired for electricity, three Sunday School rooms had been added, preaching was being held every Sunday, and the Sunday School attendance was well beyond 100.

He left the Mt. View church due to his inability to fulfill the requirements of the conference for ordination. Later the church left the conference and is now known as Mt. View Independent Methodist Church.

The Rev. Thompson left the Methodist Conference in a friendly manner and with cordial relations but still felt that his active service was not over. Feeling that the Lord wanted him to continue, he began to hold a cottage prayer meeting following the adjournment of the Methodist Conference, the same as he did following his call to preach around 1940-41.

An organization was quickly effected on the first Sunday in Aug. 1960, with the group meeting in an old abandoned church building between Farmer and Denton. There were 33 people present on the first Sunday they met.

On Thanksgiving Day of the same year they moved to the basement of the Albert Luther home in Asheboro and shortly thereafter began making plans for the building at Smyrna Grove which they occupied on their first anniversary the first Sunday in Aug. 1961.

More than 100 years earlier a church by the same name had been started at the same site but was never completed, with the framing and other partial construction crumbling and falling to the ground. The only evidence that remained when the new Smyrna Grove was started was the small cemetery which had witnessed the ravages of time.

Since the occupancy of Smyrna Grove Community Church 29 years ago last Aug. the church has prospered and in a short while there was an addition consisting of seven classrooms, two bathrooms, two closets, and an office. A present building fund amounting to \$15,949. 88 is available for whatever need arises.

Both the Mt. View and Smyrna Grove churches are handiworks of the ministry of the Rev. Henry H. Thompson and the ministries of these two congregations will constitute memorials to his life for many years to come.

As a tribute to his retirement the Mt. View congregation joined the Smyrna Grove congregation at a reception for him in the fellowship building at Mt. View on Saturday night, Jan. 2.

### **Bulla Book Tells Story Of Family**

Jan. 14, 1982 – Copies of the book "The Bulla Family" arrived in Asheboro last week after months of research and compilation by the book's author, Robert A. Gennings, of Sequim, Wash.

The book had its beginning with the coming of Thomas Bulla, Sr., an immigrant, from Lurgan, Armagh County, Ireland to Sadsbury, Lancaster County (now Chester County), Pa. in 1738 or 1739.

However, prior to that time George Bulla, supposedly the grandfather of Thomas Bulla Sr. left England with Oliver Cromwell's army to go to Ireland to complete the subjugation of Northern Ireland.

But the book deals mainly with the descendants of Thomas Bulla, Jr., who was first married to Sarah Grow (Grono) near Hillsborough, Orange County, N. C. about 1769. Bulla and his wife had one child, Sarah.

After her death he married Esther Weddis in Hillsborough in 1775, and their first three children, William, James, and Thomas Bulla III, were born in Sadsbury Township, Chester County, Pa.

The other children, Sally, Isaac, Joseph, John, Daniel, Betsy, and Uriah were born after Thomas and Esther came to Back Creek Township in Randolph County 200 years ago.

The old homeplace in which children were born is still occupied by a family member, Henry Bulla, great-great-grandson of Thomas Bulla Jr.

Forming a background for the old homesite is Back Creek Mountain and across the creek, which has a similar name, is the old Bulla Cemetery where Thomas Bulla Jr. and other family members are buried.

Thomas Bulla Jr. died Jan. 26, 1809 and following his death his wife joined other relatives in the western part of the country where she died 42 years later at the age of 93 in Richmond Wayne County, Ind.

Only two of the children of Thomas and Esther Weddis Bulla remained in Randolph County. They were Daniel, who lived at the old homeplace, and John.

In 1822, four years after his mother moved to Indiana, Daniel Bulla also moved his family to that state. However, he was unhappy there and moved his family back the next year in wagons.

A day-by-day account of his return trip from Putnam County, Ind., beginning Aug. 13, 1834, was kept in a diary by Daniel Bulla and it is included in the publication *The Bulla Family*. The family arrived back at the old homesite on Sept. 19, a little over a month after they started.

The tenth and eleventh children of Daniel Bulla and his wife, Sallie Cunningham Bulla, were twins, James and Sarah, born on Oct. 10, less than a month after the family got back home.

William Bulla, oldest child of Thomas and Esther Weddis Bulla, was married to Elizabeth Hoover, daughter of Andrew and Margaret Pfautz (Fousts) Hoover, who were the great-great-grandparents of Herbert Hoover, the 31st President of the United States.

Seventy years ago Levi D. Bulla, grandson of James Bulla, the second son of Thomas Bulla, Jr., began the compilation of the Bulla family history, assisted by T. Fletcher Bulla, former superintendent of the Randolph County School System.

Later, around 25 years ago, Juanita Jackson Kesler, a Rt. 2, Asheboro native, also did considerable research on the Bulla family history.

Information obtained by Levi and Fletcher Bulla, along with that secured by Mrs. Kesler, was available to Gennings, the author of *The Bulla Family*. Gennings maternal grandmother was a descendant of Thomas Bulla, Jr.

Copies of the book may be obtained locally from Ralph L. Bulla. Price of the book is \$24. 50.

## **Bethel Friends Take 'A Forward Look' To Expansion**

Jan. 15, 1982— Bethel Friends Meeting, located on Rt. 4, Asheboro just off of Highway 42 received permission to hold meetings for worship from Holly Springs Friends Meeting, their mother church, "on the 31st day of the 10th month, 1821."

On Sunday morning, Jan. 10, 1982, a little less than two and one half months after their beginning 160 years ago, the congregation was challenged by their present minister, Ralph E. Smallwood, in the establishment of various goals for the Meeting.

The minister had announced his intention to deliver the special sermon on the topic "A Forward Look" in the church bulletin three weeks earlier. He took his text from a portion of Proverbs 29:18 "where there is no vision, the people parish."

He stated from the outset "I am not able to be satisfied with the status quo, if there is no vision the church will not expand itself."

He asked the congregation to consider two areas, the Spiritual life of the church and its material area. He said "the church should be composed of happy, holy spirit-inspired Christians" and he said "the service begins when the worship saves."

He suggested goals for the church included the construction of a new church sign on the church property; the beginning of steps which would lead to the construction of a new church building; and the providing of a better ministry "for our community,"

He proposed that a competent architect he secured "to study our land and draw a sample sketch of long range development possibilities," he urged that the present facilities be kept comfortable at a reasonable expense: and he suggested possible use of the present facilities in the event a new church structure was built.

These suggestions included provisions for fellowship, an activity building, a day care ministry, and needed storage space. He also recommended the purchase of equipment items for the church, mentioning a need for sound projectors and some quality handbells for the choir.

His suggestions in the area of ministry included a youth ministry, and enlarged ministry for our older citizens and shut-ins, saying "we should not let them go from Christmas to Christmas," and an enlargement of our outreach ministry.

He also cited the need for a real visitation program, assistance plans for disaster situations and help in times of illness, saying "the church can make a tremendous impact in these areas."

Recent improvements at the Meetinghouse have included the padding and upholstering of the sanctuary seats and the placing of a wood burning furnace in the parsonage.

The first Meetinghouse at Bethel was a log structure which burned about 1855. This building was replaced with another log structure covered with boards. The third house of worship, a frame building, was completed in 1888. The present brick structure was built in 1942. A home for the minister was completed in 1970.

The present minister, Ralph E. Smallwood, a native of Roanoke, Va., came to the Meeting in July 1981. However he served the Meeting previously a few years ago. The holder of a Bachelor of Theology degree, his ministry has been varied with pastoral work also in Greensboro, Michigan, Ohio, Virginia, Indiana and Arizona.

**Couple Honored on 25th Anniversary**

Jan. 22, 1982— The children of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Gene Marley of Rt. 1, Asheboro, honored their parents at a reception Sunday afternoon Jan. 17, on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their daughters and sons-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. John (Teresa) Brantley of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Tonya) Moon of Rt. 1, Asheboro, and their son Timothy Gene Marley of their home.

Sixty guests called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brantley at 613 Springwood Road from 2:30 until five o'clock.

Assisting the hosts in serving were Mrs. Debbie Maness and Mrs. Donna Hobson.

Mr. and Mrs. Marley were married Jan. 12, 1957 in Dillon, S. C. Mrs. Marley, the former Patricia Hall, is the daughter of Mrs. Essie Powers Redding of Asheboro and the step-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Redding, also of Asheboro.

Mr. Marley is the son of Mrs. Mary Marley Parker of Asheboro and the late William Ernest Marley. He has been an employee of Union Carbide Co. in Asheboro for the past 23 years.

Mrs. Marley is a retired employee of Stedman Manufacturing Co.

**Renewal Of Their Vows Marks Silver Anniversary**

Feb. 1, 1982 — Mr. and Mrs. William G. Miller of 712 Mountain Road celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday Jan. 31 by both a renewal of their vows and a reception at the home of Mrs. Miller's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John M. Lambert of Rt. 2, Franklinville.

The renewal of their vows was heard by the Rev. Harry Post, pastor of the Asheboro Alliance Church, during the morning worship service at the church. At the conclusion of the ceremony, William Daniel (Danny) Miller, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Miller sang The Wedding Prayer.

Over 50 guests included the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Beck of High Point. The Rev. Beck, former pastor of the Asheboro Alliance Church, preached the morning worship service at the church prior to attending the reception in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are long time members of the church. Mr. Miller is a Sunday School teacher, and Mrs. Miller is the organist.

Also attending the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Coddington and daughter, Karen of Cary. Karen is the fiancée of Danny Miller, who is a senior at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were married Feb. 1, 1957 at the Asheboro Congregational Christian Church by the Rev. Clyde Fields, pastor of the church at that time.

Mrs. Miller is the former Kathryn Rich, daughter of Mrs. Ila Robbins Kivett of 1902 Lee Street and the late Clyde Rich, formerly an Asheboro jeweler. She is a native of Asheboro but lived with her parents in New Bern and Kinston prior to her marriage, having lived back in Asheboro since 1952.

She is a receptionist at Tie-Rite Neckwear Co.

Mr. Miller is the son of Mrs. Viola Williams Miller of 287 Ashdel Street and the late George T. Miller. A native of Asheboro, he has been employed at International Business Machines (IBM) in Greensboro for nearly 25 years.

**Dedication Service Is Held At Ramseur's Dove Center**

Feb. 5, 1982 — A Christian Bookstore and auditorium at Dove Center, Rt. 2, Ramseur, was dedicated Sunday afternoon, Jan. 31, less than five months after its groundbreaking was held last Sept. 5.

The dedication service and open house was delayed two weeks due to the inclement weather.

The bookstore and auditorium are the first phases of Dove International Ministries, Inc. which was officially chartered as a religious non-profit corporation by sisters, Misses Emma and Velma Allen, on May 27, 1981.

Other aspects of the ministry yet to come are a youth center and another building comprising a cafeteria, nursery and classrooms.

The present facilities were free of indebtedness at the time of dedication. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 500. There are also offices and rest rooms.

The founders of Dove International Ministries, Inc. regard the "Christian Bookstore as one of the most important and basic ministries unto God in this plan which He has called forth."

Miss Velma Allen, who has been called by God to be the administrator of the corporation, took the plans to a professional bookstore consultant who found them "perfect to the inch." She said, "I didn't need to take them to an architect. I didn't need one. God had already laid it out."

Soon thereafter the bookstore was accepted into membership of the Professional Christian Book Store Association, an enviable distinction to have been received so soon.

Miss Emma Allen, a teacher in the Coleridge School for 21 years, was first called into the full time ministry and she was fully ordained and set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry on Mar. 23, 1981.

She was joined in the founding of the ministry by her sister, Velma, the export manager of the marketing staff at Stedman Manufacturing Co. in Asheboro and a long-time employee of that company.

In the beginning Velma remained in her secular position at Stedman but since has resigned to enter the full time ministry also and is serving as the director of the Bookstore, in addition to her other duties.

She is being assisted in her duties by Mr. Peggy Brown, an experienced executive secretary who was formerly employed by Moore Gardner & Associates, Inc. in Asheboro for 18 years.

Another staff member is Mrs. Virginia Auler, a former missionary for 17 years in Honduras, Central America, where she taught ceramics and art and specialized in design using the authentic ancient Mayan Indian motifs which were obtained from archeological digs in that area.

For three summers her work was shown at the Art Gallery in Chautauqua, N. Y., where she was the featured artist lecturing for a week at a time on "The Life and Culture of the Ancient Maya."

Mrs. Auler with paint brush and clay will design and make the beautiful Christian gifts which will be available at Dove Bookstore along with the Christian literature which will also be sold.

Rounding out the staff at Dove Christian Center is Virginia's husband, the Rev. Harold N. Auler, Jr., former pastor at Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ, who is serving in an advisory capacity.

However, there is also a board of directors for the corporation, composed of Misses Emma and Velma Allen and the Rev. Robert Hinson.

Regular worship services at the center will be Sunday morning at 10:30, Sunday night at 7 o'clock, and Bible Study on Tuesday night at 7:30.

The first of many seminars will be held today at 7 p. m., Saturday at 7 p. m. and Sunday at 10:30 a. m.

Featured at this first seminar will be Ralph and Hilda Brittain of Hickory, who have ministered in the word of God and His helping power in Eastern and Central United States, Canada, Israel, in churches of all denominations, Christian Centers, home prayer groups, Women's Aglow, and have appeared as guests and teachers on many Christian television programs throughout the country.

### **Reception Honors Rt. 1, Bennett Couple**

Feb. 12, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brady of Rt. 1, Bennett, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 7, in the fellowship hall at Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Host at a reception in their honor was their son, Richard Paul (Ricky) Brady, assisted by Mrs. Raymond Brady, a sister-in-law of the honored couple.

Others helping in the reception were Mrs. Mary Lou Brady and Mrs. Frances Carmac, sisters of Paul Brady and Mrs. Betty Lou James, Mrs. Dolores Brady, Mrs. Ann Cox and Miss Penny Brady.

The decorating and catering was done by Kiser Florist.

Approximately 100 guests called from 2 until 5 p. m. Out of town guests came from Elizabethton, Durham, Robbins, Asheboro and Ramseur.

Mr. and Mrs. Brady were married Feb. 9, 1957 in the parsonage at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church with the Rev. Avery Brown officiating.

Mr. Brady is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Brady. He was an employee of the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills for 15 years before accepting disability retirement in 1975.

Mrs. Brady, the former Martha Ervin, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Ervin of Ramseur. Who were present for their daughter's anniversary celebration and who themselves celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last Aug.

Mrs. Brady, a native of Durham, is an employee of Ramseur Inter-Lock Knitting Co. She and her husband are members of the Pleasant Grove church.

### **At 80, Garland Allen Is Pilot, World Traveler**

Feb. 12, 1982 – At 80, Garland William Allen, still pilots an airplane almost daily and is something of a world traveler. He has also recreated small town scenes in his backyard and is a beekeeper.

But he is perhaps best known for his affiliation with the Bank of Coleridge, first in Coleridge and then in Ramseur, as association that has lasted for more than 48 years.

When he assumed employment at the Bank of Coleridge Oct. 26, 1925, he became the youngest cashier of the bank in the state of North Carolina. At that time he was 23 years of age.

He was born Jan 22, 1902 in the Shiloh Christian Church community, one mile from Moffitt's Mill. He was one of nine children born to Walter J. Allen and Nannie Hodgin Allen.

Allen observed his 80th birthday Jan. 22.

He attended the Shiloh Academy through the 7th grade, went through the 8th grade at the school in Coleridge and the 9th grade at the school in Liberty, and that was the end of his formal education.

While going to school and in the summer months he helped his father who was a farmer and sawmill operator, and learned both occupations. After he finished his schooling he worked at the Greensboro Café in Greensboro, operated by a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Craven, before coming to Coleridge to work in the bank.

The Bank of Coleridge, which was founded by Dr. R. L. Caveness, Dr. C. A. Hayworth and Amos S. Hinshaw Sept. 27, 1919, operated while in Coleridge in a one-room brick building next to the company store, with a stove, desk and vault in the back portion of the building.

Allen recalled that the Bank of Coleridge was one of only two banks in the state which did not close during the bank holiday in 1933. He said that Dr. Caveness, who was the present of the bank, placed a sign in the window of the bank stated that "I will pay \$2 for every dollar lost in this bank."

On May 12, 1926 Allen married Miss Blanche Caveness one of three daughters of Dr. R. L. Caveness and his wife. Florence Cole Caveness and the couple established their household in a dwelling which Dr. Caveness was using as his medical office. It was near Dr. Caveness' home where all of his daughters and their family would eventually reside.

He became the vice president of the bank in 1926 and its president in 1951 following the death of Dr. Caveness. He continued in this position until Jan 1, 1974 at the time of the merger of the bank with the First Citizens Bank and Trust Co. At that time he was named chairman of the board at the local bank, a position which he still holds.

On Apr. 1, 1934 the Bank of Coleridge moved from its original site to Ramseur where it occupied the former building of the Bank of Ramseur, founded in 1912 and later to become a subsidiary of the Page Bank and Trust Co. before ceasing its operation in 1933.

In 1953 Allen and his family moved from their Coleridge residence to a new home between Coleridge and Ramseur just off of N. C. 22. There, he had already established an airport from which he had maintained extensive flying operations for many years. Mrs. Allen's death occurred Feb. 8, 1967.

Their children are Robert Garland Allen and Martha Cole Allen Thomas, wife of Dr. Robert E. Thomas. Grandchildren are Bill Allen, an exchange teacher at the University of France; Bill Allen employed with Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. in Charlotte. Susan Allen, a student at Peace College; and Amy Thomas, a student at Eastern Randolph High School.

A fixture in the Garland Allen household is 88-year-old Mrs. Daisy Craven who has served as his housekeeper for 54 years.

Allen said he had been flying an airplane for 46 years. Asked if he was still flying, he said "every day." Recently when he qualified for his license the instructor said "you should be taking me up." In July he flew to Miami Beach by

himself, a distance of 1,100 miles. Asked how much he had flown, he said "I quit logging at 7,000 hours."

He has flown to Arizona, Texas, and Washington to Cuba and to the Bahama Islands with the late Carl Goerch, publisher of the State Magazine with whom he flew for many years. He maintains a 3,000 foot runway at his airport which has been used as the site for many aeronautical exhibitions. He is presently using his fourth airplane.

He has traveled extensively since becoming inactive at the bank. Among places he has visited are Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan, Alaska, Germany, Israel, (four times), Turkey, Greece, Albania, Austria, France, Belgium, Holland, Havana, and Cuba (seven times).

But he retains ties with his native soil, and keeps hives of bees. At his country estate he has recreated scenes from his boyhood days in the Moffitt Mill community. He has built a replica of J. T. Lambert's Store and he has recreated Moffitt's Mill, the pond, the dam, the water wheel, and the footleg which he, his brother and sisters crossed on their way to school at the Shiloh Academy.

In business, he still retains his old customers of the G. W. Allen Insurance Agency which he has operated since 1938 but does not accept any new accounts. At one time while he was at the bank in Coleridge he served as Postmaster for 12 years.

### **Reception Marks Golden Anniversary**

Feb. 17, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson Shaw of Rt. 8, Asheboro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, in the fellowship hall at New Hope United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. William Tillmon Shaw of Rt. 6, Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Shaw of Rt. 8, Asheboro and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ray Shaw of Rt. 2, Asheboro.

Their immediate family also includes six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were married Feb. 13, 1932 in Cheraw, S. C.

Mr. Shaw was born in Guilford County, the son of William Tillmon Shaw, a native of upper Montgomery County, and Alice Presnell Shaw, a native of the vicinity in which he now lives. After living at various places in Guilford, Rockingham and Stokes Counties, he came to Randolph County with his mother and step-father, Zeb Vance Branson at the age of 16.

He was working as an employee for Author Dorsett in sawmilling and farming at the time of his marriage.

Mrs. Shaw, the former Nellie Harmon, was born in Davidson County, the daughter of Michael Erma Seaborne (Saab) Harmon and Abby Giles Harmon, and lived in the vicinity of Trinity before coming to her present community at the age of 14. She attended the Caraway School.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are long time members of the New Hope United Methodist Church. Mr. Shaw retired with total disability from L-Ranch Furniture Shop in Asheboro 16 years ago. Mrs. Shaw, an employee of B. B. Walker Shoe Co. for 18 years, retired from G & L Sewing Co. three years ago.

Guests at the anniversary reception included three sisters of Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Erma Isom of Asheboro, Mrs. Lena Cecil of Garner, and Mrs. Margaret Blalock of Rt. 2, New London; a brother, Milton Harmon of High Point; and her

maternal aunt and uncle, Mrs. John H. (Susie Giles) Jester of Rt. 2, Franklinville and Paul Giles of Archdale.

Mrs. Shaw is 65 years of age. Her husband is 68.

### **Benefit To Feature Stew, Music**

Feb. 18, 1982 – The annual March of Dimes singing benefit at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Saturday night, Feb. 29, will feature the sale of Aunt Bea Spinks' chicken stew and the music of Anzell McNeill and Dean Staley, talented young musicians of the church congregation.

The serving of the chicken stew will begin at 6 p. m. ; the gospel singing will begin at 7 p. m.

The singing will feature various groups, including the young-adult choir at the church who will perform under the direction of their director, Anzell McNeill, and their accompanist, Dean Staley.

Mrs. Beatrice (Aunt Bea) Spinks, 68, is known throughout the area for her delicious chicken stew. She has been engaged in the preparation of this delicacy since she helped her mother in the kitchen of their home on Rt. 1, Seagrove, in the area of the Antioch and Riverside churches.

She was born the youngest of 14 children of Gillis and Mary Ann Brower Goldston, of which family only five of the children survive. While growing up she worked in the fields of her father's farm. She has been married to Robert Spinks for 50 years and for a similar period she and her husband have lived on the farm of Walter Macon of Rt. 1, Ramseur who died recently.

For many years Aunt Bea dressed chickens at Brookbank's Poultry on Highway 42, Elliott's Fish and Poultry in Asheboro, and for a High Point firm which brought the chickens to her home.

For the past 10 years she has worked part time as a cleaning woman at John Plant Co. in Ramseur where she is favorably regarded and has also been employed as a domestic in various homes in the vicinity.

Aunt Bea joined the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church, located in her native community, when she was around 15 years of age. In later years she joined the Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church, located in the community in which she now lives, and has been active in the affairs of this church, serving as the secretary of the church for the past several years.

For some time now she had had her chickens frozen for the preparation of the stew which will begin on Saturday morning of the day the benefit will be held. It will be served hot to those who come to partake of it at the church.

Price of the stew will be \$1. 50 per serving. Aunt Bea receives no compensation for her work in its preparation and she also provides without charge the chickens and other ingredients which she uses in the stew. All of this is her donation to the March of Dimes.

There will be no admission price for the singing. However, a free will offering will be received. First Pentecostal Church is located in the Holly Springs community, near the farm of Jasper Allen.

### **Valentine's Day Gathering Marks Joint Observances**

Feb. 18, 1982 - A wedding anniversary and birthday celebration occurred Sunday afternoon, Feb. 14, at the



home of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond E. McRae of Walden Road, Rt. 4, Asheboro.

The joint celebration, hosted by Miss Lettice McRae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McRae, commemorated the 32nd wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. McRae and the observance of the birthdays of Mrs. McRae and her brother-in-law, Francis Green.

Mr. Green also of Rt. 4, Asheboro, is the husband of Mrs. McRae's sister, the former Gertrude Walden. A native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, he was 81 years of age on Feb. 16.

Mrs. McRae, the former Ivy Walden, was 70 years of age on Feb. 14. She and Mr. McRae were married Feb. 4, 1950. In addition to Lettice McRae of the home, their older children are Edward McRae, also of the home, William Lindsay and Mrs. Annie Gladden of Asheboro and Oudie Brooks of Baltimore, Md.

They also have 13 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Both Mrs. McRae and Mrs. Green are natives of the area in which they live. Mr. McRae is a native of the Striely area.

Family members attended the birthday meal and the observance of the wedding anniversary.

### **Events Adds To Church Building Fund**

Feb. 19, 1982 - A fund raising event, the crowning of "Little Miss FPC" (First Pentecostal Church), sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary, was held Sunday night, Feb. 14, and raised \$1,741. 05 for the building fund of the church.

Winner of the event was Ginger Covington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Covington who was crowned "Little Miss FPC." She was sponsored by the 20-26 age group of ladies in the church and the amount of \$610. 55 was raised in her behalf.

Runner-up in the contest was Ginger's sister, Keionne, who was sponsored by the 27-45 age group and \$542 was raised in her behalf.

Second runner-up was Danielle Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Campbell, who was sponsored by the 45-up age group. The amount of \$453. 54 was raised in her behalf.

The other contestant was Tiffany Williams, godchild of Pearlean Laughlin and sponsored by the 15-19 age group. The amount of \$135 was raised in her behalf.

Program participants were Dean Staley, Vicky McPhaul, Linda Gales, Thomas Dunlap, Bernard Florence, the Rev. Kenneth Coward, Annie Phillips, Rodney Person and Quinton Louris.

Mascots were Brian Ledwell, Shawn Spinks, Tequilla Spinks, and Shawna Jones. Escorts were Joshua Brewer, Andrea Brady, Cecil Williams, and David Williams.

Judges were Bernard Florence, Ann Wade, Dorothy Monk, Thomas Dunlap and Anzell McNeill.

The church is located on Rt. 1, Asheboro.

### **Troop 524 Scouts Honored During Breakfast At Church**

Feb. 23, 1982 - The annual breakfast for Scouts of Troop 524, sponsored by First Baptist Church, and their parents was held Feb. 7 in the fellowship hall at the church to commemorate National Scout Sunday. The breakfast has been held each year for about 20 years.

In a brief presentation the following awards were presented at the conclusion of the breakfast:

Jimmy Parker and Mark Hopper were given awards for becoming full-fledged Scouts; Chris Sheffield, tenderfoot and citizenship skill award; Chris Holland, first class, camping, cooking, and community living skill awards; Randy Turner, star; and Rusty Turner, star and home repairs merit badge.

Scouts, parents, and troop leaders sat together as a group for the morning worship service.

The Scoutmaster is Vance Brooks and assistants are Roland Cox and Willard Gordon. Neal Blevins is chairman of the scouting committee.

### **Wayside Garden Club Celebrates Its 50th Anniversary**

Feb. 24, 1982 - Wayside Garden Club in Ramseur celebrated its 50th anniversary Thursday afternoon, Feb. 12, at 3 o'clock, the exact day and hour of its organization 50 years earlier.

The anniversary observance was held in the meeting room at the Ramseur Public Library whose building was erected in memory of Blanche C. Johnson, a charter member of the club, by her husband the late M. E. Johnson.

Other charter members of the club were Mrs. C. E. Baldwin, Mrs. J. T. Brady, Mrs. J. P. Cox, Mrs. W. F. Cox, Mrs. I. F. (Etta Watkins) Craven, Mrs. A. W. (Margaret Lane) Craven, Mrs. W. B. Dowell, Mrs. C. A. Graham, Mrs. Guy F. Lane, Mrs. N. F. Phillips, Mrs. W. C. Trogdon, Mrs. E. C. Watkins, Mrs. R. C. White and Mrs. J. E. Wilson.

Only Mrs. Dowell, Mrs. Graham and Mrs. Lane are still living. Only Mrs. Lane is still a member of the club. Mrs. Dowell, now of Raleigh, was the first president of the club that only served for a few months before moving away.

Mrs. Graham, second president; left the club shortly thereafter to organize the Ramseur Garden Club which will celebrate its 50th anniversary next year along with the Ranoca Garden Club in Ramseur which was organized at the same time. In recent years the Woodlawn Garden Club has also been organized in Ramseur.

Wayside Garden Club members felt that it would be appropriate to have as their president during the anniversary year, Mrs. Guy F. Lane, the only one of the charter members retaining her membership at the club, even though Mrs. Lane had served as president during previous periods.

Other former presidents of the club in addition to Mrs. Dowell, Mrs. Graham, and Mrs. Lane; have been Mrs. R. C. White, Mrs. Phil Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Baldwin, Mrs. Leo Rich, Mrs. G. R. Hodgin, Mrs. H. W. Watkins III, Mrs. A. W. (Elva Sugg) Craven, Mrs. D. E. Whitehead, Mrs. I. F. Craven, Mrs. G. W. Allen, Mrs. N. S. Brown, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. C. A. Cox, Mrs. John A. Wallace, Mrs. Justus McKeel and Mrs. Hoyt Clark, some of whom have served more than once.

A brief meeting of the Wayside Garden Club was held on the anniversary date prior to a reception which was opened to members of the other Ramseur garden clubs, the clubs in Asheboro, Franklinville, and Liberty, former club members and daughters of present and former club members.

Highlighting the club meeting prior to the reception was the presentation of a Life Membership to Mrs. G. Russell

(Esther) Hodgkin, a long time member and former president during two different periods. She was cited along with members of her family for their life-long participation in environmental interests.

Other life Memberships have been awarded to Mrs. Lane, Mrs. W. F. Cox, deceased Mrs. C. A. Cox, Mrs. A. W. Craven and Mrs. L. A. Fisher.

Present officers of the club in addition to Mrs. Lane are Mrs. H. W. Clark, vice president; Mrs. G. B. Culbreth, secretary; Mrs. L. A. Fisher, treasurer; Mrs. Sam Coward, chaplain; Mrs. J. C. Gilliland and Mrs. G. B. Culbreth, historians.

Other members are Mrs. Arthur Barlow, Mrs. Johnnie Brown, Mrs. M. S. Brown, Mrs. C. A. Cox, Mrs. G. E. Curtis, Mrs. K. R. Fraizer, Mrs. G. Russell Hodgkin, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. Ernest Voorhess, Mrs. T. L. York, Mrs. A. W. Craven and Mrs. M. A. Teague, Honorary member is Mrs. L. A. Boger.

### **Reception Marks 50th Anniversary**

Feb. 25, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Stanton J. Presnell celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, at their home at 202 South Park Street.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Monroe (Becky) Craven and Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. (Bobbie) Strider of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene (Gene) Presnell of Hawthorne, Nev., Mr. and Mrs. Ervin (Sarah) Hatcher of Knightdale, Mr. and Mrs. James M. (Marty) Presnell of Lexington and Mr. and Mrs. Bobby W. (Kathy) Coe of Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Guests invited to come from three until five o'clock included mostly family members, neighbors and close friends.

Other members of their immediate family include eight grandchildren, seven step-grandchildren and one step-great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Presnell were married Feb. 14, 1932 in Bennettsville, S. C., following their graduation from Asheboro High School in the spring of 1931.

Mrs. Presnell is the former Helen Amick, daughter of the late Clarence Leroy Amick and Sarah Staley Amick. She was born in Liberty but came to Asheboro as a small child when her father was elected Register of Deeds for Randolph County.

Mr. Presnell, born in the southern part of Randolph County, is the son of the later Walter W. Presnell and Hassie Yow Presnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Presnell are owners of Presnell Inc., formerly Presnell Plumbing and Heating Co. They are members of Central United Methodist Church.

### **Surprise Party Marks Trogdon's 25th Wedding Anniversary**

Feb. 25, 1982 – The congregation of Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, surprised their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Richard J. Trogdon, on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21.

The couple asked to come to the church early to participate in church functions, found the congregation assembled in the fellowship hall for the anniversary celebration and the presentation of many gifts.

The minister had planned to host an anniversary celebration himself on the following Wednesday, at which

time he would have invited the congregation to share with himself and his wife in the partaking of an anniversary cake and other refreshments.

He had planned to do this in appreciation for the kindness of the congregation in his various times of illness and their other courtesies, including the presentation of an automobile to him recently.

The Rev. and Mrs. Richard J. Trogdon were married in a church ceremony at Worthville United Methodist Church on Feb. 24, 1957, during which time the minister was serving a four-year term in the U. S. Air Force.

The minister is a native of the Worthville area, the son of Talton Julian Trogdon of Worthville, and Mrs. Hazel McElhannon Lucas of Jacksonville, Fla. He is a graduate of Randleman High School.

Mrs. Trogdon is the former Barbara Routh, daughter of Mrs. Valerie Thomas Routh of Rt. 1, Franklinville, and the late John Page Routh Jr. She is a graduate of Grays Chapel High School.

Their courtship developed due to living in adjacent communities and their interest in the high school athletics of their respective schools.

They are the parents of five children, Rickey Trogdon of Rt. 3, Randleman, Mrs. Nelson (Cindy) Daniels of Rt. 1, Franklinville, Krista, Aaron and Jason Trogdon, who live with their parents at the Trogdon home on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

The couple has one grandchild, Rebecca Dawn Daniels.

The Faith Temple Baptist Church has experienced phenomenal success since its organization by the Rev. Trogdon more than 10 years ago.

Organized by a very small group of people, which included the minister's family in the living room of his home, the church has reached a membership of approximately 425 and its complex of buildings and land has an estimated value of a half of a million dollars.

On the Sunday morning of the anniversary celebration an estimated 300 people attended the morning worship service and in the night service, following the honoring of the minister and his wife in the fellowship hall, four new members received the rite of baptism.

### **Charter Members At Church's Anniversary Celebration**

Feb. 28, 1982 – Six living charter members were present for the 50th anniversary celebration of United Methodist Women of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 20, beginning at 3 o'clock.

Three of the charter members, Nellie Sugg Teague, Golda Tysor and May Wrenn retain their membership within the group. The other three charter members still living are Mary Sue Sugg Brannon of Graham, Eugenia Tysor Stevens of Asheboro and Ola Wrenn Williams of Rt. 4, Pittsboro.

The program of celebration included the Rev. Ben Witherington, pastor of the Coleridge Charge, of which Mt. Olivet is a part, who spoke on "Organization of Methodist Women" and May Wrenn who spoke on "Organization and History of Mt. Olivet United Methodist Women." Jewell Sugg gave the scripture and mediation, Dianne Deaton and Judy Bacendak provided the music.

Former pastors in attendance were the Rev. and Mrs. Frank Jarvis of King, and the Rev. Herbert Jamieson of Asheboro. Invited to the program and reception which

followed in the fellowship hall were United Methodist Women members from the other churches on the Charge – Concord, Maple Springs and Rehobeth, and the former community residents.

On the same date and at the same hour 50 years before the anniversary celebration the Woman's Missionary Society was organized at the Mt. Olivet Methodist Church. In 1940 the name of the women's group was changed to "The Women's Society of Christian Service" and the 1960 the organization became known as "The United Methodist Women."

Officers of the newly organized group a half of a century ago were named as follows: president, Mrs. T. H. (Rosa Stout) Tysor; vice president, Mrs. Ernest (Nellie Sugg) Teague; secretary, May Wrenn; and treasurer, Mrs. C. M. (Hattie) Tysor.

Other members were Mrs. R. J. Barnwell, Mary Owens Coley, Annie Tyson Sugg, Mary Sue Sugg Brannon, Artimitia Brown Teague, Golda Tysor, Eugenia Tysor Stevens, Cora Tysor Wrenn, Lucy Wrenn Shaw and Ola Wrenn Williams.

Dues were established at 20 cents per month. At one of the first meetings it was decided that a member of the Society would be appointed each month to be responsible for keeping the church clean.

Some of the first projects and achievements of the group included setting out shrubbery around the sanctuary, purchase of hanging Aladdin lamps to replace the small wall kerosene lamps; placing rubber carpet on the aisles of the church and around the altar; purchase of tin heaters for the Sunday School class rooms and other heatrola for the sanctuary; sponsored the purchase of new pews and paid for half of them; helped to repair and refurnish the parsonage at Coleridge.

Other projects have been the sponsoring of furnishings for the new fellowship hall; the purchase of doors for the vestibule; the sponsoring of pulpit furniture and new hymnals, the purchase of a pulpit desk and six of the hymnals; the purchase of additional tables and chairs for the fellowship hall.

Each quarter the United Methodist Women sponsor a fellowship meal following the third Sunday preaching service. At the time of funerals the organization serves as hostess to members of the immediate family and friends in the fellowship hall.

The membership of the group numbers 14, the same as it did at the time of its organization 50 years ago. However, 60 members have been enrolled throughout the years, most of who are deceased or have moved away. A monthly meeting has never been missed, resulting in a total of 600 meetings during the existence of the women's group. Present officers of the organization are president Judy Vacendak; vice president Jewell Sugg; secretary Nellie Teague; and treasurer Golda Tysor.

Other members are Dianne Deaton, Balinda Ferree, Wanda Garner, Effie Hunter, Annie Shuping, Jane Shuping Teague, Ruby Sugg, Phyllis Bulla Sugg, May Wrenn, and Amy Witherington.

### **Reception Marks 25th Anniversary**

Feb. 28, 1982 – The Rev. and Mrs. John Burton Beane of Rt. 4, Asheboro, were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 21, when their children entertained for them in the fellowship hall at Panther Creek

Baptist Church where the Rev. Beane has pastored for more than 20 years.

Hosts for the reception which lasted from three until five o'clock were Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Ann) Moon of Ramseur, Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Eva) Davis of Rt. 1, Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Amanda) Harper of Asheboro and John Jr., Deborah Jo (Debbie) and Ronald of the home.

The couple also have three grandchildren, Timmy Moon, Jodie Moon and Treva Davis.

The Rev. and Mrs. Beane were married Feb. 23, 1957 in a ceremony performed at the Panther Creek church by the Rev. Robert Brown who was pastor of the church at that time.

Mrs. Beane is the former Cora Elizabeth Hurley, a Montgomery County native from the Eldorado area, one of 12 children of the late Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hurley.

The Rev. Beane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Beane, also of Rt. 4, Asheboro, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a similar reception at Panther Creek in Dec. . They were among the guests at the reception for their son and daughter-in-law.

After two years of service in the U. S. Army, the Rev. Beane started attending the services at the Panther Creek church in 1956. This soon led to his responding to the call to the ministry and he preached his first sermon at a cottage prayer meeting in the summer of 1958.

In a year or so he became the pastor at Panther Creek and served first for three years before coming back after a lapse of two years and has continued in the pastorate since that time.

During his ministry there the interior of the church building has been completely renovated and some remodeling done on the outside. Five years ago last Oct. a fellowship building was completed and it was in this building that the pastor's anniversary reception was held.

The minister is a former employee of Klopman Mills with 16 years of service. He also operated a country store next to his home for a period of five years.

### **Association Will Renovate Auditorium At Central First**

Mar. 1, 1982 - Representatives of nine black churches were told yesterday that the East Side Improvement Association will renovate the old Central School auditorium before other parts of the property are worked on.

Mrs. Addie Luther, chairman of the fund-raising committee, said the auditorium should be worked on first because it can be used for fund-raising events and because damage there is not as great as in some of the other areas.

HOSTING THE meeting yesterday afternoon was the Emmanuel Holy Church on Old Salisbury Road. Other Asheboro churches represented were Greater St. Johns Baptist Church, Luke's United Methodist Church, Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, First United Church of Christ, and Soul Saving Station.

County churches represented were St. Peter's United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Randleman, Oakland Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur and Strieby United Methodist Church of Christ, Rt. 3, Asheboro.

The meeting revolved around the payment and the uses of the old Central School which was purchased by the association in Dec. for \$32,000.

In order to purchase the old school site with its buildings the association borrowed \$30,000 from First National Bank

with payments to be made quarterly. The first payment due Mar. 8, is \$8,500.

Mrs. Said she is confident that the money needed for the first payment will be available based on pledges and promises which she has received. Other members of her committee are Dexter Trogdon, Dr. Merceda Perry, Carolyn McLean, and J. N. Gill.

THERE ARE immediate plans to get the auditorium in shape with volunteer labor and it is hoped to have a cleaning day at Central as soon as possible to prepare for a May Day fund raising activity in the auditorium and on the school grounds.

Speaking of the condition of the buildings, Mrs. Luther said "the place is devastated. I don't believe out kids did that, somebody went in there with tools. It is unfortunate but we will have to take it from here."

The Auditorium was opened for a tour after the meeting and the damage was visible. In some instances pipes had been removed from the walls and other plumbing facilities had been uprooted.

Presently the East Side Improvement Association, Inc. is being operated by the board of directors consisting of Dr. Reuben Gilliam, president; Colon Coble, vice president and treasurer; Gloria Letterlough, secretary and members Alonzo Strickland, Rev. John Moore, J. N. Gill, Dr. Merceda Perry, Lee McQueen, Mrs. Kate Jones, Dexter Trogdon, James Smith and Mrs. Addie Luther.

The next meeting of the board is Wednesday at Greater St. Johns Baptist Church at 6 p. m. A full membership meeting will be held at a later date. Membership fees are \$25 for adults and \$10 for youth.

SOME OF THE fund-raising events planned in addition to the May Day are Dances, parties or dinners, raffles, gospel singings, bingo games, bake sales and weight guessing.

Colon Coble, the association's vice president and treasurer, is a building contractor and it is hoped that much of the renovation of the building can be done with volunteer labor under his supervision. The board of directors have already discovered that contracting prices are exorbitant and that they can do much better by buying their materials and getting the work done otherwise. They appreciated securing a set of floor plans from local architect J. J. Croft, Jr. It has been recommended that the renovation of the school building should come before any work on the gym.

### **Dinner Party Marks Ledwell's Birthday**

Mar. 3, 1982 - The family of Herman Ledwell of Rt. 1, Asheboro hosted a dinner at the General Electric Clubhouse Sunday Afternoon, Feb., 28, honoring him on the occasion of this 76<sup>th</sup> birthday.

His wife is the former Lucille Bell and their 10 children, most of whom were present, are Lewis Ledwell of Pontiac, Mich., T. W. Ledwell of Rt. 1, Seagrove, Bobby Ledwell of Stanford, Conn., Ernest Ledwell, Pearlle Barnes, Clyde Ledwell, Ed Ledwell and Mattie Brower of Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mary Alice Green and Dorothy Chestnut of High Point.

A special guest was Annie Ledwell Spinks, sister of Herman Ledwell, of Greensboro. She and her brother are the only surviving children of the late Oscar and Jane Strickland Ledwell who also were the parents of 10 children.

The deceased member of this family who were reared in the Mitchell United Methodist Church community are Ernest, Dewey, Mattie, Mary Brady, Bige, Wilbur, Saide,

Thomas and Warren.

Herman Ledwell and his sister recalled at the birthday celebration that the Ledwell children attended the Mitchell School walking a mile across the mountain on the "rock road" in order to attend this institution.

### **Reception Marks 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Mar. 3, 1982 - Mr. and Mrs. Fuller F. Saunders of 202 Old Liberty Road observed their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Feb. 13 at their home.

Joining them for the reception, which included a large anniversary cake, were two of their three children, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Saunders of Bradenton, Fla. And Mr. and Mrs. Jesse (Linda) Ingold of 350 Kennedy Drive, Asheboro.

Also present were their granddaughters, Sherri, Sandi and Holli Ingold, and their great-grandson, Ronnie Saunders. The couple have another son Jack Saunders of Thomasville, Ga., four more grandchildren and another great-grandchild.

On Monday following the anniversary celebration Ronald Saunders and members of his family returned home after he had undergone several weeks of treatment at N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill. Since returning home he has undergone additional treatment at a hospital in Sarasota, Fla.

### **Happy Hollow's Hub Is Community Center**

Mar. 4, 1982 - Happy Hollow Community Center, located on the Michfield Road between Asheboro and Seagrove is a thriving community organization that is having an impact on lives and activities of some 300 families who reside within its boundaries.

Beginning last Nov., a group of senior citizens has been enjoying a carry-in dinner at the center on the second Tuesday in each month. Last month there was 62 people in attendance. Each meeting, in addition to the meal, included a brief program of entertainment.

THE COMMUNITY building is also used for regular Scout meetings. The building and its premises, consisting of a ten-acre tract of land, are also used for the various fund-raising benefits sponsored by the organization including softball tournaments.

A group of citizens in the Happy Hollow community organized the center and have kept it moving ever since its beginning in May 1976. In choosing a name for their new organization the people retained the designation which was placed on the community many years ago but one which has taken on more significance due to the development of the area.

The idea for the organization first came from Don King, owner of a garage on U. S. 220 which runs parallel to the Michfield Road. King whose original idea was to establish a recreation park for the kids, spoke of the enthusiasm for his idea saying "everybody took hold, jumped in and helped."

KING SAID there was some talk about naming the organization Midway Acres but the final decision was to stay with the old name which was associated with an old store building, torn down in 1956, that formerly stood near the site of King's garage. Before occupying the ten-acre site the first meetings were held in King's Garage.

First officials of the group included: Margaret Hayes,

president, Don King, vice president Vincent Immediato, secretary, Ronald Cain, treasurer and directors Elda King, Weldon Craven, John Gerring, Bertha Tate, Charles Auman, Rev. James A Womble, and Betty Presnell.

Present officials are Jack Brechtel, president; Dalton Auman, vice president; Janet Auman, secretary; Rose Auman, treasurer; and directors Margaret Hayes, Betty Blake, Nora Craven, Gatha Bym, Ferman Woodell, and Larry Pennington.

Another citizen of the community, Farrell Auman, served as the second president of the group and, and as chairman of the ways and means committee, was responsible for fund raising events in the earlier days of the organization.

BUT ANOTHER citizen, Charles Auman, chairman of the building committee has been identified with the physical aspects of the project since its beginning. A building contractor, he applied himself diligently to the task. First the ball field was build, then a picnic shelter which served until the beginning of the present community building in 1978. Under Charles Auman's supervision the building was framed-up and a roof installed with the other details of construction coming as time and money became available.

According to Charles Auman, no indebtedness has ever consisted on the building projects at Happy Hollow. Saying he has "been down there when every nail was driven in," he has also searched the various business places for bargains in materials which could be used in the building.

Now he is building a couple more tables because the senior citizens dinner is becoming so popular. In charge of the dinners are Margaret Hayes and Betty Blake, assisted by other ladies in the community.

MRS. HAYES, along with the others who have served in an official capacity, say that the success of the Happy Hollow Community Center is not due to their efforts but to the unified efforts of the people of the community. They praise highly the efforts of the entire community.

The organization was chartered by the state of North Carolina July 6, 1976. An annual meeting of the organization is held in May.

## **A Reception Marks Golden Anniversary**

Mar. 16, 1982 - Mr. and Mrs. Roby W. Coe, Rt. 2, Ramseur, Celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of the marriage at an informal reception Sunday evening Mar. 7, at the close of the worship service at Parks Cross Roads Christian Church.

Hosts for the reception which was held in the fellowship hall at the church were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby w. Coe and Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Jo Anne Coe) Holmes, also of Rt. 2, Ramseur, and Mrs. Coe's sister, Mrs. Maude Conrad and her two daughters, Cathy Brown and Sherri Cain.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe also have four grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Coe were married Dec. 31, 1931 in Hillsville, Va. Mrs. Coe is the former Irene McCraw.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Coe are natives of Surry County. They moved to the Archdale area of Randolph County in 1937, then to their present farm on Rt. 2, Ramseur, in 1945.

They are members of Parks Crossroads Christian Church. Mrs. Coe has also been a member of Browns Cross Roads Homemaker's Club for 33 years.

## **Auction Is Set To Help Pay Medical Bills**

Mar. 21, 1982 - Friends and neighbors of a 71-year-old Rt.

8, Asheboro woman are planning a benefit auction on Saturday, Apr. 2, to assist her in the payment of medical bills incurred during a period of extended illness.

Mrs. Mabel Tucker, a diabetic for 20 years, has been afflicted with a circulation problem and since last Sept. has been subjected to service on a kidney dialysis machine. A cataract operation on her eye was not successful.

ILL FOR THE past for years, she has spent three weeks in the hospital due to a bladder infection, she has suffered from blood poisoning, losing first a toe and part of her foot and then her foot in Aug., 1979.

Beginning last Sept. she traveled back and forth to the hospital in Chapel Hill for service of 26 hours each time on the kidney dialysis machine. Now she goes to Greensboro three times a week to receive service on a machine at the Greensboro Medical Center.

The benefit auction in her behalf will be held in the gym at Seagrove School from 7 until 9 p. m. on Apr. 2. Ray Parks will be the auctioneer. Ham and sausage biscuits will be sold along with other refreshments.

Highlighting the auction and sale of food will be the giving away of a polyester and cotton quilt which was made and is being sponsored by Mrs. Edith Reeder, a close neighbor of Mrs. Tucker.

The quilt contains 49 blocks and with the exception of North Carolina the blocks picture the official bird and flower of the state of North Carolina.

The official insignias, colorful in their appearance are imprinted on the beige background of the quilt and pillow with the use of liquid embroidery which will not fade.

Donations of one dollar each are being accepted towards the giving away of the quilt. Those desiring to make donations or to assist in other aspects of the fund raising are asked to call 381-3219, 381-3471, and 629-1313.

Mrs. Tucker, the former Mabel Horne, a native of Cherokee County, S. C., is the widow of Claude Tucker who died Mar. 21, 1951. She and her husband were the parents of six children. Despite her illness, she is a cheerful person and according to one report "worries more about everybody else than she does about herself."

## **Birthday Is Marked By A Get-Together**

Mar. 25, 1982 - Mrs. Sela Grissom Hill, formerly of 471 East Dorsett Street and now a resident of the Brian Center of Nursing Care, observed her 91<sup>st</sup> birthday on Mar. 18.

A family get-together was held for her on the following Sunday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Jewell) Saunders of 902 East Dorsett Street with other family members in attendance.

Besides her daughter, Mrs. Hill's immediate family included a stepson, A. N. (Newt) Hill of Newport News, Va., three grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and eight step-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Hill was born in a log cabin in the extreme southwestern part of Randolph County, near Penson, the daughter of Emmett and Stella Sanders Grissom. When she was a child her parents moved across the line into Montgomery County, where she attended Ophir School.

She continued to live in the edge of Montgomery County after her marriage to John Hill. They continued to live there until their house burned down in 1956, after which they moved to the house at 471 East Dorsett Street.

Her husband died Nov. 2, 1979 and his body was taken back to their home community for burial in the cemetery at

Eleazer United Methodist Church where Mrs. Hill has been a member continuously for more than 78 years.

She recalls when camp meetings were held in a brush arbor at the present site of the Eleazer United Methodist Church. She continues to attend the services there, especially the homecoming service on the first Sunday in Sept., when she is able.

### **Rt. 3, Denton Church Is Chartered By State**

Mar. 26, 1982 - Liberty Fellowship Church, Rt. 3, Denton has recently been chartered by the state of North Carolina as an undenominational body of believers.

Formerly the Liberty United Methodist Church, the church was organized in 1885 and had its beginning in a protracted meeting which was held in an old schoolhouse which was located next to the present site of the church.

THE FIRST years of worship were held in the old schoolhouse and a brush arbor beside the purchase of the land in 1900. The present building was erected there earlier and still serves as the house of worship. A wing on either side of the pulpit area was erected in 1953, comprising space for four Sunday School rooms.

Established as a Methodist Protestant Church, the church was first named Liberty Grove was dropped shortly after its beginning.

A 1933 membership of the church was in the possession of Mrs. Froyd Davis, one of its treasurers, based on the following, J. M. Hill, W. G. Webb, P. L. Walker, W. E. Hill, Jubes Harcasser, J. L. Russell, A. Lineberry Hill, J. M. Varner, Allen Varner, J. P. Hopkins, S. Y. Hopkins, Bernard Varner, Ronnie Varner, Pearl Shaw, W. E. Davis, R. L. Davis, J. K. Davis, Jesse Luther, Walter Hill, S. Hill, C. W. Bullard, Frank Morris, Katie Cranford, and Harris Davis.

The women of the church listed separately at that time, some only by their initials were Jannie Saunders, N. L. Hill, L. H. Russell, F. S. Loflin, Addie Hill, Ettie Varner, Priscilla Hill, Fannie Hill, A. F. Russell, E. E. Walker, M. M. Hopkins, E. D. Hopkins, M. E. Davis, Ana Laura Hill, Elva Davis, Mamie Saunders, Myrtle Morris, Georgia Hill, Mabel Hill, Elma Frye, and Grass (Grace) Hill.

Pastors have been in the order of their service, M. N. Modian, W. C. Kennett, W. D. Davis, T. F. McCullock, I. J. York, E. A. Pyle, J. G. W. Hallows, J. A. Ledbetter, George L. Reynolds, J. W. Hulin, A. B. Haywood, T. S. McCullock, Talbert Robery Short, C. E. Ridge, W. D. Reid, E. A. Bingham, C. L. Grant, W. H. Neese, R. H. Kennington, J. C. Genery, Joel B. Trogdon, Milton Harber, T. H. Hager, Frank Blalock, J. E. Craven, C. S. Barr, M. W. Heckard, Robin Hearley, R. C. Summery, Charles Davis, Jesse Scott, J. T. Codfelter, Melvin Beeker, M. C. Elbery, L. C. Mortonm Jack Luther, Tony Jordan, and Tim Pheager.

When the church was organized it became one of the nine churches on a Charge. Other churches on the Charge included Alleghany, Changler's Grove, Chapel Hill, Lineberry, Mt. Ebal, Pine Hill, Pleasant Grove, and Milledgeville.

At the time the church severed itself from Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, Thomasville District, it was in the four point Eldorado Charge, including also the churches at Eleazer, Center, and Macedonia.

A pastor of the newly chartered Liberty Fellowship Church has not yet been called to serve the congregation. Various

ministers are occupying the pulpit until a permanent pastor is called.

SERVICES ARE held as follows: Sunday School Sunday morning at 9:45 a. m., followed by worship service at 11 a. m. Bible Study is held each Tuesday night at 7:30.

Officers of the Liberty Fellowship church, comprised mostly of descendants of the membership of the previous church back in 1900 are as follows: Sunday school Superintendent, Clarence Harris; Assistant Superintendent, Wesley Hopkins; secretary, Shirlyn Simmons; treasurer, Judy Cranford; chairman of the board, Roy Cranford; trustees, Clarence Harris, Wesley Hopkins and Roy Cranford; historians, Eula Davis and Bryte Hopkins; choir director, Jackie Loflin and pianist Sandy Hopkins.

Sunday School teachers are Wesley Hopkins, adults; Barbara Earnhart, seniors; Tina Nance, Juniors; Roy Cranford, youth; and Betty Harris, nursery.

### **Birthday Celebration Honors Mary Spencer**

Apr. 1, 1982 - Mrs. Mary Spencer of 603 Tucker Street celebrated her 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday Saturday, Mar. 27, with family members and friends in attendance.

The event featured a meal prepared by Annie Spencer, daughter-in-law who along with her husband, Ervin, reside in the home of Mrs. Spencer.

Other sons of Mrs. Spencer are Elmer of Greensboro, Isaac of Asheboro and Everett of Bronx, N. Y.

Mrs. Spencer is a long time member of Mt. Zion Holy Church in Asheboro. Present for the birthday celebration were her pastor, Presiding Elder Emmanuel Holland, Sister Minnie McIver, pastor of the Church of God of Prophecy in Pittsboro, and a local minister, Willa Mae Everette.

Also joining Mrs. Spencer in the celebration were her sister, Ada Hawkins and her next door neighbor and long time friend, Dovie Caviness.

Mrs. Spencer, whose husband, Cleophas Spencer, died in 1947, has been a resident of Asheboro for 55 or more years. She is a native of the Pleasant Hill community of Rt. 1, Seagrove, one of 14 children born to Gillis and Mary Ann Brower Goldston.

### **Youth Choir is First In Church's History**

Apr. 2, 1982 - A youth choir, the first in the history of the church has been organized at the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church.

The director is Beverly Yarbrough, a former Miss Randolph County, who also conducts a program for the children during the morning worship service at the church.

The choir, initiated by Mrs. W. A. (Carrie Pugh) Carter, was organized during an outreach program at the church.

Choir members are Aaron Brower, Stephen Brower, Ginger Cable, Susan Workman, Stephanie Pugh, Pam Wood, Alisha Rough, Kim Hill, Allison Allred, Jeanie Freeman, LeAnna Smith, Shannon Smith, Beth Doss, Craig Doss, Amy Varner and Lori Tuttle.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Rick Clough.

The newly-organized choir was entertained at a hot dog supper last Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. (Ab) Carter.

### **Dinner Marks Mrs. Bell's 76<sup>th</sup> Birthday Observance**

Apr. 7, 1982 - Family members honored Mrs. Mamie Parks Bell of Rt. 5, Asheboro, on her 76<sup>th</sup> birthday at a dinner Sunday Apr. 4, in the fellowship building at Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse.

Mrs. Bell was born Apr. 1, 1906 in Union Township near High Pine, the daughter of Edgar and Martha Luther Parks, but came to her present community as a child.

Her husband, Danny Bell, died 7 years ago last Feb. . He was a veteran of World War I whose health was affected from serving in that conflict.

Because of her husband's disability, Mrs. Bell assisted in the financial upbringing of their children. She was employed for 27 years at Stedman Manufacturing Co. and also worked for Burlington Mills and Potter Manufacturing Co.

Mrs. Bell's children, all of whom were present for the birthday celebration, are Richard Bell, Billy Bell and Mrs. Pauline Callicutt of Rt. 5, Asheboro. Also present was a foster son, Murphy Luck of Rt. 3, Asheboro.

A sister, Mrs. Lora Hill of Rt. 3, High Point, and a brother, Herbert Parks of Asheboro were also present. Another sister is Mrs. Myrtie Parrish of Rt. 5, Asheboro.

She also has seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bell has been a member of the Hopewell Friends Meeting "for most of my life," she said. Her birthday celebration was almost a surprise, with Mrs. Bell having been told about it only the day before.

### **Moore County Citizens Recognized**

Apr. 8, 1982 - The third annual Distinguished Citizens Award banquet, sponsored by the Robbins Area Civic Organization, was held before a packed house in the cafeteria at Northmoore High School recently.

Honored at the Mar. 26 banquet were E. Carl Brady, retired principal of Robbins Elementary School; Lou H. Frye, chairman of the Moore County Board of Education; and C. Wiley Purvis, a Moore County commissioner for six years.

Tributes to their lives and contributions were delivered by Mrs. Laverne Davis, who spoke for her father, E. Carl Brady; Robert E. Lee, superintendent of the Moore County School system; and J. Caesar Phillips, retired principal of Westmoore School and a recipient of one of the awards last year, who spoke for C. Wiley Purvis.

Also participating in the program were Dr. Wayne Hicks, president of the sponsoring group, and program chairman Ray Vaughn, who presented bronze plaques to the award recipients.

PROCEEDS FROM the banquet, received from ticket sales and a special donation, totaled \$4,200. The money will be applied to a fund from which scholarships will be awarded annually to deserving seniors at Northmoore High School.

Four students who received \$2,000 scholarships from funds garnered at previous banquets, attended this year's banquet. Two are presently enrolled at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; one at North Carolina State University; and one at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

E. Carl Brady is a native of Pleasant Grove Township in Randolph County and, after his retirement, he renovated the family homeplace. He and his wife are presently residing there.

He was associated with the school system for more than

40 years, first teaching in Chatham County. In 1929 he began teaching at the Robbins Graded School. He served as principal of the Robbins Elementary School for many years before his retirement in 1967.

He served in the ministry of the Western North Carolina Christian Conference for 43 years and during that time pastored many rural churches in the area, including his home church at Pleasant Grove.

LOU HARDY FRYE, a native of Chatham County who grew up in Sanford, is in her 20<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Moore County Board of Education and in her 14<sup>th</sup> year as its chairman. She is the wife of John L. Frye, former Robbins mayor who was a recipient last year of one of the Distinguished Citizens Award.

Mrs. Frye has served in many other public capacities, including as a member of the state board of school boards, a member of the North Carolina Board of Juvenile Correction, and as a member of the Moore County Social Services Board.

Messages were read at the Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet from Gov. Jim Hunt and former Gov. Terry Sanford commending the public service of Lou Frye along with a proclamation from Hunt proclaiming Mar. as "Lou Frye Day in North Carolina."

C. Wiley Purvis, whose age was determined by J. Caesar Phillips as "87 years and 249 days," was not present to receive his award due to illness. His son, Arthur Purvis, a Moore County commissioner, received the award in his behalf.

WILEY PURVIS is a native and lifelong resident of the High Falls area where he still lives. He worked as a foreman with the state highway commission for 32 years before his retirement on Mar. 31, 1956. A former county commissioner and presently a member of Gov. Hunt's Land Use Planning Board, he is known as "Mr. Democrat" throughout his community.

He has been a member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church for more than 70 years and still attends regularly and serves as the chairman of the official board.

Other past recipients of the Distinguished Citizens Award in addition to John L. Frye and J. Caesar Phillips, have been Dr. W. E. Alexander, Dr. A. A. Vanore, Stuart Evans and Ben Owen.

### **Veteran Members Honored At Maple Springs Church**

Apr. 9, 1982 - Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, continued its practice of honoring veteran members by recognizing the services of Mr. and Mrs. C. Leslie Chilton during the worship service on Mar. 28.

Each knew the other was being honored but neither Mr. or Mrs. Chilton knew that the recognition service would honor both of them until the time arrived.

A BOUTONNIERE was pinned on Mr. Chilton, a corsage was pinned on his wife and both of them received gifts from the congregation along with words of commendation by the pastor, Dr. Ben Witherington. The couple received a further surprise when their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James (Rona Chilton) Wagoner of Gibsonville, and Mrs. Chilton's brothers and sisters-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Lavan Brady and Mr. and Mrs. Worth Brady, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Greene, hosted a dinner for them at Brewer's Restaurant at Harper's Cross roads following the service of recognition.

Carl Leslie Chilton, a native of Stokes County, has been a member at Maple Springs for 51 years, joining at the age of 15. He came to Randolph County in 1919 with his parents, Everett and Betty Smith Chilton.

He had previously been honored by the church for 30 years of service as chairman of the official board, he served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 3 years, he has taught the adult class for 28 years, and he served as an usher and as sexton for the cemetery.

He has also served for many years as the president of the Maple Springs School reunion.

Mrs. Chilton, the former Lucilla Brady, a native of the adjoining Pleasant Grove Community, joined the Maple Springs church soon after her marriage to Leslie Chilton 38 years ago, transferring her membership from the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

SHE IS a charter member of the church organization known as United Methodist Women and has served as a teacher in the Sunday School. She is a daughter of Walter Brady and the late Mae Kiser Brady.

Mr. and Mrs. Chilton, who live on Rt. 1, Ramseur, have on grandchild, Jamie Wagoner, age 4.

Other members who have been honored by the Maple Springs congregation include Georgia Cain, Esther Brown, Thornton Priddy, Gid Simmons, Atlas Chilton and Cladie Cain.

### **Old Building New Church Site**

Apr. 20, 1982 - FRANKLINVILLE - The old community building in Franklinville located at the corner of Academy and Church streets has become the worship site for a new religious organization called The House of Prayer.

The building, erected in 1887 at the present site of the Franklinville Baptist Church, first served as Moore's Chapel Church and then Columbia Baptist Church, before becoming the previous Franklinville Baptist Church.

THE BUILDING was moved to its present site, just across the street from the present Franklinville Baptist Church. It was remodeled in 1956 by Randolph Mills Inc. and made available to the people and the clubs of the town.

On Nov. 12, 1981, it was sold to Douglas and Myrtle Vuncannon, who established The House of Prayer. The full gospel group held their first worship service on Sunday, Apr. 4.

Eighteen people attended the first service which a local minister, the Rev. Carroll Branch, was the speaker. The service the following Sunday was attended by 24 people with the Rev. James Nelms of High Point as the speaker. A permanent pastor will be named at a later date.

Remodeling of the old building, some of which has been done with wooden pegs, began with enclosing the porch across the front and west side for use as Sunday School rooms.

Mrs. Vuncannon said The House of Prayer was named from scriptural quotation in Isaiah 56:7. The Vuncannons stress that their motive of "winning the lost" involved forgetting about the kind of clothes a person is wearing. "We hope we don't get to the place where we have to dress up," the Vuncannons said.

### **Man Forgoes Birthday Party**

Apr. 21, 1982 - Talbert McDowell who lives with his son and daughter-in-law Mr. and Mrs. Hal Roby McDowell of Rt. 2, Asheboro observed his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday recently.

In past years a large family gathering has celebrated his birthday including his other children, sons, Ernest I. A. Thomas and Glenn, daughter Blanche Kivett and daughter-in-law E. McDowell.

BUT THIS YEAR the aged native of western Randolph county asked that the annual birthday observance not be held. He was content to observe quietly at the home of his son and daughter-in-law with whom he has lived since the death of his wife the former Nannie Coltrane in 1965.

Despite his advanced age he helps his daughter-in-law around the house and regularly mows the spacious lawn twice a week using a riding mower. He said his doctor wouldn't let him use a push mower.

The second of 11 children born to Riley McDowell and Claudie Loraine Hoover McDowell, Times were hard during his younger days and it was difficult to make ends meet.

He cut crossties as a child, throwing them out with an axe and sawing them with a homemade saw, then hauling them to Asheboro in a wagon as a 10-year-old boy. He said those trips to Asheboro with a load of crossties were an all-day trip.

He moved his family to Asheboro in 1950 where he worked for 25 years at the Asheboro Hosiery Mill.

### **Striders Honored For 50<sup>th</sup>**

Apr. 21, 1982 - Mr. and Mrs. William Pinckney (Pink) Strider of Seagrove celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Sunday, Apr. 18, with a reception at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Doris Jean Leach of Rt. 8, Asheboro.

Joining Mrs. Leach in hosting the reception from 3:30-4:30 were her children Gina and Billy Leach Jr.

ASSISTING WERE Mrs. Mary S. Brewer of Columbia S. S. and Mrs. Carrie S. Cox of Rt. 2, Troy, nieces of Mr. Strider; Mrs. Florence Potter of Columbia S. C. and Mrs. A. L. Ashburn of Seagrove. The anniversary cake was baked and decorated by their granddaughter Fina Leach.

Mr. and Mrs. Strider were married Apr. 23, 1932 in the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, the pastor of the church, the Rev. J. C. Edwards performing the ceremony after a worship service which was attended by the bridal couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Strider are both natives of Randolph County. Mr. Strider is the son of the late Willis and Sarah Callicutt Strider. Mrs. Strider the former Dora Kearns, is the daughter of the late William and Adline Newsome Kearns.

Mr. Strider retired in 1970 from Seagrove School where he served as custodian for 36 years.

Mrs. Strider retired from nursing in 1975 after 50 years of service. Among places she worked were 19 years at Griffin Clinic and 13 years at Randolph Hospital.

SHE HAS a twin sister Mrs. Ora Cagle of Rt. 5, Asheboro, who has also compiled extensive service in the nursing field.

Mr. and Mrs. Strider attend Seagrove United Methodist Church, Mrs. Strider is a member, Mr. Strider still retains his membership at Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

### **Children Honor Smalls With A Surprise Party**

Apr. 22, 1982 - A surprise reception honored Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas Small, Rt. 2, Asheboro, on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday July 18 in the fellowship hall at West Chapel United Methodist church.

Hosts were their children, Rhonda Wilson and William



Thomas (Tommy) Small of Rt. 2, Asheboro, Sandra (Sandy) Dawkins of Asheboro, Randall Small of Rt. 3, Asheboro, David and Kathy Small of the home.

There are 3 grandchildren.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Small entertained them at a luncheon prior to the reception including the presentation of gifts, but kept them unaware of the reception which would follow later in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Small were married Apr. 20, 1957 at the West Chapel church, the site of their anniversary party.

However, at that time Mrs. Small, the former Lois Brower was living in Greensboro with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brower, who now live in Asheboro.

Mr. Small is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Small of Rt. 2, Asheboro.

The couple attend Smyrna Grove Community Church. Both of them are employed by the Asheboro City School System. Richard Harrington, principal of Lindley Park School, where Mrs. Small works, was among those who attended the anniversary reception.

The large anniversary cake at the reception was made by Mrs. Clara Brower, the mother of Mrs. Small.

## **Archdale Civitan Club Chartered At Meeting**

Apr. 22, 1982 - Charter Night for the newly-organized Archdale Civitan Club was held recently at a dinner and ladies night meeting at Archdale Friends Meeting. Twenty-eight members enrolled in the new club.

Preliminary work leading to the organization of the club was done by Alfred Thomas, an extension officer of N. C. District West. The sponsoring clubs were New Market and Hillsville.

OTHER CIVITAN officials listed on the Apr. 15 charter night program included Curtis Farlow, district director of extension; Bill Hagen, lieutenant governor of Area 5 East; Wayne Seals, governor, N. C. District West; Jim Whitener, past governor, N. C. District West; Jim Ritchie, past international president, who was the guest speaker; and Jerry Wagoner, governor-elect, N. C. District West.

Archdale Mayor Lloyd Taylor welcomed the guests.

Officers of the new club are Cliff Robbins, president; Darrell Arney, president-elect; Raymond Carlyle Jr., secretary; Larry Kirkman, treasurer; Neal Edwards, chaplain; David McDade, sergeant-at-arms; and Larry Taylor, Terry Wood, Dale Britt, and Talton Harrison, directors.

Others members are Boyd Kennedy, James Morrow, Ronnie Shelton, Leon McCrosky, Grady Peterson, Randy Johnson, Edward Farmer, Vernon Lafond, Larry Towery, Randy Jones, Howard Conrad, Walter Authers, Steven Penrod, Earnest Lawson, James D. Keever, Billy Walker, Cecil Killian and William A. Young.

OTHER CLUBS organized by Alfred Thomas during his tenure of service have Abbotts Creek, Chair City Ladies in Thomasville, and Hillsville. The latter club, one of the sponsors of the Archdale Club, is not yet two years old.

The new club will meet for now in the county building in Archdale on the first Thursday and the third Tuesday in each month.

## **Church Still Improving**

Apr. 23, 1982 - Staley Memorial Wesleyan Church, located

in the downtown area of the small town, is an institution which has often faltered during the nearly 70 years of its existence.

But since the pastorate of the Rev. T. R. York began about 5 years ago, the church has been revived and has manifested improvement in many areas.

THE LATEST achievement has been a gain of 25 percent in Sunday School enrolment which has been recognized by a certificate from the General Department of Local Church Education from the national organization of The Wesleyan Church.

Officers of the church are Mrs. Teresa Whitehead, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Irene Ritter, Sunday School Superintendent; and Clifton Langley, assistant Superintendent.

The church, organized in 1913, was first known as the Staley Apostolic Church and was located on the northern outskirts of Staley. Surrounded by large pine trees, it was known in later years as "The Church in the Pines."

The church first hit hard times when people moved away to find work; death also reduced the number of members. By that time it had become an affiliate of The Pilgrim Holiness denomination of which the Rev. York was a state board member.

The church had actually stopped holding services at that time but the Rev. York asked conference officials to give it another try. Although he was pasturing a thriving church near Thomasville. The Ramseur native came to Staley and conducted a revival meeting in a tent located at a site next to the present town hall.

After a successful revival meeting the regular services started again in the afternoon. However, the original property was sold and land was purchased in the downtown area where the present church exists, next to the town hall.

A building was erected during World War II and later Sunday School rooms were added and new pews purchased. Mrs. Sallie Kivett and Mrs. Lizzie Langley were among the first members. In later years the name was changed to Staley Wesleyan Church through a merger of the Wesleyan and Pilgrim Holiness denominations.

Recently the name "Memorial" was added at the request of the local church.

The Rev. York, after a long and successful career as pastor and evangelist, came out of retirement to serve the church for which he had interceded many years before.

SINCE THAT time the sanctuary has been carpeted wall to wall, new stained glass windows have been installed, and the building painted. A fellowship hall has been established in the basement through a rearrangement of the present facilities. The church finances have increased and the church is now debt free.

The spiritual condition of the church has also shown improvement. The Sunday School has almost doubled this past year and there have been in increase in church membership.

The church owns a brick parsonage with modern conveniences in the Staley area which is rented because York lives at his home in Thomasville. He commutes from Thomasville to preach the services and to visit the sick.

Rev. York cooperates with other denominations in the Easter Sunrise and memorial services and has conducted some open air services during the summer months.

## **Retired Dentist Now Living Here**

Apr. 28, 1982 - Dr. George H. Jones, a retired dentist now living at Rt. 5, Asheboro, recently returned from his former residence in Westfield, J. J., where he received honors from two organizations.

Jones was recognized at the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary award ceremony of the Westfield Community Center Association, which he has served as president and in many other capacities. He received a silver bowl from the association and was presented a framed certificate of achievement for dedicated service by the Mothers Club.

A SURPRISE honor came from the Bethel Baptist Church, which he attended while living in Westfield. He was presented with a resolution commending the Westfield Community Center "as it extends honor and appreciation to Dr. George H. Jones."

The resolution stated that "all of the members of Bethel Baptist Church join you in bestowing tribute upon Dr. Jones, still a brother in Christ with us across the miles of North Carolina."

The Westfield Community Center was started Mar. 17, 1935 as the Toy Lending Library for poor children and eventually absorbed the activities of the National Youth Administration, a federal agency.

Dr. Jones, who practiced dentistry in Westfield, N. J. for 33 years, was a guiding factor in the lives of many young people as he assisted in the activities of the center during his years of residence in Westfield.

He was instrumental in encouraging many youths to further their education. Seven young men from the center studied medicine. As the honor ceremony for Dr. Jones was being concluded, a young woman, holder of a PhD degree, rushed up to Dr. Jones and said "thank you so much for advising me to go to school."

WHILE LIVING in Westfield, Dr. Jones became the first black to serve as a director of the Chamber of Commerce, receiving the annual service award from that organization in 1975, and he also served as president of the Union County Psychiatry Clinic in Westfield.

After retiring in 1975, Dr. Jones and his wife, the former Kate Lassiter, moved to near where she was born and raised at Rt. 5, Asheboro and built their present dwelling on land located near her old homeplace.

Dr. Jones is a native of Norlina in Warren County and due to the distance involved, didn't start to school until he enrolled in the second grade at the age of 10. He was taught by his mother prior to starting to school.

After completing the sixth grade he went to a boarding school in Halifax County where he continued his studies at Brick High School and Brick Junior College. He stayed out a year to raise funds for further schooling and then attended Howard University in Washington, D. D., where he graduated with a degree in physical education in 1932.

THIS WAS during the depression years and when jobs were scarce, he worked in a laundry and waited tables for four years before enrolling in the School of Dentistry at Howard University. He graduated in 1940 at the head of his class. Before beginning his practice in Westfield, N. J. in 1942 he attended Guggenheim Dental Clinic in New York City.

Since returning to Mrs. Jones' home community, Dr. and Mrs. Jones have been involved in church and community affairs.

## **Harrelsons Celebrate Marriage**

Apr. 29, 1982 - Mr. and Mrs. Levi Harrelson celebrated their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday afternoon at their home at Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Mrs. Harrelson took a brief leave from Randolph Hospital to participate in the observance. Admitted to the hospital during the week before, she left the hospital Sunday at 10 a. m. and remained at home until 6 p. m.

ALL SEVEN of the couple's children were present for the occasion, along with several of their 25 grandchildren, 37 great-grandchildren, and their only great-great-grandchild, James Woodman Jr., 18-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy (Deborah Loflin) Woodman of Atlanta, Ga.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson are Mrs. Edna Loflin of St. Matthews, S. C., Mrs. Rebecca Raymond of Rt. 1, Franklinville, Charles Harrelson of Rt. 5, Asheboro, Mrs. Charlotte Earl and Billy Harrelson of High Point, Gurney Harrelson of Charlotte and Bobby Harrelson of Central Falls, Billy and Bobby, the youngest are twins.

Levi Harrelson, 87, was born in a house located at the foot of Shepherd Mountain in Western Randolph County, the son of Sherman and Mary Jane Luther Harrelson.

Mrs. Harrelson, 83, the former Olhe Millikan, is the daughter of Russell Millikan and Rebecca Hughes Millikan. She was born in the Spero section of Back Creek Township.

They were married Apr. 21, 1917 at the business site of the officiating magistrate Wes Jones in Franklinville.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson are retired textile employees. Mr. Harrelson retired at the age of 67, with Mrs. Harrelson retiring in 1960 after having worked at the Worthville and Franklinville cotton mills at various times since she was 11 years of age.

THE SAME fortitude which has characterized the life of Mrs. Harrelson (starting to work as a child, working at times throughout their married life and the rearing of her family) was evident on the day of her anniversary as she got up from her hospital bed to celebrate the occasion with her family and friends.

Among those in attendance to the anniversary reception were her pastor, the Rev. Rick Clough from Central Falls United Methodist Church, Her sister, Mrs. Nora Tippet and her half-sisters, Mrs. Ruth York and Mrs. Mary Nixon.

## **Eaton Retires, Is Honored At Reception**

Apr. 30, 1982 - The congregation at Cedar Falls Baptist Church said good-bye to their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wilburn Eugene Eaton, at a reception in the church fellowship hall Sunday, Apr. 25, from 2 until 4 o'clock.

Only the following Wednesday night prayer service remained of the more than nine years of their pastorate at the Cedar Falls church,

Joining the congregation in the farewell were other friends and ministerial colleagues. Rev. Rick Clough, pastor of Cedar Falls United Methodist church and Rev. Tim Strider, pastor of Clearview Baptist Church.

Rev. Eaton's resignation as pastor of the church, effective today, brings to a close his active ministry which has extended more than 25 years.

A previous retirement from secular employment occurred Feb. 28, 1974 when the minister retired from the local Union Carbide Co. after a tenure lasting also for a quarter of a century.

Wilburn Eugene Eaton is a native of Pinnacle in Stokes County. His wife, the former Ethel Fulk, is a native of

nearby Surry County, the town of Silom. They were married Mar. 23, 1940 in Stuart, Va.

Originally a tobacco farmer, Rev. Eaton and his wife left Pinnacle in late 1941 to continue their farming at Brink Hunt farm between Glenola and Trinity.

From there they came to the area east of Seagrove where they bought a farm and continued their farming operations for four years before the beginning of employment at Union Carbide Co.

While living there the couple attended Huldah Baptist Church where Rev. Eaton was called into the ministry in 1956. The next year he became pastor of a mission near his farm which he organized later as Community Baptist Church.

In Aug. 1964, he became pastor of Riverside Baptist Church where he remained for more than eight years. A fellowship hall was built during his pastorate there.

He became pastor of Cedar Falls Baptist Church Jan. 1, 1973. The next year a completely new church was built there across the road from the existing building. In just a few years the new church plant was declared free of indebtedness.

Just prior to their departure from the pastorate in Cedar Falls, Rev. and Mrs. Eaton moved back to their former home northwest of Seagrove, which they had established in 1948 after selling their farm east of Seagrove.

They have two daughters, Ann Covington of Rt. 2, Asheboro, a teacher at Balfour School and Ellen Reed of Memphis, Tenn. And four grandchildren.

### **Quilting Bee Held**

Apr. 30, 1982 - A quilting bee at the Rt. 2, Denton home of Mrs. Juanita Winslow was held recently as a fund raising campaign for a fellowship hall at Piney Grove United Methodist Church. The 112-year-old church is located in the area of west Jackson Creek.

The quilting was sponsored by the United Methodist Women of Piney Grove Church, of which Ruby Delk is the president.

Other members of the woman's organization participating in the quilting were Linda Gallimore, Lyde Delk, Mrs. Winslow, Velna Manns, Ruby Arnold, Donna Dalk and Vicki Rintz, wife of church pastor, the Rev. Billy Rintz.

Non-members of the organization who helped were Marilyn Hancock, Blanche Fraley, Jeanne Berry, Edna Andrews and Ann Delk.

Other group members not present were Adrena Gallimore, Marie Morgan, Joyce Gallimore, Voncile Bescher, and Gail Hunt.

The light blue quilt, with stripes of a deeper shade, contains the names of the 344 people, including family groups within the congregation and the other people not affiliated with the church.

Names are embroidered on the quilt after a dollar was donated. It is anticipated that the quilt will be auctioned off at a later fund raising for the fellowship building.

The day of quilting was interrupted only for the partaking of a fellowship dinner, served in the basement of the Winslow home. Joining the quilters for dinner were the minister and infant daughter Emily who was born Jan. 31.

### **Friendship Church Honors Rev. Almond**

May 6, 1982 - Friendship Baptist Church on Spero Road held an appreciation reception for their pastor and his wife,

the Rev. and Mrs. Dewey Almond, following the worship service on Apr. 27.

The reception commemorated the eighth anniversary of their pastorate of the church which had only existed a little more than three months prior to their coming, having been organized Jan. 16, 1974.

Growing quickly the church purchased the tract of land on Spero Road and build a new fellowship hall on July 14, 1974 to use for worship until a sanctuary could be erected.

THE NEW church building with an estimated value of \$250,000 was occupied on June 27, 1976. More than half the original debt of \$181,000 has already been paid.

A fire consumed the first fellowship building in Apr. 1980 but before the end of the year a new \$75,000 building to replace it had been built completed with no indebtedness.

The most recent improvement to the property has been the paving of the parking lot at a cost of \$27,000 with no indebtedness at the time of its completion.

Before coming to the pastorate of Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. and Mrs. Almond Served Cool Springs Baptist Church near Grays Chapel for several years.

### **Surprise Party Given To Mrs. Ferree**

May 6, 1982 - Mrs. Nellie Bird Ferree of Randleman thought she was going to a quiet observance of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday with her immediate family at the Holiday Inn in Asheboro, Saturday.

But when she arrived she found a large sign out front proclaiming "Happy Birthday Nellie" and on the inside a much larger group than she expected - brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, in-laws and various other family connections.

There was a band, Larry Davis and the Hard Times, there were floral decorations in addition to the corsage she was presented with and there was a huge birthday cake with 70 candles.

Hosts were her two children, their spouses and children. Mr. and Mrs. John Mary Helen Russe of West Port, Conn., and their two children Donna Jane and Johnny of the home and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D (Donnie) Richardson of Asheboro and their children Mr. and Mrs. Terry Donnell Richardson of High Point and Randy and Luann of the home.

Seated at the table with the honoree were her brothers Cletus, Curtis, Claude and J. D. Brookshire of Randleman, her sisters Mary Gladys Kirkman of Randleman and Kate Bradshaw of Raleigh and her brothers wives.

Among the 50 guests in attendance were Mrs. Jane Harkins of Forest Hill Md., daughter of Mrs. Ferree's deceased sister, Ruth Edwards. Her kind husband Franklin and their children Jeffrey, Beverly and Jason.

Other out of town guests were another niece Martha Brookshire Brower of Roanoke, Va., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Brookshire and her son John.

Mrs. Ferree, a native of the Sophia area is the daughter of Thomas Alexander (Tommy) Brookshire and Bird Bulla Brookshire. She is a member of Marlboro Friend Meeting and a retired employee of Laughlin Hosiery Mill in Randleman.

### **Union Grove Burns Note In Ceremony**

May 7, 1982 - Union Grove United Church of Christ at Rt. 4, Asheboro, held a note-burning ceremony May 2, celebrating paying off the new fellowship building.

The money borrowed to complete the new building, which was occupied in June 1981, came from members of the congregation and was loaned interest free. The debt was paid off in less than a year. Total expenditure, including furnishings, was \$60,000.

The 30 by 90 foot brick building contains a fellowship area, three class rooms, kitchen and two rest rooms. It replaces a previous fellowship building, erected around a quarter of a century ago, which has been remodeled into class rooms.

THE NEW fellowship building was filled to capacity for the note-bringing ceremony and the fellowship dinner which followed.

Participating in the ceremony were the Rev. Mack Welch, pastor of the church since the second Sunday in Nov., 1976, Dr. Edwin Alcorn, associate conference minister, and Leslie Smith, contractor for the new building.

Pay members of the congregation participating were Lucy PT. Rice, building fund treasurer; Arlen Coble, Sandra Cagle, Joe Allen, and Paul Tedder, building committee members; Walton Brown, trustee; and Johnny Hammer, deacon. Other building committee members were Foy Gann and Boyd Wright.

Following the note-burning and fellowship dinner those attending adjourned to the main church sanctuary where revival series lasting for three nights began with Dr. Alcorn as speaker.

ON MONDAY night prior to the revival service, all United Church of Christ ministers and their wives were invited to join Rev. and Mrs. Welch and Dr. and Mrs. Alcorn at a dinner in the new fellowship building.

Union Grove United Church of Christ, formerly Union Grove Christian Church, was organized more than 115 years ago. The original portion of the present sanctuary was build about 86 years ago.

## **Friends, Family Honor Jim Shaw on 93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday**

May 7, 1982 - Jim Shaw from the community of Strieby in Union Township, celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday at a family gathering Sunday at the General Electric Clubhouse.

All of his eight children attended; they were Grace Hurley, Ralph Shaw, Irene Hammer, Virginia Humble, Lucille Richardson and Dot Nance of Asheboro, Colon Shaw of Pittsboro and Loyd Shaw of Greensboro.

ALL PRESENT were a brother, George Shaw and two sisters, Ada Thornburg and Minnie Cashwell. Another sister, Nettie Gaddis could not attend. Deceased brothers and a sister are Ed, Claude, Grady, Earl, Walter and Jessie.

Mr. Shaw was born May 5, 1889, the second of eleven children born to Calvin Winburn (Bud) Shaw and Martha Louella Miller Shaw.

On Sept. 4, 1910 he married the former Effie Jane Harvell who died in 1949. She said he met his wife when they attended the Welch Schoolhouse. He recalled that during their courtship he sometimes walked four or five miles to her home at the southern edge of the county.

After their marriage he and his wife lived for a short period in High Point before coming back to the Pisgah community, adjoining the Strieby community, and bought the 117-acre farm on which he reared his eight children. This tract of land along with a dwelling and barn cost \$450.

Later he cut the timber on his farm and used the money to

buy his first automobile a 326 Model-T Ford for \$416. He learned to drive it in a wheat field.

WHILE GROWING up he attended the Green Schoolhouse in the New Hope Township for half a year after the Welch Schoolhouse teacher was dismissed in the middle of the year. He sometimes worked for his uncle, Elijah Shaw, who ran a store and was postmaster at Strieby at a time when it cost two-cents to mail a letter.

He also farmed for a time. He cut logs during the winter months when his farming was done, receiving one dollar for a 10-hour day. He said he remember cutting crossties with Houston Cox for 10 cents a tie.

He recalled hauling brick from the residence of former Randolph County Sheriff J. W. Watt Birkhead who lived in the area near Strieby to build the chimney of his home. The brick was burned in a kiln by Zack Franks.

He was an avid opossum hunter, hunting in the fore part of the night of starting past the midnight hours depending on "how the moon was." He said if you hunted during the moonlight hours the dogs would run the rabbits instead of hunting the opossums.

After giving up farming he worked one winter in a chair factory and was employed at Acme Hosiery Mill for seven years when he retired at age 55. Later he worked for seven years at Union School as a custodian.

Shaw is a member of Pisgah United Methodist Church. Located near his farm, but attended before moving to the Pisgah area.

In recent years he has stayed in the homes of his children. He knows his health is good, he is active and exercises daily.

His family includes 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

## **Grays Chapel Graduates Hold 50th Class Reunion**

May 12, 1982 - The 1932 graduating class of the old Grays Chapel High School celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation at a dinner on May 1 at the Village Inn Restaurant.

Graduates attending included Jess Webster Thorpe, Cedar Falls, valedictorian of the class; Dorothy Thomas Millikan, Rt. 5, Asheboro, salutarian; Epsie Coble Wright, Ramseur; Hazel Kirkman Cardwell, Rt. 7, Burlington; Carletta Routh Pugh, Rt. 1, Franklinville; and Dorothy Kirkman Hackett of Charlotte

Bill Osborne, Asheboro, a member of the class also attended the reunion. Two graduates, Elizabeth Robbins Marsh, Asheboro and Grace Garner Diener, Toms River, N. J. were not present. Another graduate, Jennie Davis Walker is deceased.

Leslie Johnston Miller of Kernersville, one of the teachers for the class also attended the reunion.

This was the third reunion of the class since their graduation.

## **Walk-A-Thon Awards Given**

May 12, 1982 - The 9th annual March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon awards were presented at the Flag Springs United Methodist Church Sunday morning, Apr. 25, but the principal sponsor of the walk-a-thon, H. Clendon Richardson, was unable to be present due to illness.

Receiving the awards were Shelby Morris, Rt. 3, Asheboro, first female to finish the walk; David Quails, Rt. 3, Asheboro, first male to finish the walk; Tanya Higgins, Rt. 2, Trinity, 7, youngest walker to finish the walk; and Melita Dixon, Rt. 4, Asheboro, 54, oldest walker to finish the walk.

Awards to those raising the most money including Lisa Ashburn, Asheboro, \$600; Betty Horney, Asheboro \$330; Melita Dixon, Rt. 4, Asheboro, \$285; Debbie Russell, Rt. 3, Denton, \$213; Sandra Dodson, Rt. 1, Staley, \$200; and Linda Maness, Rt. 1, Robbins, \$300.

A distinguished service award was presented to Bill and Betty Brown for faithful assistance to the March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon.

Gilbert Brim, Richardson's cousin, stood in for Richardson who has served as March of Dimes chairman for the Ulah-Flag Springs community since 1964. Brim turned in walk-athon receipts which amounted to \$16,525. James Hanner, treasurer of the Randolph County Chapter of The National Foundation March of Dimes received the check.

Also present for the ceremonies was Jack McGee, Central District Representative for the National Foundation March of Dimes, located in Raleigh, accompanied by Mrs. McGee.

McGee praised the fund-raising achievements of Clendon Richardson, severely afflicted with polio since a young boy, who in 19 years of service has raised a total of \$212,713.42 for the March of Dimes.

### **Oldest Mother Given Corsage**

May 13, 1982 – Mrs. Sarah Tucker Thompson, 93-year-old honorary member of the Ready Bible Class at Oakhurst Baptist Church, was presented with a corsage on Mother's Day by the other members of the class.

As the oldest mother and oldest member of the Oakhurst Baptist Church, Mrs. Thompson is always remembered by the members of her Sunday School class on Mother's Day.

Mrs. Thompson, a native of the Ether section of Montgomery County, has been living at Brian Center for Nursing Care for the past five years. A resident of Asheboro since 1944, she formerly resided at 1415 South Fayetteville St.

She is the mother of five daughters, Mrs. Frances Harrelson and Mrs. Virginia Caudill of Asheboro, Mrs. Betty Frye of Rt. 8, Asheboro, Mrs. Claytie Norton of Southern Pines and Mrs. Flora McCail of Greensboro. Her stepdaughter, Mrs. Janie Neathery, also lives in Asheboro.

Members of the Ready Bible Class are Mrs. J. C. (Esther) Thomas, teacher of the class, Mrs. R. C. (Bertha) Caudle, Mrs. Pauline McCombs, Mrs. Vessie Vuncannon, Mrs. Phenie Wicks, Mrs. Hazel Winslow, Mrs. Janet Brown and Mrs. Josephine Pyrtle.

### **Randolph Area Mission Society Lauds Superintendent Robinson**

May 20, 1982 – Dr. George P. Robinson, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church for the past six years, was honored at a meeting of the Randolph Area Mission Society Sunday afternoon at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

Robinson was praised by the mission society president, E. Wayne Hughes, who presented him with a plaque commemorating his service to the Randolph County Area Mission Society and to the district and by Joseph D. Ross

Jr., district treasurer and trustee, and Asheboro Mayor Robert L. Reese.

At the conclusion of the current conference year, Dr. Robinson will return to the pastorate and will become the pastor of the Centenary United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina's largest United Methodist Church.

The Rev. Robert L. Witty, pastor of Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church in Randleman, was elected second vice president of the mission society, succeeding Dr. Philip L. Shore Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

Other officers were re-elected as follows: president, E. Wayne Hughes; first vice-president, Earl Taylor; secretary, I. Hilliard Nance; treasurer, James Hanner; and directors, Clyde Foust, Mrs. Olan Hubbard and Garland Allen.

Dr. Frances F. Jones, principal of Balfour School and lay member at Central United Methodist Church, was the principal speaker for the meeting, choosing as her subject "Why I Am A Methodist." She was introduced by Dr. Shore.

Also participating in the program were the Rev. Nellie Bescher, the Rev. Charles Walker, pastor of Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Gilead United Methodist Churches, and Andy Brown, who presented the nominating committee report. Recognized during the program was T. W. Hughes, also a district trustee.

Prior to the general meeting, members of the executive committee recommended and approved financial aid to the following churches; First United Methodist Church in Randleman, Flag Springs, St. Luke, New Hope, Cox's Chapel, Seagrove, Franklinville, and Ferree's Chapel.

### **Mrs. Evans Honored on 90th Birthday**

May 26, 1982 – Mrs. Lora Vesta Evans of Rt. 6, Asheboro, looking far younger than her 90 years, celebrated her birthday with members of her family May 20, at a dinner at her home.

Only five of her nine children are still – Mrs. Betty King and Wesley Evans, also of Rt. 6, Asheboro, the Rev. A. D. Evans of Star, Mrs. Lovie Smith of Burlington anPaMad Robert Evans, who lives with his mother.

Deceased are Colonel Butch Evans, Georgia Hodges, James Evans and Landreth Evans. Her husband, Cyrus A. Evans, died in 1964.

Her family also included 20 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 23 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Evans is a native of Surry County, near Dobson. Her father, Byrd Winfield Snow, was married four times and Mrs. Evans has 25 brothers and sisters.

One of her whole brothers, John Ernest Snow, is living at the age of 88. A half-brother, A. C. Snow, is associated with The Raleigh Times and writes a column entitled "A Dust Of Snow," in which Mrs. Evans and other family members have been mentioned.

Long noted for her garden during the summer months and for canning much of her produce, Mrs. Evans will leave this summer's gardening to her son, Robert, due to her illness, but will still be "directing" the garden.

Despite her advanced age, her hair is still black, and her mind is alert. Last summer she visited relatives in Yadkin County.

A devoted Christian, she is a member of the Asheboro Seventh Day Adventist Church. One son, the Rev. A. D. Evans, and a son-in-law, the Rev. Carlos King, are

ordained ministers in the Pentecostal Holiness denomination.

### **Summit Turns 80**

May 27, 1982 – Albert Lafatte (Fate) Summit of Rt. 1, Trinity, was honored on his 80th birthday Sunday, May 23, at a family dinner at his home.

Born in Catawba County, Summit also lived in Rowan County before coming to Randolph County more than 40 years ago. It was while working on old U. S. 64 that he met and married his wife, the former Louise Floyd, a native of the area where they still live.

His children Emma Paride of West Haverstraw, N. J., Joe Don Summit and Zelda Smith of Asheboro, Jack Summit of Rt. 5, High Point, Floyd Summit of Rt. 1, Trinity and Benor Summit of Rt. 1, Thomasville, were all present for her birthday celebration except for Mrs. Paride and Joe Don who was hospitalized. One son, J. D. Summit, is deceased.

Summit also has 19 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Once a farmer and sawmill operator, Summit's principal occupation now is raising beef cattle with his son, Floyd.

### **Mrs. Bertha Caudle Celebrates Birthday**

June 1, 1982 – Family members honored Mrs. R. C. Caudle of Rt. 4, Asheboro, on her 70th birthday Sunday, May 23, at a dinner in the fellowship building at Oakhurst Baptist Church.

Mrs. Caudle has been a member at Oakhurst for more than 30 years. She is one of three charter members of Balfour Baptist Church still living.

A native of Surry County, she is the former Bertha Kirkman and came to this county when she was about 16 years old. Among those in attendance at her birthday celebration was a sister, Mrs. S. E. Dezern of Rt. 1, Asheboro.

Mrs. Caudle's husband died in 1977. A daughter, Betty Hurley, died previously. Also present for the birthday celebration were Betty's children Lori, Yvonne and Richard Hurley.

Mrs. Caudle's living children are Lola Knott of Rt. 4, Asheboro, Helen Cook of Cary and Charles Caudle of Greensboro. She also has 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### **Breedlove Named Associate Pastor At Quaker Heights**

June 2, 1982 – The Rev. Michael (Mike) Breedlove, a Wabash, Ind. Native, has become the associate pastor at Quaker Heights Friends Meeting, 850 E. Allred St., where he will hold primary duties with the youth of the Meeting.

His objective will be the "building of relationships with the youth in respect to their leadership roles in the church of tomorrow." He will also encourage youth to become more involved in community outreach and community action.

The minister meets with the youth regularly on Sunday nights prior to the worship service and on Wednesday nights simultaneously with the midweek Bible Study. On each second Sunday night he and the youth will conduct the worship service.

A youth committee at the Meeting is comprised of Hubbard and Judy Baker, Wade and Patsy Woodruff, Ila Jackson, Melvin Allen, Mary Lou Tuggle, Rachel Breedlove,

wife of the assistant associate minister, and the Rev. Robert Kidd, minister of the meeting.

Mike Breedlove attended St. Paul Bible College in St. Paul, Minn., for three years and Ft. Wayne Bible College for 3 ½ years, receiving his B. S. degree in pastoral ministries and teaching degree in Biblical teaching degree in Biblical teaching from the latter school.

He served as an associate pastor with the youth in a ministry in Derborn, Mich., and as the minister of Holly Spring Friends Meeting in this county for nearly two years before assuming his duties at the Quaker Heights Meeting.

His wife, the former Rachel Stout, is a native of Peru, Ind. She also attended the Ft. Wayne Bible College, where she received an associate degree in arts and minored in music. The couple are expecting their first child in July.

### **Church Treasurer Is Paid Tribute**

June 2, 1982 – Mrs. Eva Pritchard was honored by the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church Sunday morning, May 30 for nearly 38 years of service 25 treasurer of the church.

She was presented a plaque commemorating her retirement from the position which she had held continuously since Sept. 24, 1944.

Prior to the ceremonies held during the worship service, Audrey Smith, Superintendent of the Sunday School pinned a corsage on her during the assembly period.

She was also presented a monetary gift.

Nearly a year before Mrs. Pritchard's retirement a younger sister, Mrs. Edith Smith, had been honored in similar ceremonies at the conclusion of her long time service as pianist and organist at the church.

Mrs. Smith started playing the piano at the church before she graduated from Asheboro High School in 1938. She had played the organ since that instrument was installed at the church.

Her retirement occurred June 22, 1981. The ceremonies commemorating her long period of service took place on July 26, 1981 and included the presentation of a corsage and plaque, a monetary gift and a reception in the youth building at the conclusion of the night worship service.

Mrs. Pritchard and Mrs. Smith have been a part of the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church all their lives. They are two of 13 children reared by Mr. and Mrs. John H. Brown who became a part of the church before 1906.

Mrs. Pritchard's husband is the later W. C. (Charlie) Pritchard. Mrs. Smith's husband is the late Clarence Smith, who was a sports figure in the Asheboro vicinity. A son, Martin Smith, is a baseball and basketball coach at Asheboro High School and the coach of the American Legion baseball team.

### **Christian Church Dedicates Sanctuary**

June 9, 1982 – The annual homecoming service at First Christian Church in Ramseur Sunday, was combined with a service of dedication for the new sanctuary and other facilities.

Groundbreaking for the facilities, estimated to cost \$350,000 at the time of its completion, was held during the observance of homecoming last year.

The new construction included a sanctuary with balcony, nine classrooms, pastor's study, and sound room. Not yet completed is the full basement with provision for children's church and additional classrooms.

The sanctuary, with a seating capacity of more than 400, including balcony and choir area, was filled to capacity.

A brief memorial service, with family members participating was held for Sherman Maness, Mrs. Laura Ward, C. B. Grimes, Mrs. Thelma Burgess and Herman York.

The pastor, the Rev. Adrian Pugh, singled out Colon Cheek, contractor for the new construction, and Bob Stout, chairman of the building committee, for their services during the year of construction.

The Rev. Don Sweitzer, a former pastor and now a chaplain in the military forces, spoke briefly, referring to a similar dedication 14 years ago when the Jack Burgess Fellowship Hall, to which the new construction is attached, was dedicated.

Miraculous achievements have characterized the activities of First Christian Church in Ramseur during the past 2 ½ years, especially since the present pastor, familiarly known as "Big A" only averaged around 10 people each Sunday.

The increase in financial receipts has been equally impressive or more so than the attendance. When the final offerings had been received on homecoming and the day of dedication it was anticipated that only \$100,000 indebtedness would remain on the estimated cost of \$350,000 for the new construction.

On two special fund raising Sundays this past year over \$22,000 was received on one Sunday and more than \$33,000 on another Sunday. Church officials hope to pay off the remaining debt in 2 ½ years.

Because of these notable achievements it was no wonder that the choir sang "It's Gonna Be A Great Day" and the congregation followed by singing "To God Be The Glory" and "Count Your Blessings" at the annual observance of homecoming day.

### **Her Good Deeds Survive Her**

June 11, 1982 – Many years ago a young woman living in the area west of Spero found herself without a place to stay after the death of her father. Her mother had died previously.

Neighbors with whom she was staying temporarily helped her put her belongings in a small suitcase and she set out walking to the "county home," located at that time in Back Creek Township, in the vicinity of the present city Lake.

But she didn't have to walk all the way; she caught a ride on the back end of a wagon which was traveling in that direction.

That young woman, Miss Dora McDowell, known as Prissy to those who knew her in the Spero section, died May 27 at the Randolph Rest Home on South Fayetteville Street, formerly the Randolph County Home which moved to its present location from the Back Creek Township in 1922.

Dora had been a continuous resident at the home since that day many years ago when she walked and rode on the back end of the wagon to a place where she found security and happiness throughout the adult years of her life.

She stayed at the home for around sixty-five or seventy years. She was about 86 years old at the time of her death. She was happy because she cared for other people. Instead of being a burden at the home where she spent her life, she assisted in the care of others. Once it was a man whose feet were gone and in the latter years of her life it was a woman who was called Piggy.

Since Dora's death Piggy has been puzzled. She doesn't understand what has happened but she knows that something is wrong. She goes often to Dora's room to look. Dora was helpful for the other patients also and she was always at the window to wave at Lou Wilson, manager of the home as she came by.

An era ended at Randolph Rest Home, formerly the county home at the time of her death due to her long residence there. Many of the people who knew her when she lived in the Spero area visited her in previous years. But many of them preceded her in death and the visits from the area had been infrequent in recent years.

Three of her fellow residents at the home attended the final service at Pugh Funeral Home, along with three staff members and 21 family members and friends.

One of the residents said "We'll sure miss her at the home." The minister, who had visited her at the home for the past 15 years, said "my friends, you don't have to worry about Dora McDowell." The soloist appropriately sang "How Great Thou Art" and "Safe in the Arms of Jesus."

### **Mrs. Hill Celebrates Ninety-Third Birthday**

June 11, 1982 – Mrs. Nettie Loftlin Hill of Rt. 3, Denton, celebrated her 93rd birthday on May 23.

She is a native of Union Township, living in the High Pine vicinity until her marriage to Charlie Hill of New Hope Township, who died in 1941.

Mrs. Hill's parents were Mang and Mary Ann Luck Loftin but upon the death of her mother when she was about two months old she was reared by Jacob and Abigail (Sis) Callicutt.

Since the death of her husband, Mrs. Hill has lived with her son, Vaion Carr Hill and his family. She has another son, Clarence Hill, also of Rt. 3, Denton.

She has 19 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

Until an illness slowed her down three years ago, she never missed a Sunday attending Sunday school at the New Hope United Methodist Church," according to her son, Vaion.

### **Birthdays Celebrated**

June 15, 1982 – Two long time members of the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church were honored on their birthdays Tuesday night, June 8, by family members and friends.

Mrs. Addie Foust celebrated her 91st birthday at her home at 196 Hasty St. She is a former resident of the area just south of the Grays Chapel Church.

Dove Coble, Sr., of Rt. 1, Climax, was the other birthday recipient reaching his 82nd birthday on June 11. He was reared in the same vicinity in which Mrs. Foust spent most of her life.

Mrs. Foust, the former Addie Davis, daughter of James and Mary Jane Hedrick Davis is a native of Davidson County, Silver Hill Township but came to Randolph County with her family in about 1966.

She has five living children – Paul, and Bobby Foust of Asheboro, Edith Bare of Liberty, Clara Prevence of China Grove and Colene Glass of Winston-Salem; 19 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Her husband Jasper Foust and two sons, James and Tracy Foust are deceased.

Dove Coble Sr. son of Rassie and Lou York Coble moved north of Grays Chapel after his marriage to Alta Hackett who died more than 16 years ago.

His children are Dove Coble Jr. of Rt. 1, Climax, Mrs. Janna Correll and Opal Cox of Asheboro. Another son, Curtis Coble is deceased. He has nine grandchildren and one great-grandson, 10 month old Christopher Bare. Coble, known for his wit and humor, is a retired carpenter. He said he quit when "I got where I couldn't get up the ladder."

Mrs. Foust joined the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church shortly after her marriage on Oct. 24, 1909. "I was there when they sold the church that is not Underwood's Store," she said. She recalled attending a Sunday service in the new building with her husband directly following their marriage at the home of magistrate G. W. (Bob) Pugh. This building was torn down in recent years to make way for the present house of worship at Grays Chapel.

Dove Coble, Sr. has been a member of the Grays Chapel Church for more than 50 years attending now mainly on the "big days."

Mrs. Foust said in reference to her attendance, "I go when I can." Both she and Dove Coble, Sr. was present for the recent annual homecoming service at the church.

### **Mrs. Maness Honored**

June 16, 1982 – One of the pews in the new sanctuary at the First Christian Church in Ramseur was presented in honor of Mrs. Zelma Craven Maness, a church leader for many years along with her late husband, Sherman Maness.

Raising money for the purchase of the pew honoring Mrs. Maness were members of the Women's Fellowship at the church, an organization with which she has long been identified.

A member of the church for more than 50 years and a member of the women's group for 40 years, her association with the latter group goes back to when it was known as Women's Missionary Society and Ladies Aid.

She has served as president of the organization and has participated in other activities, including attending district and state meetings.

A daughter of the late Rufus and Macie Cox Craven, the family first lived in the Pleasant Ridge community and attended the Christian Church there before moving to Ramseur.

Mrs. Maness has served also as superintendent of the children's department at First Christian Church, assisted in Bible School, and taught classes of both children and adults. Her husband, who died Nov. 10, 1981 also taught the Men's Bible Class and served in the other official capacities. At the time of his death he has been a member of the church longer than any other person.

Mrs. Maness has also been active in the Rancoa Garden Club and worked for 10 years in the school cafeteria at Ramseur after her children were grown.

Her children are Mrs. Judy Allen of Columbia, S. C., wife of Dr. Harvey Allen who is associated with the University of South Carolina and Jimmy Maness of Cary. There are four grandchildren.

Present officers of the Women's Fellowship, Toni Pugh, president; Rachel Parks, first vice-president; Florence Wright, second vice-president; Eva Kennedy, secretary; and Erma Smith, treasurer, gave Mrs. Maness an inscription upon the presentation of the pew.

### **Mrs. Caveness Is Paid Tribute On Birthday 100**

June 12, 1982 – The 100th birthday of Mrs. Ada Mae Caveness of Rt. 2, Ramseur, was celebrated Sunday, June 13, at her church McCrary's Chapel United Methodist. She has been a member of the church for a greater part of her life.

Mrs. Caveness was born June 14, 1892 in the area west of Ramseur, between Franklinville and the Shady Grove community. Her actual birthday came the day following the celebration.

Except for being confined to a wheelchair, Mrs. Caveness is in good health. Despite the wheelchair she goes to bed at night by herself and she gets up in the morning by herself. She cooks for herself and said "I do all of my housework."

A brief worship service and the presentation of cards and gifts featured the birthday celebration along with the reading of greeting from President and Mrs. Reagan.

This greeting was as follows: Dear Mrs. Caveness, Nancy and I are delighted to send our warmest wishes on your special day and our hopes for continued joys and blessings."

A reception, complete with birthday cake and candles followed in the fellowship hall.

Out-of-state guests included a granddaughter, Brona Cheek Smith of Huntsville, Ala.

Local guests of a special nature included Mrs. Mary Graham and Mrs. Nina Foust, daughters of the late Dr. C. S. Tate, for whom Mrs. Caveness worked in the earlier years of her life.

Mrs. Caveness was the daughter of Calvin and Ann Spoon Allred. She recalled attending the one-room, log schoolhouse at Shady Grove and the brush arbor meeting at Trogdon's Grove.

She was married in 1900 to the late John M. Caveness who was principal of the institution named for him, the John M. Caveness Elementary School.

Their son, Vernell J. Caveness, was serving as principal of this school at the time of his death.

Other children still living are Clarice Robinson of Greensboro and Jeannette Cheek and Geraldine Siler of Rt. 2, Ramseur. Mrs. Siler is also a school teacher.

Mrs. Caveness' immediate family included six generations.

### **First Baptist In Seagrove Holds Note-Burning**

June 12, 1982 – First Baptist Church in Seagrove held a note-burning ceremony on June 6 and declared itself free of debts on the structure in which the first service was held on Mar. 17, 1967.

June 26, 1966 marked the official constitution of the church in a gospel fest on the present site of the church on Hwy, 220 near Seagrove.

Prior to the constitution the church group known then as the Seagrove Baptist Mission had purchased the 2 1/2 acre site on which it had just concluded a series of revival services.

Regular services for the mission group and the church after its constitution were held in a small block building west of Seagrove until the present building was erected.



The Rev. Bobby Martin, who served as pastor of the mission for 11½ years and then continued as pastor of the official constituted church, came back to preach at the time of the note-burning.

Debts on the building were paid off in Mar. but the official note-burning was delayed until the annual homecoming service at the church on June 6.

Debts were paid off under the leadership of the Rev. Robert L. (Bob) Hughes, a veteran minister in this area and a former pastor of Oakhurst Baptist Church, now serving an extended interim pastorate at the Seagrove church.

Former pastors at the church besides the Rev. Martin are the Rev. Ronnie Kiser, the Rev. T. W. Nelson, the Rev. A. B. Hammett and the Rev. James A. Womble. Rev. Nelson and Rev. Womble were also present on the day of homecoming.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony, in addition to Rev. Hughes and Rev. Martin, were Wayne Smith, a charter member and presently a deacon, Jack Laif, chairman of deacons and the Rev. Judson Rotan, associational field worker.

Other deacons of the church are Ron Cain, Leon Moore and Earl Suddeth.

Since the alleviation of debts, the church has purchased a sound system and landscaped the church grounds. The present church enrollment is 149.

A fellowship dinner concluded the observance of homecoming and the note-burning service.

### **Mrs. Covington Has 90th Birthday**

June 22, 1982 – Mrs. Jennie Lynn Covington of 529 Greensboro St. observed her 90th birthday on June 8. The occasion was marked by a small family gathering at the home of a nephew, Joe Miller.

Mrs. Covington is a Stanley County native but lived in several places before coming to Asheboro in 1913.

She was living in Greensboro just prior to her marriage to Thomas (Tom) Covington, an Asheboro native who was working in a hotel in Greensboro at the time of their marriage on Sept. 7, 1913. They came to Asheboro to live the next day.

First they rented a house and then purchased her present residence from the late W. D. Stedman. Tom Covington died on May 23, 1936.

Following her husband's death, her parents, Robert and Frances Elizabeth Palmer, came in 1940 to live with Mrs. Covington who cared for them until their deaths several years later. Mrs. Covington was also employed at Fox's Laundry for more than 25 years.

Despite a recent cataract operation, Mrs. Covington is in excellent health, does all of her housework, works in her garden, and mows her yard. Sometimes she sits with a younger neighbor across the street, 84-year-old Mrs. Priscilla Cross, in the absence of Mrs. Cross' daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Payne, with whom Mrs. Cross resides.

### **Family Honors Mrs. Kern**

June 24, 1982 – Mrs. Alice Needham Kern, who will reach the age of 96 on June 28, was honored at a family celebration June 20, in the fellowship building at Shady Grove Christian Church, Rt. 1, Star.

Mrs. Kern is a native of the Shady Grove area and was a lifelong resident in that community until going to a nursing home in Pinehurst a few years ago.

Her husband, the late R. Dan Kern, died Feb. 11, 1954. They were the parents of 11 children, one of whom, a son W. Arthur Kern died Apr. 17, 1934.

Other children are Margaret Carter and Grace Cox of Rt. 6, Asheboro, Janice Trotter of Rt. 2, Randleman, Saih Weaver of Mint Hill, Maxine Maness of Troy, Tim Kern of Star, Joe Kern of Asheboro, Bill Kern and Mozelle Britt of Rt. 1, Star and Dalton Kern of Wyoming.

She has 30 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Kern is a member of the Shady Grove church and a former charter member of the Ether Christian Church.

Flowers placed in the Shady Grove church in honor of Mrs. Kern on the day of the birthday celebration were later placed in the cemetery at the grave of her late husband and their son, Arthur.

### **Thomas Receives Scout Award**

June 16, 1982 – Michael Thomas, 17-year-old son of Mrs. And Mrs. Alfred L. Thomas, Rt. 1, Randleman, received the God and Country Award in Scouting during the morning worship service at Fairfield United Methodist Church on May 23.

He was presented with the award by the pastor, the Rev. James Singleton, with whom he worked during the achievement of the Scouting honor.

He became a Cub Scout at the age of eight and earned all available ranks in Cubs and Webelos.

As a member of New Market Scout Troop No. 567 he has served in various leadership capacities, including membership in the Order of the Arrow, and is presently serving as junior assistant Scoutmaster. He became an Eagle Scout at the age of 13.

He is also a member of Medical Explorer Post 524, holding the office of vice-president, and is a member of Archdale Police Explorer Post 444. He attends Randleman High School and played on both the schools' baseball team and the American Legion team in Asheboro.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kiser Have Silver Anniversary**

July 2, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kiser were honored by their children on their 25th wedding anniversary Sunday, June 27, at the home of the couple at Rt. 2, Bennett.

Hosts at a reception from 2 until 4 o'clock were Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Kristy Kiser) Staley of Rt. 2, Bennett and Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Rhonda Kiser) Frye of Robbins. Over 200 guests attended, including their grandson, Jamie Staley.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiser were married June 28, 1957 at the Fall Creek Baptist Church, with the Rev. Ernest D. Hancock officiating.

Mrs. Kiser is the former Rena Purvis, daughter of Mrs. Myrtle Purvis of Rt. 2, Bennett and the late Jim Purvis.

Mr. Kiser is the son of Roby D. Kiser of Rt. 1, Seagrove and the late Mary Hayes Kiser.

Assisting in the reception was Coy Kiser, Harold's brother who served as best man at their wedding 25 years ago, Mrs. Nancy Needham and Mrs. Mary Lou Hayes who served as attendants at their wedding. Mrs. Coy Kiser, Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kidd,

Miss Jody Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Bean, Mrs. Betty Harper, Miss Angila Brady, Miss Sandi Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Joey Drum.

The large wedding cake and conglomerate arrangements of smaller cakes were designed and decorated by their daughter, Kristy.

The table arrangement consisted of 25 red roses which were a gift to the anniversary couple.

The couple are members of Fall Creek Baptist Church, where Harold serves as a deacon.

Mrs. Kiser is the operator of the Kiser Flower Shop, Rt. 2, Bennett, while Harold worked at the Central Falls Plant Klopman Division of Burlington Mills.

### **Maple Springs Methodist Church Honors Its Pastor and Members**

July 2, 1982 – Maple Springs United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, honored their pastor, Dr. Ben Witherington, and two long-time members of the church, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Albright, during the morning worship service on Sunday, June 27.

The latter recognition was a continuation of honoring veteran members of the church, a practice which was started in recent years.

Dr. Witherington was honored on the beginning of his third year in the pastorate of the Coleridge Charge of the United Methodist Church, of which Maple Springs, Coleridge, Mr. Olivet and Rehobeth churches are a part.

He was presented with a framed certificate of his elevation to the position of Elder at the recent session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church and was recognized for receiving his doctorate from the University of Durham in England last Dec. .

This summer Dr. Witherington, in addition to his pastoral duties, is teaching Wesley's sermons at the Duke Divinity School at Durham.

Guy Albright has been a member of the Maple Springs church since June 25, 1950. He has served as the superintendent of the Sunday School for 10 years and as a Sunday School teacher, lay leader, MYF counselor and choir member.

He is the son of the late Jesse Lawrence Albright and Sarah Norda Presnell Albright. He is a native of the Coleridge area and will soon retire from the employment of Burlington Mills, the Ramseur Klopman Division.

Mrs. Albright, the former Rose Moffitt, is the daughter of the late Robert Harris (Robby) Moffitt and Minnie Craven Moffitt. She grew up in the Maple Springs church and has been a member of the church since Sept 13, 1936.

She has served the church as a Sunday School teacher, United Methodist Women president, MYF counselor, choir member, and Vacation Bible School teacher. She is employed at A J Schneiersons in Siler City from which place she will retire in Sept. .

Mr. and Mrs. Albright are the parents of four children Farris Reid Albright, Mrs. Rosa Ann Smith and Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Brady of Asheboro and Miss Rebecca Inez Albright of Greensboro. They have two grandchildren and one step-grandchild.

During the service of recognition for Mr. and Mrs. Albright, the couple received a corsage and boutonniere and other gifts for both of them. At the conclusion of the service they along with Dr. Witherington were further honored at a luncheon in the fellowship hall at the church.

### **Mt. Pleasant Church Dedicates Building**

July 4, 1982 – Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Liberty, dedicated a new sanctuary Sunday afternoon, June 27, with a large crowd in attendance.

Dr. Samuel James, pastor of the church a quarter of a century ago and a Liberty native, preached the dedicatory sermon. He told his former congregational members "you have sacrificed; you have given until it hurts, and you have worked hard."

The present pastor is the Rev. Alton G. Cook who has led the congregation through the financing and building of the new edifice. He came to the pastorate Jan. 2, 1979.

For many years, the congregation at Mt. Pleasant have planned and talked about a new building to replace the structure in which worship services had been held since 1906.

The first house of worship for the church, organized July 6, 1872, was a log building which was used for more than 30 years.

When the time came to erect the present new building, a fund of more than \$100,000 had been accumulated. Just prior to the ground-breaking on June 7, 1981, bonds amounting to \$175,000 were sold within 24 hours to finance the new construction.

Since construction began the congregation has raised more than \$73,000 to add to the previous amounts. Total costs of the building and its furnishings, including new pews, will be almost \$350,000.

In addition to the sanctuary and large choir space, the building includes choir room, pastor's study, two bathrooms, two class rooms and vestibule.

Contractor for the new building was Van Thomas Construction Co. of Siler City with particular mention being made of Frank Apple, superintendent and Oscar Bailey. Robert W. Hedrick of Asheboro was the architect.

Also among those recognized at the dedication service were members of the building committee, Gyles Buckner, chairman, Esther Butler, Jan Cheek, Boyd Pow, Tad Staley, Glenda Vickrey and Arlie Williams; Ronald Cheek, former chairman of the deacons; and Judson Rotan, associational missionary.

At times throughout the years of its existence the church has been called "Kivett's Church," dating back to Henry Kivett, donator of the land on which the church stands, and other members who comprised the membership of the church.

Other charter members of the church were Elder Enoch Crutchfield, Jefferson Kivett, Solomon Siler, Calvin Kivett, Franklin Scotto, Carmel Kivett, Sarah Kivett and daughter, Sarah Kivett, Fannie Kivett, Martina M. Siler, Sinthia Frasure, Sarah Frasure, Elizabeth Frasure, Jane Frasure, Mary J. Jerrell, Jane Jerrell, Elizabeth Brower, Lydia Aldridge, Eliza Crutchfield, Catherine Hobson, Margaret McPherson, Lillian Curtlee, Magaret Kendal, Lucy Siler and Sally Wright.

### **Community Health Practice Holds Introductory Reception**

July 6, 1982 – A reception at Reitzel Center in Liberty Saturday evening, June 26, introduced the community to the activities of the Randolph County Community Health

Practice, a federally funded non-profit operation which has existed locally since 1977.

In Aug., 1980 Dr. Merceda Perry assumed duties at the office at 530 S. Cox St. which was established under the auspices of the National Health Service Corp. and the local Community Health Practice organization. The first doctor to serve in this office was Dr. Michael Smith.

In addition to regular office hours at the Asheboro site, Dr. Perry serves a similar office at the Liberty Shopping Center in Liberty and received patients from that area Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 p. m. to 9 p. m. and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m.

Joining Dr. Perry at the reception at Reitzell Center was Staley native Dr. J. Howard McMasters, a dentist who maintains a part-time office also in the Liberty Shopping Center, in addition to regular office hours in an office on East Market St. in Greensboro.

Having both offices in the same building fulfills the desire of Dr. Perry and Dr. McMasters "to offer total health care, medical and dental, in the same facility."

The Randolph County Community Health Practice has been operating under the direction of a board of 15 people from various areas of Randolph County.

This board is composed of Patricia Harrison, chair-person; Dr. George Jones, vice chairman; Delilah Perkins, secretary; Leo Payne, treasurer; and members Kate Jones, Adelaide Hodges, Mary Harrison, Hazel Caveness, Katie Lee Snuggs, Margaret Green, Clayton Marley, Frances Clay, Margaret Bowden, Ethelyne Headen and Elizabeth Ruffin.

Steve Bowden, A Liberty native who practices in both Asheboro and Greensboro, serves as attorney for the organization. Presently a new board is in the process of being named.

Dr. Perry, a native of Salisbury, is a graduate of North Rowan High School, A&T State University in Greensboro and McHarry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. He also underwent a residency in family medicine at the latter institution.

His wife is the former Willia Charlene Anderson, of Oxford. The couple and their three children, Satira, 6, Mercene, 4 and Merceda Jr., 3, reside at 107 Sheridan Rd. Asheboro.

Dr. McMasters, who lives in Greensboro, is the son of Mrs. Eva McMasters, Rt. 1, Staley and the late Radus McMasters.

He graduated from the former Randolph High School and A&T State University where he obtained a B. S. degree in biology. He worked in the Regional School System in Princeton, N. J. for two years before enrolling in Howard University Dental School in Washington, D. C. where he graduated with a degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery in 1975.

After a year's residency in general dentistry at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Washington D. C. he worked in the Cumberland County Health Department for a year before beginning his practice in Greensboro and Liberty.

Dr. McMasters has subscribed to the idea that it was his responsibility after going away for training and preparation he should return to his native area and assist in needed improvements there.

Among those present for the reception was Miss Gwendolyn Allmond, of Asheboro, receptionist at the Liberty office.

## Local Wesleyan Ministers Shine At Conference

July 20, 1982 - Wesleyan ministers attending the fourth session of North Carolina East District in Kernersville last week from Randolph County represented the largest block of churches in attendance at the session.

Randolph County, in addition to having more Wesleyan churches than any other county in the state of North Carolina, is thought to have more churches of that denomination than any other county in the United States.

ACCORDING TO the Rev. Don Richardson, treasurer of N. C. District East and pastor of First Wesleyan Church in Randleman, this county could claim the distinction except for a county in Indiana which also has a large number of Wesleyan churches within its boundaries. It has not yet been determined which county has the most.

Randolph County Wesleyan Churches and their pastors attending the district conference were: Asheboro First, the Rev. A. J. Kendrick; Central, the Rev. Roy Namney, Foster Street, the Rev. Gary Lee Tesh; Neighbors Grove, the Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, Rustwood Park, Dr. Edward Bean, Sawyersville, the Rev. David Surrent, Crestview, the Rev. W. Willard Kiser, Brewer's Memorial, Dr. Fred Hill and High Pine, the Rev. Leon Fowler.

Also, Franklinville, the Rev. Alvin Brooks, Ramseur, the Rev. Leon Thompson; Kildee, the Rev. Douglas Armstrong; Friendly to Liberty, the Rev. Roger Coburn, Mt. Olivet, the Rev. David Grogan, Staley, the Rev. T. R. York; Archdale, the Rev. James Hulett, Randleman, the Rev. Don Richardson; Trinity in Erect community, the Rev. Ronnie R. Jones, Whynot, the Rev. Charles Apple, Mt. Olive, the Rev. Garland McDowell, and Hoover's Grove, the Rev. Larry Johnson.

Each of the pastors are remaining in position they have previously held except for Rev. Larry Johnson at Hoover's Grove where he succeeded the Rev. Charles E. Hedgepeth who is retiring from the pastoral ministry.

Other Randolph ministers listed in the East District are general evangelists, the Rev. U. N. Freeman, the Rev. Charles Stout and the Rev. Kermit Farlow.

Two Wesleyan ministers from the East District, the Rev. Leonard Conner and the Rev. Bob Freeman, pastor churches of another denomination, Rev. Conner at Patterson's Grove Christian Church and Rev. Freeman at the Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ.

Other churches just across the county line are Pleasant Union Wesleyan Church in Alamance County, pastured by the Rev. Robert Taylor and High Falls Wesleyan Church, pastured by the Rev. M. M. Holmes, who is a resident of Randolph County.

AT THE RECENT conference session six ministers were ordained as Elders, three of whom were from Randolph County churches, the Rev. David L. Grogan, the Rev. Ronnie R. Jones and the Rev. Gary Lee Tesh.

County ministers holding official positions in the conference are the Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, assistant district superintendent, the Rev. Don Richardson, who began his eighth year as district treasure, and board members. Dr. Fred Hill and the Rev. Leon Thompson, in addition to two lay board members, Bob Loman and Bill Linebarrier.

The Rev. T. R. York was recognized for having attended his 60<sup>th</sup> session of the district conference.

**Mrs. Hopkins Honored By Children**

July 21, 1982 – It was almost like the soap opera "All My Children" at a family dinner held to celebrate the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs. Julia Ensley Hopkins of Franklinville Saturday, July 17, the fellowship hall at Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Only one of her 11 children, Sam Hopkins of New Waverly, Tex., was not present for the family celebration.

The other children are the Rev. Bill Hopkins of Jonesville, the Rev. George Hopkins of Easley, S. C., Everett Hopkins of Asheboro, Beacham Hopkins of Denton, Danny Hopkins of Auburndale, Fla., Dean Hopkins of Greensboro, Mrs. LaVern Phillips of Uniontown, Ohio, Mrs. Peggy Gilbreath of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Elaine Lowe of Winter Haven, Fla. And Mrs. Sue Hendron of Moravian Falls.

Mrs. Hopkins' immediate family also includes 30 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, many of whom were present for the celebration.

The late Rev. J. R. Hopkins, husband of Mrs. Hopkins, died Oct. 12, 1976. He served as a Pentecostal Holiness minister for more than 50 years. He formerly served as pastor of the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church and at the time of retirement came back to that place with his wife to spend the remainder of his years.

As part of the celebration Mrs. Hopkins delivered a reading titled "I Am Not Growing Old: and a grandson, Floyd Hopkins, sang "Beulah Land."

**Church Honors Oldest Member**

July 22, 1982 – United Methodist Women of Cox's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur, honored the oldest member of the church, 88-year-old Daisy Craven. Sunday, July 18, and used the occasion to raise money for additional kitchen equipment in the dining area.

Mrs. Craven, a resident of Rt. 4, Siler City, east of Coleridge, has been a member of the church for more than 74 years. She remains loyal to the church despite her advanced years and never misses "a preaching Sunday" at the church.

She is also consistent in reporting to work for her employer, retired banker, Garland Allen, for whom she has worked for more than 54 years. She works regularly five days a week.

Daisy was born in the Pleasant Hill community south of Coleridge, one of 17 children born to Lawrence and Sarah Caviness Cheek. This family of children included one set of triplets, of which Daisy was a part, and one set of twins. All of them are now dead except a sister, Erie Green and two brothers, Bassie and Charlie Cheek.

Asked about the hardship in being reared in such a large family, Daisy said "you couldn't be choicy about your eating."

When she was about six years old the family moved across the river to the area east of Coleridge where she has lived ever since. Her husband, Raymond Craven, has been dead for 43 years.

Daisy recalls the day of revival at the church many years ago when they took dinner to the church every day and had a shouting good time.

THERE IS only one person in the general area that is older than Daisy, 95-year-old Alex Graves who claims Daisy as his sweetheart. Daisy denies this allegation but admits "I used to go with him before I was married."

The women's group at Cox's Chapel presented Daisy with a corsage on the occasion of "Daisy Craven Day" at the church. Her family joined in the honoring of the long-time member by placing a large floral arrangement in the church as a tribute to their loved one.

Daisy has two children, June Craven and Myrtle Goldstone, both of Rt. 4, Siler City. Two children are deceased, Leona Patterson and Evelyn Goldston.

**Comer Feted On 90<sup>th</sup> Year**

July 22, 1982 – The fellowship hall at the Needham's Grove Church in upper Moore County was filled to overflowing for the celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Coy L. Comer, a Randolph County resident living on Rt. 2, Seagrove.

He is the patriarch of a large family, 39 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, and is held in high esteem in the community where he has lived for more than 60 years and in the church where he and many of his descendants worship.

Despite an illness which has confined him to a wheel chair he continued his regular attendance at church until recent months.

However, he came to church on the day of his birthday observance, greeting everyone with a handshake, a hearty smile and his usual sense of humor.

Standing by his side with the strong measure of support which she has maintained during the years of his illness was his 87-year-old wife, Annie Florence Garner Comer, to whom he has been married for the past 68 years.

All of their 11 living children were also present, Mettie Williamson, Ethel Kennedy, Evelyn Caviness, Helen Ritter, Betty Caviness, Lola Upton, Tracy, Bill, Ted, Carroll and Arnold Comer. Two children are deceased, Mattie Needham and Edith Yow.

Coy Lemuel Comer is a native of Moore County, in the vicinity of Dover Baptist Church, and lived in Montgomery County before coming to Randolph County. His parents were Adam Franklin Comer and Margaret Dunn Comer.

There sisters Etta Brewer, Media Allen and Fannie Cagle, were present for his birthday celebration.

He spent almost 60 years in the lumber business and as a sawmill operator, in addition to maintaining a large farm.

**Retirement Complex Dedicated By Church**

July 28, 1982 – A notable achievement in the almost 79-year-old history of the Asheboro Friends Meeting was realized Sunday morning when four apartments, comprising the Asheboro Friends Retirement Home, Inc. were dedicated.

The first church-owned facility of this type in the Asheboro area, the apartments face South Main Street and are located directly behind the Meetinghouse at 230 E. Kivett St.

A BRIEF service of dedication was conducted at the close of the morning worship service, with Victor Murchison, minister of the Meeting, officiating.

Also participating were Horace Tillman, president of the corporation and Bertha Councilman, secretary.

Other officials of the corporation are Carter Pike, vice president; Lucille Elliott, treasurer; and board members Raeford Macon, George Elliott, Hal Hacke and Vernon Wilson.

The apartments, with an estimated value of \$150,000, were erected with funds provided by the estate of the late Novia Cagle and contributions from Bertha Councilman.

The funds provided by Mrs. Cagle, widow of Brack Cagle, were authorized through her will. She was a long time member of the Meeting.

MRS. COUNCILMAN, a member of the Meeting for about 45 years, gave the funds in memory of her late husband, Gilbert Councilman.

Built by Vernon Wilson, the four apartments have identical space, with each apartment containing two bedrooms, combination living and dining area, kitchen, bathroom and closet space. They have air conditioning and electric heat.

Each apartment is equipped with an electric stove, refrigerator, washing machine, dryer and dishwasher.

The apartments have a brick exterior, an interior of sheetrock and plaster and each one contains approximately 950 square feet of floor space.

Two of the apartments are already occupied by Tilmont Slack and Audrey Latham, both members of Asheboro Friends Meeting.

First priority in occupancy is accorded to members of the local Meeting and then to members of the Southern Quarterly Meeting before consideration of person of other faiths.

It is hoped to eventually have a total of 16 apartments, with four of the additional ones containing only one bedroom each.

### **He Fondly Recalls Years As DOT Worker**

July 29, 1982 – Wayne Frye, a Rt. 8, Asheboro, resident living in the Seagrove area, saw many changes in the State Department of Transportation during his 96 years and 11 months of employment as a highway worker.

These changes all for the better were in machinery, pay and the number of hours worked, he said.

Frye's employment ended July 1. At that time he had 361 sick days to his credit which had not been used. Fellow employees presented him with a rocking chair as a token of appreciation for his long tenure of service.

WHEN HE first started to work for the department he dragged the road with two 6 foot wooden sections pulled behind a truck, used contrast to the modern motor grader which is now used. Snow plows were built out of 1-by-8 timbers which could not stand the pressure when the rocks broke the wooden beams.

The old vehicles were not heated. The employees used lighted lanterns in the floorboard to heat the interior of the truck and later combined their resources and bought heaters to install in the cabs to withstand the cold.

When Frye went to work for the highway department he worked 12 hours a day for five days a week and five hours on Saturday, and was paid \$ a month. Later the time was reduced to 10 hours a day for five days a week with Saturdays

EMPLOYEES WERE to stay in the afternoon during earlier years to prepare their trucks for operation the first thing the next morning, even if it meant staying past the work period. Sometimes they would drain the alcohol out of the radiator if it was feared a freeze would occur during the night, he said.

Frye also recalled working 40 extensive hours pushing snow off of the roads without any relief. Realizing the

precautions of his job he always breathed a prayer before he started out asking for the Lord's care and guidance.

Besides his rocking chair Frye also has certificates and plaques commemorating years of employment with the department along with the pin for himself and necklace for his wife. He will receive another certificate and plaque denoting his retirement.

NOT YET 62 years old, he is "looking forward to a nice retirement." He is hoping to use his camper scene and he and his wife are thinking about vacationing at a resort. Already he has joined the senior citizens at his church, Union Grove Baptist Church, on a bus trip, picked a bushel and a half of beans, and is planning to do some painting.

His wife, the former Betty Thompson, is not yet retired. They have two daughters, Mrs. Edward (Ann) Wootez, who lives in Germany, and Mrs. Harold Strider, Rt. 5, Asheboro, and four grandchildren.

Wayne Frye says he looks back with pride and great years of employment with the department.

### **Humble Honored By Friends**

Aug. 4, 1982 – A framed resolution in memory of Wilbert James (Jay) Humble Jr., veteran member of the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department until his death May 8, 1982, was presented to his widow, Mrs. Swannie Lee Humble, Monday evening at a meeting of the department.

The resolution was adopted by the town board at its meeting May 24 and is signed by Mayor John Curtis: E. C. Johnny Younts, Mayor Pro-Tem and council members Lon T. Smith, Fred T. Shoffner, Mary H. Martin, and William L. Hardin Jr.

Making the presentation at the meeting Monday evening was Mayor Curtis. Other town officials in attendance were Town Manager Frank Kime and council members Mary Martin and William Hardin.

Family members in attendance in addition to Mrs. Humble, were her children: Cynthia Brown, David Humble, also a member of the fire department: James and Gerald Humble. Mrs. Brown, speaking for the family responded to the remarks made by Mayor Curtis.

Jay Humble had been a member of the fire department from Jan. 1956 until his death.

He was cited for his consistency in answering fire calls for usually being the first fireman to respond to the call, for giving many extra hours in maintaining the equipment, and for his many acts of kindness as a neighbor and a friend.

Former fire chief Charlie Martin, calling him a "great inspiration for a lot of people in our community," said he sometimes arrived at a fire barefooted, illustrating his promptness in answering fire calls. "He made our jobs easier," said Martin.

Curtis also praised all member of the Liberty Volunteer Fire Department and expressed the appreciation of the town for their services.

### **Church And Community Efforts Help Complete New Parsonage**

Aug. 10, 1982 – A cooperative effort from the small congregation at the Shady Grove Christian Church, Rt. 1, Star, with assistance from the community, has resulted in the near completion of the first parsonage to be erected in the 142-year history of the church.

Open house for the new facility was held Sunday afternoon, July 25, from 1:30 until 4 o'clock.

The pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell Walker, and their five children, Terri, 16, Dennis, 14, Scott, 9, Andy, 8, and Matthew, 6, moved into the parsonage last week.

The parsonage, located next to the church on land already owned by that institution, has as its exterior cedar siding which was sawed from two large trees in the area.

Its interior consists of three bedrooms, a kitchen-dining area, a living room which will be used temporarily as a church office, and two bathrooms.

There are two porches and a full basement, which upon completion will be used as a fellowship hall; and a storage area also in the basement. Kitchen facilities and two bathrooms will also be built in the basement.

The interior construction of the upstairs rooms consist of paneling, sheetrock, and wallpaper, with some of the floors carpeted.

Construction began two years ago with a building fund of \$8,000. Since then the construction has progressed on a "pay as you go" basis. Something over \$35,000 has been spent up to the present time.

No contractor was hired to supervise the construction. However, members of the congregation and others in the community have been skilled in the areas which were needed. For instance, Bobby Cagle, of the community, did all of the concrete work without charge.

Only the electrical work, performed by Hoyt Russell, and the painting by Garland Richardson was contracted. The wallpapering was donated and installed by Bobby Saunders, superintendent of the Sunday School and a member of the building committee. Another member of the committee, Lewis Loflin, also a deacon, has construction ability. Other members of the building committee were deacons Vincent King and Ralph Floyd and the pastor, the Rev. Walker.

Members of the building committee praised the assistance from the ladies of the church, known as the Joy Sisters. They raised an estimated \$5,000 towards the building of the new parsonage.

Several members of the congregation reside in the Asheboro area but still attend the Shady Grove Church due to ties in the community and family relationships formed in earlier years.

### **Coleridge Fire Department Strives To Be Self-Sufficient**

Aug. 19, 1982 – Last Saturday members of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department operated their snack trailer at the Dwight and Myrtis Craven Sale, raising money to operate the station just as they have been doing throughout 16 years as a volunteer fire department.

The volunteers have shown innovation when it comes to raising money for the department. One way has been the sponsorship of suppers, held once a month beginning in Sept. and continuing through May.

FIREMEN AND their wives, along with a few others, have spent long hours preparing the suppers, with the men cooking fish, chicken and oysters and the women preparing the desserts and assisting in the serving.

Bales of hay have also been sold by firemen, some items have been donated and at other times they receive half of what they sell.

Another method of raising money has been to request that each family or business in the fire district pay \$15 on an annual basis. Letters are sent out each year requesting this amount.

Last year the letters received a 46 percent response. Thus far this year the response has been about the same. Some of the homes and businesses have exceeded the \$15 request.

Two efforts to relieve the financial pressure in financing the department by establishing a fire district in which taxes would be imposed have not succeeded.

The department, operating two stations, one in Coleridge and another one in Erect, has an acute need to upgrade its communication system. It desires to purchase a "Quick Response Communication System," which would establish an intercom with the county's communication system.

There is also the need for an updated siren system at both fire stations which would respond automatically through the county system. Now someone has to go to the station and press the button on the siren after the fire call has been received on one of the telephones listed on the present system.

Under the present alert system for the department, contacts with other individual firemen are made by the ladies of the area after the seven telephones on the system have received the initial call.

Another vital need for the department is the purchase of a new truck with a water tank.

Upgrading of the equipment for the department will result not only in greater efficiency but will enable the department to receive an insurance rating which will provide a reduction of insurance rates by approximately ten percent.

Present procedures in handling financial affairs for the department at Coleridge require that board members sign a note whenever debts are incurred, mortgaging their personal property as security for that whichever is owed.

Even utility bills have been paid by individual members of the department until funds were available to reimburse them.

Many of the volunteer fire departments in Randolph County obtain funds through a tax district or donations from municipalities.

However, officials of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department expressed their appreciation to those residents and businesses in the district who have contributed to the expenses of their operation in the past and appealed for funds from those who have not already responded.

Departmental officials are Charles Teague, president of the board of directors; Amos Needham, vice president; Wade J. Powell, secretary and treasurer; and members Robert Ritter, Edsel Needham, John Earlier Powers, Marcie Chriscoe and Charles Davis, Bill Welborn is the fire chief and Amos Needham the assistant chief.

### **Mrs. Coble Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Aug. 25, 1982 – Mrs. Maude Cox Coble of Rt. 1, Franklinville, whose 90<sup>th</sup> birthday was Aug. 14, was honored at a family gathering the following day at the house of her niece, Mrs. Kathleen Burgess, also of Rt. 1, Franklinville.

A native of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church area, she is the daughter of the late John Calvin Levi Cox and Doris Henson Cox, a well known Asheboro barber, the late Luther Cox, was her brother.

She was married to the late Mack Coble of the Grays Chapel area, and has lived in that community since her marriage. For 17 years she worked in the cafeteria at the Grays Chapel School.

Mrs. Coble has two daughters, Hilda Lednum of Rt. 1, Franklinville and Montie Nall of Rt. 1, Winnabow, and two grandchildren.

Mrs. Coble is especially noted for growing beautiful flowers.

She credits her active life as the secret for her longevity and said "I do just most anything I want to do."

### **Quaker Book Traces Family In Civil War**

Aug. 26, 1982 – "Mary Barker Hinshaw, Quaker: A Story of Carolina Friends In Civil War Times," is the latest book by Seth B. Hinshaw, retired Friends minister and former executive secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

The book deals with the trials and ordeals of Mary Hinshaw and her husband, Thomas Hinshaw, during the Civil War period. The author is their youngest grandson.

Mrs. Hinshaw, born Dec. 19, 1832, and Thomas Hinshaw lived in the Holly Spring community. Both attended the log school house at Holly Spring and the services at the nearby Meetinghouse where Mary sat with the women on the women's side and Thomas with the men on the other side.

They were attracted to each other long before their marriage in 1857. Their courtship was in the afternoons following the Sunday morning worship services.

YEARS BEFORE the Civil War began, possibly as early as 1852, Friends at Holly Spring, opposed to both war and the ownership of slaves, were urged by outside speakers and other groups to leave the community to settle in Indiana and other western areas where people subscribed more to the beliefs held by Quakers.

But Mary and Thomas decided against leaving their community even though many of their relatives and other Friends did leave. Thomas also decided against paying an exemption tax of \$500 or "hiring a substitute" as was ordered in a law passed by the Confederate Congress Oct. 11, 1862, and applied only to Quakers and Dunkards.

However, he had no choice in following the conscription law passed in Apr., 1862, providing that all men between the ages of 18 and 35 serve in the army. However, the law exempted all men who owned as many as 20 slaves.

Their anxieties reached a climax in the early morning hours of Oct. 19, 1862, when two members of the Home Guard entered their home forcibly and took Thomas Hinshaw away with them, despite the protests of his wife, his son, Francis, and his daughter, Delphina.

Conscripted along with Thomas was his brother, Jacob, and Mary's brothers, Nathan and Cyrus Barker. All of the men were placed in the 52<sup>nd</sup> North Carolina Regiment and refused to carry a gun or be involved in military duties in any way.

After four months with the regiment, Thomas was granted a 15-day furlough which he spent with his family, still rejecting the pleas of friends who wanted him to pay the \$500 exemption fee in lieu of Army service.

ABOUT TWO months after Thomas reported back to the regiment, Mary gave birth to their third child, Jonathan, who only lived three weeks. The child, who weighed only five pounds and six ounces at birth, was termed "a tiny casualty of the Civil War."

At the battle of Gettysburg, the Holly Spring Quakers became separated from the regiment during a heavy rain storm and were captured by the Union Cavalry who took them to Ft. Delaware and placed them with 10,000 other prisoners.

But compassionate Quakers in the vicinity became active and secured their release upon orders of the secretary of war and President Lincoln. It is reported that President Lincoln said "any man who is a Quaker is not to be considered as a prisoner of war."

Upon their release they went to Westfield, Indiana, where they lived with relatives, and were not permitted to return to their homes because the war was not over.

After some day, Mary learned of their freedom and she and her sister-in-law, Elizabeth, wife of Thomas' brother, Jacob, took a 600-mile trip to Indiana in a wagon drawn by two horses to join their husbands. Each woman had two small children who made the hazardous trip with them.

They reached their destination and were reunited with their husbands seven weeks after they had left their homes in the Holly Spring community.

Thomas Hinshaw secured work during the 20 months he stayed in Indiana but when the war ended both he and Mary began thinking about returning to their home in North Carolina. They did return despite inducements to remain in Indiana.

THE 175-PAGE book, "Mary Barker Hinshaw, Quaker," continues with the narrative of their lives after their return to the Holly Spring community – the years of rebuilding their establishment of the Evergreen Academy; the beginning of a country store; the loss of their home to a tragic fire in which Stephen Hinshaw, Thomas' father, lost his life; and the later of their lives.

The book was published by the Friends United Press and N. C. Friends Historical Society.

An earlier book written and published Hinshaw was "Friends at Holly Spring." Sale of the most recent book is being handled by the literature committee at Holly Spring Friends Meeting. Committee members are Josephine Moore, chairman, Evelyn Gates, Mildred Byrd and Christine Allen.

Books may be purchased at the Asheboro Paint Center, the parsonage at Holly Spring Meeting or at the Rt. 1, Ramseur, home of the author and his wife.

The regular price of the book is \$8.95. However, a special price of \$6.95 is offered to the N. C. Friends Historical Society, the N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends and also to other North Carolinians.

### **Holly Spring Gets New Pastor**

Aug. 27, 1982 – Historic Holly Spring Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Ramseur, received a new minister July 8. Dr. John L. Robinson, who for the past 11 years had served as general superintendent of Mid-America Yearly Meeting of Friends, will now pastor the meeting.

As general superintendent, Dr. Robinson served the areas of Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas, with three meetings apiece in the states of Colorado and Missouri.

Directly after coming to this area he was the speaker at the annual revival meeting conducted by the youth of the Southern Quarterly Meeting which was held this year at Holly Spring.

A year ago he had been guest speaker at the annual session of North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends at Guilford College.

A native of Houston, Texas, he is married to the former Betty Heardt and they are the parents of three daughters and two sons. One of the sons, David is minister of the Centre Friends Meeting, located just across the Randolph County line in Guilford County, and he was in charge of the music for the recent youth revival sponsored by the Southern Quarterly Meeting.

He is a graduate of Friends Bible College, with a B. S. degree in religion and he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity from Friends University in Wichita, Kansas "in recognition of his contribution to the Kansas Yearly Meeting as pastor, counselor, church administrator and catalyst in the restructure program, and leader in Christian education."

His pastoral service for 23 years occurred near Stafford, Kansas; Booker, Texas; and Haviland, Kansas.

While associated with the mid-America Yearly Meeting of Friends he and his wife visited and participated in mission programs in Burundi, London, Mexico City and Arizona.

### **Mr., Mrs. Gallimore Fete Anniversary**

Aug. 27, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. R. H. (Bob) Gallimore of Rt. 1, Trinity, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Aug. 22, in the house in which they have lived most of their married life.

Bob Gallimore, at the age of 82, is one of Randolph County's oldest auctioneers, a trade he began more than 55 years ago.

He also bought cattle for many years and as an auctioneer he was associated with stock yards in Sanford, Pembroke, Smithfield and North Wilkesboro.

As a child he began accompanying his father in a two-horse wagon through Randolph County, buying chickens, eggs and other items which they resold in High Point.

The son of Frank and Minnie Richardson Gallimore, he was born in Tabernacle Township, in an area known as "Gallimore Town" where he has lived for all of his life.

His wife, 78, the former Doskie Wall, daughter of Sam and Ida Kennedy Wall, was born and reared near Trinity, in the vicinity of Mt. Gilead United Methodist Church.

The couple were married in 1922 at the home of the officiating magistrate, George Spencer.

Their children are Ruth Briles and Virginia Vestal of Asheboro, Garland Gallimore of the home, Ralph Gallimore of Rt. 1, Leicester, N. C.

Their oldest son, Burley Gallimore, who was a business associate of his father, is deceased.

The couple has 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### **Tragedy Delayed His Homecoming**

Aug. 31, 1982 – Yellow ribbons adorned the doors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Bunting at Rt. 2, Asheboro, on Aug. 21, to welcome their son, Scott, after an eight-month absence. But this was no ordinary homecoming; it was a day of hope and triumph as Scott Bunting finally completed a trip he began more than eight months ago.

Scott, called "Scottie" by his parents, left his Troutman home last Dec. 22, accompanied by his wife Jane and their two daughters, Melissa, 6, and Kathryn, 4, heading for Asheboro. The family was planning a holiday visit with his

parents and other relatives in the Asheboro community where he was born and raised.

THEY SPENT the first night of their visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Kindley, Scott's maternal grandparents, and were planning to visit the next day with his parents and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Ada Bunting, before returning to Troutman for the children's Christmas at home.

But the planned holiday visit was cut short the next day, Dec. 23, when tragedy intervened and delayed for eight months the visit to his parents' home, until Aug. 21 of the next year, five days before his 34<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Scott and Jane were heading into Asheboro on the morning of Dec. 23, after leaving their daughters with relatives, when their car collided with a truck at the intersection of U. S. 64 and N. C. 42 when the truck failed to stop for a red light.

Jane was uninjured in the accident but Scott received internal brain injuries. He was rushed to Randolph Hospital where he remained only for a few minutes before being transferred to Cone Hospital in Greensboro where he remained in intensive care for ten weeks.

After staying at Cone Hospital for another two weeks he was transferred to Whitaker Rehabilitation Center in Winston-Salem where he remained for two months before being admitted to Huntersville Hospital, where he remains.

SCOTT REMAINED in a coma for five months. He is paralyzed on the left side and cannot move either arm, only the thumb and a finger of his right hand. He is taking speech therapy three times a week.

But Saturday, as the automobile bringing him home neared his former neighborhood, he was able to recognize familiar sights and was able to talk with family members and close friends who welcomed him home for the one-day visit. He recognized each one as he was taken over the decorated premises of the place where he grew up.

Relatives described him as "real excited" over the visit and his reunion with his family.

Carroll Surratt, a family friend and a paramedic with the ambulance service in Troutman, accompanied Scott and his parents on the visit to their home.

Hospital personnel told his parents, who visited him the next day, that he slept well after returning to the facility after his visit. His parents returned again for the celebration of his birthday on Thursday.

SCOTT BUNTING, oldest of two sons born to his parents, attended the elementary school at Tabernacle, near his parents' home, graduated from Farmer High School and Appalachian State University.

He taught in the Iredell County School system for four years before accepting a position with the N. C. Division of Motor Vehicles training school for bus drivers. His wife is a registered nurse.

They are members of the Bethel Baptist Church in the Troutman area where Scott sung in the choir and served as an assistant teacher in the Sunday School.

He is a member of the volunteer fire department and was voted Fireman of the Year just prior to his accident.

His parents, who visited him every day, except one, during the first three months of his illness, still go frequently, two or three times a week. For the first three months, both his wife and mother took leaves of absence from their employment to remain at his bedside.



Both Mr. and Mrs. Bunting expressed their appreciation to those who sent cards and letters, made phone calls, offered prayers for Scott and his family, and showed other manifestations of their interest and concern.

Many friends came to the hospital to express their concern even though admission to his room was not permitted.

### **Mary Cockman Earns Degree – At Age 61**

Sept. 1, 1982 – On Aug. 13, Mrs. Mary Jane Dunlap Cockman of Rt. 1, Robbins, completed the requirements for a B. A. degree in sociology at Fayetteville State University. What makes this already honorable feat even more unusual is this student's age. At 61, Mrs. Cockman was the oldest student on the campus where she lived in a dormitory and was known as "Mrs. C."

The recent graduate was honored on Aug. 28 by her family. Her sister, Mrs. Linnie D. Comer, entertained at a picnic in Mrs. Dunlap's honor at her home at Rt. 2, Seagrove.

AMONG THOSE in attendance were four of Mrs. Dunlap's five children, Mrs. Lorna Martin and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Thomas of Carthage; Daniel A. Cockman, who will soon move from Greensboro to St. Paul, and Mrs. Dianah Benfield of Lenoir. Another daughter, Mrs. Janice Palagruto of Wilmington, Del. was unable to be present.

All of her children are college graduates most of them engaged in positions within the professional realm, and when Mrs. Cockman receives her college degree at commencement exercises this spring she will have caught up with all of them.

Born Feb. 2, 1921 in the Rt. 2, Robbins area southeast of Westmoore School, one of six children of Daniel Dunlap and Nora Maness Dunlap, she was reared on a farm and graduated from Elise Academy in Robbins in 1938.

The next year she married Jue A. Cockman who died suddenly on Dec. 31, 1979, at which time he was serving as Chief of Police in Robbins.

It was during this period following her husband's death, a time when she was without direction, that she decided to pursue an ambition to secure a college degree, following in the footsteps of her son and four daughters who had already attained that distinction.

After first attaining an associate degree from Sandhills Community College in Southern Pines and obtaining credit in other courses she eventually found it necessary to take a leave of absence from her employment with the Moore County Department of Social Services and enroll as a dormitory student at Fayetteville State University.

SHE RECALLED, "I cried as I went down the hill" from her Rt. 1, Robbins, residence to the college campus where she would spend the next year of her life, the same as she had cried when each of her five children had left to attend their respective schools.

However, her life on the campus was a happy one despite the fact she was the oldest student there. The younger students were uninhibited by her presence. With her vast experiences she was able to assist them in various ways.

Three days after the completion of requirements for her degree she returned to her employment at the Department of Social Services where she was promoted to the position of volunteer coordinator.

Sept. 2, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Beauford Greene of Rt. 8, Asheboro, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a reception Sunday, Aug. 25, in the fellowship hall at Seagrove United Church of Christ.

Hosts were their children, Dwayne, a student at Peabody Conservaseo at John Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., Annette, a junior at Southwestern High School and Jane, age five.

Friends and relatives assisting in their reception which began at 3 p. m. were Jack and Betty L. Garner, Jerry and Carol Trotter, Blair Callicutt, Claudette Brady, Louicilla Chilton, Patsy Blue, Ellen Brewer, Patty Auman, Joan, Olivia Russell, Leigh Ann Teague and Tammy Perdue.

Mr. and Mrs. Greene were married Sept. 14, 1957 in Chesterfield, S. C. The anniversary observance was held earlier due to Dwayne's leaving for his studies at the conservatory.

Mr. Greene is the former Sue Brady, daughter of Walter Brady, formerly of Rt. 1, Bennett and Seagrove, now residing at Montgomery Nursing Home and the late Mae Kiser.

Mr. Greene is the son of Mrs. Gladys Blackwell Greene of Rt. 8, Asheboro and the late Grady Greene.

The couple are owners and operators of Greene Realty, Better Homes and Gardens in Asheboro.

They are members of the Seagrove United Church of Christ and both of them along with their son sang with the Gospel Rangers, a popular gospel singing group, for several years.

### **Faith Christian Church Builds New Worship Site**

Sept. 9, 1982 – Mountain of Faith Christian Church, founded the first Sunday in Aug., 1980 and chartered the second Sunday in Sept. of the same year, entered a new building of worship at a new site Sunday, Sept. 5.

The completely new church plant, consisting of sanctuary, five Sunday School classrooms, two of which can be opened up for an assembly area, two bath rooms and a nursery, is located out one-half mile off Gold Mine Acres Road, Rt. 1, Asheboro.

Formerly the church congregation worshipped in a small dwelling about four miles away on the Spoon's Chapel Road.

Construction of the new edifice was effected by members of the congregation during their spare time on all phases except the spraying of the sheetrocked walls and ceiling, the pouring of the concrete and the installation of heating and air conditioning.

An estimated appraisal of the new building exceeds \$60,000, including the construction of the road into the church site. The amount borrowed to complete the entire project was \$20,000.

The approximate 10 acres of land on which the building is situated was donated by J. C. Blanton and his brother, Edwin Blanton, and members of their families.

Eight new scholars were enrolled in the Sunday School on the first day of occupancy for a total enrollment of 86, up from the enrollment of 47 one year ago.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Joseph (Joe) Edwards. The Sunday School Superintendent is Gilbert Brady. Deacons are Gilbert Brady, J. C. Blanton and Lewis Cole. Chairman of the planning committee for the new building was Hollis McPherson.

### **Greens Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Regular services at the church consist of Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., worship service at 11 a. m. and mid-week service on Wednesday at 7 p. m. followed by choir practice at 8 p. m.

Next Sunday morning, Sept. 12, homecoming will be observed at the church during the worship period, followed by dinner on the grounds and a signing in the afternoon. A yard sale sponsored by the church will be held at the former worship site on Saturday, Sept. 16.

### **Asheboro Friends Honor Rev. Victor Murchison**

Sept. 16, 1982 – The congregation at Asheboro Friends Meeting honored their minister and his wife, Victor and Marian Kirkman Murchison, at a surprise observance of their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday, Sept. 12, at 5 p. m.

The minister and his wife, who came to the Asheboro Meeting a year ago last July, were surprised as they arrived at the meetinghouse to find relatives and church members gathered.

AMONG THOSE on hand to greet the couple were Mrs. Murchison's triplet sister, Mary Kirkman Routh of Pleasant Garden, her triplet brother, Stacy Kirkman of Winston-Salem, accompanied by Mrs. Routh's husband, Charles, and Mrs. Stacy Kirkman. Another brother and sister-in-law attending were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kirkman, Jr. of Washington, D. C.

Other relatives of Mrs. Murchison's included Mr. and Mrs. Benson Kirkman, a nephew and his wife from Raleigh, and another nephew, Roger Kirkman of Winston-Salem.

Rev. Murchison's relatives present were two brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Murchison and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Murchison of Liberty, a sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Painter of Prospect Hill, and a nephew, Gary Murchison of Snow Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Murchison were married Sept. 14, 1947 at the Tabernacle United Methodist Church, located east of Greensboro in the area in which Mrs. Murchison was reared.

VAN NEAL, Clerk of the monthly meeting at the Asheboro Church, presided over the anniversary observance. Greetings were also extended by the Clerk of the Ministry and Council, Carter Pike, a relative of Rev. Murchison.

The ladies of the Meeting, under the leadership of Sarah McCain, were in charge of the reception.

Carol Callicutt sang "O Promise Me," which was sung at the couple's wedding 35 years ago. They were presented with a "money tree" which was topped by a hundred dollar bill. Other individual gifts were presented along with anniversary cards and birthday cards for Rev. Murchison's birthday, which will soon occur.

A native of the Snow Camp area, Rev. Murchison's ministry began in Randolph County when he pastored the Science Hill and Bethel Friends Meetings. At the same time he was a member of the faculty at Providence Hill School.

Other areas of service in the ministry have included 22 years at Winston-Salem Friends Meeting; executive secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting for three years and 10 years in the ministry of

### **Staley Church Fetes Anniversary**

Sept. 22, 1982 – Staley United Methodist Church celebrated on Sept. 19 the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the occupancy of their present building.

Before Sept. 15, 1957, the date the first service was held in the present building, the congregation worshipped in a remodeled store building located near the present structure.

The church had its beginning in 1897 as the Staley Methodist Episcopal Church, South J. W. Cox and A. C. Brewer purchased a store building in the main part of Staley and moved it to the original site and land donated by Col. John W. Staley.

Land for the erection of the new building at the present site was purchased and given to the church by the late Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler.

A building committee for the construction of the present building was composed of Mrs. Mary Warren Siler, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Siler, S. R. Vestal, Prevoost Hill, Stamey Deaton, J. T. Warren, O. B. Cooper and Mrs. Carl Allred.

Surviving members of this committee, all of whom were present for the anniversary celebration, are Mary Warren Siler, S. R. Vestal and Prevoost Hill.

About five years after the occupancy of the present building a service of dedication was held with Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, resident Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference and Dr. Ralph H. Taylor, superintendent of the High Point District, participating.

A large sum of money raised toward the alleviation of the debt on the building came through efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society which was headed by Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith as president. The society raised their money by holding public suppers and other fund raising projects.

Mrs. Smith was among those present for the anniversary celebration. She helped plan the fellowship meal which followed the morning service, an activity for which she has been familiarly known.

Chairman of the administrative board, Jack Siler, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Siler, also participated in the anniversary observance which was led by the present pastor of the church, the 26-year-old Rev. Adele Byrum. Chairman of the trustees is Doug Harrelson.

The altar flowers were given by Kathy Leonard in memory of her mother, Vernell Holmes Leonard. The flowers on the organ were given in memory of Mary Cooper Vestal by her husband, S. R. Vestal and her children. The church history was prepared by Mrs. Ava Staley.

### **Drums Honored On Anniversary**

Sept. 23, 1982 – The pastor of Fall Creek Baptist Church and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Joe D. Drum of Rt. 2, Bennett, were honored by the congregation Sunday, Sept. 19, at a reception in the fellowship hall commemorating their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosts at the reception which began at 3 p. m. were members of the deacon board and their wives. Deacons are Kelly Craven, chairman; Harold Kiser, vice chairman; Russell Brown, Francis Harper, Phil Albright, Charles Jones, Francis Brewer, Earl Phillips and Winfred Brady.

Rev. and Mrs. Drum, both natives of Lincolnton County, came to the pastorate of the Fall Creek church nearly three years ago. Their previous pastorates were served at Long Shoals and Fellowship churches in Lincolnton County and at Cedar Cliff church in Robbinsville, Graham County.

Their marriage occurred Sept. 21, 1957, Mrs. Drum is the former Linda Perkins.

Children of the couple are Joe D. Drum Jr. of Rt. 2, Robbins, Hampton L. Drum, associate pastor of the Emma Baptist Church in Asheville and Landa Drum of the home.

Their children received with them at the anniversary reception, along with their daughter-in-law, Lisa, wife of Joe Jr.

The minister and his wife were presented with a complete set of silverware from the members of the deacon board and their wives.

### **Seagrove Grange Observes Anniversary**

Sept. 23, 1982 – SEAGROVE – The Seagrove Grange commemorated the fiftieth year of their founding in ceremonies at the grange hall on Friday, Sept. 17.

Recognition was extended to two charter members of the grange – Paul Auman, who has held continuous membership since the beginning, and Mrs. J. M. Green, who rejoined the grange in 1977.

PAUL AUMAN was unable to be present to receive the awards from the local, state and nation grange organizations which were given to his son, Michael, who was standing in for his father.

Mrs. Green was present to receive a certificate of appreciation. She responded to the recognition extended her by thanking grange members for their kindness throughout the years, saying "You just wouldn't turn me loose."

Scheduled as speaker for the anniversary occasion was James Oliver, master of the North Carolina State Grange; but due to illness, he was unable to attend.

Filling in for the state master was his deputy, Paul Marshall, who was introduced by Alton Wall, worthy master of the Pomona grange and former state treasurer of the North Carolina State Grange.

Featured during the anniversary observance was the presentation of a history of the Seagrove Grange by Miss May Wrenn.

The grange was organized Sept. 8, 1932, under the leadership of E. S. Millsaps, Randolph County farm agent, and T. F. Nance, a North Carolina State Grange Deputy. The charter membership numbered 23.

M. C. Auman Sr. was elected as the first worthy master and others following him in this position have been J. M. Green, W. V. Redding, R. J. Lawrence, L. A. King, Paul Auman, Eli Callicutt, Thomas Lawrence, Charles Teague, Charles Davis, and the present worthy master, Ira Cox.

TWO SUBORDINATE granges, Westmoore and Coleridge, were sponsored by the Seagrove Grange but in recent years both of these granges have merged with the local grange due to the dwindling of their ranks.

In 1963 the present grange hall was erected on a site near the school and in 1972 a basement with restrooms was completed. The regular grange meetings are held in the basement and the ground floor is rented to the Seagrove Public Library.

A fellowship period preceded the anniversary observance meeting with refreshments being served by the ladies of the grange.

### **Mrs. Mae Daniel Is 90 Years Old**

Sept. 29, 1982 – Mrs. Mae Younger Daniel, an Asheboro resident since 1963, was honored by family members Sept.

19 at a dinner in the fellowship hall at Balfour Baptist Church commemorating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Born on Sept. 24, 1892 in the Brushy Mountain section of Wilkes County, she left that area at age 12 and lived in Greensboro and High Point before coming to Asheboro to live with a daughter.

Her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Cundiff Rippetoe of Rt. 2, Canton, joined with Mrs. Daniel's son, Paul with whom she lives at 1547 N. Tremont Drive, and another daughter, Mrs. Jack Kivett of High Point, as hosts for the family celebration.

Mrs. Daniel also has six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Daniel maintains the seven-room house where she lives and does considerable canning. She "put up" a bushel of apples just prior to her birthday celebration and planned to take care of more later.

She worked from age 13 until she finally retired at the age of 69 as a floor lady at Hillcrest Silk Mill in High Point and at Silver Knit Hosiery Mill, High Point Weaving Co. and at mills in Lexington and Central Falls.

She attributes her longevity to "hard work, rest when you need it and the eating of the right kind of food." She said "work never hurt anybody."

A charter member the Hilliard Memorial Baptist Church in High Point, she is also carried as an extension member of the Balfour Baptist Church in the community in which she resides.

Out of town guests at her birthday celebration came from Salisbury, Burlington, High Point, Mount Airy and Greensboro.

### **New Market Civitan Club Gives First Citizen Of Year Award**

Sept. 29, 1982 – A new award, "Civitan Citizen of the Year," was presented this year by the New Market Civitan Club to Mrs. Veva Allred Davis, 83-year-old resident of the Cedar Square community at Rt. 1, Randleman.

Mrs. Davis is the widow of Branson Davis, a Randolph County Commissioner for eight years and the mother of R. S. (Sonny) Davis, who served for 12 years as a member of the Randolph County School Board. During most of that time, he served as the chairman of the board.

Mrs. Davis was cited for her service to the church, school, Grange and to the community where she has lived since her marriage Oct. 24, 1924.

It was said that in her community that "whenever there was a sick neighbor, a new baby, or someone in need, she reached out to them to help in any way she could."

She has been identified with the leadership of the Cedar Square Friends Meeting for more than half a century, serving as the teacher of a Sunday School class which has been named in her honor. She has also served as treasurer of the church and the missionary fund and is a charter member of the United Society of Friends with a lifetime membership in the national organization.

Her area of service has also extended to the school and the rural environment of the farming community in which she has lived and she has been the president of both the New Market PTA and the New Market Grange.

She is a native of the Giles Chapel community near Central Falls, having been raised by an uncle and aunt, Joe and Martha Giles, after the death of her parents in a typhoid epidemic when she was six. After attending the local

schools and Randleman High School she worked at the post office in Randleman until her marriage.

In addition to her son, she has three daughters. They are Mrs. Martha Modlin of the Fairfield community in Guilford County, Mrs. Jean Swiggett and Mrs. Doris Cashatt of Rt. 1, Randleman. All were present for the presentation of the Civitan award. She also has 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

### **Mr., Mrs. Hill Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Sept. 30, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Valon C. Hill of Rt. 3, Denton, were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a family celebration hosted by their children Saturday, Sept. 25.

The family enjoyed a meal together at Pat and Mix Fish House in New London, after which they came back to the New Hope community building and fire station for a cake-cutting and other refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill were married Sept. 24, 1932 in Bennettsville, S. C.

Mr. Hill, a 68-year-old Baptist minister for the past 17 years, was born in Denton where he has lived all his life. His parents were Charlie and Nettie Loflin Hill. His mother died this year at age 93.

Mrs. Hill, 66, the former Delle May Russell, daughter of Josiah Roberto (Bud) Russell and Effie Jane Wagoner Russell, was born in the Penson community but came to their present community at an early age.

The couple attended the New Hope Academy together but their courtship prior to marriage only lasted six weeks. They did not run away to get married, only wanting to take the trip to South Carolina since they had not been many places before their marriage.

Their children are Benjamin (Ben) Hill, Ruthie Flynt, Barney Hill, Hoyle Hill, Johnny Hill and Wilodene Powell of Rt. 3, Denton; Walter Bill of Bennett; and Rachel Brinkley of Asheboro.

### **Mrs. Corinna Shaw Starting Another Century**

Oct. 1, 1982 – A century ago today, a child was born in the Pisgah area, the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth Bunting Vancannon.

Mrs. Corinna Alice Shaw, of 232 Uwharrie St., Randolph County native, is observing her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today. Her living descendants number 108, seven children, 23 grandchildren, 54 great-grandchildren and 24 great-great-grandchildren.

Presently her 82-year-old daughter, Mrs. Dora Wright, is staying with her. Last winter she stayed with a son in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Shaw crochets as one of her hobbies, a continuation of knitting and needlework which goes back to her childhood days. She specializes in making "dust caps" which she frequently wears.

Known for her ease at memorization and good spelling, Mrs. Shaw can still recite poetry she learned during her early school years, even the lengthy ones. In her school days "there wasn't anything in the spelling book I couldn't spell," she said.

When she was four, her family moved to Central Falls and while there she remembers the 1886 Charleston

earthquake when "the houses shook, the windows and dishes rattled and it was a scary time."

When she was eight, her family moved to Asheboro, "a very small place." This was during the panic of 1890. Her version of the panic, along with a description of the people, the houses and the businesses which existed during that period, was recalled in a booklet which she published in 1974, entitled "Things I Really Know About Asheboro."

Prior to that time she had published a mimeographed edition of "The Life and Work of Rev. Jesse Edgar Shaw," her husband who she married at the age of 16 on Mar. 12, 1899. Their marriage lasted for 68 years until his death June 23, 1967.

They had 11 children, Dora Wright, Lillie Parks and Harvey Shaw of Asheboro; Ora Leonard of Rt. 2, Ramseur; Preston Shaw of Rt. 1, Franklinville; Martin Shaw of Rt. 2, Randleman; and James Shaw of Winston-Salem.

A daughter, Ruth Shaw, died Sept. 12, 1938 and another daughter, Etta York, died 11 months later. Two children died in their infancy.

In 1904, Mrs. Shaw's husband entered the ministry which lasted for 62 years until his death. For 54 years he served in the pastorate of Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist Churches.

Some of those years were hard ones for the minister and his wife. Their first year in a pastorate of three churches they only received a total of \$135 and to get to one of the churches the minister had to walk a distance of eight miles.

But their faith in God carried them through the hard times and this faith is still maintained by Mrs. Shaw in an expression on the eve of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. She said "I don't have any fear of the future. My whole faith is in Him. I believe He'll do what he says He will do. If we have faith in Him, He'll bring us out."

Asked to account for her longevity, Mrs. Shaw said she had never consumed soft drinks except for a few Dr. Peppers for a stomach ailment which didn't help her and she quit drinking them. She said "I have just lived as straight and pure a life as a person could, I have never took on habits which were impure."

Referring to her complexion not being wrinkled, she said she had never used rouge or lipstick, only a little powder for chapping. As for her hair, she said she had ever put anything on it except for one time, which she washed off before it took effect.

On Sunday, Oct. 3, the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs. Shaw will be further celebrated at a luncheon in the fellowship hall at Asheboro United Church of Christ, located near her home.

### **Harshaw Grove Installs Pastor**

Oct. 3, 1982 – An installation service for the Rev. William D. Roseman Sr., new pastor of Harshaw Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Randleman, took place Sept. 26.

Presiding over the service and also bringing the installation message was Dr. J. C. Harris, pastor of First Baptist Church in Statesville and executive secretary of the Rowan Baptist Association.

Also assisting in the service were three assistant pastors of the Statesville church, the church choir and the choir from the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Concord.

Others participating were Randleman Mayor Elizabeth (Lib) Swaim, Paul Bell, director of community services and the Rev. Don W. Richardson, president of the Randleman Ministerial Association.

The presentation to the pastor came from James L. Coble, chairman of the deacon board. Other deacons present were Roy Hayes, W. T. Hayes, William Smith, George Fox and Worth McCain.

The new pastor, a native of Concord, was a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of that city where he served as a Sunday School teacher, a deacon, minister of music, choir director and associate pastor.

Called to the ministry in 1973 and ordained three years later by the Rowan Baptist Association, he attended Chowan College, Campbell College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Degrees received are Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Divinity and certification in residential child care.

He has served as Eastern Regional choir director for the Baptist Student Union of the Southern Baptist Convention, a missionary to the West Indies with the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

Other achievements include membership in the Alpha Phi Omega National Service Fraternity, recipient of the Student National Education Association Minority Scholarship, vice president of the Logan Ministerial Association, a member of the NCEA, NEA and NCAE and a member of the Concord Chapter of the North Carolina Jaycees.

Rev. Roseman is presently employed by the North Carolina Division of Youth Services, Stonewall Jackson School, Concord and assistant director of the Lutheran Family Services, also at Concord.

He is married to the former Ella Vernell Snipes of Chapel Hill. They have one son, William David Roseman Jr.

### **Annie Comer Paid Tribute After Fifty Years On Job**

Oct. 7, 1982 – Mrs. Annie Leigh Nance Comer, an employee of Acme-McCrary Corp. for more than 50 years, was honored at a retirement party Sept. 25 at the home of her friend and co-worker, Mrs. Becky Routh, in Bennett.

Mrs. Comer's first day of employment at the full-fashion division of the company, then known as McCrary Hosiery Mills Inc, was on Oct. 6, 1930.

Her full-time employment with the merged companies of Acme-McCrary Corp. ended in July, 1974 but she worked as a part-time employee through Aug. 31, 1982.

Her employment of nearly 52 years was only broken in the '30s when her son, Larry Nance, was born.

Larry, a graduate of Appalachian State University in Boone, serves as personnel director there. Mrs. Comer's only grandchild, Geoffrey Nance, is a second year student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. Comer is an Asheboro native but at age 12, moved with her parents, Alson and Emma Frye Williams, to the vicinity east of Farmer.

She graduated from Farmer High School in the spring of 1930 and was "tickled to death" when she secured her job at McCrary Hosiery Mills Inc. in the fall. She was hired by Charles W. McCrary Sr., now serving as board chairman at Acme McCrary Corp.

Her first job was as a "topper" in the knitting room and she recalled with pleasure the kindness of company officials and Mr. McCrary's friendliness as he frequently visited with employees in the plant. She also recalled that he came through the plant on paydays, paying the employees with cash money.

She was later promoted to forelady and in 1948 was transferred to the plant office to assist in time-keeping, personnel and payroll. She was later assigned exclusively to the payroll department where she remained until 1969 when she went into the newly-established IBM department, from which she left Aug. 31 of this year.

The guest list at her retirement party included her fellow employees of the IBM department, along with the personnel of related offices.

On Mar. 17, 1934 she was married to Tom Nance and they lived at 720 W. Kivett St. until his death on Nov. 22, 1974. She was married to Joe Comer on May 6, 1979 and they are now living at his home on Rt. 6, Asheboro.

She has transferred her membership of around 40 years at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro to the Cedar Falls United Methodist Church, of which her husband is a member.

Already she is singing in the choir at Cedar Falls and hopes since she has quit her employment to involve herself more in the church and community affairs, including the senior citizen organizations in Cedar Falls and Franklinville. However, she will retain her interest in the Westwood Garden Club in Asheboro, in which she has been active.

She recalled the years she spent at her job and her many friends and she said, "I will cherish them for as long as I live."

### **Mrs. McDowell's Birthday Celebrated**

Oct. 13, 1982 – Children of Mrs. Grace Gallimore McDowell honored their mother with a surprise celebration of her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday, Oct. 2, at her home at 508 Hall St.

Hosts at their birthday dinner were Jesse J. McDowell of Rt. 2, Denton, Mazie Owens and J. Kenneth McDowell of Rt. 4, Asheboro and Martha Neely who resides with her mother.

Another son, the Rev. Everette H. McDowell, who lives in Tucson, Ariz., was unable to attend.

Other members of her family, some of whom were also present for the celebration, include 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. McDowell, the daughter of the late Jesse and Eugenia Gallimore, is a native of western Randolph County, being reared in the vicinity of the Canaan United Methodist Church.

Her husband, the late Hayes McDowell, died nine years ago. She retired a year ago from the Bost Neckwear Co. where she had been employed for 15 years.

She attends the Missionary Methodist Church, located in the vicinity in which she was born and reared.

### **Civitan Club Charter Given In Randleman**

Oct. 20, 1982 – Charter Night for the newly-organized Randleman Civitan Club was held recently in the community building at Level Cross.

Randleman Mayor Elizabeth (Lib) Swaim extended a welcome to the large assembly on Sept. 30 which included Civitan dignitaries, members of the sponsoring Asheboro Civitan Club and the Heart of Carolina Ladies Civitan Club, various other guests and family members.

The meeting was called to order by Alfred Thomas, member of the New Market Civitan Club and District director of extension, who assisted in the organization of the club.

OTHER CIVITAN officials included Wayne Seals, governor of N. C. District West; Jim Whitener, former district governor; Jerry Wagoner, governor-elect of N. C. District West, Jim Ritchie, immediate past president of Civitan International and main speaker for the occasion; and John Doudoukjian, vice president, Zone 3, Civitan International.

Officers of the new club are Allen Bullard, president; Lester W. Brown, president-elect; Danny Lamb, secretary, Carl L. King, treasurer, Done Lineberry, sergeant-at-arms, Greg Coward, chaplain; and Ernest Mangum, Ken Vaughn, and J. C. Farlow, directors.

OTHER CHARTER members are Jaycee E. Bray, S. Lester Brown, Carl Claeson, Terry Coble, Wayne Cox, Roger Currie, Landon Roger Dula, Charles Floyd, Gerald Greene, James Hilliard, Ottis Hudson, Ken Kennington, Willie A. Kidd, Richard Marsh, C. R. Morgan, Gene Prevo, Randy Prevo, Charles Stines and Arnold Trogdon.

Current meetings of the new club will be held in the Worthville Community Center on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month, beginning at 7 p. m.

## **New Hope Academy Students Hold Reunion**

Oct. 24, 1982 – The meeting room at the New Hope Community Center was filled with former students Oct. 17 for the reunion of former students of the New Hope Academy, later known as the New Hope School.

Those present for the reunion outnumbered by far the 50 people who attended the first event held last year.

Kathleen Chandler, 82-year-old resident at Mountain Vista Rest Home in Denton, was the oldest student of the students, having started to the academy in 1906.

She recalled the long frame building with a stage at one end, a brass band, the professor, Sherrill Lassiter, and his assistants, and the boarding students who came from places outside of the community.

George Hewey Stafford, 83-year-old High Point resident, started at the school in 1912. He said his first teacher was Johnny Tucker, then Jesse Luther. Asked about the discipline, he said, "if you didn't behave you got tanned out."

Also present were Lala Frye Lanier and Beatrice Frye Shears, sisters, both of whom started in the school year of 1914-15. At that time they said the school had two rooms and two teachers. Both Mrs. Lanier and Mrs. Shears still live in the community.

Teachers present included George T. Guner who first came to the school in 1932-33 as the only teacher in the old building and returned in 1935-36 as the principal of the consolidated school in the new brick building.

Other teachers present who also taught in the latter years included Thomas W. Ward and Georgia Howell Russell.

According to historical information the school was started in 1879, nine years after the formation of New Hope Township. The first building was a log structure which was also used for worship services.

After a few years the academy was established, the frame building was erected and this operation continued until 1907 when the state assumed control of the school. When two teachers were required a curtain partition was used to separate the classes.

When the brick building was occupied the school added students who formerly attended Eleanzer, Gravel Hill, and Bell's Grove schools. A previous consolidation had brought

Oak Grove into the school, according to some of those who attended the reunion.

The New Hope School was closed during the 1951-52 year with the students being transferred to the school at Farmer. The brick building was renovated into apartments and they burned to the ground a few years ago.

Arrangements for the two reunions have been handled by Mrs. Polly Robbins Russell, a former student at the school who also taught there briefly just prior to the school's closing.

## **Women Making Quilt For Church**

Oct. 29, 1982 – A quilt being made by the crocheting class of Pleasant Ridge United Church of Christ will be presented to the church in memory of two deceased members and in honor of the other members of the class.

Names of the members, both deceased and living, are being inscribed on the quilt.

The deceased members are Mrs. Nan Allred and Mrs. H. V. Cox.

Other members include Bertine Coppedge, teacher of the class, two assistant teachers, Betty Edwards and Jeanette Lowdermilk and Patsy Freeman, wife of the church pastor, the Rev. Bobby Freeman.

Also Josephine Cockman, Ruth Scott, Elizabeth Gatlin Louise Gatlin, Denise Craven, Florence Leonard, Elizabeth Leonard, Freida Cox, Anita Cox, Patricia Edwards, Helen Hakanson, Vera Haithcock, Judy Allred, Lisa Beane, Penny Hakanson and Stella Beane.

Also Mrs. John Rhodes, wife of a former pastor, Kathy Shaw, Peggy Moffitt, Elaine Craven, Betty Beane, Rachel Moffitt, Dot Shaw, Peggy Browne, Bertie Mae Pell, Linda Beane, Nancy Cox and Louise Carter.

## **Mrs. Varner Paid Honor With A Surprise Birthday**

Oct. 29, 1982 – Mrs. Beulah Hammond Varner of Rt. 5, Asheboro, was the recipient of a surprise birthday celebration Oct. 24 on the observance of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Family members gathered in the fellowship building at Hopewell Friends Meeting for a meal and a period of fellowship. Her birthday was Oct. 21.

Mrs. Varner is a native of the Hopewell community, the daughter of the late Clark and Elizabeth Mastin Hammond. She attended Hopewell School.

Her first husband was the late Phillip Garner. Their children are Lucille Armstrong of Asheboro, Edna Suggs of Concord, Ralph Garner and Jimmy Garner of Rt. 5, Asheboro. She has 17 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Following the death of her first husband she married Henry Varner, to whom she has been married for 20 years. Her stepchildren are Everett Varner, Hal Varner and Homer Varner, Ruth Byrd, Gladys Roberson and Virginia Russell.

Her brothers are Clifford Hammond, Herbert Hammond, Leonard Hammond and Howard Hammond. A brother, Basker Hammond, is deceased.

Mrs. Varner is a member of the Hopewell Friends Meeting.

## **Fortieth Anniversary**

Oct. 31, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Rayborn Hall of 530 Hall St., were honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 24 in the fellowship building at the Asheboro Church of God.

Hosts were their children, Bobby Hall of Rt. 1, Troy, Carol Ann Jones of Bloomington, Ill, Tim Hall of Troy, Sue Routh of Rt. 2, Sophia and Sandra Hall of Rt. 3, Asheboro.

There are 10 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were married Oct. 23, 1942 at the parsonage of the Asheboro Friends Meeting with the minister, Seth B. Hinshaw officiating.

Mrs. Hall is a native of Eleazer, located in southwestern Randolph County, the daughter of Raymond and Rosie Freer Luther. Her mother was the Postmaster at Eleazer for many years.

Mr. Hall was born in Thomasville, the son of Irving and Cora Clinard Hall, but was reared in the Ophir community, about three miles south of where his wife was born and reared.

Mrs. Hall has been an employee of the Asheboro Plant of General Electric Co. for 30 years. Her husband is a retired cloth cutter who worked in the local plants.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hall are active members of the Asheboro Church of God where they are involved in the bus ministry and as teachers in the Sunday School.

Their religious background came from the Ophir Methodist Church in which Mr. Hall was reared and the Eleazer Methodist Church where Mrs. Hall attended throughout her childhood.

### **Fiftieth Anniversary**

Oct. 31, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. James Curtis Moore of 1812 Flint St. celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 24 at the Disabled American Veterans building south of Asheboro.

The reception at which they were honored was hosted by their children, Betty Byrom of Rt. 7, Asheboro, Ronald Moore and Larry Moore of Asheboro Guests called from 2-4 p. m.

Another son of the couple, James Albert Moore, died in 1963. The couple also have 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Moore are active in the local DAV chapter and auxiliary and each served as commander of their units for four consecutive years and served simultaneously for three years. Now they are both serving as treasurer of their respective organizations.

During Mrs. Moore's first term as auxiliary commander she was named the "most outstanding commander of the year" by the state auxiliary organization.

The couple are members of the New Hope Baptist Church in Moore County. They have attended Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married Oct. 29, 1932 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Moore is the former Ressie Britt. They are both natives of Moore County, he from the Robbins area and Mrs. Moore from the Spies community.

The couple came to Asheboro in 1956. Mr. Moore, an injured veteran of World War II, is a retired employee of the former Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills.

### **Dinner Tributes Mr. And Mrs. Butler**

Nov. 7, 1982 – Liberty Grove United Methodist Church near Liberty honored its former Sunday School Superintendent, Charlie Butler, and his wife, Nellie, Nov. 1 at a dinner held at Roy Reitzel Center.

The occasion was a surprise to Butler who left his position at the church a month ago for health reasons. He had served the small congregation for nearly 20 years.

When Mr. and Mrs. Butler assumed the leadership at the church it had almost gone out of existence. It was said for a time only one husband and wife came to the service.

The church, a historic institution, had its beginning as Barton's Church by a group of Reformed and Lutheran settlers in 1760.

In addition to congregational members, children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, and friends of the couple, special guests included the Rev. R. Paschal Waugh, pastor of Liberty's First United Methodist Church who preaches at the church twice a month, and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Paul Bruton, former pastors, and the Rev. and Mrs. Oakle Evans of the Bethany United Methodist Church where Mr. Butler also formerly served as superintendent of the Sunday School.

During a brief service commemorating the contributions of Mr. and Mrs. Butler, an improvised choir sang "Where We Will Never Grow Old."

### **Harrison Davis Changes Pace At 94**

Nov. 10, 1982 – Harrison Davis, of Rt. 2, Randleman, made some changes in his lifestyle upon reaching 94 on Oct. 29.

First he sold his car, even though his driver's license had not yet expired, and his farm tractor.

Then he moved out of the home he and his late wife, the former George Carroll, had reared their children and the place where he had lived for 64 years. A carpenter by trade, he retired over 20 years ago.

Davis moved in with his daughter, Dorothy, and her husband, N. H. Greene, at 315 E Central Ave.

His other daughters are Johnsie Hackett of Rt. 1, Climax, Edna Southall of Laurinburg and Oleta Davis of Washington, D. C. A son, Raeford Davis, is deceased.

Family members celebrated his birthday on Nov. 1. Davis was born west of Sophia, one of 11 children of Samuel Branson Davis and Mary Ann Farlow Davis.

He attended both Sunday School and day school at the present site of South Plainfield Friends Meeting, walking to the site along a wood's road three miles from his home.

Recalling his school days, he said two boys were assigned to build fires in the stove which heated the school and two girls were assigned to sweep and clean.

He said once the students shut their teacher, Charlie Robbins, out of the schoolhouse at Christmas because they thought he was not going to "treat" them for the holidays. He said the teacher had "planned to treat the children all along."

He went to work at a sawmill early in life, at age around 11. His first job was rolling saw dust and his second job was "setting the ratchet" receiving 75 cents a day for the later job. When he worked plowing for Newton Pierce, a farmer in the area, he received 25 cents a day.

Reminiscing, Davis said, "I don't know anything that I would change if I could."

### **Two Celebrate Anniversary**

Nov. 11, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Richardson of 205 Foster St., were honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a surprise reception in the fellowship hall at Foster Street Wesleyan Church. The event was hosted Nov. 7 by their

children, Gary and Tim Richardson, and Teresa Tatum of Asheboro.

The couple, who were dinner guests of their children, were told about the reception just prior to the event which was held directly across the street from their residence.

Other immediate family members of the couple include three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are both natives of Rt. 5, Asheboro, having been reared 2 ½ miles apart and attending the same school. They were childhood sweethearts since about the fifth grade.

They were married Nov. 7, 1942 in Cheraw, S. C. Mrs. Richardson is the former Lucille Shaw.

Both of their fathers, Banah Richardson of Rt. 8, Asheboro and James Shaw, who alternates living in the homes of his children, were in attendance at the anniversary reception along with various other relatives.

Mothers of the couple, Zella Richardson Richardson and Effie Jane Harvel Shaw, are deceased.

Ervin Richardson is a retired employee of Union Carbide Corp. Since his retirement he has joined his wife in the operation of a home antique shop which she began 12 years ago.

The couple attend the Foster Street Wesleyan Church.

## **Deep River Church Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 12, 1982 – Deep River Baptist Church at Coleridge, organized the first Sunday in Nov. 1882, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Nov. 7 during a worship service lasting for two hours.

Nineteen members constituted the charter membership of the church at the time of its organization. Originally 20 members had planned to join but one failed to secure a letter in time.

Names of only three of the charter members are known, William Caveness, Thomas Davis and Nathan Kivett.

Miss Joyce Davis, granddaughter of Thomas Davis and Wallace (Wally) Jarrell serve as co-historians of the church and in this capacity planned the centennial program.

DURING THE first years of worship, services were held in a brush arbor located near the present church site. The first church structure, a small wooden building with two front doors, was erected about 1901 on land donated by Frank Brown who had married a daughter of charter member Thomas Davis.

During the recital of history at the anniversary observance it was disclosed that Frank Brown served as Sunday School superintendent, janitor, bell ringer, choir leader and the fire builder who brought wood in his wheelbarrow to start the fire on the cold mornings.

Taped interviews by co-historian Joyce Davis some eight years prior to the anniversary observance with Clifford Brown, O. C. Brady Sr. and Ernest Brady, now deceased and Reda Brown provided some of the historical review.

Recalled was the first funeral for Emaline Presnell when the mill stopped to allow the employees to attend the service, going back to finish the day's work after the service had concluded.

Also remembered was the first baptizing of Strawdie Brown, a crippled member of the congregation, in Deep River and the fear expressed by her brother as to whether the pastor could safely perform the baptismal rite.

The tapes also recalled that one pastor, the Rev. W. H. Strickland, a Greensboro resident, came to Ramseur on the train on Saturdays where he was picked up and brought to Coleridge with horse and buggy where he remained for the service on Sunday, going back on Monday the same way he came.

The Rev. Tryon M. Baldwin was the first pastor of the church, followed by Manley Forrester, J. Daniel Hackney, George W. Harmon, Addison K. Scotten, Jesse L. Smith, William H. Strickland, Lovick P. Soots, John W. Phillips, Grover C. Phillips and Angus G. Lassiter.

Also John C. Kidd, Colon M. Strickland, Ross E. Heath, Dewey L. Temple, Roland Kidd, Clarence L. Smith, Claude J. Johnson, Bennie L. Maness, Robert N. Hunsucker, J. Griffin Bailey, Albert L. Taylor, Thomas G. Brown and the present pastor, Roger D. Mercer.

Recognition was extended to the oldest living members and notation made of the date they joined the church. Those present were Rita Gardner Brown, 1911; Laura Caveness Brady, 1916; Bonnie Davis Wright, 1918; Verta Phillips Poole, 1919; and Veigh Saunders Bennett, 1920. Those not present were Della Cox Stout, 1914; Meribah Brady Bray, 1915; Allie Scott Brady, 1917; and Maggie Scott Stout, 1919.

Bringing greetings from the Randolph Baptist Association was the Rev. Judson Rotan, director of missions.

The anniversary message was delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Roger Mercer. His subject was "The Investment of Years."

Construction of the present church building, which replaced the original structure, was begun in 1949 and dedicated May 31, 1953. Extensive renovation of the building has occurred since that time.

The first parsonage for the church was dedicated Nov. 24, 1971, followed by the dedication of the fellowship building Mar. 19, 1978.

A detailed history of the Deep River Baptist Church is being compiled by the church historians and will be published as a book in the future.

## **Mrs. Resh Celebrates Her 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Nov. 14, 1982 – A reception at Pinewood Country Club on Nov. 6 honored Mrs. Mary King Resh on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Hosts were her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. (Rita) Miner, with whom she lives at 333 Eldorado Road and her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Resh of Lakeland, Fla.

About 100 guests called between the hours of 3 and 5 p. m.

Assisting with the reception were grandchildren, a great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews from Ohio.

Mrs. Resh received hundreds of good wishes by mail and many flowers, including an arm bouquet of red roses from her pastor, Father Louis McCartney, at the a. m. Mass at St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mary King Resh was born Nov. 5, 1882 in Glenmont, Ohio, to Juliana Guinther King and Joseph A. King. She was reared and educated at Ft. Recovery Ohio.

In 1905 she married Jacob A. Resh at St. Joseph's Catholic Church at Galion, Ohio, where their son and daughter were born.

In 1914 they moved to Lima, Ohio where Mr. Resh practiced his barber trade until the age of 85. In Sept., 1976 they moved to Asheboro to live with their daughter and son-



in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Miner. Mr. Resh died Oct. 30, 1980 at the age of 99 ½.

Active in church and community events, Mrs. Resh is proficient in crocheting, quilt making and many other crafts.

### **Union Grove Reunion Held Nov. 1**

Nov. 16, 1982 – Former students of the Union Grove School, located near the Union Grove United Church of Christ, Rt. 4, Asheboro, held their first reunion at Grantville Community Building on Nov. 1.

The school was first known as Middleton Ridge. The first building burned down in 1915. The second building was erected near the original site. The third building, constructed down the road from the first two buildings, still stands and is being used as a dwelling.

Eighty-three people (including family members) attended the first reunion. Twelve of these included students who attended the school in the first building.

Three former teachers were in attendance: Eula Smith Fields (also a former student), Allen Prevost and Swana Baldwin. Some of the other former teachers included Madge Brown Johnson, Pauline Brown Kinney, Leta Presnell Hammond and Imogene Lewis Terry.

The committee sponsoring the reunion included Mrs. Jewel Tedder, Brown Tedder, Mrs. Lillie Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Byrd and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Coble. Arrangements for another reunion will be in charge of Mrs. Howard Leona Byrd.

Mrs. Clyde Allie Brown Hinshaw talked about her school days at Union Grove and displayed items which were connected with the school.

A carry-in meal was enjoyed by those in attendance.

### **Church Gets New Look**

Nov. 17, 1982 – Union Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, is sporting a "new front" these days as the result of recent construction.

As roof supported by huge columns now connects the newest sanctuary built in 1968 with the educational building, formerly the old sanctuary.

The largest column projects the front entrance with a majestic appearance with lesser columns marking the side entrance and the entrance into the educational area.

The area between the entrances and the road has received additional paving, new concrete walks and the entire space has been landscaped to add to the overall appearance of the church facilities. A new church sign has also been constructed in the area.

Architect for the new improvements was J. J. Croft Jr. of Asheboro. Contractor was Van Thomas of Siler City. The landscaping was done by Green Thumb Nursery, located in the Steeds area.

The project, which cost about 5,000 was handled by a church committee composed of Talton Cagle, chairman, Frankie Macon and Colon McNeill.

Since there were no debts at the completion of the improvements, the church held a service of dedication Nov. 7, with the pastor, the Rev. David McLaurin, delivering the sermon. Special guest was the building architect, J. J. Croft Jr.

### **Chris Lee Riding High**

Nov. 18, 1982 – Chris Lee is riding high.

Chris, who will be 14 on Dec. 14, was born with cerebral palsy and has never walked. His only conveyance has been with a wheel chair which was self-propelled or with someone pushing it.

But he has been tooling around in recent days in his new electric cycle chair which resembles a small racing car.

In fact, he has moved around so rapidly that he has broken his tail light and bent one of his fenders.

His new mode of transportation serves him well, especially since he only has full strength in one hand.

The cost of his new transportation was \$1,035 and the entire amount was paid by donations from relatives and friends.

His parents, Tommy and Janice Routh Lee, live in a trailer court off of Poplar St. His electric car is kept at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Routh, 310 Peachtree St., since there is no shelter for it at the home of his parents.

His grandmother and an uncle, Larry Routh, spearheaded the drive to secure funds for the vehicle. They expressed their thanks to Willie Key and others who made contributions.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Harvey Allen Celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary**

Nov. 19, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sylvester Allen of Rt. 4, Asheboro, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Nov. 14 in the fellowship hall at Union Grove United Church of Christ.

Hosting a reception in their honor were the nieces and nephews of Allen. More than 100 guests came between 2 and 4 p. m.

Receiving with the couple were six sisters of Mr. Allen, Minnie Cox of Monroe, Lillian Luther and Leocia Trotter of Asheboro, Ruth Caviness and Denzil Richardson, both of Rt. 1, Ramseur and Lucille Stout of Rt. 2, Franklinville.

Two brothers and a sister, Floyd Allen, Ray Allen and Thelma Tedder, are deceased. One brother, Casper Allen, was unable to be present because of illness.

Allen is son of the late Rufus G. and Lucy Ellen Craven Allen. The family lived a mile east of Kemp's Mill.

Mrs. Allen, the former Flonie Juanita Cox, is the daughter of the late Stanley S. and Mary Ellen Lowdermilk Cox.

She was reared at the place where she and her husband have lived since their marriage Nov. 19, 1932. Her sisters and brother, Myrtle Allen, Pearl Allen, Essie Phillips, Carl L. Cox and Lola Tigret, are deceased.

Allen attended school at the Shiloh Academy even though his family lived in the Union Grove School district where his wife attended. However, Mrs. Allen later attended the high schools at Seagrove and Liberty.

The Allens recalled their wedding day was rainy and the dirt road was both slick and muddy as they traveled in Harvey's 1928 Chevrolet Coupe on the way to the home of the minister, the Rev. John Allred.

About a year after their marriage they joined the Union Grove Christian Church, now United Church of Christ, where they have been active members since.

Harvey has served as a deacon, treasurer, Sunday School teacher and in other capacities. Mrs. Allen formerly played the peddle organ which once served as the musical instrument at the church.

Prior to his marriage, Allen was a birthright member of Holly Spring Friends Meeting and Mrs. Allen was identified

with the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church where her ancestors gave the land for the church site.

Allen was a farmer for most of his life until recently when he became involved in the carpentry trade.

### **Local Masons Honor Members**

Nov. 19, 1982 – Fall Fraternal Fellowship Night was observed by Asheboro Lodge 699 on Nov. 12 and featured a covered dish supper and the presentation of awards to four members who have reached the quarter-of-a-century mark in their Masonic careers.

Presentation of the framed certificates of membership to the veteran Masons was made by Bobby Trexler, district deputy grand master of the 37<sup>th</sup> Masonic District.

Recipients of the certificates were Clarence Melvin McGill, Thomas Edison Vick, Eugene Britt Gore and Henry Freeman Miller Jr.

Featured speaker at the fraternal observance was H. J. Christensen of Greensboro, executive secretary of the Scottish Rite Bodies, who presented a film pertaining to Masonic traditions and education.

He was introduced by Larry Draughn, organization junior warden.

Kirby Threadgill, lodge master, presided over the program and presentation ceremony and addressed the gathering about the significance of the awards.

Approximately 120 lodge members, their wives, other family members and friends were in attendance. Also, several wives of deceased members of the organizations attended the fellowship night observance.

### **Nativity Scene Association Plans Program Expansion**

Nov. 25, 1982 – The nativity scene at the Pleasant Cross United Church of Christ, located on U. S. 64 between Asheboro and Ramseur, will be held for the fifth year Dec. 20-24.

But plans for the annual event are being broadened this year to include a drama presentation and the inclusion of more participating churches and individuals.

Recently the Outdoor Christian Drama Association was formed as a means of expanding the outreach of the nativity scene which was mushroomed greatly during its past four years of existence.

Officers of the association were named as follows: the Rev. Tom Madren, director; the Rev. Harold Auler Jr., assistant director; Cletus H. Wilson, secretary; Peggy Brown, assistant secretary; Daniel Allred, treasurer; and Gary King, assistant treasurer.

CHURCHES FORMING the association include Pleasant Cross, Spoon's Chapel, Pleasant Ridge, First United Church of Christ in Ramseur, Dove International Ministries, Jordan Memorial and Franklinville United Methodist Churches.

Other churches are invited to become a member of the association by naming a representative from the church to become a member of the board of directors, by participating in the Christmas drama and by offering some financial support to the association.

Individuals may join the association by agreeing to participate in the drama.

The organizer of the first showing of the nativity scene at Pleasant Cross United Church of Christ in 1976 was Rev. Madren, pastor of the church.

He was assisted that year by members of the Pleasant Cross church and Spoon's Chapel, their neighboring church.

In 1960 the Pleasant Ridge church joined the holiday worship presentation and the following year individuals from various other churches asked to participate.

The overwhelming success of the nativity scene at Christmas 1961, followed by the first presentation of the Easter Passion Story, attended by an estimated 8,000 people for three nights at Pleasant Cross, resulted in the decision to expand the ministry by increasing its outreach not only to the people who live in that vicinity but to those in other areas as well.

The original organizer, Tom Madren, said "we don't want to exclude any church" and he points with pride upon "seeing denominational barriers being broken down" through the unified response which has been brought about by the community effort. It was pointed out that participation was open to all races and nationalities.

Rev. Madren was no stranger to the outdoor ministry at the time of its first presentation at Christmas 1978 since he had conducted similar presentations for several years at churches he had pastored in Guilford and Davidson Counties.

### **Mr., Mrs. Clyde Wallace Celebrate Anniversary**

Nov. 28, 1982 – Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wallace of Rt. 1, Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov. 21 at Brower's Chapel United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor in the fellowship hall were congregational members and neighbors of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace, who live near the church, have been members at Brower's Chapel for the past 35 years.

Mrs. Wallace is secretary and treasurer of United Methodist Women, a position she has held for many years. Mr. Wallace has been extended honorary membership in the group and awarded a life membership pin in appreciation for his assistance in holding benefit meals.

Throughout the years of his membership at the church Clyde Wallace has also been responsible for the heating and air-conditioning at the church.

The couple was married Nov. 23, 1932 in the vicinity of High Falls, of which area Mrs. Wallace, the former Beatrice Maness, is a native.

Her parents were Maude Purvis Maness of Rt. 1, Robbins, who will be 91 years of age on Dec. 11 and the late Willie Maness. Mrs. Maness, who still lives at the old homeplace between High Falls and Howard's Mill, was among those in attendance at her daughter's golden wedding anniversary celebration.

Beatrice Maness Wallace attended Purvis School, High Falls High School and graduated from Elise Academy in Robbins.

She was employed first at the mill in Robbins and then with the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills for more than 24 years. She quit the latter place in the fall of 1957 to attend Asheboro Business School, now Asheboro Junior College of Business, where she graduated the next year and accepted a position with the Randolph Telephone Membership Corp.

Clyde Wallace, the son of Moore County natives James Charlie Wallace and Marshia Lee Cockman Wallace, was born in Richmond County where his father was on a sawmilling job.

However, the family moved back to Moore County where he attended the Tory Hill School below Robbins. In 1923 the family moved to Asheboro where they lived before moving to the Brower's Chapel area.

Clyde worked for many years at both Acme Hosiery Mill and McCrary Hosiery Mills before his retirement in recent years from Weston's Feed and Seed Store in Asheboro.

Also in attendance for their anniversary celebration were three sisters of Mrs. Wallace, Blanche Hill of Rt. 2, Bennett, Myrtle Martindale of Rt. 4, Robbins and Clara Upchurch of Greensboro and her cousin, Marvin Ritter Jr. of Atlanta, Ga. She also has a brother, Grover Maness of Rt. 1, Robbins.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Ernest Hicks Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 3, 1982—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hicks of Siler City were honored at a reception Nov. 28 in the fellowship hall at Moon's Chapel Baptist Church which commemorated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage.

About 190 guests called from 2-4p. m. to greet the couple which is located near the Randolph County line. Mr. Hicks, a licensed minister, has served on the deacon board and attended Fruitland Baptist Institute. He also serves as chaplain of Brian Center of Nursing Care in Siler City.

Hosting the reception in their honor were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dewitt Hicks, their son and daughter-in-law and their three granddaughters, Denise, Gay and Cathy Hicks.

Also hosting the reception were brothers and sisters of Mr. Hicks, Marzeil Foust of Harrisburg, Maxine Voncannon of Lexington, Dorothy Doss of Rt. 6, Asheboro, Betty Brown and Eugene Hicks of Staley and Paul Hicks of Meyersdale, Pa.

A family dinner preceded the reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burtis (Betty Hicks) Brown in the Staley area.

Mrs. Hicks, son of the late BF. (Doc) Hicks and Dillie McDaniel Hicks, is a Randolph County native and was reared in the Staley area. He is a retired construction worker.

Mrs. Hicks, the former Mildred Coggins, is a native of the Back Creek area. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coggins. She is a retired employee of Banks Clothing Store.

The couple were married by the Rev. C. P. Canipe on Dec. 24, 1932 at the parsonage of the Siler City Baptist Church.

### **Senior Citizens Honored In Jackson Creek**

Dec. 14, 1982 – Jackson Creek Baptist Church, located on Rt. 2, Denton, continues its ministry of achievement which began with the coming of the Rev. Billy Joe Yates to the pastorate of the church some seven years ago.

The latest successful event was held on Saturday, Dec. 4, when the church honored its senior citizens with around 60 guests being served a meal in the comparatively in the new fellowship hall.

INCLUDED ON the guest list were community residents and members of the church. In addition to those being served in the fellowship hall, around 20 people were served

in their homes. This was the second consecutive year the senior group has been honored.

Another event in the recent history of the church has been the paving of the deadend road on which the church is located. The church shared the expense of paving the road to the church, slightly more than one-half mile, which included the landscaping of the shoulders and the sowing of grass.

Just prior to the completion of the improvements to the road the church honored its pastor with an 11-day tour of the Holy Land, with all expenses being paid by the congregation. Rev. Yates, along with other ministers on the tour, wept with gratitude as they reached Calvary's mountain where Christ died for the sins of the world.

THE CHURCH is enjoying the 100- by 32-foot new fellowship hall, consisting of dining area, kitchen, restrooms and an open fireplace to supplement the heating system. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving the congregation enjoyed a fellowship period in the new facility.

The construction of the fellowship building followed the construction of a new sanctuary, the renovation of the old building and the purchase of additional land since the coming of Rev. Yates to the pastorate of the church.

### **Stroke Victim Organizing Club To Help Others**

Dec. 17, 1982 – Although still recuperating from a stroke which he suffered last June 10, J. R. (Dick) Bittner of 537 Shannon Road, is thinking and planning assistance he can render to others who find themselves in a similar situation.

He wants to organize a club comprised of stroke victims, their families, friends and other interested people. He said he would like to get interested people together "where we can air our problems and where maybe somebody could come up with a solution."

He cited his own illness as an example, saying, "if my wife had someone to talk with at the time of my stroke it would have meant a lot to her." He mentioned the "great value of getting back in the flow of natural life."

There was no warning prior to the time of his illness; it came on him suddenly while he was working on his job at Sew Special in Asheboro. He didn't notice anything wrong and he didn't remember anything.

After staying a few days at Randolph Hospital, he was sent to Whitaker Rehabilitation Center in Charlotte, where he remained until being sent back to Brian Center for Nursing Care in Asheboro on Aug. 5.

Except for the greater amount of equipment at Whitaker he compares favorably the treatment which he is receiving at Brian. Both Berline Hill, physical therapist, and Sharon Stoyek, speech therapist, are assisting him during the recuperative period.

The latter is also joining him in his efforts to form the stroke club, along with Leonard Smith, administrator of the nursing care center, and Kathy Groome, director of nursing. The proposed club would operate on a county-wide basis and would also be made available to those in adjoining counties.

Stoyek and perhaps Bittner will soon appear with Andy Brown on Perspective over Radio Stations WGWR and WCSE in behalf of the proposed organization of the stroke club.

Further impetus to forming the club will come from an "open house" at Brian Center on Jan. 20, beginning at 7 p.

m., dealing with the nursing facilities at the center and with specific discussion of the stroke club and the problems arising among those who are afflicted.

Bitter said "nothing beats the help and encouragement you get from your family" in his type of illness.

### **Silver Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gatlin of Rt. 2, Bennett, were honored on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Dec. 19.

Hosts at a reception at the home of Mrs. Gatlin's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vesta Purvis in Bennett were Delmar and Jeffrey Gatlin, sons of the honored couple.

Assisting in the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. Recil Gatlin, Mr. and Mrs. Reece Maness, Rena Lee Kiser, Kristy Staley, Rhonda Frye, Nellie Freeman, Mary Frances Frye, Lu Anne Matthews, Gaye Hutchens, Angie Maness, Ashley Purvis and Jason Maness.

The large anniversary cake was designed and decorated by Rena Lee Kiser and daughter Kristy Staley.

Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin were married Dec. 21, 1957 at the Methodist parsonage in Seagrove with the late Rev. Herbert T. Penry Jr. officiating.

Mrs. Gatlin is the former Mary Joyce Purvis, daughter of Mrs. Mattie Purvis of Rt. 2, Bennett and the late, Newlin Purvis. She is employed by Kellwood Co. in Siler City.

Mr. Gatlin is the son of Mrs. Emma Gatlin of Rt. 1, Seagrove and the late W. T. Gatlin. He is employed by the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills.

The couple attend Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, where Mrs. Gatlin is a member.

### **Golden Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Chaney Sr. of 117 McAllister St., Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Dec. 23 with a family gathering at the home of their daughter, Judy Smith of Asheboro.

Their children are Mrs. Smith, Vernon Chaney Jr., Betsy Hoyle and Barbara Suggs, all of Asheboro and Shirley Cockman of Charleston, S. C. They also have seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The Chaney's were married Dec. 23, 1932, at the First United Methodist Church of Asheboro. Mr. Chaney, a native of Asheboro, is retired from Weiman Furniture in Ramseur. Mrs. Chaney, also a native of Asheboro, is a housewife.

### **Golden Anniversary**

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin L. Parks of Rt. 5, Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Dec. 19 at the New HoTerpe United Methodist Church where they are members.

They renewed their marriage vows in a ceremony conducted by their pastor, the Rev. Leonard Cranford, at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

In the afternoon from 3-5 p. m. their daughter and only child, Miss Peggy Ann Parks of Memphis, Tenn., hosted a reception in their honor in the church fellowship hall.

Assisting in the reception were Mrs. Parks' sisters, Ellie Voncannon and Edna Voncannon, and two nieces, Lottie Voncannon and Martha Sink.

Also assisting were Mr. Parks' sister, Hazel Wright, his niece, Betty Sue Cagle and a great-niece, Teresa Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Parks were married Dec. 23, 1932 in Hillsville, Va., in which state Mr. Parks was employed at the time of their marriage.

He is a native of Union Township, having been born in the area where the couple are now living, the son of Alvis and Della Voncannon Parks.

Mrs. Parks, the former Ollie Elizabeth Sink, is a native High Point but came with her parents, Orville and Cora Williams Sink, to the area just off of Hwy. 134 at the age of seven.

Following their marriage they lived for 17 years in Asheboro before moving back to the vicinity where both of them had spent the years before their marriage.

Mr. Parks worked for the Acme-McCrary Corp. in Asheboro at two different times for a total of 14 years before forming with his brother-in-law, Hoyt Wright, the Parks and Wright Shooting Preserve where he remained for 19 years. Since his retirement he has been employed part-time at the Uwharrie Golf Course.

Mrs. Parks is a retired employee of the Acme-McCrary Corp. with 43 years of service.

### **Woman Is 'Firefighter Of Year'**

Dec. 29, 1982 — Marcia Chriscoe, a member of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department for approximately five years, received the Firefighter of the Year Award at the recent annual Christmas supper held by the department.

Fire officials say they believe she is the first woman in Randolph County to receive the coveted award.

This annual award is determined by a secret ballot in which all member of the department participated except last year's recipient, John Earlie Powers. He counted the ballots and made the presentation at the Christmas supper.

PRIOR TO that time no one else knew the identity of the award winner.

Randolph County Fire Marshal Don Heard, who attended the Christmas supper along with his wife, said "to the best of my knowledge" that Marcia Chriscoe was the first female firefighter ever to receive the award in Randolph County.

She was recognized for her faithfulness in assisting with fund-raising suppers which provide the main source of financial support for the department. She provided this assistance even before she became a member of the department.

She also helps with the sales which the firemen conduct at auctions and has most recently helped to start a Rook tournament which has also been added as a means of financial support.

Marcia also attends some fires and has participated in some training sessions when abandoned houses and barns have been burned. At one of these recent sessions she took her turn going into the burning building while wearing an air pack.

SHE HAS been highly praised highly by Fire Chief Bill Welborn, former chief and long time fireman Amos Needham and other members of the department as indicated by their votes that she receive the annual award.

Marcia, a member of the departmental board of directors, was one of three women who initially joined the department. The other two have since relinquished their memberships. However, in recent months another woman, Anna Hodgins, an Emergency Medical Technician, has joined the department.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Chriscoe, Marcia is a resident of Rt. 1, Seagrove, and is employed at Stuart Furniture Industries in Asheboro. She is a graduate of Southwestern Randolph High School.

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### Church Fellowship Hall Called 'Dream Come True'

Jan. 7, 1983 - Piney Grove United Methodist Church, located on Rt. 2, Denton, west of Jackson Creek, dedicated its first fellowship hall Jan. 1. The church itself was organized Aug. 13, 1871.

The addition, veneered with brick and with a carpeted floor, is a separate structure from the church building, with dimensions of 28 by 60 feet and 1,680 square footage of floor space.

Seating capacity for dining is 100. There is also a kitchen area, two rest rooms and a closet.

The small congregation began seriously talking about a fellowship hall in Nov. 1981 and the following Feb. 14 they held a congregational supper in the basement of the church and selected a building committee composed of Dwight Morgan, chairman, Kay Delk and Crowson Hunt.

Other church officials involved in the building program, along with most all of the congregation members, were Richard Delk, Sunday School Superintendent and the church pastor, the Rev. Billy Rintz.

The decision to go ahead with the building was reached in May with construction beginning in June, with Kay Delk, a member of the building committee, buying the materials and supervising the construction.

The building personnel consisted of Leonard Cutshaw, and Robert Elliott, carpentry and wiring; Larry Little and Douglas Hunt, brickmasons; Dwayne Farabee, plumbing; Johnny Lowe, guttering and boxing; David Parrish, sheetrock; Lee's Heating and Air Conditioning, baseboard heating; Howard Cheek, carpeting; and Bobby Ledwell, wall papering.

Alton Delk donated the grading of the building site, with other donations of material and labor coming from Asheboro Concrete. Johnny Lowe, Bobby Ledwell and two congregational members who did the painting. Other congregational members participated in Saturday work days during the period of construction.

The approximate cost of the new building, which is debt free, has been placed at \$31,500. The estimated value, including the donated material and labor, has been placed at \$50,000.

Raising the money to pay for construction was mainly a combined effort with the United Methodist Women and the youth organization.

The ladies raised \$2,500 from the sale of a "name" quilt and other items at an auction with the youth raising \$1,200 at a bike-a-thon. An outside donation of \$4,000 came from the Davidson Builders Fund, a denominational source.

A supper preceded the service of dedication. The young minister of the church, serving his fourth year, said during the litany of dedication that "a dream has come true here, we are proud because we were able to do something together."

A crocheted plaque containing the last names of church members in the 111-year history of the church was

presented by Mrs. Juanita Winslow for placement in the new structure.

### Davises Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jan. 11, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Jan. 2 at the Deep River Baptist Church.

Their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Kaye Davis) Atwood of Asheboro, hosted a reception in their honor in the fellowship hall at the church. Guest called from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

Other members of the immediate family of Mr. and Mrs. Davis are three grandchildren—Lamar, 15, Karen, 11, and Philip, 4.

Assisting with the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Copple, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Davis; Mrs. O. D. Shoe, her sister; Mrs. Joe Copple and Mrs. Robert Copple, her sisters-in-law; Mrs. Reece Wright and Mrs. Judy Cole, her nieces; Mrs. Jerry Surratt, her cousin; and Mrs. Wally Jarrell, a friend of Mrs. Atwood.

Also assisting were Mrs. Johnny Poole and Miss Joyce Davis, sisters of Mr. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married Jan. 1, 1943 at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, who also married Mrs. Davis' parents.

Following the ceremony the bridegroom's sister, the late Floy Davis, took them to Greensboro where they boarded a train to Baltimore, Md., where Mr. Davis was employed at the time of their marriage.

Mr. Davis, native of Coleridge, is the son of the late James and Nettie Cheek Davis. He attended the schools in Coleridge and Ramseur.

After living in Baltimore for three years, the couple moved to Coleridge where they since lived.

Mrs. Davis operated Davis Garage in Coleridge for many years and after his retirement from that facility has worked for a brief period at Structural Woods Preserving Co., also in Coleridge. Mrs. Davis is employed at Bossong Hosiery Mills in Asheboro where she was employed previous to her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis are members of Deep River Baptist Church and the Seagrove Grange. They were members of the Coleridge Grange prior to its disbandment Mr. Davis served as the Coleridge Grange master.

He is also a member of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department where he has been the recipient of the "Fireman of the Year Award" and is a member of the Coleridge Lions Club.

### The Rev. Coy Privette Decries Pornography

Jan. 11, 1983 - "There are more X-rated movies in North Carolina than any other state," according to the Rev. Coy Privette, executive director of The Christian Action League of North Carolina.

The statement was made Sunday during the minister's address at the morning service at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church on North Fayetteville Street.

Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, pastor of the church and assistant superintendent of the East District of the Wesleyan Church in North Carolina, is as trustee of The Christian Action League of North Carolina.

Rev. Privette said, "although we (North Carolinians) are supposed to be (in) the Bible Belt, there are more outlets for pornography in North Carolina than any other state."

He referred to it as a \$6 billion industry, decrying those who maintain that no one has been corrupted by it. That statement is "as phony as a three-dollar bill; if you say nobody has been corrupted by it then you'd better close Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church."

In the outset of his sermon he spoke of the Allied Church League and said "we are still concerned about the liquor issue."

He said, "the drys' were right all along," citing statistics of 17 million alcoholics and 59 percent of fatal accidents caused by alcohol at a cost of \$43 billion a year.

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

Jan. 14, 1983—The 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Lafate (Fate) Summit of Rt. 1, Trinity, was observed Jan. 9 at a family dinner at Fishermen's Beef and Steak Restaurant on U. S. 64.

The couple were married Jan. 10, 1927 in Salisbury. The recalled that it snowed on the day of their marriage.

Mr. Summit, 80, is a native of Newton, Catawba County. He met his wife while working on old U. S. 64. He lived in Rowan County before his marriage.

Mrs. Summit, 75, the former Mary Louise Floyd, is a native of Davidson County, the daughter of George and Minnie Moore Floyd.

Following their marriage the couple lived in Lenoir for two years before coming to the Fuller's Mill section of Randolph County. They have lived at their present residence for 35 years.

Their children are Emma Paride of West Haverstraw, N. Y., Floyd Summit, of Rt. 1, Trinity, Bedor Summit of Thomasville, Jack Summit of Rt. 5, High Point, Joe Don Summit and Zelda Smith of Asheboro. One son J. D. Summit, is deceased.

The couple have several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. One of their great-granddaughters, Vickie Summit Leonard, baked and decorated the anniversary cake which was served at the restaurant dinner.

Formerly a farmer and sawmill operator, Mr. Summit now raises beef cattle with his son, Floyd.

The couple attend the Walter's Grove Baptist Church located near Fuller's Mill.

### **Barberys Honored By Beulah Baptist**

Jan. 16, 1983 - "Recognition Day" was observed at Beulah Baptist Church, located in southeastern Randolph County, Rt. 2, Bennett, Jan. 2, honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Barbary who have served in the pastorate of the church for the past 20 years.

Many speakers, both local and outside, extolled their qualities of leadership and their accomplishments in the morning service which lasted for more than two hours.

Three ministerial colleagues, outstanding in the denomination and long time friends of the minister, and his wife, came from a distance to lead the service of praise—the Rev. Kenneth Ridings of Asheville, Dr. Glenn Felmer of Inman, S. C. and Dr. Percy Ray of Myrtle, Miss

Edison Powers, assistant superintendent of the Moore County School System and a lay leader in the church, cited the pastoral accomplishments over the past two decades.

Among the physical improvements listed was the occupation of the present sanctuary two years after the pastor's coming, the enlargement and remodeling of the parsonage next to the church, the procurement of a recreational site which now includes a lake, a modern facility which consists of a gymnasium, kitchen and dining area, a lighted ball field, tennis courts and park for the children.

Also, a home for the minister of music has been provided at the youth center.

Plans are underway to double the size of the Sunday School Department, make provision in day care and erect rest home facilities for the elderly and shut-ins of the church. The total value of the church property is approximately one million dollars.

When the minister came to the pastorate the church membership was 277 with an annual budget of \$88,468. In 1982 the membership was 608 and the budget was \$255,400. The church staff numbers six. For the past 10 years the Sunday School at Beulah has been first in attendance among the churches of the Randolph Baptist Association.

According to Powers the church "now supports missionaries almost around the world." He said the pastor has visited the mission fields in India, Jamaica and Haiti for a first-hand observation. He also cited the radio ministry "Beulah Hour: which was started soon after the pastor came to Beulah and now extends through North Carolina and much of Virginia and South Carolina.

Seven members of the church have been called into the ministry and ordained during the ministry of Rev. Barbary. Another one has been called and licensed.

Much of the spiritual improvement of the church came from a revival meeting there in 1967, described as "the greatest revival meeting ever witnessed in that part of the country," when there was approximately 350 professions of faith and a like-number of rededications.

In addition to being a successful pastor Rev. Barbary has been noted as an evangelist during his ministerial career. It has been estimated that he has held 900 revival meetings throughout his ministry. One of the crusade speakers at the recognition observance told his congregation, "you have allowed him to be multiplied by thousands of people" by spreading the gospel to other areas.

During a presentation of gifts at the observance Mrs. Barbary received a dozen red roses and the minister and his wife were presented with a deed to two acres of land, water front, on nearby Deep River. This presentation was by Winfred Caviness, chairman of deacons.

Special music was rendered by the choir under the direction of the minister of music, Charles Garner, a duet by the Rev. and Mrs. Nolan Jackson, formerly associated with the church and a solo by Jimmie Garner of Robbins, a Methodist layman and vice-president of the Bank of Montgomery.

Both the lower floor sanctuary and the balcony were filled for the occasion with the estimated number being 600. The Sunday School attendance was 405. At the conclusion of the service lunch was served on the gymnasium.

Rev. Barbery isa native of Greenville County, S. C. the town of Simpsonville. His wife, the former Ollie Mae Mcree, is a native of the adjoining Spartanburg County, the town of Woodruff. They have five children and two grandchildren.

The minister became a Christian at the age of 18. He was called to the ministry at the age of 21 and he became a pastor at the age of 23. He studied for the ministry at Columbia Bible College, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and the Luther Rice Seminary in Jacksonville, Fla. Before coming to Beulah he pastured in Columbia, S. C. for three years and in Candler, N. C for three years. His ministry at Beulah began Jan. 1 1968.

### **Miss Minnie Celebrates Birthday**

Jan. 23, 1983 - Diminutive Minnie Lee Hoover was spright and alert as she dined with friends at a local restaurant Wednesday to celebrate her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her appearance created quite a bit of attention from the waitresses who anticipated her coming and the other diners who wondered who the celebrity was receiving all of the attention.

"Miss Minnie," as she is known to many friends and others throughout this area, is a local celebrity due to the longevity of her residence in Asheboro and the position which she formerly held.

She retired in the early 60's as the official court reporter for the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, a position which she held for more than 50 years.

She lived in Asheboro vicinity for more than nine decades since she came here with her parents at the age of five. She was born in the western part of Randolph County.

Her first residences in Asheboro were located at the present sites of the Acme-McCrary Recreational Building on North Street and the former Ingram-Brinson Building on South Fayetteville Street. Until recent years when she moved to Rt. 7, Asheboro, she lived at the present site of the unemployment agency building on South Fayetteville Street.

"Miss Minnie" was first employed as a substitute telephone operator after finishing the ninth grade at the Asheboro School. She also took shorthand lesson at night. Later she taught herself how to type.

After completing her shorthand lesson she worked temporarily as a stenographer in a local chair factory before securing a permanent position with William Cicero Hammer, local attorney who at that time was serving as district solicitor and was also the owner and publisher of The Asheboro Courier.

While working with Solicitor Hammer, who later became a United States Congressman, she took up court reporting with the encouragement of Congressman Hammer who allowed her to practice the job in the courtroom while he was in court.

Prior to her retirement she had the privilege of working with Superior Court Judge Hal Hammer Walker, grandson of Congressman Hammer, who recessed the Civil term of Randolph Superior Court in her honor at her retirement.

The birthday luncheon at the Dixie 111 Restaurant featured a birthday cake with candles. Lunching with her were her sister, Sue Vestal, with whom she lives on Rt. 7, Mrs. Danny Pope and son, Neil and Vaden Harris.

### **Floyd Honored On 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Jan. 27, 1983 - More than 40 family members gathered at Little Texas Fish Camp Jan. 22 to surprise Mr. and Mrs. Grady Floyd of Rt. 1, Trinity, on their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd had accompanied a daughter and son-in-law to the fish house without any knowledge that they were to be honored.

Their children are Lois Maness, Gladys Brent, Harriett Briles, and Diane Pierce of Rt. 1, Trinity. Thurman Floyd of Rt. 3, Asheboro, Doris Snow of Rt. 6, Asheboro and Sue Garner of Asheboro. There are 21 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

The floyds were married Jan. 26, 1927.

Mrs. Floyd, the former Dora Barnes, and Mr. Floyd reside in the vicinity they were raised in, around Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. They are members of the church.

They recalled that it rained on their wedding day, making it difficult for their 1925 Model-T Ford to travel the muddy dirt road to their marriage site.

Mr. Floyd, 81, farmed and sawmilled until accepting employment at Thomasville Furniture Industries. Mrs. Floyd, 74, is a former employee of P & P Chair Co. in Asheboro.

Mr. Floyd jokingly complained that the surprise aspect prevented the couple from being dressed in more formal attire.

### **John Webster Observes His 97<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Feb. 1, 1983 - John Alexander Webster, 2050 Brooklyn Ave., observed his 97<sup>th</sup> birthday on Jan. 24.

His daughter, Lou Elva, who resides with him, prepared a birthday meal to commemorate the occasion. Guests were the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Childs of the Mt. Tabor Community Church.

Earlier in the day the Websters rode with the minister and his wife to Siler City.

The long life of John Webster is noteworthy but equally so is the life of his 65-year-old daughter, Lou Elva.

Long ago Lou Elva dedicated her life to the care of her father and mother, the latter being the former Sarah Ida York who died in 1963. At the age of 18 she vowed that she would never marry as long as either one of them lived.

She cared for her mother during an illness of three years prior to her mother's death and the very next year brought into the Webster household her uncle, Ed Webster, and his wife, Madge.

Since then she has tenderly cared for her father whose needs have increased as the years of his life lengthened.

For most of the time she looked after her parents, uncle and aunt, she was employed at cotton mills in Ramseur, and Randleman. She credit her achievement to answered prayer, saying, "I give the Lord all the praise, He helped me. I feel that was my calling."

John Alexander Webster was born in the vicinity of Patterson Grove Christian Church, the son of James Anderson ( Jimmy) Webster and Martha Suzanne Foust Webster.

Besides Lou Elva he has another daughter, Lentie Kidd of Rt. 1, Ramseur; and a son, Artie of Rt. 2, Randleman. One daughter, Eula Mae, died early in life.

After the death of his father, John Webster was converted and soon thereafter was called into the ministry. He disputed this call saying, "I don't have any education," but

he said the Lord answered saying, "you go and I will provide you with everything you need to know."

His ministry consisted of holding revival meetings in brush arbors and tents and pastorates in Pilgrim Holiness Churches in Mebane and Hillsborough.

While pasturing the churches and at all other times he farmed, worked in furniture factories and as a carpenter, building the house in which he and his daughter still live.

### **Mrs. Chloe Jones Is Honored**

Feb. 2, 1983 - A dinner Jan. 24, honored Mrs. Chloe Jones who retired recently as manager of the Ramseur office of First American Federal Savings and Loan Association after more than 42 years of service.

More than forty employees of the Ramseur and Asheboro offices of the association and their spouses attended the dinner held in the fellowship hall of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church. Mrs. Jones' husband Lawrence also attended the ceremony.

Others in attendance were Ted Y. Matney, president of the First American Federal Savings and Loan Association; Eddie G. Allen, senior vice president of the Mid-State Region; Don W. Durham, chairman of the Mid-State Region Board; Dr. Frank Edmondson, former board chairman and Bob Kizer, former board member.

Also present were board members from the Ramseur office, Charles Dorsett, chairman, Floyd Langley, vice chairman, Troy Caviness, Samuel Phillips, and Robert Stout. Mrs. Jones is also a member of this board.

Mrs. Jones, a Ramseur native, first began her duties on Oct. 15, 1940 as the sole employee of the Ramseur Building and Loan Association, assisting the loan officer, the late M. E. Johnson. The office was located in the back room at the Bank of Coleridge. Besides the one room, the quarters consisted only of a walk-in closet.

Later she became the secretary and treasurer of the association and was named to the board in 1960.

Fellow employees from both the Ramseur and Asheboro offices presented her a farewell gift consisting of a heart-shaped diamond necklace. She was also presented with fun gifts, a First American Federal mug and a pair of binoculars so "you can still see what is going on at the Ramseur office from your home on Liberty Street."

### **Mrs. Garner Honored On Birthday**

Feb. 3, 1983 - Friends, neighbors and family members participated in an open house event Jan. 28 honoring Mrs. Mary Ellen Branson Garner of Rt. 5, Asheboro, on her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The guests came steadily from 2-5 p. m. to extend tribute to Mrs. Garner who has lived in the community since her marriage more than 70 years ago.

Hostesses were Mrs. Garner's three daughters, Mrs. Wesley (Ruth) Morris of Denton, Mrs. Wayne (Marian) Bingham of Rockwell and Mrs. Dick (Esther) Davis of Asheboro, assisted by other relatives.

Mrs. Garner has two sons, Wallace Garner who lives in nearby Farmer and Dr. Thomas H. Garner of Rt. 5, Seneca, S. C., a professor of agricultural engineering at Clemson University, who drove up for the birthday observance.

The children of Mrs. Garner and her husband, the late Worth Garner, were two sons, Richard Garner who died in recent years and Edwin Garner who died early in life. Sallie Garner died recently.

The old home place in which Mrs. Garner and her brothers and sisters were reared was located in the vicinity of Hopewell Friends Meeting at the present residence of her niece and husband, Mary Ellen and Carter Pike.

He father, a farmer and sawmill operator, was also the White House Postmaster for several years, during which time the post office was located in his home. Members of his family, including Mrs. Garner, helped him with his postal duties.

The passing years have dulled the keen wit which she manifested during a conversation with her two days before her birthday.

She especially remembered her attendance at the Rocky Ridge School where the lighter punishment was "standing in the corner," and the more excessive punishment was "walking around the stump" in the school yard.

She also remembered the one-room log school house, the later frame building and the "great big fire place" which was fueled wood carried in by the boys at the school. The girls, including Mrs. Garner, enjoyed going to the spring, usually in pairs, to carry in the water to drink.

She admitted also playing ball with the boys sometimes when they would run short of a player and said, "I was a pretty good ball player."

Following her attendance at the local school she furthered her education at Why Not Academy near Seagrove, after which she taught at two schools, Pisgah and then at Union which was located in the community to which she went at the time of her marriage.

She joined the Farmer Methodist Church after her marriage but retains a sentimental regard for the Hopewell Friends Meeting, the church of her childhood. "I'm still a Quaker," she said.

Although attributing her longevity to two words, "hard work," she recognizes that continuous care which her children bestow upon her and she said, "I don't know how I would have made out without them."

### **Walter Hudson Celebrates His Eightieth Birthday**

Feb. 11, 1983 - Walter Wade Hudson, a lifelong Ramseur resident, celebrated his eightieth birthday Feb. 8.

Appearing vigorous and youthful, Hudson said, "I used to know everybody in town and still know most of them."

Actually Hudson celebrated his birthday three times. First, flowers placed in the Ramseur Wesleyan Church commemorated his birthday. Next, his family surprised him with an early birthday dinner in his honor Feb. 6 in the fellowship hall at the church following the morning worship service.

Finally, further recognition came on his birthday two days later when a friend, Myrtle Lambert Stout, invited him to have lunch with her at an Asheboro restaurant. Their acquaintance, which began more than 60 years ago when they dated at the age of 17, has recently been renewed.

Joining Walter Hudson in the birthday dinner at the fellowship hall were his sons, Worth Hudson of Rt. 4, Asheboro, who will celebrate his birthday on Feb. 12, Maxton (Mac) Hudson and Harry Hudson, both of Ramseur, and their families.

Other children not present were David of Valdosta, Ga., and Rachel Clayton of Seattle, Wash.

Recognized on the occasion were four generations of the Hudson family: Walter Hudson; his son Worth; his



grandson, Doug; and his great-grandson, Jonathan, eight months old.

Born Feb. 8, 1903 just outside the town limits on N. C. 49 toward Liberty, Hudson's family moved to downtown Ramseur when he was five years old.

Some years after his marriage to the late Hattie York Hudson and after the death of his parents he moved to their former homesite at 218 Liberty St. where he has continued to reside for nearly 36 years.

His wife died Apr. 5, 1982, ending a marriage of more than 59 years.

Hudson was an employee of Columbia Manufacturing Co. up until the time of its closure, after which he worked briefly in Franklinville and Siler City before becoming employed at Jordan Spinning Co. in Cedar Falls. He worked at his final job until he retired at the age of 65.

While working in the mills, especially when he has on "short time" he also butchered hogs and did carpentry work on the side. After his retirement from the mill he worked at Pell's Food Store for more than 10 years.

He has been a member of the Ramseur Wesleyan Church, the church in which his wife was reared, for "better than 50 years."

At age 11 Hudson joined the Ramseur Baptist Church. He said if Baptism made a difference he should be in good shape since he has been baptized twice, first, "in the pit" at the Ramseur Baptist Church and later in Deep River.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Younts Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Feb. 15, 1983 - The children of Mr. and Mrs. Baxter Paul Younts of Rt. 3, Thomasville, honored their parents on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Feb. 6 in the fellowship hall of Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception from 2-4p. m. were Terry Younts and Jean Saunders of Rt. 3, Thomasville; Delmar Younts, Betty Ridge, and Sandra (Sandy) Younts of Thomasville; and Paul Younts of Manning, S. C.

Other immediate family members include six grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Younts were married Feb. 4, 1933, at the home of Wilmont Jester, the officiating magistrate.

The motored to their marriage site in a 1929 Model T Ford, sports model with rumble seat. The dirt roads in the area were so muddy from recent snow that the bridegroom had to put chains on the tires of his auto.

This past summer Mr. Younts purchased a reproduction of the car in which the couple traveled on the ir wedding day a half century ago.

Snow also covered the ground on their anniversary observance and Mr. Younts rode to the church for the reception in the Model A Ford.

Because of poor road conditions and his arthritis, Younts had a chauffeur for the sentimental journey. Since there was not enough room in the front seat for three people and since Mrs. Younts also preferred a warmer vehicle, she came in another automobile to the reception.

Baxter Younts was born and reared on the end of Fuller's Mill Road. He attended the Tabernacle School except for one year at Westfield.

Mrs. Younts, the former Fleeta Maie Barnes, was reared in the same vicinity, between old and new U. S. 64. She attended Westfield School.

The couple attends Tabernacle United Methodist Church which Baxter joined at the age of 12.

Baxter is a charter member of the Tabernacle Lions Club, has served as its president and was voted at three different time as the "Lion of the Year." He also served for several years as the election registrar for the Tabernacle precinct.

In recent years Mr. and Mrs. Younts built a comfortable smaller home to replace the old structure in which they lived for many years

### **Baileys Celebrate Anniversary**

Feb. 20, 1983 - The Rev. and Mrs. John Griffin Bailey were honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by members of their congregation at Maple Springs Baptist Church near Seagrove Feb. 13. A reception ws held in the church fellowship hall.

Rev. and Mrs. Bailey were married Feb. 11, 1943 by the late Rev. J. E. Shaw at Midway Wesleyan Methodist Church near Randleman.

Both are Randolph County natives. Mrs. Bailey, the former Ruby Pauline Lyndon, came from the Sophia area. The minister was born in the area north of Asheboro but moved with his parents west of Ulah at age 11.

Before entering the ministry, Griffin Bailey worked in refrigeration and air conditioning. Following their marriage, the couple lived in Norfolk, Va., where he worked for the Norfolk Navy Yard.

He was attending the Russell Grove Baptist Church in Ulah when he received the call to the ministry in 1958. He was licensed by this church and alter ordained by them less than a year later when he became the pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church.

His ministry since then has been varied and has extended into many areas. He stayed at his first church for three years and during the early part of his ministry he prepared himself by attending Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute and the Southeastern Theological Seminary.

Other pastorates have included Bear Creek Baptist Church, seven years; Deep River Baptist Church, five years; Red Mountain Baptist Church near Rougemont, three years; South Point Baptist Church at Belmont, three years, and First Baptist Church in Davis, eastern part of North Carolina, five years.

He officially retired following the pastorate at Davis but returned to the active ministry when he became interim pastor at Maple Springs two years ago, later assuming the regular pastorate.

Some of the early pastorates were served simultaneously.

### **Surprise Anniversary Party Given**

Feb. 20, 1983 - Grays Chapel United Methodist Church members surprised their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. R. Dale Hilton, at an informal reception commemorating the couple's 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Feb. 13 in the fellowship building at the church.

Rev. and Mrs. Hilton were married on Valentine' Day. 1953. Prior to their marriage they were high school sweethearts in Hickory.

Present for the anniversary observance were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hilton and daughter Shannon of Cary; Rick Hilton of Jacksonville; and Jenny Hilton, a senior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Gifts presented to the couple included a silver tray from the congregation. The minister expressed "appreciation for your love and kindness and all of your good wishes."

Rev. Hilton, who is serving his fourth year in the pastorate at the church, received a Master of Divinity degree from Methodist Theological School in Delaware, Ohio. Before coming to Grays Chapel, he served churches in Granite Falls, Claremont, Mt. Airy and Statesville.

Mrs. Hilton, the former Margie Crafton, has an AA degree from Mitchell Community College in Statesville. She is now employed as the office manager at Randolph-Asheboro YMCA.

### **Church Celebrates Founder's Day**

Feb. 23, 1983 - St. Stephens African Methodist Episcopal Church in Liberty held its second annual Founder's Day Awards banquet Feb. 18 at the Reitzel Center.

The denomination, founded on a national basis in Nov., 1787, was created four years after its mother church, the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The church was founded in Philadelphia, Pa. when a group of Americans of African descent walked out of St. George Methodist Episcopal Church after being forcibly pulled from their knees as they knelt to pray.

This group, led by a former slave named Richard Allen, later joined with other black congregations in the North to form in 1816 what is now the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Pastor of the St. Stephens AME Church, the Rev. A. D. Terrell, told the banquet congregation, "you can be proud of a church who will in another four years be celebrating your 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary."

He said, "Our leaders have come from the church. If you want to hold onto your rights you'd better hold onto your church." Earlier he had said, "The civil rights organization is the AME Church. Some folks think it is some new radical movement, instead it is the oldest national organization in the world."

Also attending the banquet meeting was the Rev. J. R. Cheek, 79-year old Ramseur native who came to the St. Stephens church at the age of 14 and later entered the ministry to serve for many years in various pastorates of the A. M. E. denomination.

The large number of awards presented at the banquet included Woman of the Year, Mary Eva Headen; Frank Coltrane for "distinguished service beyond the call of duty"; and Samuel Gales for "unselfish dedication beyond the call of duty."

Recognition was also extended to the men and women who raised money for a new parsonage which is under construction.

These included Frank Coltrane, Johnny Harris, Lynn Lucas, Allen D. Terrell, Willie Bartell, David Bowden, Joel Bowden, Rochelle Butler, Dwight Cheek, Edward and Lee Cheek, K. C. Fox, Samuel Gales, Johnny Gales, Wayne Isley, Thomas Marten, Albion and William Stubbs.

Also Ethelyne Headen, Virginia Cheek, Sandra Bartell, Elizabeth Coltrane, Alice Harris, Shirley Harris, Johnny Headen, Mary Eva Headen, Carrie Isley, Shelby Jeffries, Delois Marten, Frances Marten, Alice Matthews, Julia Newberry, Renee Smith and Peggy Terrell.

### **Benefit Slated For Medical Bills**

Feb. 24, 1983 - Proceeds from a coffee break to be held at the Worthville Community Center Saturday, Mar. 12, will benefit Haven Barker who has suffered from intestinal bleeding for around 29 years. The benefit is being sponsored by the Zoo City Radio Club.

Barker, 52, of 410 Virginia Ave., first underwent surgery to correct a defective esophagus at N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill in 1955.

Since that time he has been back to the hospital 53 times, most of which were emergency trips.

During his illness he has received more than 200 pints of R H Negative type blood.

His most recent trip to the hospital was in Nov., at which time he received 11 pints of blood. Before this trip he had not received blood in more than 11 years.

Sponsors of the coffee break hope to secure funds to help Barker pay for his latest hospitalization and also pay for some dental work which he hopes to have done, he receives no disability Social Security payments.

Barker served as a driver for Asheboro Dry Cleaning Company for 32 years. Recently he has established Barker's Lawn mower and Repair Shop Service at the rear of his home that he shares with his wife. Barker was helped in establishing the business by the small business division of the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

Barker's disability prohibits him from eating regular meals. He eats small portions of food about every two hours, especially when he is working in his shop or mowing yards as he sometimes does.

His remains cheerful despite his present discomfort. Speaking of his many trips to the hospital, he said, "I always see somebody worse than I am when I go over there."

### **Garden Club Has Anniversary**

Feb. 27, 1983—The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Ramseur Garden Club was held Feb. 22 at the home of the club founder, Mrs. C. A. Graham Sr. and her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Blake.

Guests at the reception which was held from 3-4:30 p. m. included members of other garden clubs in Ramseur, along with past presidents and former members of the Ramseur Garden Club.

Special guests were Mrs. J. S. Moncrief Jr. of Monroe, state president of The Garden Clubs of North Carolina and Mrs. Ann Brown, chairman of the Asheboro Garden Club Council and incoming director of District Seven of Garden Clubs of North Carolina.

When Mrs. Graham organized the club 50 years ago, the organizational meeting was held at her former residence on Liberty Street. Several years ago she also served as director of District Seven, during which time she was presented with a Life Membership in the club.

Charter members in attendance at the anniversary reception beside Mrs. Graham were Mrs. Joe Ellis, Mrs. C. E. York, Mrs. W. I. Jones and Mrs. J. O. King.

Former presidents of the club, most of whom were in attendance at the reception, were Mrs. Russell Hodgkin, Mrs. B. R. Smith, Mrs. C. E. York, Mrs. C. A. Graham Sr., Mrs. J. O. King, Mrs. Joe Ellis, Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Mrs. W. J. Jones, Mrs. C. R. Whitehead, Mrs. Mike York, Sr., Mrs. E. C. Tatum, Mrs. Thomas Blake and Mrs. Jack Embree.

Current president of the club is Mrs. Horace Luther. Other officers are Mrs. Thomas Blake, vice-president, Mrs. Joe

Ellis, secretary, Mrs. Mike York Sr., treasurer and Mrs. C. A. Graham Sr., custodian.

Other club members are Mrs. Fred Allen, Mrs. C. W. Anderson, Mrs. Jim Cates, Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Ellis, Mrs. Jack Embree, Mrs. Jimmy Martin, Mrs. J. O. King, Mrs. John Sanderson, Mrs. Joan Thompson, Mrs. C. E. York and Mrs. Mike York Jr.

The hostess presented handmade bouquets of silk flowers with gold ribbon to former presidents and current officials in attendance. Charter members were honored with a gold rose-shaped pin.

A beautiful arrangement of yellow roses centered the dining room table, symbolic of the club flower which is the rose.

### **Couple Repeats Wedding Vows**

Mar. 2, 1983 - A ceremony Feb. 26 at the home of the bridegroom united Charlie Strickland of Rt. 5, Asheboro and Mary Tew Pierce of Rt. 2, Denton.

Strickland will be 85 on Mar. 13, His bride is 68.

Present for the ceremony were the bridegroom's children, Evelyn Campbell of Mt. Airy, Betty Wall of Asheboro, Lacy, Leon and Junior Strickland of Rt. 5, Asheboro.

The bride was given away by her son-in-law, James Yates of Charlotte, with her daughter, Ruth Yates, as matron of honor. Registering guests was Pam Yates Stikeleather, granddaughter of the bride, also of Charlotte. Ring bearer was James Robert (Jamie) Stikeleather, a great-grandson of he bride, who was present along with his brother, Brian Stikeleather.

The Rev. Harold Parker from the Amity Hills Baptist Church, the groom's pastor, performed the ring ceremony. Gary Strickland, grandson of the groom, served as best man. Organist for the marriage service was Louise Lacen of High Point. The pastor's daughter, Trudy Parker, sang "O Promise Me."

Charlie Strickland, a native of Montgomery County has lived most of his life in the Asheboro vicinity. He operated a store for 45 years and has worked in other in various other capacities, saying, "there ain't much I can't do." Most of his activity now is confined to truck farming.

Mrs. Strickland, a native of Roberson County, came to Asheboro in 1933. In addition to her daughter, she also has a son, Ronald Pierce of Staunton, Va. Who was unable to attend his mother's wedding.

The newly-married couple have known each other for around 25 years. Charlie having at one time engaged in sawmilling with Mary's first husband, the late Farris Pierce.

Their acquaintance was renewed when Charlie was told about a tractor which might be for sale, owned by a "good woman." Charlie said, "I went over to look at the tractor but when she came to the door I forgot all about the tractor."

Charlie jokingly said, "I got the tractor now and her too." Referring to his truck farming he said, "I can figure in another row or two since I've got some help now."

A reception followed their marriage rites hosted by the daughter of the bridegroom. The couple spent the weekend at the bride's residence on Rt. 2, Denton, after which they came back to reside at the bridegroom's home at Rt. 3, Asheboro. They plan a honeymoon trip to Florida at a later date.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith Celebrate Anniversary**

Mar. 9, 1983—Mr. and Mrs. James Edward (Ed) Smith of Inwood Road, Rt. 4, Asheboro, celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Mar. 6 in Rollins Hall at Asheboro Friends Meeting.

Joined by their two sons, Rickey(Rick) Smith of Asheboro and Randol Smith of Lenoir, the couple received friends and relatives at a reception held from 2-5p. m.

The observance was held exactly 40 years from their marriage on Mar. 6, 1943 in Cheraw, S. C.

Mrs. Smith is the former Virginia Hancock, an Asheboro native, daughter of Mrs. Merchie Foster Hancock, formerly of 228 Purshing St. and now of Brian Center of Nursing Care and the late Hobart Hancock.

Ed Smith, a Rt. 1, Asheboro native, is the son of Mrs. Fannie Cox Smith of Rt. 6, Asheboro and the late Harry Smith.

He is now serving as Randolph County Dog Warden, a position he has held for more than 10 years. Prior to this time he served as a deputy with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department for 12 years.

Mrs. Smith has been employed at the local General Electric Plant for the past 30 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith are long-time members of the Asheboro Friends Meeting. Mrs. Smith for most of her life, and her husband during the years of their marriage.

Ed is also a member of the Asheboro Civitan Club and holds the position of Sergeant-At-Arms in that organization.

Their immediate family, in addition to their sons, are three granddaughters, Jennifer, Monica, and Janna Smith.

### **Mrs. Smith Is Honored On Her 92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday**

Mar. 10, 1983 - Mrs. Swanna Humble Smith, of Rt. 1, Liberty, was honored on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday Mar. 6.

Hosting the celebration were her six living children, Lola Gregson of Rt. 2, Liberty, Jiles Smith of Bartonville, ILL., Clara Jordan of Liberty, Mamie Teague of Staley and Inez Hunt and Elsie Williams of Rt. 1, Liberty.

Deceased children were Archie Smith and Dona Ann Hill. Mrs. Smith's husband, the late Arthur Smith, as well-known auctioneer and egg dealer, died in Dec., 1977 following their marriage of 65 years.

Other members of Mrs. Smith's family include 16 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren, Darrell and Rodney Jordan, who were present for the birthday celebration.

Mrs. Smith lives in the Melanchton community where she was born Mar. 11, 1891. She was born at Nixon's Mill and soon after that the family moved to where she still lives. She attended the Melanchton School.

Mrs. Smith has only left the area when she and her husband moved to Franklinville for three months following their marriage Sept. 15, 1912. The two-story house in which she still lives was built in 1915.

### **Town Honors Birthday With Effie Rummage Day**

Mar. 11, 1983 - Ellerbe - Mar. 5 was proclaimed "Effie Rummage Day" here, as Mrs. Rummage, a resident of Rt. 1, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Officials of the town and the Jones Spring United Methodist Church, where she has long been a member, joined her family, friends and neighbors in a covered dish luncheon at the Ellerbe Lions Club Park. Everybody in the area was invited to attend.

Congratulatory messages were received from President Reagan, Governor Jim Hunt, and Congressman Bill Heafner.

A native of Montgomery County and now only living three miles from its border, Mrs. Rummage was born Mar. 5, 1883, the daughter of Henry and Louise Maner.

Her father died when she was eight months old. Her mother re-married and lived to be nearly 107 years old.

Mrs. Rummage and her husband, Harris Rummage, who died more than 30 years ago, were the parents of 10 children. Only three of the children are living: Mary Sells who resides with her mother, Agnes Sloan of Pinebluff and Ray Rummage of Wallace, S. C.

She has 83 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Her school days transpired while the family was living in Stanley County and she recalls that her only punishment came when she hit the school principal with a wad of paper.

Recalling other experiences of her childhood, she said, "I worked hard. I was a tomboy. I often hitched up and plowed " Then she asked, "It don't hurt anybody to work does it?"

Her husband raised peaches, farmed, operated a cotton gin and also a sawmill.

Mrs. Rummage underwent operations for cataracts on her eyes in her 90's and an ulcer operation at the age of 96.

When she had finished her four-monthly checkup in Pinehurst recently her doctor asked if she wanted to dance a little for him. She replied, "if you can do anything for my joints, I'll try to dance for you on my 100<sup>th</sup> birthday."

She has been a member of the church since she was 12 years old and still retains a interest in the activities at Jones Spring United Methodist Church despite her inability to attend. She insists on receiving the church bulletin each Sunday.

On Tuesday night before her birthday celebration on Saturday the women's organization at the church held their meeting at her home.

Even though she didn't appear to mind talking with the reporters and other news media who visited her, she said, "I don't see why they print my life, good or bad."

Mrs. Rummage said the coming and going of relatives and the festivity usually lasted for two weeks. She said, "it wears me out, I might not show up."

But it appeared that she was not really serious about this statement since she pleasantly greeted all of those who came to visit her.

Among those in attendance at the "Effie Rummage Day" celebration were her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Upchurch of Asheboro.

### **PTA 'Wedding' Please Crowd**

Mar. 16, 1983 - Westmoore School was crowded Friday night for the performance of "A Womanless Wedding," sponsored by the school's PTA.

According to Mrs. Joyce Hussey, PTA president, about \$1,000 was raised to purchase equipment for the playground and band at Westmoore and for the band at the senior high school at North Moore.

Directing the performance was Steve VanPelt, band director at Northmoore High School and the related secondary schools.

The huge crowd roared with merriment through-out the processional as each of the wedding participants; most of them dressed in bizarre attire, came down the auditorium aisles on the arms of ushers, Sidney Luck, a teacher at the school and Gary Lewis.

The bride, Tiny Oats, was played by Dale Maness. The bridegroom, J. Fliverton Barley, was played by Jerry Beane, Westmoore teacher and coach.

Among cast members were two Robbins bankers. Jimmie Garner of the Montgomery Bank and also a director of the Randolph Electric Membership and Ted Beane of Fidelity Bank; Jerry Haywood, Westmoore Principal; the Rev. Bill Spencer, pastor of the Smyrna United Methodist Church; John Moore of Pot Luck Pottery; Bill Garner, director of the Randolph Telephone Membership Corp; Gurney Brady of the Moore County School System; and Noah Key; Carolina Fried Chicken executive and Moore County political leader.

Other cast members were Jimmy and Jackie Beane, brothers of Ted and Jerry Beane, J. J. Moore, Darius Luck, Philip McNeill, Danny O'Quinn, Randy Key, David Scott, Charlie Northcutt, Donnie Hussey, Paul Garner, Larry Moore, Ben Maness, Henry Moore, Keith Garner, Keith Dunlap and Deanna Brown, pianist.

### **Illness Couldn't Spoil Birthday**

Mar. 17, 1983 - Despite hospitalization and surgery on successive days Pearl W. Ward, well-known Rt. 1, Franklinville resident, celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday Mar. 8 on the second floor sun porch at Randolph Hospital.

Family members mingled with hospital personnel as the jovial octogenarian blew out the candles on one of his two birthday cakes and received the congratulations of the crowd of well-wishers.

Birthday banners and balloons adorned the sun porch. Noise makers added to the festive mood.

After the initial crowd had thinned out and the nurses and aides had resumed their duties, the callers continued to come through-out the afternoon.

Ward broke his hip last Thursday and underwent surgery on the following Friday and Saturday. He will probably be up and walking soon without difficulty.

About five weeks before breaking his hip, he had been a patient at the hospital for other ailments.

But these difficulties were put behind him as he celebrated his birthday as one of the merriest in attendance.

Pearl Ward and his wife, the former Allene Cagle, live at his old homeplace across Polecat Creek southeast of the New Salem area. Before coming back to the place where he was born, he and his family lived in High Point. He is a retired carpenter.

He and his living brothers, Rom, Wes, Raymond and Ira, range in ages from 78 to 90. There is a deceased brother and sister, Gurney Ward and Clara Redding.

The Wards have two daughters, Mrs. Carroll Jarvis of Greenville and Mrs. Howard Stubblefield of Greensboro.

### **Robbins Men Paid Tribute**

Mar. 24, 1983 - Three area men, James Garner, The Rev. James Donald MacKenzie and Henry Williams, were recognized at the fourth annual Distinguished Citizens

Award Banquet, sponsored by the Robbins Area Civic Organization. The event was held Friday evening, in the cafeteria at North Moore High School.

The first recipient, Garner, served as director of Randolph Electric Membership Corp. for 17 years and is present secretary and treasurer of the corporation. Only recently he was elected to a three year term on National Rural Cooperative Finance Corporation, which supplements money needs of Electrical Membership Corporations. He represents 13 states as a national member.

As an employee of the Bank of Montgomery he established the Robbins branch and since that time has been instrumental in establishing similar branches in Seven Lakes, Pinehurst, and Bennett.

A lifelong resident of Robbins, he attended the Acorn Ridge School before its consolidation with the Westmoore School where he graduated from high school in 1947. He farmed, operated at bull dozer, worked in a hosiery mill, and was employed as a salesman for Phillips Motor Co. in Carthage for 15 years before becoming affiliated with Bank of Montgomery.

His community service has included serving as chairman of a school advisory council which provided leadership in the establishment of North Moore High School and later on the North Moore Advisory Council in its formative years. He also served for eight years as a trustee on the Sandhills Community College Board, having been appointed by former Governor Jim Holshouser.

He and his family have actively identified themselves with the Smyrna United Methodist Church. He is a noted soloist and has also sung with family groups.

The Rev. James Donald MacKenzie, has been pastor of the Elise Presbyterian Church in Robbins since Apr. 1, 1971. He also preaches twice a month at Horseshoe Presbyterian Church and every third and fifth Sunday at the Gospel Chapel in Carthage.

The Detroit Michigan native served congregations in Chicago, Illinois, Kingsport, Tenn., Celo, Micaville, Swan Quarter, Edenton, Kannapolis, and in Harnett County in North Carolina before coming to Robbins. He is a noted writer and has served as president of the N. C. Presbyterian Historical Society and the Harnett County Historical Society.

He served as an infantry rifleman in World War II and for his military service he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star for bravery and the European Theatre of Operations Medal with three battle stars.

Also receiving the award was Henry Williams who is in his 27<sup>th</sup> year as a member of the Robbins Town Council and served for more than 20 years as chairman of the Moore County Board of Industrial Development. He has particularly been instrumental in securing new industry for both Robbins and Moore County.

Williams was raised on a farm near Marshville in Union County and lived in Kannapolis before coming to Robbins in 1948 to become the manager of the Belk Cline Store where he remained for 27 years prior to his retirement.

He assisted in the organization of the Robbins Merchants Association and served as its president many times. He is a member of First Baptist Church in Robbins and is a 32<sup>nd</sup> Degree Mason, a Shriner and past president of the Moore County Shrine Club. His area of service has also included the Robbins Fire Department.

Presiding at the banquet was Steve Van Pelt, president of the Robbins Area Civic Organization and assisting him in the presentation of the program was Dr. Darrell Powers, co-chairman of the distinguished citizens program. Invocation was by Jerry Jefferies and musical entertainment was provided by Mrs. Joy H. Menius.

About \$4,000 was raised by the holding of the banquet which will be applied towards two student scholarships at the Northmoore High School. The Elise Presbyterian Church presented a donation of \$1,000 in honor of Rev. MacKenzie and the Bank of Montgomery gave a similar donation in honor of Jimmie Garner. An additional donation of \$100 came from Arthur Purvis, chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners.

Eulogies to the three recipients were presented by Rev. D. B. Graybeal, Rt. 2, Broadway, former pastor of Bensalem Presbyterian Church in Moore County, for the Rev. MacKenzie, Rev. C. Gene Booker, pastor of First Baptist Church in Robbins, for Henry Williams, and Mrs. Lou Frye, chairman of the Moore County Board of Education for Jimmie Garner.

## **Center Cross Church Dedicates Sanctuary**

Apr. 6, 1983 - Center Cross Baptist Church, Rt. 8, Asheboro, located near the Montgomery County line, dedicated a new sanctuary Mar. 27, the second such structure in the 91-year-old history of the church.

Two former pastors, the Rev. Robert Hunsucker and the Rev. Darrell Cox, joined the present pastor, the Rev. Ron Cople, in the service of dedication along with the Rev. Judson Rotan, superintendent of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association, Rev. Hunsucker delivered the dedicatory sermon.

Doyle McLeod, chairman of the building committee, presented the new building to the church. Other members of the committee were Houston Cole, Cecil Bowman, Carrie Greene and Karen Lambert.

Responding to the presentation, the pastor dismissed the building committee with 'gratitude and thanks for all of the hours you have put in.' The committee was also commended for quickness in constructing the building. The building permit was granted Oct. 22, 1982; the new edifice was occupied on Feb. 6, 1983.

Estimated cost of the new sanctuary is less than \$95,000, including the furnishings which are also new. Builders were Leslie Smith, a member of the congregation, Charles Auman and Donald Luck.

The structure contains a choir room, baptistry, pastor's study, and preparation room. The exterior is brick, its interior is sheet rock with paneling. The floor is covered with wall-to-wall carpeting and the seats and backs of the new pews are upholstered.

Location of the sanctuary is on the exact site of the first building which was erected in 1892, plus additional space which was needed for the new building.

Various additions and renovations changed the appearance of the original structure but it still remained until excavation for the new structure was made last Oct. However, some of the additions remain to comprise the present educational and fellowship area of the church.

When the church was organized land for the site was donated jointly by Wiley Russell and John Cole, with descendants of the latter still worshipping there. Recently,

17 ½ acres of the former Wiley Russell land was purchased to provide future needs of the growing congregation.

Deacons at the church are Leverette Strider, chairman, Billy Sellers, Cecil Bowman, Mark Greene, and Ervin Cole.

Many new members have joined the church since the coming of the pastor, Rev. Ron Copple, three years ago this July.

Following the service the congregation assembled for a meal in the fellowship hall.

### **Church Notes Tom Hill Appreciation Day**

Apr. 8, 1983 - "Tom Hill Appreciation Day" honored the pastor of Pleasant Grove Christian Church during the Apr. 3 worship service.

The lower floor of the sanctuary as well as the balcony was filled for the occasion and the fellowship hall was packed for the carry-in luncheon which followed.

The Rev. Thomas Jamesd(Tom) Hill, 44, is noted for other achievements than his 10-year pastorate at the Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

He is owner and operator of the Thomas J. Hill Furniture Co., located on the former site of Columbia Manufacturing Co. in Ramseur, and the J & T Milling Co., located at the former site of the old roller mill in Ramseur. He is an airplane pilot and a cattle farmer.

The effervescent minister, with his ready smile and warm handshake, was unaware of the day set aside in his honor until he saw the large banner proclaiming the occasion as he entered the church drive-way prior to the morning service.

Those arranging the ceremonies brought a ministerial colleague, the Rev. Billy Kelly of Greer, S. C. to preach for the occasion and the Burns Trio, a musical group from Greenville, S. C. to sing along with the church choir.

Tom Hill was presented with a plaque commemorating his "faithful and devoted service as pastor of Pleasant Grove Christian Church: and his wife was presented with a bouquet of yellow roses.

Later in the fellowship hall, the minister and his wife were presented with a large colored television and other gifts.

Hill is a native of the Julian area in Guilford County where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hill, still reside. He married the former Jo Ann Bunting, Sept. 1, 1956.

His call to the ministry came in May 1960. In the meantime, he had served four years in the National Guard and in 1961 was called to active duty during the Berlin Crisis.

The first years of his ministry was as an evangelist, preaching in more than 200 churches from the mountains to the sea. He also served as supply pastor for the Level Cross Baptist Church and for four years as pastor of White's Memorial Baptist Church near Cedar Falls.

Following his pastorate at White's Memorial he had not planned to enter another pastorate. He did accept a request to preach at the Pleasant Grove church on the first Sunday in Jan. 1973 and perhaps for two or three Sundays thereafter until the church found a pastor.

After three Sundays, the pulpit committee at Pleasant Grove decided their search was over.

He preached without salary at his own request during the 10 years of his pastorate the church. However in appreciation for his ministry at the church he has been presented with three automobiles and one pick-up truck in

addition to the gifts which were presented to him and his wife during the appreciation service.

Tom's business career began first with a job at Julian Milling Co., after which he got a job with an upholstery company where his first duties consisted of sweeping the floor. Later he "laid down cloth" and trained himself as a upholsterer on his own time.

Then the ambitious young man borrowed \$100 from his mother and went into the upholstering business for himself, choosing Randleman as the site for his first venture into manufacturing realm.

He moved his plant to Ramseur in order to secure more space and later moved his family from the Julian area to their present residence on Rt. 2, Ramseur, located in the area of Kildee Wesleyan Church and the Rehobeth United Methodist Church.

The minister and his wife are the parents of two children, Jimmy Hill, who is married and living in Staley area and Tammy, 16, who lives at home with her parents. The renovated roller mill in Ramseur derives it name "J" and "T" from the first letters in the names of their son and daughter.

Another farm in the vicinity, purchased since coming into the area, is the site of their cattle operation and the airfield which Tom uses mostly for hobby flying. When he calls upon his business clients in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia he usually travels on commercial air lines.

In addition to his other duties and responsibilities, the minister finds time to serve as a director of The Carolina Bank in Ramseur and the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Association in Asheboro.

### **Young Couple Is Trying 'To Get Ahead' For Baby**

Apr. 13, 1983 - Charles Alfred Hill, 21, recently approached three men at Northgate Shopping Center Thursday and offered for sale a new socket set for \$10.

He said he had paid \$30 for the new set of wrenches but was offering it at the reduced price "because of the baby."

He was accompanied by his wife, Kathy Little Hill, 17, and their 2-week-old son. Charles Burton Hill, born Mar. 25 in Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro.

The infant had a head cold and the father was trying to raise money to take him to the doctor, needing \$22 so the child could receive medical attention.

The next morning the little boy was taken to the doctor and received an injection for the cold.

To complete the needed amount a bookcase from the meager belongings of the couple had also been sold.

The set of wrenches had been as present which the father had bought himself as a Christmas present, according to his wife.

Hill was laid off from his job at the construction of the African Culture Building at the N. C. Zoological Park on Dec. 27. Employees not involved in the construction of the roof were laid off until the roof could be completed.

A carpenter, Hill had not worked on the job long enough to receive unemployment benefits. Since he was laid off he has worked at various odd jobs.

"I will do anything I can to get some money. I am more than willing to work," he said.

The couple have been living in a dilapidated trailer at 307 Britain St., financed by the housing authority, but plan to move on Monday to an apartment at 1962 Lakeview Road, also under the auspices of the housing authority.

Hill has also made efforts to secure assistance from the Department of Social Services.

The couple has received some assistance from the Department of Health through WIC (women, infants and children) with the receipt of milk, cheese, juices, eggs and cereal.

Through Hill's job insurance, the couple were helped in paying bills incurred when their son was born. However, they still owe \$1,580. 50 on these bills.

The young mother, describing their situation, said, "It seems like every time we get on our feet, we fall back again."

When raising the money to take the baby to the doctor, Charles said, "I almost sold the clock yesterday," referring to an antique which had been in Kathy's family for a long time.

Their problems are also compounded by the fact they do not own an automobile.

Any assistance rendered to this couple and their son would be appreciated. If further information is desired, write to Ralph L. Bulla, 209 Old Liberty Road, Asheboro, or call 672-2595.

### **Coxes Honored On Anniversary**

Apr. 14, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Erman Stanley Cox, 246 E. Wainman Ave., Asheboro, were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Apr. 9 in the parlor at First Baptist Church.

Hosts at a reception from 2-5 p. m. were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Judy Cox) Bulla of Country Club Hills, Ill, near Chicago.

The couple have two grandchildren, Randy and Julie Bulla. The latter assisted with serving along with Cathy Garrett, a great-niece of Erman Cox. His sister, Carol Smith, registered the guests.

Also present were his other sisters, Ardis Scotten, Kathleen Scotten and Norma Grubb along with Mrs. Cox's brother and sister. Harold Wright of Parkersburg, W. Va. Ruth Peatross of Alexandria, Va., Hoyt Wright, Wilton Wright and Edwin Wright, all of this area.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married Sunday, Apr. 9, 1933, in Danville, Va. Accompanying them were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Brown and Ardis Cox Scotten, who were present for their anniversary observance, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allred.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Cox are natives of the Coleridge Holly Springs area. Mrs. Cox, the former Nola Lee Wright, is the daughter of the late Leonidas and Clara Phillips Wright. Mr. Cox's parents were the late Stephen W. and Eva Luticia Stout Cox.

Before their marriage both were employed at McCrary Hosiery Mills where Mrs. Cox worked for 10 years and her husband for 30 years. Mr. Cox also worked for 15 years at Randolph Technical College; he retired seven years ago. After working at various other places, Mrs. Cox retired from Sew Special Inc.

Since their retirement the couple has spent their winter months in Kissimmee, Fla., and returned to their Asheboro home just prior to their anniversary celebration. Their daughter and her family visited them in Florida just before their return and accompanied them on the return trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox will have been members of First Baptist Church for 50 years in July.

Some special guests at their anniversary reception included Kathleen Inman, Evelyn Inman and Carol Brock, long-time friends from Whiteville.

### **Friends Meeting One Of Oldest In State**

Apr. 20, 1983 - Rocky River Friends Meeting, located on Rt. 4, Siler City, east of Staley, is one of the oldest Friends Meeting in central part of North Carolina.

On Jan. 6, 1753, permission was granted for Friends "inhabiting on the waters of Rocky River to hold a Meeting amongst themselves on the Fourth Day of each week."

Permission came from the first meeting established in central North Carolina, the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting in Alamance County, whose own status had been determined only 18 months earlier in 1751.

Another meeting in central North Carolina was also established in 1753, the Deep River Friends Meeting in Guilford County.

The next year, after the beginning of worship on the fourth day at Rocky River, members requested and were granted permission to hold services on the first day of the week.

There was a fluctuation of services for years before Rocky River became a preparative meeting in 1794, but it was not until 1908 that the monthly meeting was established. The meeting had remained under the guidance of the Cane Creek Monthly Meeting until that time.

First services were held in a privately owned house. The first deed of land was dated July 25, 1792, calling for three acres and six poles. Included in this deed is the graveyard and a "Meeting House Meadow."

The first buildings were log and very primitive. The third building which fronted a road which is still dirt, was a long, low building with a low gallery extending its entire length on the north and double doors on the south side. Folding doors split the building in half when closed, with separate rooms for the men and women.

This land was deeded by David Vestal to trustees William Hobson, Joseph Branson and Nathan Vestal.

Located across the graveyard from the present church structure, the only reminder of the third site, are separate sets of concrete steps which led to the two rooms and a large wooden cross marking the building site.

The fourth and present building was erected in 1925 at another site which fronts paved SR 1300. This building has been renovated and added to several times since it was built.

Land for the present site was donated by descendants of David Vestal, headed by Dr. Jesse Edwards, of Siler City, and consisting mainly of the family of Dr. William Edwards, who had practiced in the Rocky River area for 50 years.

Leaders at Rocky River in the first century, in addition to David Vestal, included overseers Jeremiah Piggott Pickett, Thomas Vestal, Joseph Kemp, Stephen Hobson, Isaac Hobson, and John Carter; trustees William Hobson, Joseph Branson, and Nathan Vestal; William Leaky, original owner of the first tract of land, and witnesses Joseph Hobson and Henry Jones.

Ann Hobson, first wife of Stephen Hobson, was the first person buried in the cemetery. She died Feb. 1, 1775. There are monuments in the cemetery in memory of "George and Hannah Hobson, pioneers of Rocky River" and "Isham Cox, who was a faithful minister of the Gospel, 1815-1894."

When Rocky River became a monthly meeting in 1908, it had 60 charter members. Family names listed in this group included Andrew, Campbell, Hobson, Hinshaw, Stout, Johnson, Jones, Holladay, Pike, Stuart, Thompson, Albright, Cooper, Lane, Langley, Loy, Way, Wicker, Whitehead, and Wrenn.

Thomas F. Andrew, one of the charter members, also served as the minister of the meeting at two different intervals for a total of 36 years. At one time he served the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

Dr. Virgil Pike, who also came out of the Rocky River Meeting, served as minister there at two different times and like Thomas F. Andrew, also served the Asheboro Meeting.

Other ministers serving at Rocky River with Randolph County connections were Norman Osborne now living in Level Cross, his son, Don Osborne, now serving as chairman of the Randolph County School System; Seth B. Hinshaw, Randolph County native who was there following ministry at Asheboro Friends Meeting, and several years as executive secretary of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting; and Victor Murchison, present minister at the Asheboro Meeting, who began his ministry at Rocky River.

Present pastor at Rocky River is Clifford Wolfe, Clerk of the Monthly Meeting is Pike Johnson and Clerk of Ministry and Counsel is Mary Arrington. Trustees are D. V. Pike Jr., Bobby Lambe and Thomas McPherson.

James G. Pike, second clerk of monthly meeting at Rocky River, served in this capacity for nearly 40 years until his death in 1957.

Rocky River Friends Meeting has existed and prospered now for 230 years despite many difficulties which confronted them during two conflicts, the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States. Many disownments occurred in the Meeting due to participation in these two conflicts, along with migration to Western states during the Civil War.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Boone Honored On Anniversary**

Apr. 21, 1983 - Lexie Boone, a well-known photographer of the Seagrove area, and his wife, Edna, were surprised by their children and other relatives on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Apr. 17.

The observance was part of a fellowship luncheon held by the Union Grove Baptist Church at the conclusion of the morning worship service, with a special cake denoting the anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Boone.

The couple are long-time members of the Union Grove Baptist Church. Boone joined the church in 1946, his wife some years before that.

The Boone's were married on Easter Monday, Apr. 17, 1933, at the courthouse in Bennettsville, S. C.

Mrs. Boone, the former Edna Lillian Frye is a native of Utah but came to Seagrove with her parents when she was 13, moving into the community where her future husband lived with his parents.

The couple has three children, Jane Crotts and David Boone of Rt. 8, Asheboro and Nancy Boone of Elon College. One son, Lennie, died at age 3. They also have two grandchildren and three step-grandchildren.

Present for the anniversary observance were three of Boone's sisters, Connie McNeill, Margie Sink and Jacksie

Poe and two of Mrs. Boone's brothers, Winburn Frye and Wayne Frye.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Boone are retired employees of Luck's Inc. in Seagrove.

Boone, who also celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on Apr. 20, has established himself through the years as a freelance photographer, having purchased his first camera at 17.

He said "I bought myself a good camera during World War II" and since that time has kept himself busy serving the photographic needs of the Seagrove community and other areas also.

Boone's photography services are varied. He makes many pictures of brides and their weddings, family groups, anniversaries and he re-photographs quite a few old prints.

### **New Civitans Hold First Meeting**

Apr. 22, 1983—Charter Night for newly organized Red Cross Civitan Club took place Apr. 14 at a ladies night dinner meeting at the Worthville Community Building.

The charter night observance was held jointly with a meeting of clubs from N. C. District West, Area 5. Host was the Randleman Civitan Club whose own chartering took place only six months ago.

The Red Cross Civitan Club, comprised of 28 charter members, was organized under the sponsorship of the Level Cross Civitan Club whose president, Bob Bailey, and chaplain, George Stanton, participated in the chartering ceremonies.

Also participating were Jerry Wagoner and Al Hiatt, governor and governor-elect of N. C. District West; Jim Ritchie, past president of Civitan International, speaker for the occasion, and Dave York, Lt. governor of Area Five.

Officers for the new club are Bill Holland, president; John Waugh, president-elect; Ronald Swaim, secretary; David Welborne, treasurer; Porter Anderson, chaplain; and Terry Swaim, sergeant-at-arms; and directors Otis Barker, Page Jones, and Bud Ledbetter.

Other members are Raymond Allen, Charles Barker, Jack Barker, Frank Carroll, Larry Coble, George Drakulie, Ward Emory, Robert Frye, Carlos Garcia, Clarence Garner, Ernest Hinshaw, Mike Hinshaw, Joe Holland, Tommy Hylton, Wesley Routh, Lloyd Smith, Claude Snider, Ray Thomas, and Charles Willard.

The call to order was made by Lt. governor Dave York, the pledge of allegiance was led by Les Brown, president-elect of the Randleman club and the welcome extended by Allen Bullard, president of the latter club.

Randolph County clubs now comprising Area Five are Archdale, Grantville, Hillsville, Level Cross, New Market, Randleman, Heart of Carolina in Asheboro and Red Cross. Other clubs from outside of Randolph County are Chair City Ladies in Thomasville, Silver Valley and Thomasville.

### **Heritage Sunday Observed**

Apr. 28, 1983 - The Liberty Charge of the United Methodist Church, composed of three pastorates at Randolph, Staley, and White's Chapel, observed Heritage Sunday at a joint gathering of the three churches on Apr. 24.

Leading the service was the young woman minister, the Rev. Adele Byrum, who retraced the history of the Methodist church back to the beginning with John Wesley nearly 200 years ago.



She asked questions prior to launching into her Heritage Sunday sermon such as "what distinguishes a Methodist church from any other church, what is a Methodist and do you know what we believe as Methodist."

She said, "we need to learn who we are as Methodist," adding that "today we are affirming our past."

Before the sermon the young minister led the congregation in some of the old songs of the church.

After the sermon and altar call was made, spontaneous prayers were said by members and the congregation was dismissed to enjoy a meal in the fellowship hall.

This was the second joint meeting of the Liberty charge, the first having been a pot luck meal at White's Chapel United Methodist Church. Another joint meeting, an ice cream supper, is planned for the Randolph United Methodist Church in July.

### **'Service Honors The Rev. Logan**

May 3, 1983—McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church in Ramseur was filled to capacity Sunday, Apr. 24, for the appreciation service honoring the church pastor, the Rev. Thomas Edison Logan.

The service was initiated by Mrs. Leona Cheek, veteran fundraiser of the McCrary's Chapel church, with the cooperation from the other churches on the Ramseur charge which include Cox's Chapel, Mitchell Methodist Church and Shady Grove.

Various singing groups, locally and from elsewhere, participated in the program, with Mrs. Cheek's daughter, Mrs. Agnes Foushee, as mistress of ceremonies.

The sermon for the occasion was delivered by the Rev. Broise Logan, brother of the honored minister.

About \$1,000 was presented to Rev. Logan as a expression of appreciation from the four churches for his ministry to them since last June. The churches, particularly McCrary's Chapel, have achieved considerable gains since his coming.

The minister is a native of Rutherfordton, now resides in High Point. He is married to the former Mary Lee Dawkins and they are the parents of five grown children. They also have seven grandchildren.

Originally a Methodist from the Brooks Memorial church in High Point, Rev. Logan's first church after being called into the ministry was the Friendship Baptist Church in High Point.

He is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem and also Guilford Technical Institute. He is now enrolled at Shaw University in Raleigh where, as a Junior, he is studying for his bachelor's degree. This summer he will attend Duke University.

He is an Army veteran with five years of service.

The service of appreciation was concluded by a buffet meal in the fellowship area of the church.

### **Fundraiser Set For Sumner Family**

May 4, 1983 - A fundraising for the Roy Lee Sumner family of Rt. 2, Sophia, has been scheduled Saturday at 7p. m. at the Randleman Elementary School.

The benefit, which will be a gospel singing and the sale of soft drinks and various food items, is being held due to Roy Lee Sumner's illness with cancer since Feb. 1982.

An upholsterer with Stuart Manufacturing Co. in Asheboro, he was out of work for four months after his initial illness. He went back to work last June 3 and except for a minor

operation which caused him to lose three weeks of work he continued with his employment until this past Nov. .

He returned again to Moses Cone Hospital in Greensboro earlier this year, during which time his wife, Nancy Lou, a practical nurse, took a leave of absence from her employment and cared for him on all three shifts. She has continued this care since he came home around a month ago.

Since coming home he has been bedfast except for daily trips for treatment to the hospital in Greensboro.

The only one employed in the family now since Mrs. Sumner took the leave of absence is their 21-year old son, David, who like his father is employed at Stuart. The other three children—Michael, Angela, and Michelle—are enrolled in the Randleman school system.

Social Security disability payments have not yet started for Sumner; therefore the benefit singing will be to assist in the household expenses and the mounting medical bills.

Three singing groups—Jim Green Family Singers and the Shepherd Helpers from Asheboro, The Gospel Christianaires from Randleman and The Hymnsmen, who will stand by for relief singing—are scheduled to participate. C. J. York of The Hymnsmen will be master of ceremonies.

### **Rev. and Mrs. Charles Apple Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May 4, 1983 - The Rev. and Mrs. Charles E. Apple of 522 Stowe Ave., celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Apr. 24 in the fellowship hall sat the Whynot Wesleyan Church, where Rev. Apple is serving as pastor.

Hosting a reception in their honor was their daughter, Mrs. Odell Brady of Rt. 1, Ramseur, who was joined by their granddaughter, Lisa Brady.

Others assisting in the reception were Mrs. Bob Brown, Mrs. David Cheek, Mrs. Frank Smith Jr., Mrs. R. G. Wooten, Mrs. David Pardue, Mrs. Harold Thompson, Mrs. Robert Luther and Mrs. Thurman Teague.

The couple greeted their friends and relatives from 2 to 4 pm. About 140 guests attended, from as far away as Durham, Elkin, Gold Hill, Thomasville and Lexington.

Rev. and Mrs. Apple were married Apr. 24, 1943 at the Liberty Wesleyan Church near Harmony, with Dr. William S. Deal, district superintendent of the N. C. Conference of the Wesleyan Church, performing the ceremony, assisted by the church pastor, the Rev. H. R. Helms.

Rev. Apple is a native of Gibsonville area while Mrs. Apple, the former Junia Wooten, is a native of the Harmony area. Both are 1948 graduates of Owosso College and Seminary in Owosso, Michigan.

Their service in the ministry began with their pastorate in Franklinton, after which they served churches in Hillsborough, Gold Hill, Erlange-Lexington, Mt. Zion—Thomasville, Burlington, Franklinville, Kildee-Ramseur and Elkin before coming to their present pastorate near Seagrove.

### **Franklinville Church Honors Law Enforcement Officers**

May 5, 1983 - "Law Enforcement Appreciation Day" was observed Apr. 30 at Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, with some 37 Randolph and Guilford county law enforcement officers honored as guests.

Departmental heads attending included Randolph County

Sheriff Robert Mason; Sgt. Ray Wicker of N. C. State Patrol; Randleman Chief of Police Joe Farlow, who also serves as youth pastor at Faith Temple Church; and Liberty Chief of Police Cecil Williams.

ALSO ARCHDALE Chief of Police Darrell Arney; Ramseur Chief of Police Gene Pugh; Captain Boyd Cagle of the Asheboro Police Department; Sgt. Paul Biggs of the Greensboro Police Department; and Sgt. Reece Coble of the Guilford County Sheriff's Department.

Achievement and victory trophies and certificates of appreciation were given to the departmental heads while other officers and guests received a special gift package which included a Bible.

An real-life film titled "Heaven's Heroes" honoring a policeman slain in the line of duty, was shown during the morning worship service.

Faith Temple church pastor, the Rev. Richard Trogdon, served as a member of the Asheboro Police Department for two years and as a military policeman for four years.

Also, the song leader at the church, Vance Trogdon, is a former Virginia state patrolman while another member of the church, Jimmy Johnson, is a patrolman with the Randleman Police Department.

The church was filled to capacity for the special observance.

### **Trogdons Honored On Anniversary**

May 5, 1983 - Sixty years ago yesterday, on May 4, 1923, Northern Trogdon and Maisy Lassiter were married in the courthouse in Asheboro.

On Sunday, May 1, at their 946 Lee St. home, they celebrated their sixtieth anniversary with family members friends.

Hosting the reception were their children, Joseph Paul Trogdon of Rt. 2, Asheboro, Mrs. Henry (Rachel Louise) Lanier of Asheboro and Ray Lewis Trogdon of Rt. 6, Asheboro. The couple also have five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Lanier and her brother, Ray Lewis, are twins, following a precedent established by their mother. Maisy, who has a twin sister, Daisy, who is married to Jesse Trogdon, brother of Northern Trogdon.

In Nov., Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Trogdon, who were at the anniversary reception, will celebrate their own sixtieth anniversary.

Other siblings of the honored couple attending were 96-year-old Chloe Lassiter Propst of Hickory, Clifford Lassiter of Asheboro, George Lassiter of Rt. 5, Asheboro, Crissie Trogdon Robbins and Ruth Trogdon Edwards, also of Asheboro. Only Willie Trogdon was unable to attend.

Mrs. Propst, an energetic lady, planned to remain for a few days visiting with her sister and brother-in-law.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Northern Trogdon are natives of Randolph County, Mr. Trogdon from Cedar Grove Township west of Asheboro, the son of Albert Harrison Trogdon and Mary Jane Bean Trogdon and Mrs. Trogdon from a little farther west in the Mechanic and Lassiter's Mill areas, the daughter of McCager Lassiter and Linda Jane Workman Lassiter.

The couple are members of Rock Hill Primitive Baptist Church. Northern Trogdon is 84; his wife is seven years younger.

### **45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Couple Honored**

May 12, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dolph Pritchard of Rt. 1, Asheboro, were honored on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a reception on Apr. 23 in the fellowship hall at Balfour Baptist Church.

Hosts were their children, Roger Pritchard of Rt. 3, Asheboro, Mrs. Farrell (Cynthia) Wilson of Rt. 1, Asheboro, Mrs. Baxter (Celia) Oliver of Raleigh, L. D. Pritchard Jr. of Selma and Mrs. Kent (Sue) Daughtry of Newton Grove. Their immediate family also includes 12 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchard were married Apr. 23, 1938 in the parsonage at the Balfour Baptist church, with the pastor, the Rev. R. R. Heath, officiating. Witnesses were Mrs. Heath, Luther Wright Jr. and Kumia Parsons.

Mrs. Pritchard is the former Era Louise Bennett.

A former employee of McCrary Hosiery Mills, he assumed the operation of the Garland Lake Dairy farm in Asheboro in 1944 and has contained in his capacity as his present residence were he moved his family in 1952.

Mrs. Pritchard was employed at Burlington Socks for 18 years before joining her husband in the operation of the dairy farm.

Lewis Pritchard's name has been synonymous with the ministry of the Balfour Baptist Church which he and his wife joined more than 40 years ago.

He has served as the church clerk for the past 30 years, has rotated on and off of the deacon board for many years and is now serving as both a deacon and teacher of the Men's Bible Class in addition to his clerk's position.

He is also a member of the Grantville Civitan Club, has served as president of the club.

Mrs. Pritchard has also been active in the ministry of the Balfour church, serving for many years in the extension department.

Among those present for their anniversary reception were Lewis' brother, Truman Pritchard, of Rt. 4, Asheboro and his sisters, Lee Johnson and Sara Glover, both of Charleston, S. C. and Mrs. Pritchard's brothers, Cleo Bennett and Kelly Bennett of Asheboro, Cicero Bennett of Rt. 8, Asheboro and her sister, Mrs. Dorothy Redding of Winston-Salem.

### **Wesleyan Church Dedicates Edifice**

May 15, 1983 - The new edifice for Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, was dedicated May 1 with a large crowd in attendance.

Joining the pastor, the Rev. C. David Surrent in the service of dedication were Dr. Virgil Mitchell, general superintendent of the Wesleyan Church and the Rev. C. M. Upton, district superintendent of North Carolina east of the Wesleyan Church.

Dr. Mitchell Preached the sermon, using as his subject "The Glory of God's House." Rev. Upton accepted the building in behalf of the district and led in the litany of dedication.

Darrell Frye, vice chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners, extended official greetings from the county government.

The building, a completely new structure, was erected on a five acre tract of land diagonally across the road from the building in which the congregation had been worshipping.

It was build Colonial style and contains 18, 000 square feet of space, including both the sanctuary and educational areas.

The sanctuary, with its construction of brick both inside

and out, has a seating capacity of 450, including balcony and choir areas.

It is distinctive by a paneled area, a large cross, an "upper room" for prayer and meditation, stained glass memorial windows, upholstered pews and wall to wall carpeting.

The educational area contains 13 class rooms, one of which is large enough for chapel purposes, pastor's study, offices for the youth pastor and the Sunday School department, library and rest rooms. There are two nurseries and full-sized basement underneath the educational area which will be later utilized for a day care to begin in the fall.

Contractor for the church edifice was Colon Cheek Inc., of Thomasville. The total contract price for the building was \$360,000. However, since its completion the building has been appraised for insurance at a value of \$545,000. There was a considerable amount of volunteer labor during construction.

The church had \$70,000 in a building fund when construction began. Further financing came from the issuance of \$175,000 in bonds.

Former pastors in attendance at the service of dedication were T. C. Vaughn, M. M. Holmes, D. R. Saunders and Nelson O. Silver.

First known as Sawyersville Apostolic Holiness Church. Organization at Sawyersville occurred Nov. 6, 1904. The first house of worship was a one-room frame structure which was built with most of the lumber and labor donated. The second house of worship was the brick building across the road which was built in 1940.

The service of dedication was concluded with a cornerstone laying followed by refreshments in the basement.

### **Church Celebrates 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May 20, 1983 - Giles Chapel United Methodist Church, steeped in the history of the Methodist church, celebrated the 150<sup>th</sup> year of its founding May 15. The church is located four miles northeast of downtown Asheboro.

Sentimental reflections, reminiscent of the past, pervaded the atmosphere of the combined anniversary celebration and Memorial Day service, with one of the largest crowds in the recent history of the church attendance.

Organized on the fourth Sabbath in May 1833, by the Rev. Alson Gray, the church's congregation worshipped in a small log schoolhouse until Mar. 29, 1876, when they entered into the second house of worship, a frame structure which is still being used today after many additions and renovations. A fellowship building was dedicated Feb. 11, 1973.

Sixty-four ministers have followed Rev. Gray in the pastorate of the church over the past century and a half, two of whom, J. H. Bowman and J. B. Trogdon, served at two different times. The present pastor, the Rev. Lee Roche, presided over the morning and afternoon services which commemorated the anniversary celebration.

Speak for the occasion was the Rev. June Greene, pastor of the First United Methodist church in Lenoir, who was converted and later called into the ministry from the Giles Chapel church.

Highlighting the afternoon service following dinner on the grounds were remarks from three former pastors, the Rev. Paul Bruton, the Rev. Melvin Beeker, the Rev. Edwin Hedgepeth and 85-year-old layman S. E. Trogdon Sr., son of the Rev. J. B. / Trogdon, for whom the fellowship hall

was named. The latter received a standing ovation at the conclusion of his remarks.

Attending both morning and afternoon services was the oldest member of the church. Harrison Davis, 94.

Music was rendered throughout the day by the Giles Chapel Quartet which included Cathy Snider Kersey, great-great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Giles, who donated the land on which the church was build and for whom the church is named. Other quartet members are Howard and Annette Owens and Barbara Ward, with Evelyn Asbill as pianist.

A revised version of Giles Chapel history was published by the United Methodist Women's publication committee, composed of Mrs. S. E. Trogdon Sr. and Mrs. Norvin Greene. The history booklets are available to those who are interested in purchasing them.

### **Methodist Churches Gather For Semi-Annual Meeting**

June 2, 1983 - Election of officers occurred at the semi-annual meeting of the Randolph Area Mission Society May 22 at Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

A total of \$6,000 was authorized for assistance to four Randolph County churches and the establishment of an office for the High Point District of the United Methodist Church.

Churches receiving financial assistance were Charlotte United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 8, Asheboro, Cox's Chapel and McCrary's chapel, Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Re-elected officials of the society were E. Wayne Hughes, president; Earl Taylor, first vice president; Hilliard Nance, secretary; James Hanner, treasurer; and Garland Allen, Clyde Foust and Mrs. Olan Hubbard, directors.

New officials named were the Rev. Kenneth Crouse, second vice president and Mrs. Hubert W. Allred, assistant secretary and treasurer.

The Rev. Walter McKelvey, district superintendent, reported on the activities of the High Point District.

Speaker of the occasion was Dr. Frances Jones, lay member of the Central church and principal of Balfour School in Asheboro. She was introduced by the Rev. Timothy Albert, associate pastor of Central.

A program in music was presented by the Rev. Nellie Bescher, also from Central church, accompanied by Mrs. Fran Upchurch, organist.

### **90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrated**

June 3, 1983 - Mrs. Sue Vestal, who celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on May 14, was born in downtown Asheboro at the present site of First Southern Savings & Loan Association. She was born as Sarah Susan Hoover to her parents, Thomas J. and Kate Gray Hoover.

Mrs. Vestal recalled recently that things have changed in downtown Asheboro since she was born. For example, on the day she was born, the family milk cow was hit and killed by a train. At that time no stock law existed in Asheboro.

Mrs. Vestal continued to live in the heart of Asheboro through her school days at the old Fayetteville Street site, completing her studies and graduating when she had completed the final of nine grades.

She went away for further studies at Flora McDonald College in Red Springs for one year. It was then she met

her future husband, Adger Edwin Vestal, a native of Sanford.

This aspect of her life was also influenced by the train, having met the man she would later marry while on a train trip from Greensboro to Asheboro. At the time of their meeting Vestal, employed by a telephone company, was on his way to Randleman.

They were married in 1917 and settled in Hendersonville where he was employed, before moving to Black Mountain, then Murphy, remaining in the latter place until Vestal's death more than 20 years ago.

The couple was parents of two daughters, Juanita Weaver, now deceased, and Sara Jessamine Crowther of Boca Raton, Fla., who visited her mother on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Sue also has seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Following her husband's death, Mrs. Vestal returned to Asheboro to live with her sister, Miss Minnie Hoover, retired court reporter, who is 98. The sisters now reside at Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Mrs. Vestal is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Asheboro and is a member of the senior citizen organization in Asheboro. Two weeks before her birthday, she qualified for the renewal of her driver's license.

### **Cross Road Baptist Church Has Five Year Anniversary**

June 10, 1983 - The Cross Road Baptist Church had only 24 charter members, representing seven families, when it was organized on May 31, 1978. The first worship service was held the following Sunday in the V. F. W. building on Albemarle Road on June 4.

On June 5, 1983, when the church celebrated its 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary it was 435 members strong and worshipping in its own building at a "mountainous" site on South Cox Road which is occupied in Sept. 1979.

In 1981 a new Sunday School addition was erected and now as an expansion of its ministry, a rest and retirement center is also being build on South Cox Road, located near the church complex.

The origin of The Cross Road Baptist Church however, goes even back further, beginning 1 ½ years earlier when two Baptist laymen from Asheboro, unknown to each other at the times, met at a state brotherhood meeting in Fayetteville.

The two laymen, coming back to Asheboro together, discussed "mission fervor, concern for the lost, the needs of Asheboro and Randolph County and what could God do through us if we let him."

The two laymen were later joined by two more laymen and these four men and their wives formed a nucleus which led to the organization of the new church. The group was joined by three additional families to comprise the charter membership of the church.

On Feb. 2, 1978, the group came to a final decision at the conclusion of a prayer vigil and contacted the Rev. Don McIntyre who would become their pastor at the time of the organization.

The charter membership came from the families of Bill Applewhite, Stan Haywood, Mark Sink, Bobby Merrill, Rev. McIntyre, Wilson Wiley, and J. B. Sink.

Their motto was "the church that cares about you" their theme song became "Victory in Jesus" and the name of the church was derived from the scripture "Then Jesus said to

his disciples, if any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me" Matthew 16:24.

This was the first independently organized Baptist church to apply for membership within the Randolph Baptist Association in more than 25 years.

The membership of the church rose to 176 the first full year. There have been 197 baptisms to date. The issuance of \$275,000 in bonds for the construction of the new church building sold within 72 hours.

The church as made it possible for the pastor, Rev. McIntyre, to go to India and preach the gospel to the people of that country for three consecutive years.

In 1981, Paul Lacrone was called as director of music and education at the church. Recently that church as approved the calling of a full-time minister of youth.

A large crowd of congregational members and visitors were present for the fifth anniversary celebration. The message was delivered by the pastor. The church history was given by Bill Applewhite, chairman of deacons. Special singing was rendered by the church quartet, Beth Johnson and Ben Dowd.

### **Gold Star Mothers, Widow Saluted At Auxiliary Banquet**

June 10, 1983 - Memories of the past were evoked as four Gold Star mothers and one Gold Star widow were honored at a reception June 4 at the Reitzel Center in Liberty.

Hosting the reception were members of the American Legion Auxiliary Post No. 83 of which Betty Beard is the president.

Gold Star mothers honored were Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith whose son Staff Sgt. Carl Ray Holmes, U. S. Air Force, died following an air raid over Japan from the Guadalcanal area during World War II; and Mrs. Mary Lee York whose son, Lance Corporal William Prayler York, died while serving the U. S. Marine Corps in the Vietnam conflict.

Also, Gold Star mothers Mrs. Florence Deaton whose son, First Class Torpedoman Lynwood Deaton, U. S. Navy lost his life while serving on a submarine in the Pacific during World War II; and Mrs. Roberta Coward whose son, Tank Operator Herbert Lee Coward, was killed in action while serving with the Army in Germany during World War II.

Honored along with the Gold Star mothers was Mrs. Hilda B. Allen whose husband, Private William Fred Allen was killed while serving as an Army infantryman in France During World War II.

In an addition to a buffet serving the guests, a program of music was rendered by Mrs. Joyce Wall, an auxiliary member and former Liberty resident now residing at The Methodist Home in Charlotte.

Also present were Mrs. Mary Stamey, an auxiliary member and Mrs. Eva Ward, other former Liberty residents now residing at the Methodist Home.

### **McCrary School Sixth Graders Receive Awards, Certificates**

June 10, 1983 - Two handicapped sixth graders at the Charles W. McCrary school received several awards prior to the closing of school on Monday.

Shelia Boykin, 12, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Boykin of 653 Peachtree St., Asheboro, received a perfect attendance award and a certificate for being a member of

the school's safety control.

Barbara Hill, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hill of 618 Cascade Ave., Asheboro, received the perfect attendance award for the fourth consecutive year and the safety control certificate along with a cup for being the most outstanding member of the safety control.

Other awards which she received were a student council award and a certificate for reading 49 books which were not part of the school curriculum.

Both Sheila and Barbara were born with birth defects and have undergone treatment at various times. Sheila is unable to walk and uses a wheelchair. Barbara uses a wheelchair part of the time.

Sheila has served as March of Dimes Poster Child for both Randolph County and the state of North Carolina.

Sheila and Barbara are looking forward to entering North Asheboro Junior High School next fall.

### **Bonkemeyers Honored On 54<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 16, 1983 - RANDLEMAN - Mr. and Mrs. Angus W. Bonkemeyer of Rt. 2, were honored June 12 at a reception commemorating their 54<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Hosting the reception which was held in the fellowship building at Giles Chapel United Methodist church were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde E. (Charicie Bonkemeyer) Whitley of 517 Hub Morris Road, Mr. and Mrs. Willis A. Bonkemeyer of Rt. 2, Randleman and Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Bonkemeyer of Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Other immediate family members include nine grandchildren, one step-grandchild, one great-grandchild and one step-great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonkemeyer were married May 15, 1929 at the parsonage home of the officiating minister, the Rev. P. D. Buck, in Asheboro.

Bonkemeyer, was born and raised in the Central Fall home in which he and his wife now live. Mrs. Bonkemeyer, the former Nonnie Scott, is a native of Seagrove.

The Bonkemeyers are members of the Giles Chapel church. Throughout the working years of his life, Mr. Bonkemeyer farmed and operated a dairy.

### **Church Members Stage Dedication**

June 23, 1983 - The presiding bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist church, L. Scott Allen, came to Rt. 1, Ramseur on June 19 to officiate at a service of dedication at Stout's Chapel United Methodist Church.

The new structure, located at the site of the original church off the Holly Spring Road, was erected in 1971 at a cost of \$20,000. The debt on the new building was paid off in 1976.

Signing the deed of trust at the time of construction were Ernest Waddell, Thaddus Staley, Clarence Harris, Robert Spinks and Lucille Ledwell.

Assisting Bishop Allen in the service of dedication were the Rev. James Graves, pastor of the church; Dr. John Robinson, minister at the neighboring Holly Spring Friends Meeting; Sally Ruth Goldston, chairman of the administrative board; Robert Spinks, chairman of the trustee board; and Earnest Waddell, lay leader. Also speaking briefly during the service was E. Wayne Hughes, president of the Randolph Area Mission Society.

The church history was presented by Lois Harris, church secretary and daughter-in-law of the late Macy Harris who spearheaded the efforts to raise the money for the new construction in 1971.

Land on which the original church structure was erected was deeded by Kelita Stout, for whom the church was named, on Nov. 25, 1871, to trustees Reuben Lettertough, Edmond Moffitt and Jerry Shoffner.

Cost of the 1 ½ acre of land was \$5 with the restriction that it be used as a place of divine worship for the ministry and membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, now known as The United Methodist Church.

The original church building, erected following the organization of the church 111 years ago, has been retained on the 1 ½ acre site as a fellowship area after being renovated for preservation.

### **Anniversary Is Celebrated**

June 28, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Terry L. Younts, Randolph County residents living on Rt. 3, Thomasville, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at dual occasions on June 19.

First they renewed their marriage vows during the morning worship service at Tabernacle United Methodist Church where they are members.

Officiating at this ceremony was the church pastor, the Rev. Billy Rintz, who is concluding five years of service at the church.

On Sunday night they were honored at a dinner at Brinwood Restaurant in High Point, hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Randy (Debbie Younts) Medlin of Lexington and their son, National guard Sgt. Terry Lee Younts II of their home.

Over 20 family members and close friends were in attendance, including the honored couple's mothers - Mrs. Fleta Barnes Younts of Rt. 3, Thomasville, and Mrs. Mattie Fogleman Carter of Asheboro and Denton.

Mr. and Mrs. Younts were married June 6, 1958, at the Central United Methodist Church in Asheboro. Mrs. Younts is the former Nancy Carter.

Mr. Younts is part owner of Younts Brothers Sawmills.

### **VonCannon Pair Celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

July 7, 1983 - Lola Lee VonCannon 86, and his wife Nannie Loflin VonCannon, 85, of Rt. 5, Asheboro, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 26 in the fellowship hall at High Pine Wesleyan Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. (Olene) Spencer and Mr. and Mrs. Herman (Norma) Hoover, all of Rt. 3, Asheboro. Assisting in the reception were their granddaughter and three grandsons. One grandson is deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. VonCannon were married June 24, 1923, at the home of the officiating Justice of Peace, Alfred Parks.

They live at the site where VonCannon was raised, a place formerly owned by his grandfather, Merritt VonCannon.

Mrs. VonCannon is a native of New Hope Township.

Before retirement, VonCannon operated a sawmill and was engaged in custom wheat threshing and farming.

He was the only son of his parents, with six sisters, Ethel

Staley, Ernie Staley, Gertha Tucker, Mozelle Trogdon, Beulah Parrish and Glenna Graves. All of them were present for the anniversary except Ethel Staley.

Mrs. VonCannon was one of the 12 children. Only a brother, Virgil Loflin and a sister, Nellie Ratliff, are still living.

### **Ramseur Will Miss The Rev. Thompson**

July 10, 1983 - The Rev. Leon Emerson Thompson will leave the Ramseur Wesleyan Church on July 20 with a record of service behind him, both in the town and the church he pastored for nearly 14 years.

He is leaving to assume the pastorate of the First Wesleyan Church in Troy after serving only one year of a four-year recall vote which he received from the Ramseur congregation last year.

His last worship services at Ramseur Wesleyan Church be July 17.

Rev. Thompson leaves to go to a comparatively new structure on N. C. 134, just north of Troy, with a membership of around 250. The Sunday School is the fourth largest in the N. C. Eastern District of The Wesleyan Church. The staff includes an associate pastor or minister of youth and secretarial assistance.

The church sponsors a day school with classes one to five, certified teachers and an enrollment of more than 40. Also a day care center with an enrollment of about 200 serving children from the age of six weeks until kindergarten.

Achievements of the Ramseur church during the pastorate of Rev. Thompson include the construction of the fellowship building and the construction of an addition to this building in recent years.

Other improvements include the installation of a handicapped ramp and sound system, carpeting the sanctuary and cushioning the pews, paving the parking lot, renovating the parsonage, building a new steeple and purchasing two additional tracts of land.

Recently, plans have been completed for a Sunday School addition to the educational plant at an estimated cost of more than \$70,000.

Material gains of the church under the leadership of Rev. Thompson, however, have been exceeded by the wide acceptance of his ministry not only in his church but throughout the Ramseur vicinity as well.

As a member of the Ramseur Ministerial Association, having served as its president and secretary and treasurer, he has blended well in the community in which he has labored for nearly 14 years. He has also been a member and past president of the Ramseur Lions Club.

At a recent meeting the Mayor and Commissioners of the Ramseur Town Board presented him with a certificate of appreciation for his ministry and other services throughout the years of his residence there.

Sentiments manifested by the town of Ramseur for the minister and his family are mutual since the Thompsons have erected a home for themselves during their stay in the town and hope to return to Ramseur at the time of their retirement.

Previous pastorates have been served by the minister and his wife at Liberty, Archdale and Rose Hill. His preparation for the ministry was received at Southern Pilgrim College in Kernersville and at High Point College.

Mrs. Thompson, the former Joyce Ann Leadingham, is a

registered nurse. The couple have two sons, Jeffery and Todd, both of whom are students at Central Wesleyan College in Central, S. C.

### **Couple Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 10, 1983 - Monday, July 4 marked the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Young (Milt) Thornburg, both 97, who reside at Country Manor, a boarding home located between Millboro and Worthville.

It is believed that they have been married longer than any other couple ever in Randolph County.

They live together in one of the rooms at the boarding home and eat with other residents at the home. Mr. Thornburg sits in a wheelchair, his wife uses a walker to get about.

Their humor was fluent in their conversation as they talked with the reporter who visited them on occasion.

They recalled their marriage on July 4, 1908; remembering the buggy in which they rode, drawn by two gray mules.

She said referring to the mules, "If we had seen a car it would have scared the mules to death." He disagreed.

Asked if his wife who is two months his senior had been good to him recently, Mr. Thornburg's eyes twinkled and he answered "tolerable." Mrs. Thornburg said, "my temper is worse than his, I own up to it."

But she had high praise for the man with whom she has lived three quarters of a century, asking, "Why has God let us live so long together?" adding "I do love that man, he has always been good to me."

Mr. Thornburg retailed in a teasing manner, saying "she's a pretty good woman for the shape she's in."

Milton Thornburg, born and raised in New Hope Township, came from a large family. He was one of nine sons and one daughter of Joe and Liza Hardister Thornburg and also had three adopted brothers.

Mrs. Thornburg, the former Ella Lambeth, was the daughter of Samuel and Flora Lee Wright Lambeth. She was born in Davidson County but at the age of eight moved with her parents to the New Hope area.

Mr. Thornburg cut and hauled logs, worked at a sawmill and farmed for livelihood. He and his wife lived in cedar Grove Township before coming to the boarding home.

They have two children living, Louise Davis of Newport News, Va. And Joe Thornburg of Rt. 3, Randleman. Their son, Hubert, is deceased.

The couple received greetings and congratulations from President Ronald Reagan and his wife Nancy.

### **Golden Anniversary**

July 14, 1983 - Fifty years ago, July 1, 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest C. Loggains of Rt. 8, Asheboro, were married in Texarkana, Ark., which was then the home of Mrs. Loggains, the former Beulah Townsend, a native of Hope, Ark.

Mr. Loggains is a native of Clarksville, Texas, about 35 miles from Texarkana, a town which split's the Texas and Arkansas state lines down the middle with a Texas post office on one side and the Arkansas post office on the other side.

Mr. and Mrs. Loggains moved frequently after their marriage. First they lived in Texarkana, on the Arkansas side, then they came to Randolph County, then to Pleasant Garden, back to Texarkana, then to Idabel, Okla., and then

back to Randolph County where they have lived since 1941.

However, they visit back in their original areas about every two years and were back there when their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary occurred on July 1.

Upon their return they learned that their children had planned for them an anniversary celebration on July 10 in the Happy Hollow community building, located near their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Loggains were the parents of nine children before the death of their son, Jerry Wayne Loggains last Feb. 28.

Their other children are Ray Loggains of Rt. 2, Jamestown, Betty Harrell of Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden, Bill Loggains, Donna Lautenschleger and Julia Williamson, all of Rt. 8, Asheboro, Fay Hurley of Rt. 5, Asheboro, Sharon Thomas of Rt. 2, Claremont and Gary Loggains of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

They also have 23 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mr. Loggains is a retired carpenter, having worked for the late Wayne Wright and Mrs. Loggains is retired from Sew Special Inc.

### **Golden Anniversary**

July 14, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Claude O. Hollingsworth of Rt. 2, Sophia, were honored at a reception July 10 for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosting the reception which was held in the fellowship hall at South Plainfield Friends Meetinghouse were their two daughters, Mrs. Tommy (Claudie Ann) Richardson of Rt. 2, Sophia and Mrs. Norman David (Janet Sue) Thomas of Rt. 2, Graham.

Other immediate family members include three grandchildren, Michael Thomas Richardson, Martie Keith Richardson and Candace Annette Thomas Blackburn.

Assisting in the reception were nieces of the honored couple, Beth Rollins, Vickie Ann Norman, Kathy Harris, Karen Richardson and a family friend Lee Vann Hughes.

About 150 guests attended the occasion, including some from Amelia, Va., Fayetteville and Mount Airy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hollingsworth are members of South Plainfield friends Meeting. They were married July 8, 1933 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Hollingsworth is the former Notre Redding, a lifelong resident of the vicinity in which the couple live, located near the South Plainfield Meeting house.

Claude Hollingsworth is a native of Surry County but came to the Sophia area at the age of 12 with his parents, John R. and Carrie Moser Hollingsworth. Mrs. Hollingsworth is the daughter of Floyd and Esther Sechrest Redding.

Mr. Hollingsworth is a retired farmer and carpenter.

### **East Side Church Celebrates '83 God And Country Day**

July 20, 1983 - East Side Baptist Church, on U. S. 64-East near Randolph Mall, observed God and Country Day July 2.

Featured at the annual event was the presentation to the church of a flag from Asheboro Woodmen of the World, Unit 921, represented by Mike Hunter, field representative; George Miller, immediate past president and Jeff Farmer.

Recently east Side erected a flag pole and a large church sign. The church structure itself was occupied two years

ago at a cost of \$440,000, including the purchase of land, the furnishings and the landscaping of the 3.8-acre tract.

Participating in the patriotic rally were the pastor, the Rev. Johnny King, who came to the church four months ago, the Rev. Neil Poole, the Rev. John Byerly and the Rev. John Long, the later two have been formerly identified with the East Side church.

Singing during both morning and afternoon sessions was provided by The Gethsemane Quartet from Greensboro.

An old fashioned luncheon was served in the fellowship building at noon with Russell Cox preparing 25 pounds of pinto beans.

The new minister came to the church after pastorates of four years in Rock Hill, S. C. and 12 years at Lakeland Fla. He has four children and four grandchildren.

### **Rev., Mrs. Thompson Celebrate Anniversary**

July 21, 1983 - Rev. and Mrs. Leon E. Thompson celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Saturday evening in the fellowship building of the Ramseur Ramseur Wesleyan Church where the Rev. Thompson served as pastor for nearly 14 years. About 150 guests attended.

Hosts for the reception in their honor were their sons, Jeffery and Todd, both of whom were students at Central Wesleyan College, Central, S. C., this past school year.

Members of the church assisting in the reception included Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Joyce) Kinney, Joyce Cox, Joan Garner, Ondrea Meredith, Inez Welborn, Gladys Bates, Diane Cox, Decie Moody and Linda Fesmire.

Sunday, July 17, marked the last day of service for the Rev. and Mrs. Thompson at Ramseur Wesleyan Church. The week following they moved to Troy where they assumed the pastorate of First Wesleyan Church.

On Tuesday evening, July 12, prior to their departure they were honored at a family supper sponsored by the Women's Missionary Society, at which time they were presented with a coverlet, lap-quilted with a white-on-white tulip and rose design.

This presentation was made by Joyce Kinney, president of the missionary society. Members of the society made the gift under the supervision of Thyra Farley and Dorothy Fesmire.

On Sunday morning the church presented to the pastor an engraved silver tray "with love and appreciation for your faithful labors and Christian leadership." The entire morning offering was also presented to the minister and his wife.

The final token appreciation came at a dinner in the fellowship building at the conclusion of the worship service.

Rev. and Mrs. Thompson were married July 19, 1958 in Falmouth, Ky.

Mrs. Thompson, the former Joyce Leadingham, is a native of Greenup, Ky. Her father was a minister for 40 years. She is a registered nurse and received her training at the UNC-Wilmington and Sandhills Community College.

Thompson, a native of Fullerton, Ky., now known as South Shore, served for four years in the U. S. Air Force. He was licensed to preach at the age of 16. He taught at Wallace Junior High School for two years while pasturing the Bethal Wesleyan Church at Rose Hill. Earlier, he had received a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and a teaching degree in social studies at High Point College.

**Deacon Foster Lauded With Surprise Tribute**

July 22, 1983 - LIBERTY - Deacon Thomas J. Foster Sr., of Edwards Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Liberty, was honored during an "appreciation service" on July 10.

Foster has been a deacon at Edwards Grove for more than 50 years and a member of the church for more than 70 years.

He has also been a pastor's steward, chairman of deacons, trustee, superintendent of Sunday School, sexton, Choir member, missionary, financial secretary and supporter of every auxiliary of the church.

Participating in the service were the Rev. Edgar Shepard, pastor; Dr. M. Philip McCleave, former pastor for nearly 24 years and now moderator of Deep River Baptist Association; the Rev. S. T. Alston, moderator emeritus of the association and former pastor for 16 years; and the Rev. H. J. Johnson, field worker for the association.

Also tributes from within the church came from the senior department, Deacon J. C. Brown; the young adult department, Sister Annie Matthews; and the junior department, Walter Barton Jr.

Tributes from the community came from Mayor John W. Curtis; St. Stephens A. M. E. Church, the Rev. Frank Coltrane; and Beulah United Church of Christ, Sister Mary Patterson.

The tribute from the honored man's family was made by his son, the Rev. T. J. Foster Jr., pastor of Terrell's Creek Missionary Baptist Church, Rt. 10, Chapel Hill.

During the tributes foster was referred to as a man who had already preached his own sermon, a man of integrity, a church member who took care of the menial tasks of the church such as keeping the fire in the old church going, ringing the bell and servicing as the church janitor.

One of his former pastors said, "I have never worked with a man more loyal."

Various gifts were presented on the veteran deacon at the conclusion of the service from various church groups, including an engraved watch.

The occasion was a surprise and when it came time for Deacon Foster to respond he said, "I've been surprised so badly today, I can't get myself together."

Ruth Patterson was responsible for the presentation of the program honoring Deacon Foster.

A native of Liberty, Foster was born Dec. 1, 1897. He served overseas with the Army during World War I. He is a former employee of Dameron Veneer Co.

**Smalls Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 29, 1983 - TRINITY - Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Small celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 24 in the fellowship hall at Tabernacle United Methodist Church. The Smalls are lifelong residents of the Rt. 1, Trinity, community in which they still live.

Hosting the reception which honored them on this occasion were their son, Jack b. Small of Rt. 3, Asheboro and their daughter, Mrs. Joel (Mary Helen) Walker of Rt. 1, Trinity.

Their immediate family also included six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Small were married July 22, 1933, at the home of the officiating magistrate, Bob Hammond in Farmer.

**Kennedys Feted For Anniversary**

Aug. 5, 1983 - John U. Kennedy, operator of furniture stores in Asheboro for 43 years, and his wife the former Agnes Hall, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 31 at their home at 419 W. Kivett St.

Hosting a family luncheon in their honor were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Kennedy of 1904 Oak Drive, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. (Dianne) Voncannon of 409 Brookwood Drive.

Other immediate family members included five grandchildren - Debbie Nelson, Cindy Grimsley, Pam Kennedy and Teena and Anita Voncannon.

Special guests at the luncheon were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hall of Asheboro, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Kennedy; Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Kennedy of Florence, S. C., brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Kennedy; and Miss Lillie Greene of Ellerbe.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy were married July 29, 1933, in Bennettsville, S. C. Both formerly lived in the Ellerbe area and graduated from the high school there. Mr. Kennedy also attended Elon College.

Before his retirement in 1975. Mr. Kennedy operated the Home Furniture Co. on South Fayetteville Street and the Randolph Furniture Company on North Fayetteville Street.

**Program Honors Church Secretary**

Aug. 7, 1983 - Lela Mae Carter's service of 34 years as secretary at the Balfour Baptist Church was recognized in a "This Is Your Life" program during the night vesper service on July 24.

Held before the largest crowd in attendance at a vesper service, Mrs. Carter was totally unaware that the service would be held in her honor.

She has attended the church since its organization in 1931. Her father, the late C. N. (Charlie) Moody, was a charter member.

Heading up a list of relatives, friends and former associates whose lives have been affected through their contract with the veteran church secretary was her 93 year-old mother, Mrs. Esther Moody.

Others included her husband, Luther; her son, Billy; her brother, Everett Moody; and her sisters, Hazel Gamble, Mary Cooper and Virginia Cole.

Also Margaret Moody, Bertha Brown, Lucy Garner, Beatrice Kennedy and another church-related friend, Samuel Miller, who came from Elizabethton, Ten. To join in the service of the recognition and appreciation which was directed by Terry Chitwood, Minister of music and youth at the church.

Lela Mae's lengthy service to the church was praised highly by the present pastor, the Rev. Bill Kincaid, who said "you don't ever have a secretary with a finer spirit than Lela Mae."

Her tenure of service began during the third quarter of 1949 and has included every pastor since the beginning of the church except for the first one.

However, prior to that time, she assisted her late father in the printing of bulletins and other office tasks.

Seven pastors have served the Balfour Baptist Church since its beginning and Lela Mae's official duties have involved six of them. Three former pastors are deceased and congratulatory messages to the event were received from two of those who are still living.



The church presented a gift to their secretary at the conclusion of the program, after which the congregation and guests assembled in the fellowship hall for a meal and get-together.

### **Civitan Members Gather For Summer Conference**

Aug. 11, 1983 - LEVEL CROSS - around 200 Civitans and their spouses attended the summer meeting of Area Five East, N. C. District West, Civitan International on Aug. 1 at the Level Cross Community Center.

Among those in attendance were Jerry Wagoner, governor of N. C. District West and Albert Hyatt, governor-elect. Conducting the meeting was Dave York, lieutenant governor of Area Five East and a member of the Level Cross Civitan Club.

Civitan clubs comprising Area Five East are Archdale, Asheboro, Chair city Ladies (Thomasville), Grantville, Heart of Caroline (Asheboro), Hillsville, Level Cross, New Marker, Randleman, Red Cross, Silver Valley and Thomasville.

Annual awards were presented to Sam Arnold of Silver Valley; Civitan of the year, Allen Bullard of Randleman, president of the rookie club of the year; Glenn Shelton of Thomasville, area service project; Allen Steed of Hillsville and Bob Bailey of Level Cross, presidents of the year and Carol Owens of Chair City Ladies, secretary of the year.

Sam Arnold's award was received by his son, Gary, also an outstanding Civitan member.

An increase in membership and the organization of a new club characterized the tenure of service of Lt. Governor Dave York who has now become the training coordinator for N. C. District West.

### **Five Generations Gather For 87<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

Aug. 12, 1983 - William Oscar Smith of Rt. 6, Asheboro, celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday July 31 at a family gathering which included his 13 living children.

Smith and his life wife, Primmie who died 10 years ago, were the parents of 17 children. Two died in infancy, one died at the age of eight months and one died seven years ago.

His living descendants number 146; 13 children, 70 grandchildren, 62 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

His 14 children who grew to maturity are listed here in the order of their births, Opal Kirkman, Mabel Burrow, Myrtle Craven, deceased Raymond, Paul, Harold, Roger, Virginia Cox, J. W. (Bud), Elizabeth Gearren, Doris Henson, Betty Jean Parks, Barbara Davis and Faye York.

All of his children live in the vicinities of Asheboro, Franklinville and Ramseur except for Barbara who lives in Robbins.

Smith and his wife, both natives of Stokes County, came to Randolph County Jan. 1, 1920. All of their 14 children were born in Randolph County except one.

Despite his advanced age he leads an active life. However, his daughters visit him regularly and have assisted with his domestic duties since the death of his wife, particularly the cooking of his meals.

A strict disciplinarian, he prides himself for having restrained from drinking, smoking and the use of profane language.

Five generations were present for his birthday celebration, including himself, his daughter, Mable Burrow, his granddaughter, Lou Burrow Wilson, his great-granddaughter, Pamela Wilson Jarrell and his great-great-granddaughter, Danielle Jarrell.

### **Vows Repeated On Anniversary**

Aug. 14, 1983 - A renewal of marriage vows, the wearing of traditional clothes, the bridal dress and a tuxedo, and a pig picking for all the guests characterized the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney (Pete) Myers Jr. on Aug. 5 at the home in Oakwood Acres, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Hosting the event were the couple's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ben (Sandra Jean) Everett of Rt. 5, Asheboro and their son, Billy Ray Myers, a student at Lakeland Bible College in Lakeland, Fla. For the past two years.

Renewal of their marriage vows were heard by the Rev. Doyle Crane, the couple's pastor at the Archdale Assembly of God and a former pastor of the Asheboro Assembly of God. There was also an exchange of rings to commemorate the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers, both natives of the High Point Memorial church of the Living God in High Point, with the bride's grandfather, the Rev. Wesley Grant, pastor of the church, officiating. Mrs. Meyers is the former Joyce (Joy) Campbell. Their daughter was married last year on her parents 24<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Myers is an Army veteran with 25 years of service. He retired in Jan. 1982 as a master sergeant. He is now owner and operator of San-Ray Furniture Sales.

Attending the anniversary event were family members, including Mrs. Meyers' parents, two sisters and two brothers; denominational friends and neighbors. Out-of-town guests came from as far away as Asheville, Virginia and South Carolina.

### **Leadership Group Gives Scholarships To Youths**

Aug. 19, 1983 - The LAIR's Club, more commonly known as Leadership Action In Randolph, is composed of retired black teachers and their spouses in Randolph County.

On Friday evening, Aug. 12, the club honored and presented scholarships to black high school graduates in Randolph County who are planning to continue their education at various colleges in North Carolina and elsewhere.

Receiving the scholarships were four recent graduates of eastern Randolph High School. They are Sylvia Goldston, daughter of Mrs. Katie Laughlin; Samuel Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Johnson; Steve Shoffner; and Leonard Stuart Matthews, son of Mrs. Vera B. Andrews and the late J. W. Matthews.

Also, Michael Rouse, son of Mrs. Annie Rouse and a graduate of Asheboro High School.

A special recipient of the scholarship fund was Glenn Webster, a native of St. Croix, Virgin Islands, who last year attended a parochial school in Concord, Barber Scotia College, as both a member of the senior class in high school and as a member of the freshman class in college.

This fall Webster will enroll at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. Goldston will attend A & T University for a major in electrical engineering; Johnson will study voice at Shaw

University in Raleigh; Schoffner will study auto mechanics at Randolph Technical College; Matthews will attend Livingston College in Salisbury for a major in band music; and Rouse will attend North Carolina State University for a degree in computer science.

The meeting and reception at which the scholarships were presented was held at the home of the club president, Miss Mary A. Harrison, 914 Arnold St.

Other club members were Alfred and Marie Siler and Ethel G. Caveness, all of Rt. 2, Ramseur; Dr. George Jones and Kate Jones and Aveus Lassiter Edmondson, all of Rt. 5, Asheboro; Avery and Elizabeth Gamer, J. N. Gill, Charles and Adelaide Hodges, Rev. Elwood Jones and Elizabeth Jones, James and Ruth McRae and Mabel Patterson, all of Asheboro.

Besides their encouragement of high school graduates to attend college the club members hold career clinics, offer a counseling service, promote arts and crafts and participate in other activities. The club has been organized for six years.

### **Denton Church Dedicates Church Fellowship Hall**

Sept. 2, 1983 - DENTON - A significant event in the 104 year history of Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, occurred Aug. 28, when the church dedicated its first fellowship building.

The Wesleyan new building is a separate structure, located directly behind the existing church building. Its exterior is brick, its interior is paneling and it included a dining area, kitchen, two bathrooms and a storage room.

Archie Smith of Denton was the contractor. The building cost \$26,000, including furnishings.

Participating in the service of dedication were the church pastor, the Rev. Larry Johnson; the superintendent of the North Carolina East District of They Wesleyan Church, the Rev. C. M. Upton; and the church trustees, Paul McDowell, J. B. Hill and Donald Kearns.

Those involved in the construction of the new building were the pastor and members of the church board, Paul McDowell, J. R. Hill, Betty Hill, Donald Kearns, Janice Kearns, Lawrence Markham, Kenneth Tysinger, Dawn Kearns and Zona Garner.

The building was first used at the homecoming on the first Sunday in June. A fellowship dinner in the building preceded the service of dedication.

The church derived its name from Adam Hoover, donor of the land in which the church is located. He and former President Herbert Hoover were the decedents of Andrew Hoover, who is buried in a family cemetery about a mile from the church site.

Rev. Johnson and his wife, the former Faye Nifong, came to the pastorate of the church a year ago this past July 18.

They have three sons, Kendall, 19, a sophomore at North Carolina State University; Mark, 16, a junior at Southwestern Randolph High School and Michael a student at Farmer School.

### **Hopkins Celebrate 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Sept. 5, 1983 - a buffet supper hosted by family members celebrated the 57<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Hopkins of Rt. 2, Asheboro, on Aug. 28.

All of their six children attended, including John W.

Hopkins of Pleasant Garden, James C. Hopkins of Rt. 1, Ramseur, Ruth Smith of Rt. 3, Randleman, Iris Hinshaw of Rt. 1, Climax, Elvin Gregson of Rt. 3, Ferrum, Va. And Joseph E. Hopkins of Randleman.

The couple also has 19 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren, many of whom were present for the anniversary celebration along with the various in-laws.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins, both natives of Bassett, Va., were married Aug. 29, 1926 in Reidsville. Mrs. Hopkins is the former Easter Foley.

They came to the northeastern part of Randolph County in 1946 and to their present residence in 1974.

John Ed Hopkins is a retired furniture employee, having worked at furniture factories in his native town in Virginia and at Lucas Industries in Asheboro before retiring from Founders Furniture Co. in Pleasant Garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins are Primitive Baptist by faith and attend churches of faith in this area including Rock Hill, Mr. Shepherd, Pierce's Chapel and Tom's Creek in Davidson County.

Anniversary congratulations were received by the Hopkins from President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy, and from North Carolina Governor Jim Hunt.

### **Jess Spinks Honored On Birthday**

Sept. 8, 1983 - Jessie G. (Jess) Spinks, longtime resident of Old Liberty Road in the North Asheboro area, was honored on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Hosting an informal reception on the shaded lawn of the Spinks residence were Mrs. Spinks and his sister, Mrs. E. O (Ott) Gray. Mrs. Spinks is the former Edna Reeder. The couple was married Dec. 22, 1936.

Birthday cake and homemade ice cream were served to friends and relatives of Spinks, who is ill.

Among those in attendance were the Rev. Tom Lee, pastor of Calvary United Methodist Church, and his wife. Also attending were Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith of Liberty and Alton Spinks of Greensboro, first cousins of the honored man.

A niece, Patsy Powell of Asheboro, and a nephew, Dean Spinks of Archdale, were present. Another niece is Lucy Lee Sanders and another nephew is Tony Spinks of Noblesville, Ind.

Spinks came to the North Asheboro area at the age of two months by his parents, Lee Vance Spinks and Lucy Jane Jordan Spinks. They formerly lived in the Erect-Whynot area. His maternal grandfather was Jay Jordan a noted reporter of several generations ago.

Except for 10 years in California where he went at the age of 19, he has lived in the area where he grew to young manhood. By trade he has been a painter and wallpaper hanger.

One sister, Lucy Mae McCombs and a brother, Bert Spinks, are deceased.

Mrs. Spinks and Mrs. Gray were appreciative for the kindness and assistance being extended to them during their time of illness.

### **Church Attendance Pins Given**

Sept. 9, 1983 - New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Denton, presented Sunday School attendance pins Sept. 4.

Honored for perfect attendance were Wiley Hurley, 27 years; Elsie Hardister, 15 years; Colleen Hardister, 14 years; and Ben Hill, 2 years.

Hurley's perfect attendance extends back 31 years except for four Sundays missed because of illness.

Twenty-four years of his perfect attendance were attained at the former Liberty United Methodist Church, a few miles down the road from New Hope where he formerly attended.

Asked about his future attendance he jokingly said "I'm trying for a hundred."

Elsie Hardister and his wife, Colleen, have maintained their years of perfect attendance despite having to leave at the end of the Sunday School class two Sundays out of the month to attending morning worship service at Chandler's Grove United Methodist church several miles away where he serves as pastor.

He also teaches a Sunday School class at New Hope for two Sundays out of the month.

Sunday School awards were presented by Nathan Johnson, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School, who said he also had received two or three of the attendance pins in past years.

Pastor of the New Hope church is the Rev. Scott Owen.

### **Buntings Celebrate Golden Anniversary**

Sept. 14, 1983 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe A. Bunting of 416 Stone Ave., Asheboro, celebrated their wedding anniversary Sept. 11 in the fellowship hall at Richland Baptist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their children, Frances Baxley, Joseph Bunting Jr., Richard Bunting, Carolyn Everhart of Asheboro, Diane Owens of Rt. 10, Asheboro, Wanda Maness of Rt. 4, Asheboro.

The couple also has seven grandchildren.

Assisting with the reception were Nancy Campbell, Susan Bullins, Dink Owens and a granddaughter Teresa Loflin.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunting were married Sept. 9, 1933 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Bunting is the former Nellie Cromer.

They were accompanied to their marriage by Mrs. Bunting's brother, Russell Cromer, and a friend of his.

Their trip occurred on a late Saturday night. Mr. Bunting recalled that they got the Probate Judge out of bed to perform the ceremony and that their marriage took place at one minute past midnight on Sunday morning.

At the time of their marriage Mr. Bunting was 16 and Mrs. Bunting 13. Their ages were affirmed by two ladies who worked in the probate office.

Mr. Bunting, a native of Randolph County, is the son of the late John H. and Gennie Saunders Bunting. Mrs. Bunting is a native of Stokes County, is the daughter of the late Jasper and Nannie Bennett Cromer. She came to Randolph County at the age of nine.

Mr. Bunting is employed by the City of Asheboro. Mrs. Bunting is a member of Browers Chapel United Methodist Church.

### **Anniversary Party Honors Lewises**

Sept. 14, 1983 - a reception at the Asheboro Country Club on Sept. 10, attended by close friends and family members, honored Mr. and Mrs. Peter Bowie Lewis of 867 Parkview St., Asheboro on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosts were their sons, Peter Michael Lewis of Miami Fla. And Wade Hampton Lewis of Waynesboro Va.

Their immediate family also included five grandchildren, three of whom attended the anniversary reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis were married Sept. 9, 1933, in Danville, Va. Mrs. Lewis is the former Alma Donalene

Harvey, a native of Gaffney S. C. Mr. Lewis is a native of Pickens, S. C.

The couple came to Asheboro in 1958 when Mr. Lewis became manager of greige manufacturing for Klopman Mills. He retired 10 years ago.

Prior to coming to Asheboro they lived in Aberdeen where Mr. Lewis served as chairman of the school board and Mrs. Lewis, a former school teacher, was involved with parent-teacher organizations.

Since retirement Mr. Lewis has continued as a consultant and has engaged in hobbies such as working with wood and surf fishing.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are members of Central United Methodist Church.

As a tribute to their parents, Wade Lewis led the anniversary group in singing the "anniversary song", accompanied at the piano by his brother, Peter Michael.

### **Centre Grange 'Citizen Of The Year' Named**

Sept. 14, 1983 - Mrs. Pearl Hamric, a native of West Virginia, was recipient of the third "Citizen of the Year" award presented Sept. 7 by Centre Grange No. 1148.

The presentation came during a supper meeting in the Centre Community Center.

Mrs. Hamric, born in Dunbar, W. Va., came with other family members from South Charleston, W. Va., to reside on Rt. 1, Randleman, in upper Randolph County.

Since 1973 she has been treasurer of the Centre Grange and during the last year has missed only one meeting.

She has been responsible for one of the Grande's major projects, candy making. She brought the recipe to North Carolina from her native state.

She also participates in the grange's fund raising projects, with the proceeds going into the building fund.

SHE IS a member of Burnett's Chapel United Methodist church where she teaches a Sunday School class, is president of the Morning circle, and sings in the choir.

She and other choir members present a program at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home Inc. twice a month and also present favors to the patients.

Another church involvement in her assistance with Meals on Wheels, a project in which she participated with another church before Burnett's Chapel began the program.

A former resident of Centre Extension Homemakers Club, she has served on several committees, including current chairmanships of the health and food committee and the international committee on the county level.

AS CHAIRMAN of the committee it is her responsibility to secure a worker each month for the Centre Community Center organization, planning the menus for the suppers each month, driving several miles to purchase the food and other supplies, and then staying to assist in preparing and serving the food. Money raised from holding these suppers is applied to the mortgage on the building.

Others members of Mrs. Hamric's family who moved from West Virginia include her husband Jim; her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Hamric; her daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Ray Wilson Jr., and two grandchildren. All were present when she received the "Citizen of the Year" award.

Also present were the parents of Ray Wilson Jr. and the Rev. and Mrs. Ray W. Wilson Sr., former West Virginia residents who are also now living at Rt. 1, Randleman.

Presenting the award to Mrs. Hamric was Mrs. Louise Joyce, grange master. Previous recipients have been Mrs. Myra Hodgkin and Mrs. Eunice Lindley Beason.

### **Dover Church Celebrates 150 Years**

Sept. 22, 1983 - a two-day celebration commemorated the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dover Baptist church, Rt. 2, Seagrove, Sept. 17-18.

The church, organized Sept. 18, 1833, is located about four miles northeast of the town of Star, just across the Montgomery County line in Moore County. However, Dover existed years before the town of Star was formed.

THE FIRST phase of celebration began Saturday at 2:30 p. m. and continued to 7 p. m. It was an outdoor service held underneath the shade trees and consisted of singing, reminiscing and testimonies, with a supper break at 5 p. m.

The celebration resumed Sunday at 10:35 a. m., featuring the anniversary sermon by the 26-year-old church pastor, the Rev. Ronnie Stewart. He took his text from the ninth chapter of Nehemiah.

Following dinner on the grounds, an afternoon service was held, this time in the church building, with more singing, reminiscing and testimonies.

Many former members of the church came back to join present members in their recollections of the past and to testify as to what the church had meant to them.

The singing during services was conducted by veteran choir leader Robert Comer. The church choir along with former Dover singers dating back to the 1920s participated.

Two Bibles were presented during the morning worship service to Mrs. Cola Hogan Brewer, 88, oldest person in attendance, and to Mr. and Mrs. Don Brewer and sons, Jason and Stephen of Gainesville, Ga., who came the farthest distance.

James Brewer, Judy Brewer, Judy Davis and Lenora Dunlap were members of the anniversary committee planning the various events of the celebration.

On Saturday, Aug. 3, 1833, a conference at Cross Roads Meeting House was presented with a memorial from the Dover Arm of the Forks of the Little River Church asking to be dismissed from that body in order to become a constituted church.

Following this request on Sept. 18, 1833, Elder Noah Richardson, Elder John Monroe, Brethren Jame Dunlap and David Kennedy met at a presbytery at Dover Meeting to examine members dismissed from Forks of Little River Baptist Church with a view organizing a separate independent Baptist Church. The charter membership consisted of 67 white members and 10 black members.

It was not until 1842 that Dover secured a regular pastor, the Rev. Eli Phillips. Various other ministers had preached prior to his coming.

In 1841 Dover Baptist Church had 96 white members and nine black members. After slavery was abolished in 1862 some of the blacks formed churches of their own. However, Dover remained integrated until late 1884.

IN THE 1820s the church appointed T. T. Leach, W. B. Owen and Alexander Leach as a committee to oversee the building of a new meeting house. In Apr. 1855 the contract was given to Levi Wright to build the new church at a cost of \$180.

In 1887 Dover Academy was incorporated with the church, During the same period of time three new churches were formed from Dover. Maple Springs Baptist Church in 1883,

Star Baptist Church and Pine Grove Baptist Church in 1888.

The first Sunday School at Dover was started on the first Sunday in Apr. 1892.

In 1927 a committee was appointed to look after the rebuilding of the church structure. A complete renovation of the building, except for the frame work, was completed at a cost of \$2,077. 33. Thus the original frame work in the church built in 1855 is retained in the present church complex at Dover.

### **Asheboro Disabled Vets Group Entertains Salisbury Patients**

Sept. 29, 1983 - Asheboro Chapter No. 22, American Disabled Veterans, entertained 31 patients from the Veteran's Hospital in Salisbury on Sept. 24 at the chapter building off U. S. 220 Bypass south of Asheboro.

Accompanying the group who came in a large van were Claudene Gale, licensed practical nurse; Mary Eagle, nursing assistant; Bill J. Coble, musical therapist; Bea Crow, Moody Crow, Benny Barfield and Jerry Lizak, members of the veteran's administration volunteer service.

Preparing a meal for the listing group were members of the ladies auxiliary, Asheboro chapter No. 22, Ressie Moore, commander; Bessie Cox, senior vice commander; Alice York, treasurer; Ruth Ann Allred, adjutant; Lola Ward, chaplain; Dee Coble, Lula Potts, Mattie Goins and Beulah Hanner members.

Entertainment was provided by The Hymnsmen, composed of Gregg Moore and C. J. York, guitarists and Ronnie Moore.

Commander of Asheboro Chapter No. 22 is Curt Moer.

Money used in the payment of the supper for the Salisbury patients came from funds received by the chapter during the sale of "forget me nots" on Memorial Day weekend.

### **Pastor Assumes Church Duties**

Oct. 7, 1983 - A new pastor, the Rev. Ronald Wesley Terry, has assumed his duties at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church, succeeding the Rev. Leon Thompson who served the church for nearly 15 years.

The new minister and his wife arrived in Ramseur for the church services on Sept. 18. Mrs. Terry, the former Mary Lou Russell, a native of the Troy area, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley Russell.

For the past 25 years, Rev. and Mrs. Terry's ministry has been identified with the area around Chicago, Ill, their last pastorate being the Christ Wesleyan Church in Norridge, Ill.

Before that they served a pastorate at Harwood Heights Chapel, also in the Chicago area.

Rev. Terry is a native of Toledo, Ohio. He received a B. A. degree in social science at Free Methodist College in Greenville, Ill. And later a Bachelor of Theology degree at Owasso College in Owasso, Mich.

He also took other courses at the University of Toledo and at Michigan State. In the secular world he has experienced training in plant management and personnel.

He has been involved with the various pro-life groups throughout the country.

He has served as president of the Illinois Right-to-Life corp. and the Chicago Clergy Concern-for-Life Corp.

Mrs. Terry, a teacher in both private and public institutions has taught in Troy, Mich., and Illinois. She has also served

as director of membership for the Refrigeration Service International Society in Des Plaines, Ill and has also been employed at a Salvation Army Rehabilitation Center.

She attended a denominational school in Kernersville, Asbury College, and has studied at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at various schools in the Chicago area.

The couple are the parents of two children, a daughter, Cyndy Dawn Hornback of Lawrenceville, Ill, and 18-year-old son, Russell Wesley, who for the time being is remaining in Chicago. Their family also includes their son-in-law, Richard Hornback and a 6-month-old grandson, Bradley James Hornback.

### **Dr. Clarence York To Visit Area**

Oct. 9, 1983 - RAMSEUR - Dr. Clarence N. York, a former resident of Ramseur, the president of The Brancroft School in Haddonfield, N. J., will return to Ramseur Oct. 16 for two scheduled appearances.

First he will speak at the morning worship service at the First Baptist Church at 11 a. m. and later at the annual York reunion in the fellowship hall of Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church, beginning at 1 p. m.

Dr. York, the chief executive officer at The Brancroft School for more than 20 years, attended the Ramseur School and the church at which he will speak on Oct. 16. He is the son of the late Cecil and Sallie Thomas York.

He is a graduate of the university of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and received masters and doctorate degrees from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City.

The organization which he heads has three campuses and has an international reputation of distinction for its services to persons with developmental disabilities.

Dr. York has served as chairman of the New Jersey Developmental Disabilities Council for 13 years. Prior to that appointment he was chairman of the New Jersey Planning Board, a member of the New Jersey Commissioner of Education's Advisory Council on Education of the Handicapped, and has served on the boards of many national, state and regional organizations.

He has been an adjunct professor in the graduate program of Hunter College in New York City. He has lectured in every area of his field.

He is active in the International League of Societies for Persons who are mentally handicapped. He serves on that organization's Participation Committee and recently served as chairman of a Parallel Congress for Persons who are mentally handicapped for the League's recent World congress in Nairobi, Kenya.

BESIDES HIS work in this country, he has advised many government and private groups abroad, including organizations in Greece, Turkey, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

The Rev. T.R. York, president of the York reunion, invites family members and others to attend the reunion. Gifts will be presented to the youngest and oldest members of the family in attendance. Those attending are requested to bring food for the reunion meal which will be served at 1 pm.

### **AHS Class of '43 Holds Reunion**

Oct. 9, 1983 - The Asheboro High School class of 1943 held its first reunion on Oct. 1 at the General Electric

Clubhouse, with 47 graduates and two teachers in attendance.

Those attending included Colleen Bunting Bodsford, Doris Covington, Audrey Kern Wright, Cornelia Ayres and Marshall R. Cox, teachers, Louise Redding Austin, Louise Hicks Steinhof, Beulah Craft Owens, Ruth Slack Erickson, Mary Nance Rush.

Also Lester Varner, Barbara Byrum Russell, Alma Bullard Thompson, Carolyn Neely Hager, Fleta Hancock Smith, Helena Allred McBride, Martha Burrows Toler, Madge Haithcock Ludwig, Mona Patterson Hill, Betty Ridge Craven, Eula Myers Bare, Charlotte Usher Gardner, Frances Steed Moffitt.

Also attending were Jim Moore, Wilburn Lewis, James L. Cole, Stanly Smith, Mozelle Albright Stout, Mary Glasgow Troy, Thelma Lee Sykes Kivette, Catherine Morgan Neese, Mildred Spencer Chrismon, Bernice Gallimore Myers, Max Gray, Bill Hasty, Wayne Trogdon, Fred Saunders.

Also, Tommy Myatt, Clarence Lane, B. C. Thomas, Frances Dougan Steere, Frances Walker Moffitt, Dorothy Lemmons Bulla, Joanne Willis Wood, Quinton Hussey, R. E. Moffitt, Bill Trollinger, Joe Kelly, Bill Page.

Total graduates of the class were 86. Eight class members are deceased, Alene Auman, James Frye, Walter Hayworth, Mary Frances Hughes Rich, Frances Lloyd Thomas, Thomas McKim, Charles Way, Guy White.

### **Couple Celebrates Sixtieth Anniversary**

Oct. 12, 1983 - RANDLEMAN - Mr. and Mrs. Arlie May Huffman at Rt. 3, Were honored on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 9, at the New Salem United Methodist Church. The couple attends the church.

Hosting a reception at the fellowship hall were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell and Bernice Varner of Rt. 2, High Point and their sons and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Buddy Huffman Jr. of Rt. 3, Trinity, and Mr. and Mrs. Dean Huffman of Rt. 3, Randleman.

The couple also has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman married Oct. 9, 1923, at the home of the officiating magistrate, J. A. Neighbors, in the North Asheboro area. The couple drove to the marriage ceremony in the groom's one seater 1922 Model T Ford Roadster, accompanied by two witnesses, J. W. Ashworth of Central Falls and J. C. Whitesell of Gibsonville. The third witness was Fern Canoy, granddaughter of the magistrate.

At the time of their marriage Mrs. Huffman, now 77, the former Alma Georgia Caviness, was living in Central Falls with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Caviness. She was originally from Coleridge.

Huffman, now 83, a native of Guilford County near Gibsonville, was boarding at Central Falls and working in the mill there at the time of their marriage. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. George Huffman.

The couple became acquainted when Mrs. Huffman and her family moved near Gibsonville from Greensboro where the family lived after leaving Coleridge.

Mr. and Mrs. Huffman left Central Falls 1931 after the mill had shut down in 1929 and moved to High Point. They came to their present residence in 1950 where Huffman farmed and was employed at the mill in Cedar Falls until his retirement. Until he turned 42, Huffman played baseball on teams at Gibsonville, Central Falls and High Point.

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrated**

Oct. 12, 1983 - RAMSEUR - Mrs. Verta Williams celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Oct. 8 at her Coleridge Road home, with friends and fellow church members hosting an informal reception.

Joining in the occasion were Mrs. Williams sisters, Mrs. Edna Godfrey and Mrs. Beatrice Poteet, both of Salisbury, who had been visiting Mrs. Williams since she underwent a cataract operation two weeks prior to the birthday celebration.

Mrs. Williams lives on a portion of the farmland of the farmland on which she and her sisters were reared within the Ramseur town limit, now a thickly settled development.

Their parents were Ed and Eliza Ann Fogleman Williams and the three sisters are the remaining member of the immediate family.

Mrs. Williams recalls the one-room log school house which she attended in Ramseur and the frame building which replaced it.

She is the oldest member of the First Christian Church in Ramseur, formerly the Ramseur Christian Church. She recalled that the original church building was completed in the month after her birth on Oct. 8, 1893.

Saying "I hated to see that old church torn down" she recalled also that her father did the carpentry work on the original building which has been torn down in recent years to make way for the new church structure.

She has been a member of this church for more than 70 years. She attends regularly the church services and is also active in other areas, especially the planting of a garden each year and the canning of the produce which she raises. Until her recent hospitalization for the cataract operation she had never been a hospital patient.

Mrs. Williams who said, remembering the earlier years of her life, "there is nothing on a farm I haven't done." She also worked as a weaver in the Columbia Manufacturing Co. in the winter months when she wasn't gardening and farming and she once operated a store and service station next to her home after the death of one of her husbands.

She was first married to John Ritter, a miller. After the death of her first husband, she married Drewery Williams who is also deceased.

**Birthday Party Lauds Organist**

Oct. 14, 1983 - Kate Baird Day was observed Oct. 9 at Asheboro Friends Meeting, honoring Mrs. Baird on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and recognizing her service for more than 60 years as the organist for the meeting.

A plaque, presented to Mrs. Baird by minister Victor Murchison during the morning worship service read, "Kate Smith Baird, in honor of your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and for your musical services at Asheboro Friends Meeting, Oct. 11, 1983", the latter date being her birthday.

After the service, the congregation assembled in the fellowship area for a birthday dinner complete with a large birthday cake.

Kate Smith Baird, as Asheboro native and oldest of three daughters born to Captain William Van Smith, a railroad employee and Cora Belle Nance Smith, was regarded on East Salisbury Street near the original site of the Asheboro Friends Meeting and the First Baptist Church. The Baptist church was then located across the street from its present location.

It was at the latter church, then known as the Asheboro

Baptist Church, where Kate first went to Sunday School and where she first played the church organ. At that time, as she recalls it, the Asheboro Friends Meeting did not have a stationary place of worship.

She said when she started she only knew two or three songs. The instrument used was "the old pump organ," the same as the first organ she played at the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

She began studying at the age of 12, when she was in the sixth grade. Her teacher was Miss Nannie Bulla, a well known Asheboro music teacher.

She graduated from Asheboro High School in 1923 and that fall enrolled at Woman's College in Greensboro, now known as the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Her attendance at Woman's College lasted for seven years, due to her taking various courses in addition to the prescribed courses were necessary for her receiving in 1930 the B. S. degree in music with a major in piano.

The depression was in full sway at the time of her graduation. She taught music for a while before getting a job at McCrary Hosiery Mills where she worked for several years.

Although a talented musician, she never sought a career in music, not has she received any remuneration for her playing. She has done this, she said "because I love the Lord."

One amusing incident occurred during the service at which she was honored, the display without her previous knowledge of the special shoes for organ playing which she purchased before leaving college 53 years ago.

Needless to say, the shoes are shopworn, with holes which have been caused by the manipulation of the pedals.

Kate was married Oct. 24, 1936 to Lloyd William Baird and the couple have two children, Bill Baird Jr. of Asheboro and Nancy Jane Ledlum of Rt. 11, Lexington and three grandchildren.

Kate now alternates her playing with another organist at Asheboro Friends Meeting but her love for organ playing has not diminished.

Many times in the evening when household duties have ceased and quietness reigns throughout the house she goes into the living room and plays her organ for two or three hours at a time.

She finds solace from the music which has filled her life since childhood.

**'Miss Annie' Honored**

Oct. 14, 1983 - FRANKLINVILLE - One of Franklinville's best known citizens, Mrs. Anna Maness Brady, sometimes known as "Miss Annie" or "Aunt Annie", especially to nieces and nephews, was honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Oct. 9, three days before her actual birthday.

Friends and relatives visited her home at 21 Rose St. on Sunday afternoon and evening to extend best wishes on her upcoming birthday and to manifest their respect.

Anna Maness Brady was born Oct. 13, 1893 in the lower edge of Randolph County near Moore County, the daughter of Eli and Mary Elizabeth Brower Maness. She was one of 11 children.

Mrs. Brady's father died when she was 6, and soon thereafter the family moved to Worthville so that employment could be found in a mill.

They did not stay long in Worthville, moving in 1901 to Franklinville where Mrs. Brady has lived since except for a

brief stay in Greensboro and the times she was away at school.

Discussing the current problems concerning teachers salaries, she said they get more in one day now than she got in a month when she was teaching. However, she enjoyed teaching and did some substitute teaching after she quit her regular teaching job.

Later, she served for 11 years as the manager of the school cafeteria at Franklinville.

She was married to the late Claude C. Brady on Aug. 26, 1919 after he returned from overseas duty in WWI.

Mrs. Brady and her husband parented two daughters, Hilda Gray Swearingen of Oklahoma City, Okla. And Helen Ray Walker of Midwest, Okla. She also has three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Brady has been a member of the Franklinville United Methodist Church around 67 years and sang in the choir there for 55 years.

### **'Ushers Day' Honors Deacon William Hayes**

Oct. 16, 1983 - RANDLEMAN - Eighty-six-year-old William Thomas Hayes was honored recently at the "annual ushers day" at Harshaw Grove Baptist Church on Rt. 2.

Presenting him a plaque for "outstanding work on the usher board" was Wanda Gaines, current president of the usher board.

A former president of the usher board himself, Hayes is now serving as an advisor to the board.

HE IS also a member of the board of deacons and is the oldest member of both in age and tenure of service.

He attends regularly the church services saying, "I hardly ever miss a Sunday"

A native of the area, Hayes and his wife live in a house they built 42 years ago, two years after their marriage. His wife is the former Ardelia McDonald.

He is a former employee of the now-closed Hinshaw's Florist, which was located in his community. He also worked at Cone Mills in Randleman, now J. P. Stevens Co.

The aged deacon and usher looks back on his past and says, "the Lord has blessed me, he has brought me a mighty long ways"

He reflects with regret the time when he was young and ran off with a circus show and other escapades which took him from Newberry, S. C. to Johnstown, Pa., but quickly adds, "I've changed lives since that"

### **93<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Warrants Two Days Of Celebration**

Nov. 2, 1983 - Mrs. Cora Fletcher Hill of 226 East Pritchard St., Asheboro, celebrated her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Oct. 1 - and 17.

She celebrated with her two daughters, Mrs. Blanche Overton with whom she lives, and Mae Newman of 622 Stowe Ave., and her grandchildren, on Oct. 16.

The following day, her actual birthday, she accompanied Mrs. Overton to Pinehurst Textile Inc. where Mrs. Overton works, where she shared birthday honors with Miss Teresa Farlow. Miss Farlow was retiring from the plant in addition to celebrating her birthday.

Mrs. Hill, a woman with deep religious convictions, was born Oct. 17, 1890 near Laurinburg. She was living south of Hamlet, a half mile from the state line, she said at the time

"the Lord saved me when I was a child between 8 and 9 years old."

The site of her conversation was the Old Tabernacle Methodist Church compared religious practices existing now as compared to those of her childhood saying "they used to shout back then."

Her family "moved about quite a bit," she said, and in addition to living near Laurinburg, Hamlet and Raeford, they also lived for a while in Florida. Her first husband, Malcom B. Fletcher, was from West End. They came to Asheboro in 1929.

She has lived in Asheboro since that time. Her first husband died in 1956 and in 1959 she married Clifford T. Hill who is now deceased.

Mrs. Hill frequently attends the annual Christmas party hosted by the Lions Clubs of Randolph County and usually sings for those in attendance.

She discusses freely her longevity and states, "The Lord is sparing me for something."

### **Randolph Baptists Hold Yearly Meeting**

Nov. 2, 1983 - The 49<sup>th</sup> annual session of the Randolph Baptist Association was held Oct. 18 at the Glenola Baptist Church and Oct. 19 at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

Officers named were the Tev. Alton Cook, moderator; the Rev. Ron Copple, vice-moderator; Mrs. Pat Smith, clerk; and James Lane, treasurer. The Rev. Judson Rotan is director of missions.

The annual sermon at the opening session was delivered by the Rev. Curtis Barbery, pastor of the Beulah Baptist Church.

The closing message at the second session was delivered by Dr. Frank Campbell, president of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and pastor of the First Baptist Church in Statesville.

Recognition was extended to Fred Lane for 25 years of service as clerk of the association.

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee was named to consist of the Rev. Justus McKeel, chairman, the Rev. Vernon McDaniel, Roger Pritchard, Mrs. Edna Freeman, Mrs. Connie Heilig and Charles Spivey.

After the sessions, the congregation at the Mt. Lebanon church, of which the Rev. Ernest Mangum is pastor, served luncheon to those in attendance.

An additional session will be held next year at the Balfour Baptist church on Oct. 22 to commemorate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the association. It will be followed by the regular sessions on Oct. 23 at the Franklinville Baptist Church and on Oct. 24 at the Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

### **Ramseur Circuit Charge Has Fifth Sunday Meet**

Nov. 3, 1983 - RAMSEUR - The Ramseur circuit Charge of the United Methodist Church came together on Oct. 30 at Cox's Chapel in their usual fifth Sunday "unity meeting."

Other churches on the charge are McCrary's Chapel, Shady Grove and Mitchell.

Circuit officials are Carnell Goldston, president; Agnes Foushee, financial secretary; Floyd Spinks, treasurer; and additional circuit representatives Clyde Foust, Betty Lockhart, Edna Robinson and Walter Cheek.

The fifth Sunday meeting sites are rotated among the four churches and the participation in the Sunday School and

worship service included members from the four churches.

The Rev. T. S. Logan, the circuit minister, delivered the sermon during the worship hour, with a unity choir rendering the music. Alvesta Glover taught the adult Sunday School group.

A freewill offering amounting to \$510. 67 was received under the leadership of the circuit president, Carnell Goldston. The money will be applied to financial obligations of the charge as a whole.

A fellowship hour in the dining area and the serving of refreshments followed the unity service in the sanctuary.

## **Couple Celebrates 58<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 9, 1983 - RANDLEMAN - Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jackson Redding of Rt. 3, Randleman, observed their 58<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Nov. 7.

The Reddings are Randleman natives, born and reared a few houses from each other on High Point Street.

The couple has known each other all of their lives. Mr. Redding, 80 and his wife, 79, say "we are proud of our ages."

Mr. Redding was one of seven children born to Jesse Benjamin Redding and Eliza Davidson Redding. Mrs. Redding is the former Rose Mairiel Russell, was one of eight children born to Fuller Russell and Nancy Jane Burgess Russell.

The couple attended school together at the old building on West Academy Street and were married in 1925 at the bride's home. Although they grew up together, the two courted only two years before marrying.

They first lived in a house also on High Point Street in which Mrs. Redding was born. For a short period, the were employed at the Deep River Cotton Mill where Mrs. Redding's father was a "boss man."

Mrs. Redding recalled her employment in the cloth room where she was first paid \$7. 32 for 55 hours a week and was only receiving \$8. 34 for the same number of hours when she quit.

In 1928 Mr. Redding secured a position at the post office in Greensboro and the couple moved to that city where they lived until coming back to a newly-built dwelling at their present residence on Rt. 3, Randleman. Mr. Redding retired from the postal service in 1962.

They are members of the New Sale United Methodist Church. They have earlier worshipped at historic St. Paul's Methodist Church, long since discontinued, located on the street where they were born.

They live quietly, according to Mr. Redding, who said "mostly gardening" was the focal point of activity.

The couple with no children, are devoted to each other. The minister who married them 58 years ago said, "when I tie a knot I expect it not to be broken."

Reflecting on his statement Mr. Redding said conservatively, "I guess we got along just as well as the average couple."

## **Church Moving Steadily Forward**

Nov. 9, 1983 - A new church, Grace Baptist Temple, has moved steadily forward since holding its first service June 27, 1982.

Located on U. S. 220 between Asheboro and Seagrove, it was organized with 101 charter members. The church is independent in doctrine.

Worship services are being held in a renovated former

church structure which the congregation rented for a brief period before purchasing it along with a small dwelling and three acres of land.

SINCE BUYING the existing building the congregation has erected a steeple, built a front porch with columns, installed restroom facilities and painted the exterior a glistening white.

Now the interior of the building is being renovated with the minister and members of the congregation providing the labor.

The pastor of the new church is the Rev. Charles Edward Sparks, a native of Decatur, Ala. Who resides at 138 Patton Ave. in Asheboro along with his wife and three children, Charles "chuck" Edward Jr., 18, Philip Keith, 14 and Rachel 2.

The pastor, called to preach in June 1967 at the age of 25, received his B. A. degree from Tennessee Temple College in 1973, after which he received his Master of Divinity degree from Temple Theological Seminary in 1976. Prior to entering the ministry he was employed as in industrial engineer.

His first regular pastorate was at the Stanley Baptist Church in Red Bank, Tenn., where he served for four years before becoming pastor of the Acorn Ridge Baptist Church near Robbins. He served Acorn Ridge for six years until the organization of Grace Baptist Temple.

OTHER OFFICIALS at the church are Warren Kennedy, superintendent of the Sunday School and a deacon and other deacons including Bert Seawell, chairman; John Frye and Billy McIntyre.

Record attendance at the church was 227 people on Jan, 23, 1983, seconded by 166 people at the first anniversary observance on June 26, 1983.

The church hopes to soon have two buses in operation for the transportation of worshippers to the services.

## **Students Recall Times At Piney Grove Church**

Nov. 23, 1983 - JACKSON CREEK - Piney Grove School, located west of Jackson Creek, closed its doors 50 years ago this past spring. On Nov. 12 students of the school held their first reunion.

The new fellowship hall at the Piney Grove United Methodist church, where the reunion was held, was filled to more than capacity with 80 former students, eight former teachers and various family members in attendance.

INSTITUTION of the school began Mar. 6, 1882 when a local committee composed of Lewis Bingham, Alex Cameron and W. A. Prevost, Ellen Fuller was named as the first teacher and she was paid \$25 a month.

A small one-room building, the first school house, was erected on the Haley Morgan Estate, a quarter of a mile or so from the Piney Grove Church.

Around 1905 or later a large one-room building which included two cloak rooms was erected on the Noah Morgan Estate at a site which was nearer the church building.

This building was later moved to a two-acre site purchased from Lee Delk, even closer to the church building, and a partition added which enabled the school to hire two teachers.

Later through the generosity of Jack Mitchell, owner of a hunting lodge in the near vicinity, an extra room was added an additional teacher employed, bringing the faculty up to three.



However, there were only two teachers employed at the time of the closing of the school in the spring of 1933.

The school building was sold in 1934 to Clay and Marvin Bescher who dismantled the structure and used the lumber for farm purposes.

Former teachers in attendance at the reunion were Madge Craven Wray, Esta Horney Morgan, Lola Delk Piner, Mabel Ridge Craven, Maude Miller Auman, Lola Briles Gallimore, Elizabeth Fuller Patton and Bess Morgan Snyder.

Some of the older students in attendance were Tishie Pierce Cody, 86, Luna Dele Ridge, 86, Iva Wicks Snyder, 83, Bert Delk, 88, Mattie Delk Greenway, 82, Gurney Pierce, 84, and Perry Morgan, 87.

Many of the students and the teachers reminisced about their days at the school and related many humorous things which happened while they were there.

One particular commencement exercise in 1921 was recalled during which many of the students said their speeches along with the principal address by Asheboro Attorney I. C. (Ike) Moser. Some of the students remembered their speeches and recited them again for the benefit of the reunion group.

Spearheading the efforts to hold the first reunion were Astor and Lyde Nance Delk and Worth and Juanita Loffin Winslow, Astor Delk welcomed the reunion group with the Rev. Richard Hoover and the Rev. Warren Pierce, both former students having the devotions. J. C. Delk introduced the teachers and Dwight Morgan gave a historian resume of the school.

A REUNION organization was formed with Astor Delk as president, the Rev. Richard Hoover, vice president and Juanita Loffin Winslow as secretary and treasurer.

The next reunion will be held at the same place on the third Saturday in Oct. 1984.

### **Church History Preserved**

Nov. 24, 1983 - The first 80 years of the history of Sawyersville Wesleyan Church at Rt. 3, Asheboro, will be preserved on canvas through the presentation of oil paintings of the two previous church edifices.

The paintings were presented to the congregation during the morning worship service on Nov. 20 by the artist who painted the two structures, Charles Byrd, a member of the church.

Accepting and expressing appreciation for the donation was church pastor, the Rev. David Surrent.

The paintings have been placed in the vestibule of the third church edifice at Sawyersville, a structure which was dedicated May 1.

Presentation of the paintings came as a surprise to the congregation and many of the long-time members responded through remembrance of significant events in their lives while worshipping in the old structures.

The first structure, a one-room frame building with two front doors, was built in 1904 with most of the lumber and labor donated. Lighting was furnished by kerosene lamps with reflectors and the building was heated with a wood heater.

At the time of its organization Nov. 6, 1904, the religious body was known as the Sawyersville Apostolic Holiness Church and its inception followed a tent meeting in 1903.

The name of the church had changed to Pilgrim Holiness by the time the second building was erected a brick structure with a full basement. Much of the labor and

lumber toward its construction was donated, the lumber being processed at a sawmill which was placed on the church lot.

The third and newest building at Sawyersville was erected at a new site across the road from the second building and adjacent to the church cemetery.

The original church building is still in use as a barn at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hughes of Rt. 1, Sophia, long-time members at Sawyersville. The second building and site will be sold.

The artist who painted the two structures lives with his wife pat on Rt. 2, Asheboro. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Byrd of Rt. 4, Asheboro, he is an employee of Burlington Socks. His wife is a teacher in the Randolph County School System at Trinity.

Byrd has been painting for around 10 years. Some of his paintings are on display at Golden Corral Family Steak House at 801 West Dixie Drive. His art director is Mrs. Ruth Stout.

### **Couple Will Be Sorely Missed From Cedar Square Community**

Nov. 25, 1983 - Cedar Square recently lost two vital members of its community. Mr. and Mrs. Ed (Hazel Milikan) Davis of Rt. 1, Randleman, a well known couple died less than three months apart.

Davis, son of the late Ernest and Anna Hohn Davis and a native of the Cedar Square community, died at age 62.

Mrs. Davis, one of nine children born to the late Troy and Blanche Pearce Millikan and a native of Back Creek Township, died following a lengthy illness at the age of 59.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were owners and operators of the Riverdale Farm. They formerly operated a dairy but in recent years had been engaged in poultry. Ed served as a director of the Randolph Farm Bureau.

The couple were long-time members of Cedar Square Friends Meeting, where she served as the meetinghouse treasurer and Davis as a trustee and usher.

Overflow crowds attended both funeral services at which their minister, Ben Hurley, officiated.

Mrs. Davis knew before her husband's death that her own passing was imminent. Despite her illness she bravely bore his sudden death and in his absence continued to assume the responsibilities of her household.

During the short period between their deaths, she also went on two trips with family members.

On Oct. 22, exactly two months after Davis' death, an autumn open house and barbeque supper was held at their Riverdale Farm which was attended by around 250 people despite the drizzle of rain which pervaded throughout the afternoon.

Neighbors and friends joined together in sponsoring the event as a memorial to the life of Ed Davis, a man they loved and admired, and Mrs. Davis and her family shared their hospitality in appreciation for the kindness extended to them.

Donations for more than \$900 were accepted in memory of Davis and were contributed to the building fund at Cedar Square Friends Meeting.

In 1950, when the Davises with three small sons bought their house and land (located a mile above Walker's Mill and locally known as the Hinshaw Place), friends wondered why they would purchase such a rundown farm.

But for 33 years they devoted their time and efforts to improving the farm and remodeling the 100-year-old house. In recent years, the dwelling was listed on a tour of sites in that area.

Until Mrs. Davis' death, their sons no longer lived at the old homestead. However, Keith, the youngest, lived in an adjoining dwelling. Ernest "Mickey" Milikan lives in Randleman and Larry on Rt. 4, Trinity.

Keith Davis and his family have now moved into the place where his parents lived and where he and his brothers were reared.

When guest arrived for the open house and barbeque supper on Oct. 22, they witnessed a yard full of bright pumpkins and corn shocks. A huge grapevine wreath with red fall leaves and a burlap bow was spotlighted on the outside chimney. As guests approached the front door, they were greeted by a straw farmer, a scarecrow in bibbed overalls and plaid shirt who sat in the swing with his straw honey in her print dress and sunbonnet.

The porch was decorated with bales of straw and an assortment of antique hardware, well-worn, reminiscent of by-gone days.

Inside, the house was filled with baskets of dried arrangements collected from near by fields. A focal point in the living room was a harvest arrangement of pumpkins, gourds, Indian corn and fall leaves placed on the credenza.

To the left of the living room is Hazel Davis' office where she spent many hours keeping farm records and doing the record keeping as treasurer of Cedar Square Friends Meeting.

The large old fashioned kitchen smelled of hot spiced apple cider and fresh baked bread. A variety of antique butter churns were displayed along with canned vegetables from the garden. The oval kitchen table was set with place settings of rust, yellow and green plaid dishes. An arrangement of homemade bread and rolls with calico ribbon and dried baby's breathe was in a large basket for the centerpiece.

The formal dining room was set with village dishes and centerpiece of pampas plume and pheasant feathers.

A favorite spot during the tour was the old black porch. On display was a large antique spinning wheel which was found in the kitchen loft. The porch also held lilled burlap sacks, various baskets filled with apples, potatoes, eggs etc.

The barnyard was decorated with wooden barrels, apple cider, jugs and pumpkins. A large bonfire warmed everyone as they enjoyed the barbeque prepared by Hurley Hinshaw, a neighbor, Country gospel music entertained the guests.

### **Soul Saving Station Touches The Needy**

Dec. 2, 1983 - The Soul Saving Station Pentecostal Church at 1104 Cedar Falls Road expanded its community service on Thanksgiving Day by cooking and serving meals to senior citizens and whoever had a need in the area in which it is located, regardless of church affiliation.

The church pastor, the Rev. Herbert Butler, said the congregation was following the scriptural injunction to "feed the hungry and clothe the naked."

He also revealed that the church planned to develop a senior citizen organization as "an ongoing ministry" and noted that this type of ministry was possible now since the

church had almost completed the renovation of the former church structure into a fellowship building.

It was in this former worship site that the Thanksgiving meal was served. The building has undergone extensive renovation both inside and out, with all of the work being done by members of the congregation.

Located across the road from the fellowship building is the present worship site which was dedicated in Dec. 1980. This building, adjacent to the public cemetery, was the former East Side Baptist Church sanctuary which was moved from its original site on U. S. 64.

However, this building bears little resemblance to its former appearance, the Soul Saving Station congregation having stripped it down and changed it to suit their needs. The pastor said "we gave it our own personality."

Rev. Butler has been pastor of the Soul Saving Station for 10 years. A native of New York City, he was an evangelist prior to coming to Asheboro. He was employed as a drug counselor for several years before entering an active ministry.

His family includes his wife Juanita, who like himself is an ordained minister and serves as his co-pastor, and their children, Stephen, Jennifer and Kimberly.

Mrs. Butler will shortly visit Haiti where she will appear at the dedication of a woman's auxiliary.

Two licensed ministers are also associated with the Soul Saving Station in Asheboro, the Rev. Charles Faison, minister of youth and David Miller, minister of evangelism. The latter is also president of the men's fellowship of the Southern District, comprised of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Washington D. C.

Deacons of the church are Joe Miller, Michael Graves and Howard Jordan.

Services at the church are scheduled as follows: Sunday School at 10 a. m. ; evangelistic service at 6 p. m. Monday, Bible School, Tuesday; Christian training center, Wednesday; prayer and principles of family life; and Thursday, choir rehearsals.

The Soul Saving Station Church in Asheboro is an affiliate of The Soul Saving Station For Every Nation of The Christ Crusades of America Inc.

### **Sorority Observes Book Week**

Dec. 11, 1983 - The Nov. meeting of the Beta Nu Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa was an observance of "Children's Book Week" and "American Education Week." The meeting was held at the Randolph Public Library.

The program was titled "Book Reviews and Challenges of North Carolina Authors." Nancy Brenner, librarian of the Randolph County Library, discussed and displayed children's books, concentrating on Betsy Byars and Suzanne Newton.

Alpha Delta Kappa International is an honorary society for women educators. The purposes of the sorority are to promote excellence in the teaching profession and to add to the effectiveness of teaching.

### **Mason Lodge Holds Banquet**

Dec. 16, 1983 - The third annual banquet of Oakland Masonic Lodge No. 501 F. and A. M. and Unity Chapter No. 522A. Order of the Eastern Star, was held Dec. 10 at Ramseur School cafeteria.

The Oakland Lodge, a Prince Half Affiliation of North Carolina has been in existence since 1914. Although its

base headquarters has been in Ramseur since the time of organization, several of its members come from other areas.

Hosting the meeting were Worshipful Master Carnell Goldston, Oakland Lodge, and Worthy Matron Marie Siler, Unity Chapter.

Principal speaker was Joseph Pillow of Fayetteville, a top Shriner of the Prince Hall Affiliation.

Others appearing in the program were the Rev. J. P. Godfrey, lodge chaplain; Otis W. Perry of Sanford, district deputy, and James L. Cheek of Siler City, Worshipful Master Lodge No. 711.

Special music was provided by Linda Gales, accompanied by Dean Staley.

### **Buntings Celebrate Anniversary**

Dec. 16, 1983 – Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Bunting of Rt. 9 Asheboro, lifelong residents of Cedar Grove Community celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 11 in the fellowship building at Amity Hills Baptist Church.

Hosting a reception from 2 to 4:30 were their sons and daughter-in-laws and their in-laws Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bunting of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. (Patricia) Byrd, Mr. and Mrs. William (Rachel Ann) Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Larry (Desire) Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Bunting of Rt. 9, Asheboro and Mr. and Mrs. Gary (Fay) Bray of Ramseur.

Their immediate family also includes 10 grandchildren

Others assisting at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Miller, Evon Hundley, Mabel Smith, Theo Sexton, Faydene Byrd and Connie Bunting.

Mr. and Mrs. Bunting were married Dec. 12, 1938 at the home of the officiating minister the Rev. John S. Tillman.

Mrs. Bunting is the former Bronna Parrish, daughter of Henry and Myrtle Hoover Parrish. Mr. Bunting's parents are William "Will" and Maude Varner Bunting. Talmadge Bunting's occupation before retirement consisted of farming and operating a sawmill.

### **Randleman Senior Citizen Group Shares Meals, Trips, Fellowship**

Dec. 21, 1983 – Randleman Senior Citizens, who hold a meeting the second Tuesday in every month, have been busy since their organization was created 11 years ago. Their meeting site is the fellowship area at First Baptist Church.

One highlight among various activities is their Christmas dinner which is held on their Dec. meeting date.

At this meeting, in addition to the own meal, food items are brought to the community pantry which is sponsored by the various churches of the Randleman area.

Numerous bus trips are also taken throughout the year, including train trips in Covington, Va., Glendale Springs, several trips each year to the malls in Burlington, Charlotte, Winston-Salem and Greensboro. Daniel Boone Antique Village and the state zoo

Also, the Governors Mansion and State Capital in Raleigh, the State Fair, planetarium, Williamsburg, Old Salem, Shatley Springs, Tryon Palace in New Bern, Edenton, Appomattox Court House, Biltmore House, Chinqua Penn, Mabrey Mill, Glendale Springs, a golfing hall of fame, circus and the Southern Living Show.

The Randleman Senior Citizen organization came about through the sponsorship of the Randleman Women's Club.

Mrs. Carl L. (Frances) King was the organizations first president.

Mrs. Ruby Cluver succeeded Mrs. King as president in 1976 and has served since that time. Mrs. King is now secretary and Mrs. Sally Williams is the chaplain.

A small group initially comprised the membership but there are now 53 active members and 10 on the inactive list. The latter group is remembered by the active membership on special occasions and other times.

The senior citizen membership not confined to the downtown Randleman area. Some members live in the town's rural routes, some come from Sophia and Asheboro areas. One member, a former resident of the Sophia area, comes from Archdale and another member lives on Rt. 1, Franklinville.

Many members of the group are widows and this may account for the lack of men among the present membership. Some men have attended throughout the years of its existence although none currently attend.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Charles C. Davis Silver Anniversary**

Dec. 26, 1983 – Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Davis celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary an Dec. 18 at their home at Rt. 8, Asheboro.

Hosting a reception honoring the pair were their children, Shelia Davis and Jeff Davis of the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married Dec. 20, 1958, at First Baptist Church in Asheboro

Mr. Davis, a native of Asheboro, is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis. He is a graduate of Asheboro High School and is employed at the Asheboro Post Office. Formerly he worked for 12 years at the Courier-Tribune and was also employed at Hunsucker Printing Company.

Mrs. Davis, the former Coleene Honney, is a native of the Seagrove area and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Honney, also of Rt. 8, Asheboro, next door to their daughter and son-in-law.

She is a graduate of Seagrove High School and was a member of the basketball team which won two consecutive county championships. During one of these years she was also names to the all-state basketball team

Mrs. Davis is employed by Pinehurst Textiles Inc. and is a member of the East View Garden Club in Asheboro.

Charles Davis is a member of the Asheboro Civitan Club and a member of the advisory council at Southwestern Randolph High School.

Their son is a member of the sophomore class at Southwestern Randolph High School.

Assisting at the reception were Dottie and Cindy Trogdon.

### **Silver Anniversary**

Dec. 26, 1983 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fagg of Rt. 1, Franklinville, were honored on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at a surprise dinner party Dec. 17 at Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Asheboro.

Hosts for the dinner were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell G. Wright of Rt., Asheboro, near Ramseur and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wendell Fagg Jr. of Hickory.

Another member of the immediate family circle is the couple's grandson, Joshua Wright.

Guests at the anniversary event included family members, co-workers and members of the couple's bridal party at the time of their marriage, Dec. 20, 1958, at the Bethany United Methodist Church. Included were the officiating minister, Victor Murchison, the present member at Asheboro Friends Meeting.

A remembrance table at the dinner included pictures and other memorabilia of their nuptial event a quarter of a century ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Fagg are natives of Randolph County, growing up in the area in which they still reside.

Fagg is the son of Mrs. Irene Somers Fagg of Rt. 2, Randleman and the late Charlie Fagg. Mrs. Fagg, the former Joyce Routh, is the daughter of Joshua Toon Routh of Rt. 1, Franklinville and the late Eula Thomas Routh.

The couple are members of the Bethany United Methodist Church where both have served on the administrative board. Fagg is also a member of United Methodist Men and serves as a trustee and usher. Mrs. Fagg is a member of the United Methodist Women and has served in other official positions.

Fagg, a former employee of the Ramsey Plant of Klopman Mills, is now self-employed as a farmer who is also engaged in broiler production and beef cows.

Mrs. Fagg has been an employee of Fashion Fabric Inc. in Asheboro since 1957 except for 3 years when her children were born.

The couple were completely surprised by the anniversary dinner, thinking only that they would be eating at the restaurant with children.

### **Area AARP Officers Installed**

Dec. 27, 1983 – Officers of the Randolph County Chapter No. 2204 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) recently were installed at a dinner at the Senior Adults Center in Asheboro.

They are; president, Cordie Garner; vice-president, Ann Doak; secretary, Dorothy Carpenter; treasurer, Lucy Garner; and directors, Gene Williamson, Hansel Neathery, Lillian Brown and Anna Burton.

Dorothy McKeel was chairman of the nominating committee. Installing officer was Norman Miller.

A string ensemble, "William son's String for Fun." Was presented under the leadership of Mrs. Jesse Williamson.

The ensemble consisted of first violin, Bill Hall, Peggy Redding and Crystal Reeder; second violin, Dr. Jerry Limber and Olive Trogdon; viola, Jesse Williamson; cello, Peggy Rooks; pianist, Karen Smith; and flutist, Scotty Michele.

### **Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 29, 1983 – a well-known couple, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison McGee of 304 Harriston St., celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Christmas Day at St. Luke United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

A renewal of their marriage vows occurred in the church sanctuary at 3p. m. with the church pastor, the Rev. H. Alexander Smith, officiating.

Soloists for the renewal ceremony were Vanessa Cross, the Rev. John Moore, the former pastor of the church and Fonda McSwain, foster daughter of the honored couple. Pianist was Paul Atlas.

Mr. and Mrs. McGee were married Christmas Day in 1933, at the home of the officiating minister, Professor C. S.

Barrett, a Methodist minister and principal of Randolph County Training School in Asheboro.

Witnesses to the marriage were the brides mother Mary Smitherman Watkins, and Connie Barrett, wife if the officiating minister. The bride's father was Daniel Watkins.

The couple, recalling that the courthouse in Asheboro was closed on the day of their marriage, said that Harrison went to the home of the Register of Deeds, R. C. Johnson, on North Fayetteville Street in Asheboro to secure the license.

After ascertaining the identity of the couple from the bride's mother, Johnson went to the courthouse, unlocked the doors and issued the license.

Mrs. McGee, the former Daphnie Pansy Australia Watkins, is a lifelong resident of Asheboro.

Harrison McGee, a native of the Shady Grove church community between Asheboro and Franklinville, is the son the late Richard and Annie Thrift McGee.

He is a retired employee still working part-time at Acme-McCrary Corp. in Asheboro where he has been employed for about 25 years. Formerly, he had worked many years with Odell Cranford in a fish market in Asheboro.

Daphnie has been a member of St. Luke's church for most of her life. She remembers the church when it was named Bulla's Grove and was situated in the southern part of Asheboro. Harrison has been a member of the same church for 35 or more years.

Among those in attendance for the renewal of vows and the reception were Jannie Tyrone McSwaim, foster grandson of the couple, and Mrs. Thelma Franks, sister of Mrs. McGee.

The street on which the couple lived was named for Harrison McGee.

### **Pair Quietly Observes Their 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Dec. 30, 1983 – Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dewey Laughlin quietly observed their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary Dec. 22 at their home on Rt. 2, located about a mile from Cedar Falls.

Their marriage ceremony on Sunday Dec. 22, 1918, was solemnized at the Baptist parsonage in Cedar Falls. A man from the community, Gurney Craven, took them to the marriage site in his Model T Ford.

Clarence Laughlin, 85, is living a mile or so from the place of his birth. His parents were Lucretius Carr Laughlin and Hanna Eliza Bristow Laughlin.

Mrs. Laughlin, 86, the former Myrtle May Thornburg, was the daughter of William Martin Thornburg and Maude Eller Henry Thornburg. Her father was a cotton mill employee and the family lived at various places before coming to Cedar Falls in 1916.

She worked part-time in cotton mills at the age of 12. She became a full-time employee at the age of 15. She recalls making 40 cents a day at a mill in Kernersville. 30 cents a day at a mill Randleman and \$36 for two weeks work at the mill in Cedar Falls. She retired at the age of 62.

Her husband worked at a furniture plant in Asheboro before joining his wife at the cotton mill in Cedar Falls where he later became supervisor of the department in which his wife worked. After retirement he worked as a carpenter.

Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin are the parents of two sons, Basil Laughlin, who lives next door, and Burnice Laughlin, who also lives at Rt. Randleman in the house which his father

was reared. They have three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The couple are members of the Cedar Falls Baptist where Mrs. Laughlin joined before her marriage. Her husband joined 10 years ago at the age of 75.

They attend church regularly and also the Cedar Falls Senior Citizens group which meets once a month in the fellowship hall of the Baptist church.

Laughlin uses a walking cane made by his father to assist him getting about. His father, who made many walking canes, died at the age of 88. Mrs. Laughlin, a year older than her husband, has no difficulty in getting about.

The couple remembers Cedar Falls when there was nothing there but "a store and a cotton mill." Also they remember the floor of the cotton mill was shoe deep in water due to the flooding of Deep River and when school classes were held in the Old Brickyard Church building, an institution which Mr. Laughlin attended before the school was moved to another site.

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### Ledwells Observe 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Jan. 5, 1984 - Mr. and Mrs. Roy H. Ledwell of Rt. 5, Asheboro, celebrated their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Jan. 1 at the Union Community Center in the Pisgah area.

Their daughter and son-in-law Mr. and Mrs. David (Emily Ledwell) Brown and their granddaughter, Sharon Brown, hosted a reception from 3-5 p. m. About 100 guests were in attendance.

Assisting with the reception were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Shaw, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Ledwell; Mrs. Jimmy Davidson and daughter, Lynnette, her sister and niece; Mrs. Harold Shaw, her sister-in-law; Mrs. Willie Brown, sister-in-law of the hostess, and her daughter, Susan Brown; Mrs. Harold Strider, who baked and decorated the anniversary cake; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hurley.

It was on a snowy Jan. 1, 1939, that Mr. and Mrs. Ledwell were married in Asheboro at the home of officiating minister, the Rev. R. E. Heath, who was at the time the pastor of Balfour Baptist Church.

The minister lived next to the church and the couple arrived at the congregation was leaving. Witnessing the ceremony were two members of the congregation. Margaret Pearce and Lela Mae Moody, still members of the congregation, have married. They are now Mrs. Margaret Moody and Mrs. Lela Mae Carter.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ledwell were reared in the area between Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church and the community of Strieby. Mrs. Ledwell, the former Lois Shaw, attended the Welch School while Mr. Ledwell attended Green's College School.

Mrs. Ledwell's mother, Nora Callicutt Shaw, age 90, is now residing at Brian Center of Nursing Care. Mr. Ledwell's mother was the late Christian Ledwell.

Mr. and Mrs. Ledwell are members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church where Mrs. Ledwell has taught a Sunday School class for nearly 40 years.

The couple lived on Mack Road near Asheboro for many years before moving to their present residence next to their daughter on Rt. 5, Asheboro. Mr. Ledwell is a retired employee of the State Highway Department with 37 years of service. Mrs. Ledwell is a retired employee of Bost Neckwear Company in Asheboro.

### Couple Celebrates Anniversary

Jan. 6, 1984 - Family and members of the congregation at Center Cross Baptist Church, Rt. 8, Asheboro, joined in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin J. Cole of Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Hosting the Jan. 1 reception and dinner in the fellowship hall following the morning service were the couple's children and grandchildren.

These family members included their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Cole of Rt. 8, Asheboro; The couple's grandchildren, Sherry Cole, a student at Campbell College, Ricky and Katina Cole, of their home; and Mr. and Mrs. Wade (Wanda Cole) Brown Jr., also of Rt. 8, Asheboro, and their daughter, Donna Brown, who resides with her parents.

The Coles were married Dec. 31, 1933 at the home of the groom's parents, the late Charlie and Mary Estelle Auman Cole. The officiating minister was the Rev. R. E. Heath was the pastor of the Center Cross church at the time of their marriage.

Mrs. Cole is the former Ida Elizabeth Cornelison, daughter of the late W. L. and Martha Louise Cornelison. She is a native of Montgomery County and was reared on Rt. 1, Star. She first attended the Piney Grove School before enrolling at the school in Star where she graduated.

Ervin Cole, a Randolph County native, was born and reared in the vicinity of the Center Cross church. He attended the Dunn's Cross Roads School, a one-teacher institution, before attending and graduating from the Seagrove High School.

The couple lived in Asheboro for six years after their marriage after which they moved into their present residence. They have worked in various industries in Asheboro, with Mrs. Cole retiring from Sew Special. Mr. Cole was employed as a carpenter, a trade which he followed after in a chair factory and hosiery mills.

They are members of Center Cross Baptist Church, Cole for the most of his life and Mrs. Cole since their marriage. He has been a deacon at the church since early manhood and served for 17 years as the superintendent of the Sunday School. She is a former Sunday School teacher.

Since retirement Mr. Cole has occupied himself with wood work, making picture frames and various other items, and Mrs. Cole has operated a small nursery along with sewing projects.

### 61<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebrated By Mr. And Mrs. C. D. Hill

Jan. 11, 1984 - Sixty-one years ago, Jan. 2, 1923, a Randolph County native, Chester Delbert Hill was married to a High Point native, Jennie Robbins, daughter of Joel and Letitia Worthington Robbins.

They were married at the courthouse in Asheboro with the Rev. W. H. Willis, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, officiating.

Their marriage license was issued by Lee M. Kearns, Register of Deeds at the time, and their marriage ceremony was witnessed by Gladys Allred, Lola Lowdermilk and John M. Brittain.

The couple lived briefly in High Point after their marriage before coming back to Hill's native area, Rt. 3, Asheboro,

near the Hopewell Friends Meeting house, where they have since resided.

Hill is the son of the late James Jason "Dick" and Tilda Callicut Hill. His father, Dick Hill, was a noted basket weaver and the family lived in an old dwelling as The White House, a building which formerly housed a post office known by the name.

"The White House" is still standing across the road from the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Hill and is now owned by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Hill, who built their home next to the old dwelling.

Other children of Mr. and Mrs. Hill, respectively, are Charles Hill of Greensboro, John Hill of Rt. 3 Asheboro, Earl Hill of Lake City, Fla. and Mrs. Thurman (Margaret Ann) Hogan. Another daughter, Faye Letitia, died at the age of six months. The couple also have 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Two grandchildren are deceased.

Charles Delbert (C. D. ) Hill, 80, has worked for many years as a carpenter, building houses for a son and daughter at the age of 70 and is still not completely retired. In some of his last years as a carpenter he has engaged in some wood crafts.

### **Queen Hoover Is Paid Honors On 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Jan. 12, 1984 – Queen Kindley Hoover of Rt. Asheboro, was honored Jan. 8 on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Hoover is the owner and operator of the Uwharrie River Motel. Hard working for all of her life, she has no intention of quitting now. She said, "I'd rather be working than sitting around doing nothing."

Besides operating her motel, she cultivates a large garden each year. She spent her morning after her birthday setting out cabbage plants in her nursery, preparatory to moving them to her garden area later.

She is known for growing larger cabbage than anyone else in the community, competing with her brother-in-law, William Swaney.

Asked what she does with all her garden produce, she said, "what I don't sell, I give away."

The daughter of the late General Kilpatrick Kindley and Charity Gallimore Kindley, she grew up in the old farm house still standing back of her motel. She recalled plowing and hoeing corn when she was a child.

She recalled that following her marriage to Ray Kindley, who died in 1948, she cut wheat with a cradle scythe when her husband broke his leg while working at Hoover Hill Gold Mine located near her childhood home.

She also worked at a sawmill, off-bearing the lumber and firing the boiler while she and her husband were trying to raise money to pay for her old homestead which they had purchased.

She also worked in Thomasville, High Point and Asheboro in various cotton and hosiery mills, a bedspread factory and a housecoat factory before building and operating Hoover's Grocery, across U. S. 64 from where she lives, for several years.

Queen Hoover is a member of the Bethel Baptist Church which was organized back in the '30s following a revival meeting in the old Shepard Schoolhouse. It was her suggestion after the revival that Sunday School classes and preaching services continue in the old school building.

Later a church structure was erected and now a fellowship hall is being erected. Queen said, "I want to see a fellowship at the church before I die."

Her birthday celebration began at the church when she walked to the pulpit area to turn in her birthday offering while the congregation sang, "Happy Birthday." While up there the church pastor, the Rev. Claudie Harrison, presented her with a corsage provided by a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hoover.

She had no inkling of the birthday celebration which awaited her in the Tabernacle Lions Club building at the close of the morning service, attended by a hundred or so friends from Thomasville, High Point, Asheboro, Liberty and Laurens, S. C.

Attending, besides Rev. Harrison, was another minister and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Lacy Cagle of Rt. 2, Thomasville. Also, Mrs. Clara Mae Swaney, sister of Mrs. Hoover and the only other surviving member of the General Kilpatrick Kindley family.

Mrs. Hoover's children, in addition to Charles Hoover of Asheboro, are Elizabeth Kessler of Rt. 5, Asheboro; Roy Hoover of Old Farmer Road, Raymond Hoover of Rt. 2, Randleman; Coy Hoover and Virgil Hoover, both of Rt. 2, Asheboro.

### **Central Methodist Church Installs New Acolytes**

Feb. 2, 1984 – An installation service for acolytes and their parents was held during the Sunday morning worship service at Central United Methodist Church on Jan. 29.

Also participating in the service were E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of acolytes; Carole Davis, chairman of worship, the Rev. Tim Albert, associate pastor.

The new acolytes are Sarah Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Southern; Bryson Betts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts; Vanessa Chewing, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Chewing; Jay Farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Farmer; Chris Fowler, son of Dr. and Mrs. Les Fowler; Missy Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tal Hardin; Paul Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Harris; Matthew Hawkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Buddy Hawkins; Shep Leonard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cook; Josh Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Miller; Chad Pharr, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Pharr; and Casandra Swiers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Swiers.

Prior to assuming their position the acolytes underwent a training program.

### **Six Couples Renew Their Marriage Vows**

Feb. 12, 1984 – A renewal of marriage vows highlighted the evening worship service at Sawyersville Wesleyan Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, on Jan. 29.

Six couples with a combined total of 237 years of marriage participated in the service which was conducted by the pastor, the Rev. David Surrett.

They were Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hughes, 60 years; Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rich, 45 years; Mr. and Mrs. David Dunn, 31 years; Mr. and Mrs. Ken Vaughn, 30 years; and the Rev. and Mrs. David Surrett, 16 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn are the daughter and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Kindley.

All the couples, except Rev. and Mrs. Surrett, married in the sanctuary, dressed in the formal attire with corsages

and boutonnières at the beginning of the service and seated themselves in a reserved section of pews designated by ribbons.

The processional was "The Bridal Chorus," with Mrs. Surrett at the piano, Barbara Lambeth at the organ, and Rev. Surrett playing the trumpet. This was preceded by a duet, "Make Us One," by Rev. and Mrs. Surrett.

The minister chose as his scripture a portion of the fifth chapter of Ephesians. Included were the verses, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord" and "Husbands love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it."

The couples repeated their vows in unison, first the men, then the women, after which Rev. Surrett sang "The Lord's Prayer."

The pianist and organist played "The Wedding March." for the recessional as the couples Marched to the vestibule of the church where they received other members of the congregation.

Afterward a reception was held in the fellowship hall where refreshments were served, including a large wedding cake.

### **Sisters Celebrate Feb. Birthdays**

Feb. 13, 1984 – Two sisters from the southern part of Randolph County, Mrs. Lizzie Gatlin Jones, Rt. 1 Ramseur, and Mrs. Laura Gatlin Cox, Rt. 1, Seagrove, were honored on their birthdays Sunday afternoon, Feb. 5.

Mrs. Cox was 80 on Feb. 3 and Mrs. Jones will observe her 84<sup>th</sup> birthday on Feb. 12. Members of their families hosted a reception honoring them in the fellowship hall at Shiloh Baptist Church.

All of their children were in attendance. Mrs. Jones' children are Billy Norwood, Asheboro; Harvey Norwood, Rt. 1, Seagrove and Mildred Garner, Rt. 1, Ramseur. She also has five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs. Cox's children are Beulah Hayes, Rt. 1, Ramseur; Worth Cox, Rt. 2, Seagrove; Mildred Brady, Columbia S. C. and Irma Brown, Rt. 4, Asheboro. She also has 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The sisters are natives of the area between Erect and Barnett, the only surviving children of the late Frank and Betty Stuart Gatlin.

Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Cox were the youngest members of their family. They attended the Trogon School, located in the community in which they were reared. Mrs. Cox also attended the Elise Academy at Robbins for a brief period.

Mrs. Cox resides with her husband, Eben Cox, at their home near Antioch Christian Church. Mrs. Jones, a widow, resides with her daughter.

A large number of family members and friends attended the reception honoring the two sisters who have spent their lives in the community in which they grew up.

### **Sixty-Plus Club Holds Party**

Feb. 19, 1984 – The Sixty-Plus Club, organized some months ago as the Sixty-Plus Singles Club, has been meeting twice a month at the Senior Adult Center, 133 W. Wainman Ave.

The mane was changes in order to include married couples 60 years of age and older who expressed desire to join the group.

The meetings are held the second and fourth Mondays each month with a covered dish supper featuring meetings on the second Monday begin at 6 p. m.

Informality characterizes the meetings. Sometimes they play bingo at the fourth Monday meetings. A trip out of town is planned for a future date.

At the last meeting held on Valentines Day the group selected a Valentine King and Queen, 78-year-old Jimmy Johnson and Charlotte Barnes. Embroidered Valentine hearts were presented to each person present from Mavour Poole, club president. Gospel singing was also enjoyed.

Other officers besides Mrs. Poole are Virginia Berry, president, Mary Allred, secretary, Charlotte Barnes, treasurer, Ola Hemphill, fundraising and Ora Walker, social.

### **Coleridge-Erect Fireman Surprised With Supper**

Feb. 22, 1984 – A unique appreciation supper for members of the Coleridge-Erect Volunteer Department was held Saturday evening, Feb. 11, in the fellowship area of the fire station building.

Termed a "surprise Valentine appreciation supper," the event was hosted by wives of the firemen and other family members.

The firemen received notice of the supper just prior to its beginning by being paged from the fire station building by Mrs. Larry McAllister, wife of the fire chief.

Coincidentally, the fireman a fire call about the same time and the supper has to be delayed until they checked out a brush fire.

A covered dish supper was provided by wives of the firemen. The eating area was decorated with hearts and roses. A picture, painted by Mrs. Chuck Garner, portrayed a fire truck with firemen and a dog, inscribed "Our hearts are on fire."

One cake illustrated a fire truck with an inscription "Our hearts are on fire for your good work" and another one heart-shaped, said "We love Coleridge-Erect volunteer firemen."

Mrs. McAllister wrote a poem "Understanding A Fireman" which she read to the entire group and presented a copy to each fireman. She also presented the children in attendance with valentines and candy.

Chuck Garner provided entertainment and firemen were asked to relate events they had experienced during the last 17 years since the organization of the fire department.

Officials of the department, in addition to Larry McAllister, fire chief, are Amos Needham and C. E. Teague Jr., assistant chiefs and Wade Powell, treasurer. Other members of the board of directors are John Powers, Charles Teague, Phillip Cox, Keith Marley and Robert Ritter.

The department had 35 firemen. Fifteen of them have almost finished with a first responders course. The department also includes three emergency medical technicians.

### **Mr. And Mrs. Colon A. Coble Silver Anniversary**

Feb. 23, 1984 – Mr. and Mrs. Colon A. Coble of Rt. 2 were honored at a surprise reception commemoration their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday afternoon Feb. 19.

Hosting the reception in a recreational area above the garage at the Coble residence were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Coble, Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Joining their older brother and his wife as hosts were the four single sons who live at home, David, 22, Kerry and Terry, 18-year-old twins and Keith, 10.

Alfred, 23, and his wife, Debra, took Mr. and Mrs. Coble to Greensboro for lunch prior to the beginning of their anniversary reception at 3 p. m.

In the meantime other family members and some of the guests congregated at the reception site to await their return. Their cars were hidden in the wooded area.

Upon getting back the couple went to the garage area under protest to view something their son wanted them to see and were surprised with the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble were married Feb. 21, 1959 in Asheboro. Mrs. Coble the former Jaqueline Peele, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Turnbull, Norfolk, Va. and the late Roy Peele.

Colon Coble is the son of Thomas W. and Clara Kathleen Richardson Coble who live near their son,

He is employed at Milikan's Country Sausage as a truck driver and was employed at United Dairies.

Mrs. Coble is a long-time employee of the John Plant Co. in Ramseur and operates Jackie's Flower Shop at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble are members of Patterson Grove Christian Church.

### **Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bee Maness 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Feb. 23, 1984 – Friends filled the fellowship hall at Deep River Baptist Church Sunday afternoon, Feb. 12, for the 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Bee Maness, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Hosting the reception honoring the couple were their daughters, Marcelle Dunn, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Brenda Leonard, Rt. 1, Bennett.

The couple have four grandchildren, Angie, Chad and Justin Leonard and Jonathan Dunn.

Assisting with the reception were Katie Teague, Barbara Miller, Virginia Mae Barker, Niece of Archie Maness, Doris Rae Cox, Kay Garner, Darlene Coble, and Janice Strider, Nieces of Mrs. Maness and Angie Leonard, their granddaughter.

More than 100 anniversary gifts were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Maness were married Feb. 19, 1949, at the home of officiating minister Rev. Grover Cleveland "Cleave" Phillips, in Bennett.

Archie Maness is the son of Bevin and Dora Ritter Maness, Rt. 2, who were present for the celebration. Bevin Maness is 91 years old.

Mrs. Archie Maness, the former Hazel Lee Garner, is the daughter of Mrs. Vera Marley Garner, Rt. 1, Ramseur, and the late Dolphus Garner.

Following their marriage they lives in Coleridge before moving to their present home.

Mr. and Mrs. Maness are both long-time employees of the Burlington Mills Plant in Ramseur. They are members of the Deep River Baptist Church.

### **Auction, Singing Nets \$8,000**

Feb. 23, 1984 – A fund raising event for Weldon Williamson at the Westmoore School Sunday evening, Feb. 11, consisting of a supper, auction sale, gospel singing, church and personal donations, raised \$8,000.

Williamson, 48, a lifelong resident of the Rt. 2, Seagrove, community in which the school and his home is located, is currently undergoing treatment at N. C. Memorial Hospital at Chapel Hill for treatment of a brain tumor.

A crowd filled the school auditorium with many people standing around the walls and in hallways. The parking lot was filled to capacity with many cars parked in the restaurant lot across the road; N. C. 705 was lined with cars on both sides for a considerable distance.

Friends, neighbors, relatives, and the members of the Good Will C. B. Club Inc. joined together in the promotion of the fundraising event.

Among those helping was Chatford Williams, who along with his wife were beneficiaries of a similar event held two years ago following the burning of their home.

Williams was among the group of friends who came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Williamson Monday evening to present the \$8,000 check to the couple. Expenses for the fundraising, deducted before the check was written, amounted to \$465.

Weldon Williamson and his family expressed their appreciation to the people, churches, and other groups who contributed to the event.

### **Seagrove Area Pastor Honored**

Feb. 24, 1984 – Seagrove Jaycees and Jaycettes honored the ministers of the Seagrove area at an appreciation breakfast at Whynot Wesleyan Church Sunday Morning, Feb. 19.

Appreciation certificates were presented to the ministers who were in attendance, including Rev. Charles Apple, pastor of the Whynot Church; Rev. Robert Hughes, pastor of First Baptist Church of Seagrove; Rev. Jimmy Upton, pastor of Asbury Baptist Church; Rev. Charles Sparks, pastor of Grace Baptist Church Temple; and Rev. Hayes Ritter, pastor of New Center Christian Church.

The following were represented by laymen who accepted the certificates in behalf of their ministers, Seagrove Christian Church, Gene Bumgarner; Center Cross Baptist Church, Duane Strider; Flag Springs United Methodist Church, Leonard Richardson; and Huldah Baptist Church, Wayne Thomas.

Other churches receiving the certificates were Union Grove Baptist Church, Seagrove United Methodist Church, Fulp Memorial Church, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah Witness and Antioch Baptist Church.

Presiding over the presentations were Gary Surratt, president of the Jaycees and Pat Benbow, president of Jaycettes.

Speaker for the occasion was Jim Godfrey, Pinehurst, president of North Carolina Jaycees. At the conclusion of his remarks he was presented with pottery which was made in the Seagrove area.

Pat Benbow presented a summation at the end of the meeting, saying to the ministers, "in this meeting we have hoped to establish cooperation and unity in the community and develop a harmonious working situation with the local ministers. Our creed states service to humanity is the best work of life. We would ask your help in keeping us informed



of the needs of the community. If there is a need we want to help, that's our purpose."

### **Church Holds Note Burning**

Mar. 1, 1984 - Mt. Shepard United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Asheboro, held a service of dedication Sunday, Feb. 19, burning the note on the church school building and fellowship hall which they erected in 1976.

The large crowd, including people whose association with the church goes back for many years, warmed in the sunny and mild weather that was in contrast to the sub-freezing temperature on the day of groundbreaking eight years ago.

The debt on the building, which consists of six Sunday school rooms, two restrooms and a fellowship hall in the basement, was paid off in less than half the time allowed by the mortgaged note.

The total cost of the structure was around \$100,000, with \$66,000 of this amount borrowed at the time of construction.

Need for the new facilities were great due to the limited Sunday School space and lack of restrooms which existed before construction.

Participating in the service of dedication and burning of the note were the Rev. Timothy I. Pheagin, pastor of the church. Bishop L. Scott Allen, of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, who delivered the dedication sermon; Larry Trotter, chairman of the administrative board and chairman of the building committee at the time of construction; Gerald Robbins, chairman of trustees when the debt was cleared; and Minnie McPherson, president of United Methodist Women.

Also present were former pastor Rev. Everett Wright, pastor when the building fund was established and its first contributor, and former pastor Rev. W. Brady Burgin, pastor at the time of groundbreaking and during the period of construction.

After the service, a capacity crowd assembled in the newly dedicated fellowship hall for a buffet luncheon.

The Mt. Shepard Church was organized in 1848. The land on which the first log building was erected was purchased from Michael Rush and his wife, Hannah, for one dollar on June 17, 1848.

The deed to this original site was made to the church's first trustees, Ansel Pearce, Allen Kearns, Pannel Wood, Billy Wood, Warner Davis, Jason Harris and Branson Briles.

Two additional tracts of land were secured in 1882, three quarters of an acre from R. F. Harris and his wife Beulla and one quarter of an acre from Benjamin Rush and his wife, Jane. Trustees receiving these tracts were L. C. Fuller, Isaac F. Kearns, W. P. Kearns and H. C. Kearns.

In 1882, a second building replaced the original log structure and this building continues to serve the congregation following a complete renovation in 1942 and other renovations since that time.

In 1966, a steeple, designed, built and installed by G. R. Kindley was donated by Kindley and members of his family.

### **Accident Victim Isn't Bitter**

Mar. 1, 1984 - Rev. James Donald MacKenzie, writer, historian, Bible teacher and pastor of Elise Presbyterian Church since Apr. 1, 1971, is one of Robbins' best know citizens despite being native to the Midwest.

For the past seven years he has taught a Bible course at North Moore High School. For about the same length of time he has written a Christian Devotional, appearing each week in The Robbins Record.

On Mar. 21, he will re-enter the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill where on Mar. 27 he will undergo additional surgery resulting from an automobile accident on June 6, 1982.

On that day he and a daughter traveling with him were hit head-on by a drunken driver who was traveling on their side of the highway near Goldston.

Rev. MacKenzie sustained a shattered pelvis bone. He spent five months in the hospital, in a coma for 6 weeks.

He has not been able to walk without assistance since the accident, first with the aid of a walker and then with the crutches he is presently using.

He hopes additional surgery will permit him to walk support free.

The soft-spoken minister holds no bitterness towards the man who was instrumental for the injuries which crippled him.

However, he is reflective of the sentencing of the accused which provided only a \$100 fine and only limited curtailed driving privileges.

Neither Rev. MacKenzie or his daughter were notified the trial was being held. The minister would not have been able to attend but his daughter planned to be present.

Rev. MacKenzie was born in Detroit, Mich., and was graduated from high school there before he was drafted into the Army during World War II.

He served as a rifleman with the 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry and during his military service he earned the Combat Infantry Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star for bravery and the European Theatre of Operations Medal.

His call to the minister, he said, "came the first night on the front lines when I promised the Lord if He got me through it I would serve him as a minister.

Before leaving the Army he had applied for entrance in the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. After that he attended the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va.

He served congregations in Chicago; Kingsport, Tenn.; Celso and Micaville in Mitchell and Yancy counties in the western part of North Carolina, Swan Quarter, Edenton, Kannapolis, and at Olivia in Harnett County before coming to Robbins.

While serving in the eastern part of North Carolina he wrote a devotional column for the Chowan Herald.

An admitted "history buff" he wrote the history of the Barbeque Presbyterian Church which he pastured in Harnett County, and the Bluff Presbyterian Church in that vicinity, both of which were established in 1736.

He has served as president of the N. C. Presbyterian Historical Society and the Harnett County Historical Society.

He has Scottish ancestry, his paternal grandfather having been born in Scotland. He speaks a limited amount of the gaelic language and also plays the bagpipes.

His wife the former Elsie Kerry, is also from Detroit Mich. They have three daughters, Janet, a student at King College in Bristol Tenn., Kayly, a senior at North Moore High School, Christy, a sophomore at North Moore High School and a son Kenneth, a 7<sup>th</sup> grade student at the Robbins Middle School.

Last year Rev. MacKenzie was among the three local men who were recognized at the fourth annual Distinguished Citizens Award Banquet in Robbins.

### **Panther Creek Church Honors Rev. John Beane**

Mar. 2, 1984 – Panther Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Asheboro, honored its pastor, Rev. John B. Beane, at an appreciation supper Saturday evening, Feb. 11, in the church fellowship hall.

The congregation followed up this recognition the next day by making him the recipient of "an old fashioned pounding."

Rev. Beane has served the pastorate of the Panther Creek Church at two different times for a total of 22 years. He first became the pastor in 1959. Between the two pastorates, he served as an evangelist.

The minister is a native of the Panther Creek area, near the North Carolina Zoo. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Beane, Rt. 4, Asheboro. He is married to the former Cora Hurley and they have six children and four grandchildren.

After his discharge from the U. S. Army in 1956, Beane started attending church, professed religion and preached his first sermon July 7, 1957 in a cottage prayer meeting.

He was licensed as a minister by the Panther Creek Church and the Randolph Baptist Association in 1958 during the pastorate of Rev. Robert Brown.

During his pastorate at Panther Creek the church building has been renovated, the sanctuary carpeted, air conditioning installed and the fellowship hall erected.

### **Hinsons Celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mar. 5, 1984 – A reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Hinson, Rt. 1, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 26 commemorated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosts for the reception were Connie Jordan, Rt. 1, Staley, and Lee Hinson of the home, children of Mr. and Mrs. Hinson.

The couple also have two grandchildren, Jessica and Chad Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinson were married Feb. 14, 1959. Mrs. Hinson, the former Shirley Irene Mills, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Mills, Asheboro. Mr. Hinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Hinson, are deceased.

Mrs. Hinson is employed at Consolidated Coin Caterers in Ramseur. Mr. Hinson, now disabled, was self-employed for seven years.

The couple are members of Faith Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

### **Church Holds Groundbreaking**

Mar. 6, 1984 – The Asheboro Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints held a ground breaking ceremony for a new church edifice Wednesday afternoon, Feb. 29.

A 30-year-old dream began to be realized for members of the Asheboro branch as the ground was broken for the building which will be erected on a 3.23-acre tract of land at the corner of Mack and McDowell roads.

Their achievement is greater due to the knowledge that the proposed 8,000-square footage building is completely paid for before the ground was broken.

R. L. Casey Construction Co. of Greensboro will erect the \$629,000 structure which is scheduled for completion in Oct. of this year. Construction began the day following the groundbreaking.

The building will have a seating capacity of 385 people, with 19 teaching areas, a recreational hall, baptismal font and offices.

Joseph E. Hamilton, president of the Greensboro Stake of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, the parent unit of the local branch, was present to participate in the groundbreaking ceremonies.

Conducting the service of groundbreaking and the dedication of the land, was the current branch president, Earl Provacha.

Others participating were former branch presidents in attendance, W. R. Browder, Leon Hiatt and Willard Hiatt.

Congregational members in attendance, braving the cold wind near freezing temperature, sang the traditional song of the Latter Day Saints, also known as Mormons, entitled "Come Come, Ye Saints." The invocation was spoken Ray Langley.

There have been seven branch presidents locally since the church was established in Asheboro 30 years ago. The first one, J. P. Boswell, is deceased. The remaining two, who were unable to attend the ground breaking, are Max Palmer and L. D. Busby.

Since coming to Asheboro the congregation has worshipped at various sites, above Weston's Feed Store, The American Legion Building and a house on South Fayetteville St. For the past several years the site of worship has been the former WOW Building on Chestnut St. which has been rented from of the church members. Many church members are elated at the prospects of occupying a new building after assembling for three decades in make-shift sites of worship.

Past presidents W. R. Browder, Leonard Hiatt and Willard Hiatt rejoiced that the congregation would soon occupy a building of their own, the first in existence as a local branch.

Current branch president, Earl Provacha, paid tribute to his predecessors and compared them "with the rugged Mormon pioneers who trekked over a thousand miles across the plains in 1846-1848 and made the arid valley of the Great Salt Lake to blossom like a rose."

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints now has over 5 million members, there are about 200 chapels like the new Asheboro chapel under construction in the United States.

### **Couple Celebrate 66<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Mar. 14, 1984 – The 66<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Summey, Rt. 1, was observed Saturday afternoon in the fellowship hall at Jackson Creek Baptist Church.

Hosting a reception were the Summey's son, Astor Summey, Rt. 9, Asheboro and their five daughters, Francis Leonard, Rt. 2, Lexington, Rachel Jones, Rt. 1, Trinity, Magdalene Myers and Eva Hill, Rt. 2, Thomasville, and Velna Rider, Rt. 11, Lexington.

Other immediate family members include in 18 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Summey reside in the western Randolph community known as "Summey Town."

Jesse Summey, 87, son of the late William and Jane Elbertson Summey, was born in that community. He and

his wife live in the same house in which his parents lived. He attended a school in the area known as Gibson's Academy.

Mrs. Summey, 82, the former Gertrude Briles, daughter of the late James and Ellen Little Briles, was born in an adjoining community near Pierce's Mill in the Uwharrie River area. She attended a school in that community known as Taw's College.

They were married Mar. 10, 1918, at the home of the bride's parents. Magistrate Marcus L. Wood officiated at the ceremony. Mr. Summey said that he walked the two and one half miles to the marriage site.

Two significant events added to the enjoyment of the couple's anniversary reception; the receipt of a congratulatory card from Nancy and Ronald Reagan and the presentation of a "Mother's Ring" to Mrs. Summey from her son and five daughters.

### **Church, Chappell To Wed**

Mar. 14, 1984 – Mr. and Mrs. Richard Church of Rt. 2, Box 270, Morrisville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Lyvonne Church of Bennett St., to G. David Chappell Jr. of 532 Maple Lane, Raleigh, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Chappell of 1801 Providence Road, Elizabeth City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Western Carolina University where she received a B. S. in Education, and North Carolina A&T State University where she received a M. S. in physical education and a M. S. in Administration. She is employed as assistant principal at Randleman Middle School.

Mr. Chappell attended the College of Albermarle and graduated from the Atlantic Christian College where he received a B. A. in music. He is presently pursuing a degree in electronics at Wake Technical College. He is employed at Tektronix Inc., Raleigh and as a self-employed organ tuner.

The wedding is planned for May 20 at 3 p. m. at Morrisville First Baptist Church.

### **Firefighter Of Year Named**

Mar. 20, 1984 – A Level Cross Fire Department member, Ronald E. Coltrane, recently was named the 1983 "Firefighter of the Year" for the Randolph County Fire Protection Association at the meeting of the association.

Participating in the presentation were Don Heard, county fire marshal; James Parrish, president of the association, and Gene Moore, chairman of the selection committee.

Coltrane is a resident of Rt. 8, Pleasant Garden, where he resides with his wife, Carolyn and two daughters, Michelle and Beverly. A graduate of Southeast High School in 1970, he is employed as a carpenter by Harold Hammonds Construction Co.

He has been a firefighter for 11 years. He is a certified "first responder" and has attended 100 percent of the training sessions and 75 percent of fire and rescue calls.

This was the first award presented by the county association. Presentation was at the Randolph unit of the Climax Volunteer Fire Department. The Chief's Council, a new phase of the Randolph County Fire Protective Association, was organized in Jan. .

Comprised of fire chiefs throughout the county, the group meets each month just prior to the meeting of the fire protective association.

Officers of the new group are Bill Black, West Side, President; Jerry Dickenson, Ulah, vice-president, and John Cline, Level Cross, secretary.

More than 300 firemen and firewomen are enrolled with the various fire departments in Randolph County.

### **Mrs. Hattie Kidd Celebrates Birthday**

Mar. 22, 1984 – On Sunday afternoon, Mar. 18, a reception honored Mrs. Hattie Bullard Kidd, Rt. 4, Siler City, near Coleridge, on the occasion of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The reception was held at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flossie Ferree, who lives next door to her mother.

Besides Mrs. Ferree, Mrs. Kidd has six sons. Jonah W. Kidd and James E. Kidd, Rt. 4, Siler City, Harmon Kidd and Wilbert Kidd, Rt. 2, Ramseur; Ernest Kidd Hildebran and Roland Kidd, Asheboro.

Other members of her family are 32 grandchildren, 66 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Pauline Saunders and Mrs. Atress York, nieces of Mrs. Kidd, Mrs. Thelma Spoon, Mrs. Sue Moody, Mrs. Bobbie Ferree, Mrs. Peggy Brown, Mrs. Brenda Stovall, Jerry Ferree, Edgar J. Kidd, Roland Kidd Jr. and Glenn Kidd, grandchildren of Mrs. Kidd.

A large numbers of relatives and friends greeted Mrs. Kidd from two until four p. m.

Mrs. Kidd; the widow of the late Eli E. Kidd, is a native of Moore County, near the Beulah Baptist Church. She has lived at her present residence for more than 70 years. She is a member of the Deep River Baptist Church.

### **Ramseur Eastern Star Order Installs**

Mar. 28, 1984 – Weatherly Chapter No. 271, Order of the Eastern Star, Ramseur, installed officers in a ceremony Friday evening, Mar. 23, at the Marietta Masonic Lodge building.

Elected officers installed were Sadie Maness Cox, worthy patron; William Harold Cox, worthy patron; Mary Deane Hicks, associate matron; Vaughn Dorsett, associate patron; Henrietta Dorsett, secretary; Ora Hardin, treasurer; Cathryn Brady, conductress; Thursall Lineberry, associate conductress.

Appointed officers installed were Hilda Allen, Chaplain; Gerry Brady, marshal; Patricia Brooks, organist; Irene Saunders, Adah; Sally Brady, Ruth, Ruby Reid, Ester; Margaret Caveness, Martha Madge Kivett, Electa; Margaret Lane, warder and Victor Reid, sentinel.

Installing officer was Rebecca F. Brown, Past Grand Matron, Rose No. 178, Greensboro; installing marshal was Ruth E. Williams, Past Matron, Liberty No. 66; installing Chaplain was Benjamin Ward, Past Patron, Liberty no. 66 installing organist was Virginia Stout, Weatherly No. 271.

Songs, "What A Lovely Name" and "Star of the East," were sung by Sarah Evans, Priscilla Dunn and Howard Saunders, accompanied by Decie Moody.

A reception followed the installation.

### **Mayor Attends PWP Open House**

Mar. 28, 1984 – Parents Without Partners, Randolph County, held their annual open house Sunday afternoon, Mar. 18, at the Asheboro Housing Authority Building on Wainman Avenue.

The open house event featured an orientation for prospective members and activities for the children at nearby Fraizer Park. Refreshments were served.

Asheboro Mayor Joe Trogdon visited with the group. The next orientation will be held Apr. 5. For information call 625-5013.

Officers of the local organization are Emmie Thurston, president, Ron Cox, vice-president, Ricky Becky McCombs, newsletter editor, and Susan Stephans, member of nominating committee.

The international organization of Parents Without Partners was founded Mar. 21, 1957.

### **Church Founding Depicted In Drama**

Mar. 29, 1984 - A drama, "75 years - A Lifetime," depicting the founding of West Bend United Methodist Church in 1909, was held Sunday morning, Mar. 25, at the church.

The drama, written and directed by Alice Holloway, was one of many events to be held this year to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the church.

Presented by the youth and the children of the church, the drama showed the lives of the early founders of the church: Dan and Martha Presnell, Flora and Nettie Presnell, Tom and Mary Davidson, Williard and Clara Rich, Gurney Davidson, Colvin Davidson, Walter Robbins and Causey Davidson. The major event of the anniversary year will be Sunday, May 20 when homecoming, memorial and commemoration of the church's founding will be observed. Dr. Philip L. Shore Jr., former pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro, will be the principal speaker.

Members of the church are being asked to wear old-fashioned attire for this occasion. Church fans, more widely known before the coming of air-conditioning, will be presented to those in attendance. These fans will also be commemorative with pictures of the old church and the present edifice on either side.

On this day the history of the church, entitled "West End of Uwharrie Road," will be released.

Orders for the book, prepared by Oscar Sowers and the history committee, are being received at the present time. Books ordered before May 20 will sell for \$10 for the paperback and \$12 for hardback books. Orders received May 20 and afterwards will be \$12 for paperback and \$15 for hardback.

The 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the church began in Jan. with the issuance of a special church bulletin and the designation each month of an old hymn and a church slogan.

In Feb. Dr. Walter McKelvey, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church, came to speak on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Methodism and also the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary observance at West Bend.

On Sunday, Apr. 8, the entire morning worship service will feature the singing of old hymns under the leadership of Peggy Foust, choir director.

Following the founders day observance May 29, tentative plans call for some lawn services during the summer months and the dedication of the Billy V. Hunter Fellowship Hall in the fall.

The final anniversary observance will be the celebration of an "old time Christmas" at the church.

Co-chairman of the Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Committee are Tom Hill and Angus Bobo. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Kenneth Crouse.

### **Eastern Star Order Installs Officers**

Virgin Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star observed their installation of officers Saturday evening, Mar. 24, in the 133-year-old Hank's Masonic Lodge Building in downtown Franklinville.

Hazel B. Jackson was installed as matron, her son, Clyde W. Jackson, as worthy patron, her daughter, Priscilla J. Harmon, as associate matron, and her son-in-law, George Bobby Harmon, as associate patron.

Other officers installed were Charlotte Kivett, secretary; Linden T. Cox, treasurer; Mary Sumner, conductress; and Priscilla Dunn, associate conductress.

Appointed officers installed were Delette Davis, chaplain; Kaffy Kivett, marshal; Georgina Harmon, granddaughter of Mrs. Jackson, organist; Helen Walker, Adah; Louise Anderson, Ruth; Jewell Shane, Esther, Mae Purvis, Martha; Ethel Cox, Electra; Shawn Summer, warder; and Porter Anderson, sentinel.

Installing officers were Vaughn Dorsett, district deputy, grand patron, 14<sup>th</sup> district, installing officer; Henrietta Dorsett, past matron, Weatherly Chapter No. 271, installing patron and Margaret Lane, past matron Weatherly Chapter No. 271, installing organist.

Amy Bennett, Virgin Chapter No. 17 served as registrar.

A reception followed the installation of officers.

### **Graves Receives Eagle Scout Award**

Mar. 30, 1984 - Christopher Leach (Chris) Graves, 18-year-old member of Scout Troop 524, received the Eagle Scout Award during the worship service at St. John's Lutheran Church, Sunday, Mar. 24.

This highest award in scouting was achieved despite a variance of schools attended by the recipient.

Due to his father's employment Chris began his education at the Overseas School of Rome in Rome, Italy, after which he returned to this country and completed junior high school in Asheboro.

He then attended his first two years of high school at Crescent Comprehensive College in Limerick, Ireland, returning again to graduate from Asheboro High School in 1983.

He is now a dean's list student at Guilford Technical Community College where he is studying tool and die making.

In scouting, he is a member of the Order of the Arrow (Honors Campers Society) and in 1979 he attended the Greater Toronto Regional Jamboree in Brantford, Ontario.

A former scout master, Willard Gordon, and the troop committee Chairman, Neal Blevins, presented him the Eagle Award.

Also present was his current scout master, Grant Gordon, and other members of his scout troop.

Also participating in the ceremony were his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David (Janet) Graves and his maternal grandfather, W. C. Lucas.

Unable to be present was his grandmother, Mrs. W. C. Lucas and his paternal grandfather, Harwood L. Graves.

Chris is a confirmed member of St. John's Lutheran Church where he has served as acolyte, crucifer and usher.

A reception was held in the church fellowship hall at the conclusion of the worship service.

### **Eastern Star Order Installs New Officers**

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Appointed officers installed were Hilda Allen, chaplain; Gerry Brady, marshal; Patricia Brooks, organist; Irene Saunders, Adah; Sally Brady, Ruth; Ruby Reid, Esther; Margaret Caveness, Martha; Madge Kivett, Electa; Margaret Lane, Warden; and Victor Reid, sentinel.

Installing officer was Rebecca F. Brown, Past Grand Matron, Rose No. 178, Greensboro; installing marshal was Ruth E. Williams, Past Matron, Liberty No. 66; installing chaplain was Benjamin Ward, Past Patron, Liberty No. 66. Installing organist was Virginia Stout, Weatherly No. 271.

Songs, "What a Lovely Name" and "Star of the East" were sung by Sarah Evans, Priscilla Dunn and Howard Saunders, accompanied by Decie Moody.

A reception followed the installation.

### **Ramseur Wesleyan Church Honors Senior Members**

Apr. 5, 1984 - Ramseur Wesleyan Church honored members 75 years of age and older at a special service Sunday morning, Apr. 1.

Members present for the service were Otis and Snodie Allen, Ora Cox, Vertie Craven, Eunice Hancock, Walter Hudson, Susan Jester, George Kivett, Taft and Lou Kivett, Kate Souther and Myrtle Spencer.

Honored members unable to attend the service were Mollie Davis, Glenn Burgess, Hubert Headen, Leslie and Snowda Lineberry and Alma Moody.

Tributes to the honored group, who sat in a reserved section of pews, were rendered by family members and friends. Many voices broke with emotion and there were tears of gratitude as appreciation was manifested for the lives of those honored.

An earlier tribute had come from the choir who sang "Amazing Grace" and "Sweeter As the Years Go By" and Jim Gardner who sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus." The pastor Ronald W. Terry, spoke in reference to the senior members, saying "these people have touched this community."

Each person recognized was presented with a gift and either a bouquet or a boutonniere. The service was planned by Joyce Cox and Mary Stanley, with the former serving as mistress of ceremonies. The sanctuary was filled for the occasion with many family members of those honored.

After the service, the congregation filed by to greet those who were honored.

### **Asheboro Lions Club Members Celebrate Fortieth Anniversary**

Apr. 8, 1984 - Asheboro Lions Club members celebrated their fortieth anniversary at a dinner meeting Tuesday evening at Camp Caraway.

Joining them were their wives, widows of deceased members. Lions dignitaries and various other guests, including Asheboro Mayor Joe Trogdon and Mrs. Trogdon.

Heading the Lions officialdom were Lacy M. Presnell, Jr., past Lions International Director, a former president of the Asheboro Lions Club and the principal speaker for the anniversary observance. He was accompanied by his wife.

Also present were District Governor Fred Sapp and Mrs. Sapp, Cabinet Secretary John Porter and Mrs. Porter, and past District Governors Ray Bottoms, John Howell, Walter Huber, and Stevens and Q. G. McKeel, the latter two being members of the Asheboro club.

Past District Governor Walter Huber was a member of the High Point Lions Club 40 years ago when that club served as sponsor for the formation of the Asheboro Lions Club.

The principal speaker for the anniversary observance was introduced by O. D. Shoe, veteran secretary of the local club, who is currently a candidate for the position of District Governor for 31-D.

Only five charter members of the Asheboro Lions Club remain on the present roster, James Lane, the club's first president, Joe Hardin, E. Wayne Hughes, Fred Lane and Lewis Wright. These members were accorded recognition at the anniversary observance by Earl Johnson, present Deputy District Governor and past president of the Asheboro club.

Three widows of deceased charter members were recognized by Richard Harrington, Mrs. Gladys Russell (Bruce) Thomas, Mrs. Agnes (Walter) T, and Mrs. Charlotte (Carl) Lanier.

Other widows of charter members unable to attend were Mrs. Bill Herlocker, Mrs. James O. Walton, Mrs. Troy Gaddis, Mrs. Glenn Campbell, Mrs. Kenneth Hilliard, and Mrs. Robert Lloyd.

The first club president, James Lane, speaking on "Highlights of Our 40 Years," cited many accomplishments over the past four decades. At the time of organization, he said the club was comprised of 52 charter members, at that time the largest chartered club in the state of North Carolina.

Major achievements included the sponsorship of a semi-pro baseball tournament, the installation of bleachers, a wooden fence and lights at the then Lindley Park Ball Field, a Christmas party and mid-year picnics for the blind and visually handicapped, the operation of a glaucoma clinic and the raising of funds to supplement the expense of constructing the cafeteria at the then Park Street School, now the Donna Lee Loflin School.

Also the sponsorship of Pass, Kick, and Punt Football, Little League and Pony Ball Teams, financing eye operations, transportation for the blind and visually handicapped, the securing of eye wills for the organs and tissue bank, assisting with the construction of a cottage at Lake Wachamaw, co-sponsors of the Christmas Cheer programs, and the manning of the concession stand at Lee J. Stone Stadium during football games for many years.

The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary program committee was composed of E. Wayne Hughes, chairman, Bill Haden and Earl Johnson. The anniversary welcoming committee was composed of Q. G. McKeel and E. Edgar Stevens.

Others appearing on the program were Paul Cox, current president of the club who extended welcome to the anniversary occasion, F. Ray Wicker, current vice president and in-coming president, and Johnny Parker and Lewis Wright.

### **Burrows Fete Anniversary**

Apr. 12, 1984—Mr. and Mrs. Vernon "Capt" Burrow, Rt. 2, Franklinville, were honored Sunday, Apr. 8, on their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by their children and the congregation of the Chimney Lane Church of God. The Burrows have attended the church since it was founded.

A buffet luncheon, topped off by the traditional anniversary cake was served to family members and the congregation. It was somewhat of a surprise to the couple, Mrs. Burrow said, "I knew they had something planned, but I didn't know what." The observance came after the morning worship service.

The Burrows, now retired, were the longtime operators of the Randolph Nursing Home in Asheboro; now managed by their daughter, Lou Wilson. The couple operated that home for 20 years and also the Burrow Rest Home on U. S. 64, east of Asheboro for a shorter period.

Mrs. Burrow is the former Mable Smith, daughter of Oscar Smith, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and the late Primma Browder Smith. Mrs. Burrow was born shortly after her parents moved to Randolph County from Stokes County. She was one of 17 children born to her parents, of which 14 of them grew to maturity and later years only one of the 14 is deceased.

Burrow, a native of the Franklinville area, is the son of the late John and Hathaline "Hathy" Dennison Burrow. Before entering the rest home business, he was a carpenter and raised chickens.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Burrow are Lou Wilson, Rt. 2, Randleman; John Burrow and Anita Voncannon, Rt. 2, Franklinville; Kenneth Burrow, Asheboro; David Burrow, Rocky Mount, Va., and Clayton Burrow, Rt. 2, Seagrove.

The couple have 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

### **O. D. Shoe Candidate For Lions Governor**

Apr. 13, 1984 - Asheboro Lions Club member, O. D. Shoe, known as "The Working Lion," has been presented by his local club as a candidate for District Governor of 31-D for 1984-85.

A resident of Asheboro for 41 years, he has been a member of the Asheboro Lions Club for 25 years.

He served as president of the club in 1974-75, he has served for 16 years as club secretary, and he has 24 years of perfect attendance. He has been identified with the glaucoma clinics, the blind committee and various other phases of club activity.

Statistically, he sold 700 bags of peanuts in the last two years of this project, he was chairman of the Lions birthday calendar committee for three years and, in addition to his leadership position, he sold more calendars than any other member of the club.

Also as the chairman of the broom sale, he was the leader selling more than his quota and in the operation of the hamburger booth at the Fall Festival he exceeded his shift, working two full days from start to finish.

His district activities with 31-D thus far had included the following positions: District Cabinet Secretary and

Treasurer, Deputy District Governor for three years and zone chairman. He has attended all state conventions since he became a Lion and several of the international conventions.

O. D. Shoe, a native of Albemarle, came to Asheboro in 1943. He has been employed with the Southern Railway for the past 44 years and has held the position of agent for about 36 years.

He is married to the former Dot Copple, a native of Farmer, and they are the parents of a son, Mark, who is a graduate student at Georgia Tech University.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church where he serves on the board of ushers. He formerly served on the administrative board.

The election to determine the naming of the District Governor for 31-D will be held at the Lions State Convention in Raleigh May 25, 26 and 27.

Fifty clubs comprise the 31-D district, and at the time of writing candidate Shoe had visited all of these clubs except for three.

### **Mrs. Anderson Has Birthday**

Apr. 24, 1984 - Mrs. Carrie Wear Anderson, a Rt. 1, Climax, resident observed her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, Apr. 16.

An early celebration came for her on the day before when family members honored her at a buffet luncheon at the Bethel United Methodist Church, where she is the oldest member.

Hosting the birthday event were her children, Porter Anderson, Rt. 1, Climax, Frank Anderson, near Central Falls, Mrs. Bessie Andrews, Siler City and Alta Johnson, Rt. 3, Randleman.

Her immediate family also includes eight grand-children and ten great-grandchildren.

Many other relatives were in attendance from her family and the family of her late husband, Charlie Anderson, who died 16 years ago.

Mrs. Anderson is a native of Guilford County, having been reared in the Sandy Ridge area between High Point and Greensboro where she walked two miles to and from the one-teacher school which she attended.

She was reared on a farm, the daughter of Pleas and Ellen Shields Wear, and Mrs. Anderson said she worked along with two brothers and two sisters in the tobacco fields.

After their marriage May 12, 1912 she and her husband lived for awhile in High Point before returning back to the community in which they were reared. Later they moved to the vicinity in which she is now living, first on a farm and then to her present residence.

Almost a lifelong member of the church, she said she first joined the Sandy Ridge Methodist Church when she was about eleven years of age. While in High Point she was a member of the Friends Meeting there.

"It has been my desire to live a Christian life," she said. She is proud of her children who like their mother attend church regularly.

In speaking of her children, two daughters and two sons, she displayed a sense of humor in saying, "it took a lot of praying to raise boys." One of her sons lives next door to her while the other son stops by to visit her each day on his return from his business in Burlington.

Mrs. Anderson said "I'm thankful that I can get about, the Lord has sure blessed me with good health."

## Unity Chapter Of Eastern Star Celebrates Third Anniversary

Apr. 25, 1984 - . The third anniversary celebration of Unity Chapter No. 522-A, Order of the Eastern Star, was held Sunday afternoon, Apr. 15, at St. Luke United Methodist Church.

The chapter was organized May 8, 1945

Officers present for the occasion included Brenda Goldston, worthy Matron, Clayton Marley, worthy patron, Dorothea Scott, associate matron, Brenda Alston, secretary, Beatrice Spinks, treasurer; Eliza Davis, chaplain; Agnes Foushee, conductress and Lois Cheek, associate conductress.

Speaker for the observance was J. A. Carter, grand worthy patron. Also present was Ruby Jones, district deputy and Carnell Goldston, worshipful master Oakland Lodge No. 501.

Three plaques for outstanding service were presented to Bessie Gales, Pattie Gales and Gwen Keitt. The latter also served as mistress of ceremonies for the anniversary celebration.

Special recognition was extended to three original members of Unity Chapter at the time of its organization 39 years ago. Daisy Craven, Beatrice Spinks and Clarice Spinks.

The meeting ended with a buffet meal in the dining area.

## Man Returns Woman's Lost Purse

Apr. 27, 1984 - Mrs. Blease (Virginia ) Garner, 324 Fern Drive, recently learned that honest people aren't extinct when an unemployed young man found her pocketbook and returned it within minutes after she lost it.

Mrs. Garner left her purse on the top of her car before driving to a restaurant in town to pick up a phone-in order.

After reaching the restaurant, she found she had no money to pay for her order. She retraced her tracks back to her residence without finding her pocketbook.

While standing in front of her house contemplating the loss, she was approached by two men, Billy Westfield and his father, William J. Westfield Sr., Rt. 3, Asheboro, who asked "Have you lost a pocketbook?"

Billy Westfield Jr., 26, found the missing pocketbook on Meadowbrook Road about five blocks from Mrs. Garner's residence.

The missing pocketbook contained money, charge cards, driver's license and other identification. Mrs. Garner expressed appreciation for the young man who had promptly returned her valuables.

Originally from Deppford, N. J., Billy Westfield has come recently to the home of his parents on Rt. 3, Asheboro.

He is presently looking for a job in this area. He left Deppford due to the lack of employment there. He is brother to area resident Mrs. Dave Rowe.

## Ramseur Resident Celebrates Birthday

May 3, 1984 - Ed Burgess, a lifelong resident of the Ramseur area, celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, Apr. 29, at his home on Rt. 1.

Around fifty friends and relatives attended the birthday dinner in his honor, hosted by his grand-daughter, Janice Kivett Williams and her husband Robby Williams, who live next to Burgess.

Other family member are a daughter, Treva Stone, Orlando, Fla., a son, Robert Burgess who resides with Ed Burgess, two additional grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and six great-great-grandchildren, one daughter, Gladys Kivett, is deceased.

Special guests at the birthday celebration were the Rev. Tom England, pastor of Chimney Lane Church of God where Burgess attends and the associate pastor, the Rev. Richard Watson.

Burgess was born Oct. 30, 1894, in the Brown's Cross Roads community near what was then Kildee Pilgrim Holiness Church.

His parents were Bob and Jeanette "Net" Hudson Burgess. His wife was the former Mlshie Cagle who died in 1979.

He received his schooling from one-teacher schools at Marley's Mill and at Staley.

Speaking of his employment during the working years of his life, he said, "I was a farmer, I worked stock." He farmed before the existence of stock laws and said back then they put up rail fences to keep animals out instead of the present "fencing to keep stock in."

His farming ended some fifteen years ago when illness "took me from the plow handles."

Burgess has been a deeply religious man since early manhood, starting with "the Holiness people as he recalled. He began with Kildee church attending later Ramseur Pilgrim Holiness Church, now Wesleyan before going to the Chimney Lane church which he described as "the next thing to Holiness." He said, "I have been in many camp meetings and heard some great preachers."

Speaking of the longevity of his life, he said, "I give credit to the God of the skies, I've never been struck down."

He said he curbed his passion for fox hunting several years ago, but, "there ain't a fox hunter I haven't hunted with." Mentioning particularly two Asheboro fox hunters, Frank Steed, now deceased and Shelly Hunsucker. "I had an outstanding pack of dogs.

## Daisy Craven Day Celebrated At Church

May 9, 1984 - "Daisy Craven Day" was observed at Cox's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, on Apr. 29, a tribute to the 90-year-old woman who has been as member at Cox's Chapel for 77 years.

Another significant achievement by Mrs. Craven is her employment in the household of Garland Allen, retired Ramseur banker, for the past 57 years.

Asked when she planned to retire, she said, "when I am disabled. I am better off working than staying at home."

Members of the Allen family were present at the celebration for Mrs. Craven including Garland Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen and children, John, Bill and Susan.

Garland, Bill and Susan Allen joined in the tributes to Mrs. Craven with Bill and Susan also rendering musical selections.

Hortense Jackson, pastor of Mt. Olive Holiness Church in Asheboro, was the principal speaker for the occasion.

Others rendering musical selections were Mrs. Jackson's choir, The Gospel Choir from McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church, Mrs. Bessie Gales from Oakland Baptist Church, Celia Brown and Diane Cheek from Cox's Chapel.

Mrs. Lois Cheek was mistress of ceremonies. A love offering of more than \$200 will be applied to improvements

at Cox's Chapel. The program was sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Mrs. Craven joined the church at age 13. She attends every preaching Sunday and whenever special programs are sponsored.

She is a native of Pleasant Hill community south of Coleridge but moved with her family to her present area at the age of six. She was one of 17 children born to Lawrence and Sarah Caviness Cheek. This family had one set of triplets which included Daisy and one set of twins.

### **A H S Class of '34 Gathers For Reunion**

May 18, 1984 - Members of the 1934 graduating class at Asheboro High School converged on Asheboro this past weekend for their first reunion.

Members came from across the state as well as South Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Tennessee, Maryland, Delaware, Ohio, Iowa, and California.

The golden anniversary of their graduation on May 9, 1934, was a memorable event with the former graduates and their spouses first being honored at a barbecue luncheon given by fellow graduate, John F. Redding, at his home on Lexington Road on May 12. Many class members saw each other for the first time in 50 years.

This function, attended by 93 people, was followed by a dinner meeting that evening at Pinewood Country Club with a crowd of 90.

Those attending both events also included members of the class of '34 and their spouses who for various reasons did not graduate from Asheboro High School.

Originally 100 students began their school days at Fayetteville Street School in Asheboro long since disbanded and torn down. Only about 55 graduated in the spring of 1934, of that number, 39 were present at the first reunion.

Class members unable to attend were Gilbert Parker, David Moore, Delena Beck Yates, Ollie Mae Brown Gaylon, Violet Bulla Lassiter, Allene Lamb Curtis, and Lucille Lambert Taylor.

Teachers of the class in attendance were Lucy Leigh Lovett, their first grade teacher, Cornelia Ayers, and Adam Hunt.

One of two class mascots, Alex White, was also present. The other mascot was Joan Wrape Spencer.

### **West Bend Methodist Church Conducts Triple Celebration**

May 24, 1984 - West Bend United Methodist Church, located at 1124 Albemarle Road, commemorated three special services in one on May 20: Memorial Day, homecoming, and the celebration of the church's founding.

The sanctuary was filled to capacity for the triple observance which began at 10:30 a. m. as was the new fellowship hall where the noon meal was served following the worship period.

Pastor of the church is the Rev. Kenneth D. Crouse. Guest speaker was Dr. Philip L. Shore Jr. former pastor of First Methodist Church and also a past district superintendent. Also present for remarks was the Rev. R. Odell Brown, pastor of West Bend church in 1935.

Souvenir fans, reminiscent of the days before air-conditioning, were presented to those in attendance. The fans contained pictures of the first church building erected

in 1910 and the present structure which was completed in 1959.

Also reminiscent of former days was the old-fashioned attire worn by several women in the congregation.

Another highlight for the special service was release of a published history of West Bend United Methodist Church, entitled "At the West Bend of Uwharrie Road, 1909-1984," compiled by Oscar Sowers with assistance from Billie Nance and Charlie Robbins Jr.

When the church was started in Aug. 1909, following a revival meeting in the area, the highway now known as Albemarle Road was then Uwharrie Road. Sis Rush, a woman evangelist holding revival meetings throughout the neighborhood, was a driving force in the founding of the church.

The church was organized on the front porch of the Daniel Presnell home. Later, the church held services at the Edgar Davidson home prior to the building of the first structure.

West Bend was a church extension project of the First Methodist Church in Asheboro and its first officers included members of that church. Officers were J. E. Walker, Sunday School Superintendent; J. E. Walker, D. B. McCrary, M. T. Hinshaw, J. T. Wood, Brazilla Robbins, Gurney Davidson, Daniel Presnell, J. D. Walker and W. T. Wood, trustees of property.

On Jan. 9, 1910, S. E. Edgar Davidson deeded the church two acres of land on which to build a house of worship, with a condition that the building be erected within two years. He also later gave the land for the cemetery.

The church building, a one-room frame structure, was built in 1910 by three of Edgar Davidson's brothers, Colvin Causey, and Gurney Davidson.

It is believed that the old church bell, now mounted on the north side of the educational building, was purchased soon after the building of the first structure. This old bell was said to be heard at the "county home" two miles away. Several residents of the "county home" attended the church services.

Sunday School teachers listed in the year 1910 were A. M. Presnell, Gurney Davidson, Jane Smith, Lucy Ashworth, Ida Cox, and Maud Hall. The first recorded members of the church, listed in the first year were Walter C. Robbins, Nettie P. Lamb, Flora Yates, Edgar Davidson, Ida Cox, Mary Roxanne Robbins, Brazilla Robbins, Mary T. Davidson, Clara Rich and Willard Rich.

Other people joining the church soon thereafter were Lura D. Lewallen, Carrie Goins, Bertie R. Paisley, Mattie B. Davidson, Amos Yates, Charles T. Davidson, Ethel B. Kivett, Treva D. Yates, Beatrice D. Keeling, Katherine Lewallen, Ruth Dixon, Charlie Paisley, Sadie Robbins, Robert Paisley, Clarence Yates, Annie D. Burrow, Ross York, Lois Morgan, Walter Cox, Frank Keeling, and Ralph Robbins.

Other well known citizens of uptown Asheboro also participated in the activities of the West Bend church, including Essie Ross, Jessie Scarboro, W. C. Hammer, O. R. Cox, Ferree Ross, and Emmett Moffitt, the latter being a president of Elon College.

Pastors of the church have been C. A. Wood, R. A. Taylor, J. D. Gibson, Walter B. Thompson, Fred W. Cook, T. A. Plyler, J. A. Howell, O. P. Routh, L. T. Evans, E. C. Widenhouse, M. G. Ervin, Roy G. Barnwell, Fred H. Shinn, Ralph H. Taylor, W. F. Cooley, R. Odell Brown, P. F. Snider, C. L. Grant, J. A. Howell, Don Payne, S. W.



Taylor, Glen Lanier, Joe T. Melton, Kenneth M. Johnson, Robert J. Ralls, Ron L. Hall, F. Donald Beaty, Billy V. Hunter, and the present pastor Kenneth D. Crouse.

Despite early financial struggles, the will of the church members prevailed at West Bend and considerable progress has been noted, especially for the past 25 years.

In Nov. 1959, the congregation occupied their present sanctuary and educational building which replaced the original one-room frame structure and the later addition of two rooms in 1939 and a hut in 1947.

In Mar. 1973, a two-story parsonage on South McCrary Street was completed replacing the old parsonage on Mack Road which had been built in 1948 on land donated by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Yates.

Another real estate transaction in 1953 was the purchase of the old West Bend School building which has been converted into a dwelling. This purchase provided water on the church property for the first time. This property was sold in 1959.

In 1981, the Billy V. Hunter Fellowship Hall, named for a former pastor who served the church for 12 years was completed, becoming the first fellowship hall in the church's history.

Recent projects include landscaping of the cemetery, leveling of the graves and the straightening of the monuments.

### **Hughes Re-Elected Mission President**

May 24, 1984 - E. Wayne Hughes, United Methodist laymen, was re-elected to his 15<sup>th</sup> term as president of the Randolph Area Mission Society May 20 in a meeting at Central United Methodist Church.

Prior to his tenure of service as president he served as vice-president of the society for two years.

Dr. George W. Thompson, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Asheboro, was elected a 2<sup>nd</sup> vice-president of the society, succeeding the Rev. Kenneth Crouse who is retiring at the close of the conference year.

Also re-elected to offices in the mission society were Earl Taylor, 1<sup>st</sup> vice-president, Hilliard Nance, secretary, James Hanner, treasurer, Mrs. Hubert Allred, assistant secretary and treasurer, Clyde Foust, Mrs., Olan Hubbard and Garland Allen, directors.

Dr. Walter H. McKelvey, superintendent of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church, spoke to the meeting concerning the programs of the 80 churches within the district. He stated that the local membership within the district was more than 20,000. Churches within the Randolph Area Mission Society number 52.

In official action, the society authorized \$9,900 for assistance to nine Randolph County churches: Mount Vernon, St. Luke, Pisgah, Rehobeth, Jordan Memorial, New Hope, McCrary Chapel, Ferree's Chapel and Stout's Chapel.

A program of music was rendered by Miss Nellie Bescher, accompanied at the organ by Mrs. Dan Upchurch.

### **New Minister to Serve**

June 3, 1984—A new pastor, Rev. Evon Pulliam, was to be installed as pastor of Staley Wesleyan Church this Sunday morning, June 3. She is replacing the Rev. T. R. York who will become the associate pastor for the coming year.

Mrs. Pulliam will commute from Winston-Salem where she and her husband, Robert and their daughters Melissa and Martha have lived for a number of years.

The incoming pastor, a minister for around 20 years, is not new to the Staley congregation, having held week-end revivals there and having also occupied the pulpit in the absence of Rev. York.

The new pastor has also conducted Vacation Bible Schools and children's services throughout the state. She is also a musician.

Services at Staley will follow the pattern of the past, except that youth meetings will begin in the near future. Rev. Pulliam will assist in the daily Vacation Bible School at Staley this summer.

The services on Sunday will begin at 10a. m. and close at 11:30a. m. after which a basket lunch will be served on the church grounds.

### **Kearns Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 7, 1984—Mr. and Mrs. Lester Kearns, Rt. 3, Asheboro, were uniquely honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary, Friday evening, June 1, by friends with whom they fellowship at the bi-monthly square dance at the Farmer Grange Building.

Hosts for the carry-in supper included Mr. and Mrs. Worth Winslow, Becky Kindley, Forrest Kearns and Marie Morgan, Rt. 2, Denton, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd Griffin, Albemarle and Ann O'Hara, Salisbury.

Buster Brown and the Thomasville Playboys, the square dance musicians, were there to entertain the anniversary party and to play for the square dancing which followed the supper.

Upon request Mr. and Mrs. Kearns danced "a slow waltz" as a prelude to the square dancing which celebrated their anniversary event. Around 100 guests attended.

Among those present were their son, Army Lt. Col. James Roland Kearns of Williamsburg, Va. And their three grandchildren, James Roland "Jimmy" Kearns Jr., a student at Westchester University, Westchester, Pa., Colleen Kearns, a recent graduate of William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., who plans to enter law school this fall; and Annette Kearns, also a student at William and Mary College.

The couple's daughter-in-law, Mrs. James Roland (Patricia) Kearns, was unable to attend.

One of the hosts, Mrs. O'Hara, presented the couple with a large plaque which contained their picture along with a poem, composed by Mrs. O'Hara, entitled "Fifty Years Together."

William Lester Kearns, son of the late Roland and Lula Kearns, and his wife, the former Carrie Lee Ingram, are living a short distance down the road from the farm plantation where he was born.

Mrs. Kearns is a Forsyth County native, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. James Madison Ingram, having been born also on a farm near Kernersville.

The couple were married June 2, 1934 in High Point and immediately thereafter established their residence in the vicinity in which Lester was born.

Shortly after their marriage, Mrs. Kearns joined the Mt. Shepherd United Methodist Church where her husband has been a member for most of his life. The couple have been active in the church.

Both the Kearns were former long time employees of Acme-McCrary. Earlier Kearns farmed and also engaged in sawmilling and the building of dams.

### **American War Mothers Honor Harold Spoon**

June 14, 1984 - The Hallie Lemmons Chapter of American War Mothers planted two maple trees at the Disabled American Veterans building Sunday afternoon, June 10, in honor of William Harold Spoon, a local disabled veteran.

Spoon a veteran of World War II, has served two different terms as commander of Randolph County Chapter 22 of DAV Commander of the Fourth District, composed of the Asheboro, Ramseur, Raleigh and Durham chapters. Spoon has driven more than 1,400 miles in connection with his duties.

He also serves as deputy representative of Veterans Administration of Volunteer Service at Veterans Hospital in Salisbury where he has compiled 3,778 hours of service.

Before becoming a volunteer with VAV's he assisted the Hallie Lemmons Chapter of War Mothers in their various activities of volunteer military service.

Participating in the war mothers presentation and planting of the red maple trees were the chapter president, Mrs. Earl Coble, Mrs. Lester Byrd, hospital chairman; Mrs. R. A. Lemmons, memory trees and memorials, and three other chapter members, Mrs. Ike Robinson, Mrs. H. B. Holland, and Mrs. Robert Byrd.

Assisting with the planting were four members of the DAV chapter, James Moore, outgoing commander, David Brady, incoming commander, John Trogdon and James York.

### **Browns Celebrate 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

June 15, 1984 - Mr. and Mrs. William Ira "Billy" Brown, Rt. 4, Asheboro, were honored on their thirtieth anniversary Sunday Afternoon, June 10, at a reception in the fellowship hall at Flag Spring United Methodist Church.

Hosts were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alden (Robin) Brown, Rt. 4, Asheboro, and their daughter and daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil (Darlene) Owens, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Assisting with the planning of the reception were Mrs. Nellie Jean Richardson and Virginia Pounders. The event was planned as a surprise but Mrs. Brown said she and her husband were aware that something was going on in connection with their wedding anniversary.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Brown are graduates of Seagrove High School where the couple became sweethearts when Betty Sue was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Billy was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Before their marriage, they also lived within three miles of each other.

Brown recently accepted employment at Luck's Inc. in Seagrove. Previously he had worked 18 years at Walker Shoe Co. and 10 years at General Electric. Mrs. Brown has been employed as a teacher's aide at the Seagrove School for the past five years. Before this she had driven a school bus and worked briefly for Carolina Canvas in Seagrove.

The couple are long-time members of the Flag Spring United Methodist Church.

### **Piney Ridge Methodist Church Makes Plans For New Building**

June 22, 1984 - Piney Ridge United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, took a definite step in securing a fellowship hall by holding a building fund rally Sunday morning, June 17, following the morning worship service.

The various fund raising captains brought in the amounts they had raised in a brief period of time and when totaled up the entire amount raised amounted to \$5,705. 26.

Chairman of the fund raising drive was Margaret Green. Mrs. Green also led the drive in securing the funds for a church steeple in 1979.

The present church sanctuary and Sunday School rooms at Piney Ridge was erected around 18 years ago following a drive to replace the old, dilapidated church structure which had been used by the Piney Ridge congregation since its erection in 1892.

The church had its beginning in a brush arbor.

There was talk about a fellowship hall at Piney Ridge even five years ago when the new steeple was erected and a modified fund raising for its erection had been held since that time under the leadership of Verla Brady.

Prior to the recent fund raising rally by Mrs. Green the amount of around \$7,500 had been raised. However, the additional funds by Mrs. Green were needed in order to receive additional funds from the Duke Foundation. Other grants will also be requested.

A building committee, composed of Wilson Green, chairman, Verla Brady, Ahab Graham, Susan Strickland, Peggy Matthews, Eugene Cheek and Benjamin Cassidy has been named.

Added impetus to the fund raising drive has been evident during the pastorate of Rev. James Graves who is beginning his tenth year at Piney Ridge.

### **Quilting Square Chosen For International Quilt**

June 27, 1984—Allie B. Hinshaw, a member of the afternoon United Society Friends Women Circle at Holly Spring Friends Meeting in Ramseur, has designed and make a square for an international quilt which will be auctioned off next month at the Friends United Yearly Meeting, Triennial Sessions, in Orange, Calif.

Mrs. Hinshaw's quilt square was chosen from among several other squares submitted from the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

All yearly meetings and Friends United Meetings had been invited to produce a quilt square depicting the work of Friends in their areas, with a committee from the USFW selecting Mrs. Hinshaw's square from the North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

Other squares for the quilt came from the following yearly meeting, New England, Iowa, Western, New York, California, East African South, Nebraska, Indiana, Wilmington, Ohio and Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Peggie M. Baxter, High Point, Secretary for Children and Youth, Missionary Education for USFW International, brought the quilt to Mrs. Hinshaw's Rt. 12, Ramseur home Sunday afternoon so that the later and fellow members of USFW at Holly Spring could view the completed handiwork.

Mrs. Hinshaw's winning design and resultant square contained four parts, recognition of the state flower, the dogwood, and the mountainous area of North Carolina, the North Carolina United Society of Friends, 1885-1983; the first Meetinghouse and school established in 1705 in the eastern part of North Carolina; and the Missionary

Advocate, publication of American Friends Service, and the mission stations in Kenya, East Africa and Ramallah, Jordan.

On Monday, the quilt, which has already been shown throughout the United States, was mailed to California to await the auction which will be held at the triennial sessions.

The auction will be a silent one with daily posting of the highest bid. The highest bid at the close of the session will acquire the quilt. An opening bid of \$500 has been secured.

Proceeds from the sale will be applied to Friends Missions In Cuba. The project has been underway for the past three years.

### **Century-Old Resident Celebrates Birthday**

June 27, 1984 - Carl Melvin Nance, a native and longtime resident of Randolph County, celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Wednesday, June 20, at Triad Manor in High Point, formerly the Cloverdale Home Inc., where he and his 95-year-old wife have been living since Dec., 1979.

Nance, son of Alfred Philmore Nance and Marietta Pierce Nance, was born west of Asheboro, near Caraway Creek in the Mt. Shepherd area, but reared his family in northwestern Randolph County, near the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, where they lived for 55 years.

His birthday, a festive event, was enjoyed by family, the personnel at the home where he and his wife reside and the news media. Decorations included a deluge of cards, including one from Ronald and Nancy Reagan.

His wife, the former Callie Pearl Hudson, a native of Chatham County, joined him for the picture making and the birthday interview. In the banter between the couple she said, referring to the birthday event, "it is uncalled for, to make a blowout."

Their son, Carl Hudson Nance, of Jamestown, arrived before the interview was over, bringing his father a birthday gift, a sweater inscribed "Carl 100." Asked by his son how he felt, the older Nance said, "I feel like I am 100 years old."

Mrs. Nance, in response to a statement by her son, said "he is old enough to take care of himself," with her smile and the twinkle in her eyes belying anything but love and devotion for the man to whom she has been married since Apr. 3, 1912, 72 years ago.

Carl Melvin Nance is proud of his wife. One of the first things he related was the time he met her at a meeting on Hamilton St. in High Point where she was playing the organ. He said, "I went crazy over her."

His first attempts at courtship were unfruitful but finally she agreed to see him, at which time he took a train from High Point to Chatham County where she lived in the Silk Hope area.

Other children born to Mr. and Mrs. Nance are daughters, Ruby Bray, Randleman; Gladys Frazier and Myrtle Frazier, Trinity and Clara Sullivan, Thomasville, who joined the birthday celebration with cake and ice cream during the noon hour following the visit of their brother. Another daughter, Helen Nance, twin sister of Carl Hudson Nance, died in infancy.

Three years ago Carl Nance told one of his children, "the Lord has been good to me, so I'm asking Him for three more years" a wish which was granted on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

During his birthday interview he attributed his longevity to the scripture found in Ephesians 6:2,3. "Honor thy father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise. That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest have live long on the earth."

Nance was a farmer, raising thousands of bushels of wheat during his farming career. He also served for many years as a magistrate in his section of Randolph County. He remembers and can relate many experiences in this capacity, including the officiating at weddings, writing deeds and mortgages at land sales, holding trials, and bonding people to court.

He said, "I worked until I was up to 90, I fared pretty good until I was 90."

Recent physical illnesses are compensated by his keen mind and the wealth of recollections which have happened throughout his lifetime.

He is the oldest member of the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

### **Friends Pastor Resigns Post To Accept Another Position**

Thursday, June 28, 1984 - Rev. Victor Murchison, pastor of the Asheboro Friends Meeting at Main and Kivett streets since July 1981, has resigned effective July 1 to become pastor of the Forsyth Friends Meeting in Winston-Salem.

Following the morning worship service at the Asheboro Friends Meeting Sunday, June 24, the congregation honored Rev. Victor and Marion Murchison at a carry-in meal in the fellowship hall at the Meetinghouse.

Rev. Murchison is a native of Alamance County's Snow Camp Community and a graduate of Elon College with further study at High Point College and Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.

He has been a pastor for 46 years, having served congregations in Randolph and Alamance counties; Suffolk, Va., Winston-Salem (for 22 years). New Hope Friends in Goldsboro and Asheboro Friends. He also taught at Providence High School in Climax for seven years.

He has been active in the Asheboro Ministerial Association, where he has served as past president and also has been an active member of the Rotary Club. He is also a member of the Farmer Grange.

Rev. Murchison is married to the former Marian McNeill Kirkman. They are completing a new home at Rt. 2, Pleasant Garden.

At the conclusion of the meal, J. C. Stevenson, Clerk of Ministry and Council presented the minister and his wife with a monetary check and gift.

Murchison's successor will be Ben Hurley, now serving as pastor of Cedar Square Meeting at Glenola. He and his family will move to Asheboro on June 26 and he will begin his ministry on July 1. They will live at the parsonage, 334 Shamrock Road.

### **Seagrove Christian Church Holds Dedication Service**

July 8, 1984 - Seagrove Christian Church held a service of dedication Sunday morning, June 24, for sanctuary renovation and new altar, stained glass, pews, choir robes and chairs.

The sanctuary has been completely rebuilt into a worship site of reverential beauty.

The overhead trusses were straightened up and anchored, the pulpit and choir area raised and extended, the ceiling and walls stripped and dry walled and two class rooms adjoining the former sanctuary, separated by sliding partitions, have been merged into the present sanctuary and the seating capacities in those areas rearranged.

Two stained glass artworks, with a cross in between, have been placed above the pulpit and choir area, matching the previously existing stained glass window whose beauty has been enhanced by the changes in the renovated sanctuary. New lighting fixtures are also a part of the renovation.

The floor of the exposed sanctuary has been carpeted wall to wall and new light blue upholstered colonial-type pews, blending with the darker blue of the carpet, have been installed along with new furniture in the pulpit and choir area.

New choir robes have been purchased and a new organ donated by Mr. and Mrs. Ivy Luck. New pews and articles of furniture were also donated by members of the congregation, in some cases in honor and in memory of loved ones.

The renovation of the sanctuary was effected by builders Joe Farlow and son, Royce, natives of the Seagrove area, both of whom were present for the dedication service. The cost of construction, including pews and choir chairs, was \$46,827. 31, which has been paid in full.

Serving on the committees for the renovation were Gene Bumgamer, Martha Comer, Beauford Greene, Sue Greene, Kitty Smith, Jerry Trotter, Clinton Comer, Harvey Fouts, Birchel Hancock, Ray Sikes, and Steve Robbins.

Special music for the service was rendered by Oberia Owen, organist and Dwayne Greene, trombonist.

Seagrove Christian Church has been located at its present site since Feb. 7, 1941. When the church was first organized on Nov. 29, 1913 services were held in the old school house north of Seagrove.

Even before then a Christian church had been organized in the Seagrove area before or during the Civil War. The first worship site, a brush arbor, was burned down during the war period and did not start again until 1908 when services began in another brush arbor. Services in the winter were held in the Masonic

### **Faith Temple Church Holds Note Burning**

July 12, 1984 - Two milestones, a note burning and the beginning of a full time ministry for the youth occurred at Faith Temple Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville, located at Millboro, Sunday, July 8.

The note burning cleared the debt of \$20,500 on the original church structure which is now being used by the children's church.

Paying off the old church building cleared the way for the permanent hiring of Joe Farlow Jr. as youth minister.

Farlow, recently resigned Chief Of Police for the town of Randleman and a former employee of the Randolph Sheriff's Department, has served as youth pastor at Faith Temple for many of the years since the church was organized in 1971.

Present for the service on July 8 was Robert Mason, Randolph County Sheriff, who presented Farlow with a plaque expressing appreciation for his services in law enforcement in Randleman and the county.

It was also disclosed at the service that he will continue his certification as a reserve law enforcement officer in

Randolph County, particularly as a chaplain in the Sheriff's office.

The Faith Temple Baptist Church has steadily grown since its meager beginning 13 years ago in the living room of Pastor Trogdon's home following a tent meeting in his yard.

In the beginning Sunday School and worship was held in trailers located in the yard at the Trogdon residence. Two years later the mobile units were merged together on the present site of land, connected by a large vestibule which was later extended to form the sanctuary.

Five years ago the present sanctuary, a commodious and beautiful house of worship, was erected for the expanding congregation which now attends the Faith Temple Baptist Church.

Other guests in attendance for the special service were Randolph County Rep. Bill Boyd and Mrs. Boyd.

### **Loggains Honored On 77<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Aug. 1, 1984 - Ernest C. "Doc" Loggains, Rt. 8, Asheboro, was honored on his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, July 22, at a dinner at the Union Community Building.

Family members and a few friends were in attendance, along with members of an all-star baseball team from the Asheville vicinity who were here for the Babe Ruth Tournament at Southwestern High School.

Members of the all-star team were guests in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Loggains and Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Reeder during the tournament.

It was appropriate these baseball players would attend the birthday party for "Doc" Loggains considering he played baseball for nearly 40 years, having started playing with men at age 14 and quitting at 53. He played for a long time in Randolph County League as a member of the Erect team.

Loggains is a native of Clarksville, Tex. His wife, to whom he has been married for 51 years, was the former Beulah Townsend, a native of Hope, Ark.

Both of them were living in Texarkana, Ark., near the Texas border at the time of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Loggains lived briefly in Randolph and Guilford counties following their marriage until moving to Idabel, Okla., where they remained around seven years. In 1941 their cotton their cotton and alfalfa crops failed, eaten by the boll weevil and worms, and they came back to Randolph County where they have lived since that time.

Eddie Townsend, a brother of Mrs. Loggains, was living in this area when Mr. and Mrs. Loggains came here upon his advice.

But Townsend went back home, prompting "Doc" to humorously mention that "he is back in Arkansas now, leaving us here with a bunch of kids."

One son, Jerry Wayne Loggains, is deceased. Their other children are Ernest Ray Loggains of Jamestown. Sharon Sue Thomas of Claremont, Betty Harrell of Pleasant Garden, Faye Hurley of Rt. 5, Asheboro, Gary Loggains of Rt. 1, Seagrove, and Donna Lauteschleger, Jud Williamson and William Lewis "Bill" Loggains, all of the Rt. 8, Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Loggains recently returned from a visit to the areas in which they lived earlier in their lives, something which they have done frequently since coming here in 1941. On this last visit they attended a reunion of "Doc's" family in Wichita Falls, Tex.

## **Asheboro Friends Meeting Welcomes New Minister**

Aug. 2, 1984 - The congregation of Asheboro Friends Meeting welcomed a new minister, Benjamin A. Hurley, Jr., and his family, Sunday, July 29 at a carry-in-dinner in the fellowship hall at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

A surprise aspect of the event was the "old fashioned pounding" which was bestowed upon the minister and his family.

The minister, who assumed his duties at the beginning of July is a native of Hoke County.

He received his education at John Wesley and Guilford College.

He came to the Asheboro Friends Meeting following a ministry of 13 years at Cedar Square Friends Meeting near High Point.

His previous pastorates were at Patterson Grove Christian Church near Franklinville, four years and Faith Evangelical Methodist Church, Belleville, ILL., two years.

He is married to the former Linda Anderson and the couple have three children, Ben, 15; Tanya, 11 and Amy, 10. He regards his family as a great asset to his ministry.

Besides his affiliated church relationships he has acquired a business background in the wholesale and retail food industry.

He is a former chaplain of the New Market Civitan Club and has been recognized by the Jaycees as an outstanding Young Man in America.

In addition to his other attributes he has been active in music as a professor, composer and recording artist.

His interest has also been manifested in youth and education, having formerly served as a member of the Tax Advisory Board in the Archdale-Trinity School District.

## **Couple Celebrates 50 Years**

Aug. 3, 1984 - The children of Mr. and Mrs. William Esten Staley, Rt. 4, Asheboro, honored their parents on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Saturday evening, July 28 at the couple's home.

Hosting the reception for family members and a few close friends were Mr. and Mrs. Jerome (Barbara) Taylor, Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Staley, Jr., Cary; Mr. and Mrs. Lynn (Norma) Ford, Greensboro and Mr. and Mrs. Leo D. Staley, Rt. 9, Asheboro.

Their immediate family also includes nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Other family members in attendance were brothers and sisters of the honored couple, including Staley's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Thomas, Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Staley were married July 27, 1934 in Bennettsville, S. C. Accompanying them to their marriage site were Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tucker.

Staley, a native of the Flag Springs community in which they still reside, is the son of the late William "Will" and Mary Jane Lucas Staley. He attended the Brower and Rocky Mount Schools, the latter school being located at the present zoo site.

Mrs. Staley, the former Sula Thomas, is the daughter of the late James Cleveland and Melissa Hair Thomas. She was born in Forsyth County but came with her parents to

the Flag Springs community before she was two years old. She also attended the Rocky Mount School.

An active Primitive Baptist minister prior to an illness some time ago, Staley has served three churches. Laurel Springs in Mount Airy, Bear Creek in Stanley County and Rock Hill near Asheboro.

His secular employment was the operation of a garage on Cox Road and work at the Randolph Memorial Park from which place he retired.

Mrs. Staley is a retired employee of Acme-McCrary Corp.

At the conclusion of the anniversary reception family members sang favorite tunes, accompanied by Staley on the harmonica.

## **Laughlin Family Gathers For Reunion**

Aug. 7, 1984—Descendants of T. E. "Tom" Laughlin held their first reunion Saturday, July 28, at the home of Lester Laughlin, Rt. 5, Asheboro.

Lester is one of two surviving sons of Tom Laughlin and wife Rozina. Eight sons were born to Laughlin and his wife: Ira, Edward, Emery, Cicero, Lester, Harrison, Hill and Franklin "Frank", a resident of Camden, N. J., the youngest and survivor along with his brother Lester.

Attendance was estimated at around 73. All of the sons had children except Ira, and Emery who died at age 18.

Areas represented besides North Carolina were New Jersey, Washington, D. C. and Maryland. Relatives in this area came from Asheboro, Randleman, Trinity, Greensboro and Charlotte.

Reunion attendants created a festive scene as they gathered on the spacious lawn at the Lester Laughlin residence. Hot dogs, hamburgers and barbecued ribs which were served.

Lester and Frank Laughlin reminisced about their childhood in the Oak Grove community of New Hope Township which was located near the reunion site.

Their father, Tom, was a farmer, logger and mule trader. They said he kept four mules for the farm work and three for the logging operation.

Their father also insisted that they attend services on Sunday at the Strieby Congregational-Christian Church, now the Strieby United Church of Christ. This church was located about eight miles away and the family went together in a two-horse wagon.

## **Lions Clubs Installation Dinner Held**

Aug. 9, 1984—The annual district governor's banquet and cabinet installation for the Lions clubs comprising 31-D was Thursday evening, July 19, at Pinewood Country Club.

More than 200 club members and their spouses, including many Lions dignitaries and special guests, packed the dining space at the country club for the holding of the annual event.

The banquet was in Asheboro to recognize the election of O. D. Shoe Jr., a member of the Asheboro Lions Club for 25 years, as the district governor for 31-D.

He was elected to his present position May 27 at the Lions State Convention in Raleigh and his election was declared July 7 at the International Convention of Lions Clubs in San Francisco, Calif., attended by Shoe, his wife, Dot, and son, Mark, along with other members of the local club and their spouses.

At the installation banquet Thursday evening he assumed his new office along with his locally appointed cabinet

secretary and treasurer, G. Lewis Wright, and the other 31-D officials, namely deputy district governors, zone chairmen and committee chairmen.

Deputy District Governors are Charles W. Elderton, Jonesville-Arlington; Carlis O. Fulk, Forsyth; Thomas M. Murphy, Reidsville; Ronald L. Huber, Greensboro; Grover W. Blalock, Oakview, and Farris R. Albright, Coleridge.

Zone chairmen are Clarence Wilson, Walnut Cove; Jack Crossman, Boonville; Jay Hicks, Kernersville; Joe White, Mocksville; Jon Gentry, Reidsville; B. H. Johnson, Gibsonville; Raymond H. Smith, Greensboro-Glenwood; Harry Shoe, High Point Luncheon, brother of O. D. Shoe, Jr., Venson W. Loffin, Tabernacle and Worth O. Cox, Coleridge.

Installing the district cabinet and speaking to the assembled group was a favorite of local Lions, John L. Stickley, past international president and a frequent visitor to Lions functions in Asheboro throughout the years of their existence.

Introducing Stickley was a former Asheboro resident, John L. Howell, a past district governor from the Oakview Lions Club, now serving as president of the North Carolina Association for the Blind.

The district governor's banner, in possession of the Old Town Lions Club last year, was presented, by its president, Ron Sergeant, to the Asheboro club president, Fred Ray Wicker, where it will remain during O. D. Shoe Jr's tenure of service.

Fellow district governors from other areas attending the banquet were Bob Lineberger, Mooresville 31-B; Gene Tiddy, Gastonia; Bill Udovich, Concord; 31-E, and Charles Smith, Laurel Hill, 31-F; along with Marshall Matheny, Forest City, state secretary and treasurer of North Carolina Lions.

### **Retired Teacher Lauded On Birthday**

Aug. 10, 1984 - Mary A. Harrison, 918 Arnold St., was honored on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Saturday evening, Aug. 4, at a lawn reception between her home and home of relatives.

Miss Harrison, a native of Randolph County, taught school in Randolph County for 30 years and in Nash and Stanley Counties for four years.

She taught at two one-teacher schools, Stout's Chapel and Poplar Springs (later known as Caraway), a two-teacher school near Randleman, and 16 years at the school in Liberty. She retired from the school in Farmer in 1972, the area which she was born and reared.

Harrison was raised on a farm, the ninth of 10 children born to George and Fannie Kearns Harrison. She began her education at Red House School in the community in which she was born, the school in Asheboro and at the Peabody Academy in Troy. Post-high school was received Hampton Institute in Hampton, Va., and A & T University in Greensboro where she received a degree in elementary education.

She first belonged to St. Mark United Methodist Church in the community where she was reared and then St. Luke United Methodist Church where she has belonged since coming to Asheboro in 1942.

At St. Luke she has been a member of the chancel choir, primary teacher in the church school, member of United Methodist Women, and delegate to Western North Carolina Conference and has held various positions in the church.

Her activity in other areas includes membership in the Gladiola Garden Club, LAIR (Leadership Action In Randolph) Club, composed of retired black teachers and Randolph County Homemakers Extension Club.

Speaking for the family were her sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Henley of Asheboro and Mrs. Clara Smitherman of Lexington, along with a sister-in-law, Virginia Harrison, a niece Patricia Harrison Moore and nephews Linzy and George Harrison.

Among those in attendance at the reception was Miss Harrison's pastor, Rev. Harry Alexander Smith, and a former pastor, Rev. Andrew Brown, of Greensboro.

She continues to enroll in classes at Randolph Technical College, including arts, crafts, and piano lessons.

Mary Adelaide Harrison described her life as simple but hard, especially during the years she labored to secure an education.

Her life "has been a happy one." Said Miss Harrison.

### **Book Traces Roots of Vuncannons**

Aug. 14, 1984—Two events of significance occupied the attention of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Vuncannon of Clearwater, Fla., upon their visit to his native Randolph County recently.

First was the publishing of Sam Vuncannon's book, entitled "The Vuncannon-Voncannons of Randolph County, North Carolina. A Study of Their Past History." Dedication of the book is "To the person who for sixty years has been my inspiration, guide and helpmate, always ready to follow wherever events led us, my wife, Pearly Pearl Maness Vuncannon.

Second was the impending celebration of their sixtieth wedding anniversary to be observed on Aug. 16 in Banner Elk, with friends flying in from various parts of the country to join them.

Although they met each other in Akron, Ohio, and were married there after three months of courtship, Mrs. Vuncannon, the former Pearl Maness, is a native of Montgomery County, born in the Sugg's Creek area near the Randolph County line, the daughter of Thomas W. and Emeline Cornelison Maness.

Mrs. Vuncannon was the middle child in a family of 13 children, with six brothers and six sisters. While in Asheboro, the Vuncannon's stayed with a sister-in-law, Mrs. E. David Maness of Foster Street.

Vuncannon is the son of Alfred Orlando and Bessie Smith Vuncannon and his lineage includes his grandparents, William Lewis and Martitia King Vuncannon; his great-grandparents, Elijah and Mary (Polly) Luther Vuncannon; and his great-great-grandparents, Jacob and Sallie Williams Vuncannon.

Also his great-great-great-grandfather, Peter VonKonnon and his great-great-great-great-grandfather Hans Martin VonKennen Jr. who was born in Steinsfurt, Germany, on of the first members of the family to come to this country.

Peter Voncannon II and Jacob Vuncannon, sons of Peter VonKonnon, were the ancestors of most of the Vuncannons in Randolph, Guilford, and Montgomery counties, even though they spelled their names differently.

Peter II was the father of 13 children while his brother, Jacob, had 11 children. As Sam Vuncannon stated in the preface to his book "their descendants are primarily the subject of this book."

First settlers of the Vuncannon family came to the Little River section southwest of Asheboro and in the vicinity of

the Montgomery County border according to records of early hand grants.

Included also in the book is the descendant of Sam's maternal grandparents, Frederick Samuel and Sophia Routh Smith. His mother, Bessie Smith Vuncannon, was born in the Grays Chapel area.

Sam Vuncannon spent five years in the compiling of "The Vuncannon-Voncannon;s," beginning after three months tour of the western United States with his wife directly following his retirement.

Vuncannon lived in Randolph County for five years after his birth in Archdale and for a two-year period when his family moved back to Grays Chapel.

His family moved from Archdale to Elyria, Ohio. After a year, they moved to Flint, Mich. In 1916, after his father was injured in an accident at work, the family moved to the Grays Chapel.

He served in the Marine Corps and participated as a Warrant Officer in the Guadal-canal, Bougenvella and Guam campaigns. In 1961 he became a real estate developer in Florida and continued in this capacity until his retirement.

He and his wife have two sons, four grandsons, and one great-grandson. His book locally can be obtained from Scott Book Store.

### **Twins Share the Cooking**

July 16, 1984—Howard and Hurley Hinshaw, 43 year-old identical twins, have many things in common in addition to the similarity of their appearance.

Endowed with congenial personalities, they are close and do many things together even though they live with their wives in separate homes. It is said that they are "close as two peas in a pod.

They get together often, hunt with each other, having the same deer hunting lease at Farmer.

One of the things they especially enjoy doing together is the operation of their "pig cooker" for their friends and various organizations.

The latest use of this cooking implement was at the Cedar Square home of Mike and Robin Saruse with Mr. and Mrs. saruse joining her parents, Guy and Grace Steed, in hosting the cook-out for family members, neighbors, and friends.

The Hinshaw twins have been rendering this service as a hobby four four years this past July 4.

Some of the organizations reaping the benefit of their generosity have been the Cedar Square and Quaker Heights Friends Meetings, the New Market Square, two gatherings in Randleman honoring the football Coach Gregory, and a benefit for the late Ed and Hazel Davis.

A meal in the future is planned for the Central Telephone Co. where Howard Hurley is employed. Hurley is employed Piedmont Natural Gas in Greensboro.

Their cooker, brightly painted in Chevrolet orange, was made from a defective 275-gallon oil tank which a friend gave them. Howard and Hurley designed the cooker into its present resplendence, doing all of the work themselves except for the welding. Bottled gas is used for its heating.

A whole hog can be cooked in about eight hours. A gauge controls the temperature which reaches 300 and more degrees and has to be closely watched. Besides pork this cooker will bake, chicken, steaks, and deer meat.

The hardest part of the process except for their time, according to the twins, is the cleaning of the cooker after the meal is over. This task takes from two to three hours. Cleanliness is a major concern with the twins and they are often observed wiping grease during the hours of cooking.

Howard and Hurley are natives of the Cedar Square community, having been reared at the farthest part of the dead-end road, near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Saruse where their latest cooking was held.

Hurley and his wife, the former Judy Trotter, live on this road. Howard and his wife, the former Nancy McCain, live in the same area, a few miles across Muddy Creek between Cedar Square and Glenola.

The twins have a brother, Gary, who lives at their old homeplace and a sister, Mary Lou Andrews, who lives on the road on which they were all reared.

Howard and Hurley graduated from Trinity High School in 1959. Their similarity of appearance confused the school officials the same as it confused their parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Hinshaw. Howard vows that he "took Hurley's whippings more than once."

They recalled a mix-up when they went to be examined for the Army at the age of 24. The one who was examined first stepped aside and his brother moved up for his examination. The sergeant in charge ordered him to get down, saying, "I've already done you."

After they had convinced the sergeant that there was more than one of them to be processed, with the examination between the twins so that he would not be fooled again.

### **Gardeners Produce Real Bumper Crop**

Aug. 20, 1984—Two of Randolph County's oldest gardeners have what you might call a bumper crop this year, thanks to the frequent rains which have fallen on the countryside.

Armp Layton, who will observe his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday in Sept., and his 81-year-old wife, Kathleen, have made up for the garden which they failed to plant last year because both of them were sickly.

Residents of Rt. 2, Liberty, situated on N. C. 421 north, they produced more this year than they had originally planned.

According to Layton, his son Thomas, "run it off and put fertilizer on it. We wouldn't have had that much if he hadn't done it."

This year they planted eight rows of corn, two rows of cantaloupes, one row of watermelons, one row of pinto beans, two rows of garden beans, two rows of butter beans, one row of Oct. beans, a row of squash and cucumbers, also lettuce, beets, radishes, and pumpkins.

They have already filled 75 cans, in addition to the large amount of produce they placed in the deep freeze.

Already they are speculating whether they'll have a garden next year. Layton said "we won't ever have another one." His wife said "I wouldn't say that."

Layton was born in Guilford County six or so miles from his present residence and has spent his entire life in that area except for very brief residences in Millboro and Greensboro. He has farmed for all of his life except the time he spent in Greensboro.

Kathleen Robbins Julian Layton, a native of Back Creek Township in Randolph County, went to work at the Worthville Cotton Mill at the age of 14. She worked there for

51 years and was considered one of the hardest workers in the plant.

The Layton's were married 16 years ago last Nov. 17, following the death of his wife, the former Bertie Wicker, and the death of her husband, Melvin Julian. Each have five children from their first marriage.

### **Golden Anniversary Celebrated**

Aug. 22, 1984 - Mr. and Mrs. Harold Graves, Rt. 2, Randleman, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sunday afternoon, Aug. 12, in the Worthville Community Building.

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Graves at a cake cutting and reception were the couple's daughters, Jane Martin of Maggie and Bobbi Mills of Kernersville.

About 200 guests called, among those attending were Mrs. Graves' nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bowers of Alabama, and Mrs. Aggie Lamb of Louisiana.

Other family members included seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The Graveses married Aug. 9, 1934 in Danville, Va. Mrs. Graves is the former Opal Bowers, daughter of the late Otis Neal Bowers, Sr. and Vesta Anne Henderson Bowers.

Graves is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Berlie Graves of Pleasant Garden. A truck driver for about 45 years, he is presently employed in the office at S&W Motor Lines in Greensboro. Mrs. Graves is still employed at Allmon Seaming Co. in Asheboro.

### **Church holds note burning**

Aug. 24, 1984 - The congregation of the First Christian Church, 324 West Academy St., sang with hands and arms upraised "Let's Just Praise the Lord" just prior the burning of their note on the church's indebtedness.

Participating in the note-burning ceremony at the conclusion of the morning worship service at the church Sunday, Aug. 18, were the pastor, the Rev. Frank Barrett; Charles "Bud" Cox, head deacon and Dolly Vuncannon, head deaconess.

Also Richard Ivey, head of the board of finance; Wayne Lamb, trustee; Fay Farlow, assistant choir director and Carolyn Robbins, member of the Christian Board of Education.

The debts stemmed from extensive renovation and additions to the church property which began a year ago last May.

Improvements at the church began after the arrival of a new pastor, the Rev. Barrett, on the first Sunday in Jan., 1983. The minister's previous pastorate was the Calvary Gospel Church, Rt. 3, Denton, where he served for nearly 11 years.

Additional space at the First Christian Church amounted to 2,992 square footage and included the enlargement of the sanctuary, providing new pulpit and choir areas and the building of four Sunday School rooms, two bathrooms, and a combined pastor's study and office for the financial secretary.

Also, the entire space, both new and old, was carpeted and 13 new pews were purchased.

Other improvements to the church structure was the wainscoting of the walls in the old part of the sanctuary, the erection of a new dry wall ceiling, the installation of a new hearing and sound system, the refurbishing of the nursery and the purchase of 12 new chandeliers for the sanctuary.

Outside improvements included the building of a ramp for the handicapped and the carpeting of the front porch and steps.

The cost of all improvements to the existing church structure, inside and out, was about \$97,000. A building fund amounting to \$44,000 existed the beginning of construction.

Additional improvements to the church property, handled with a separate fund, was the extension of the parking area and the paving of the entire area for the cost of \$17,500.

The church is happy also to announce the donation of additional land for the parking area from Mr. and Ms. George Nelson whose residence is next door to the church.

Since the coming of Pastor Frank Barrett, the attendance at First Christian Church, once known as "the little church on the hill," has more than doubled.

Interest generated in the closing days of fund raising brought in \$10,000 during a period of five Sundays. Funds derived for the clearing of the debt came from tithes and offerings, without resorting "to hot dog suppers and yard sales," the pastor said.

The church now sponsors a radio program on Station W W M O FM on Saturday from 4 p. m. until 4:30p. m. It is an all-Christian station in Reidsville. The doctrine of the church is conservative and fundamental, believing that God's Word is without error.

Future building goals at the church are expected to be the renovation of the basement and further extension of the parking lot.

### **Double Golden Anniversary Celebrated**

Aug. 26, 1984 - A brother and sister, along with their spouses, observed their fiftieth anniversary on Aug. 25, having been married in double ceremonies on that date fifty years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Davis, Rt. 10, Asheboro, and Davis' sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Talley G. Cox, Rt. 1, Ramseur, were married in Danville, Va., with the Rev. M. T. Sorrell performing the double ceremonies.

The couples traveled to Danville together in a two-seat automobile which belonged to the late "Tip" McDonald. Since both men owned one-seat automobiles at the time of their marriages, not adequate seating capacity for four people, Davis and McDonald exchanged cars for the trip to Danville.

Both couples are natives of the Coleridge area. Mrs. Cox, the former Novia Davis, and her brother, Glenn, are children of the late Claude F. and Nannie Phillips Davis.

Talley Cox is the son of the late Clark and Frances York Cox. Mrs. Davis, the former Avon Stout, is the daughter of the late L. M. and Mary Ellen Cox Stout.

As students long ago, Davis, Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Cox attended Coleridge School together. Cox first attended the school at Parks Cross Road before going to the school in Ramseur.

Davis, Cox and Mrs. Cox were residing in Asheboro at the time of their marriage. Mrs. Davis was living in Burlington at that time.

Cox played baseball with the semi-prom team at Bossong Hosiery Mill at the time of his marriage. Davis, an employee of McCrary Hosiery Mill, was a member of the semi-pro team sponsored by that plant.

Davis remained at McCrary Hosiery Mill and Acme-McCrary Corp. for about 45 years. Cox, after working at



Bossong for 12 years, returned to his farm home on Rt. 1, Ramseur and operated a dairy for 25 years before this retirement.

Mrs. Cox was also working at Bossong Hosiery Mill at the time of her marriage. Mrs. Davis was the manager of the cafeteria at Coleridge High School for several years and was also formerly employed at McCrary Hosiery Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, long-time members of the Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, have one son, Sgt. Joe Dean Cox, of the Randolph County Sheriff's Department; three grandchildren, Marta Dean Bowers, Kenneth and Robert Cox, and one great-granddaughter, Margaret Leslie "Maggie" Bowers.

The Davises have two sons, Larry and James Edward "Eddie" Davis, Rt. 2, Asheboro and a grandson, Chet.

Both Davises are musically inclined, with Davis being well known in this and other areas as a member of the musical group known as Glenn Davis and Buffalo Ford Boys.

### **Couple Reaffirms Vow in Baptist Service on Silver Anniversary**

Aug. 28, 1984 – The Rev. Vernon McDaniel and his wife, Faye, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday night at the First Baptist Church in Asheboro in a public service called "The Reaffirmation of Wedding Vows."

The couple were married on Aug. 15, 1959, at the West End Baptist Church in Atlanta, Ga., McDaniel was a pre-ministerial student at Wake Forest University and Mrs. McDaniel was a secretary at National Biscuit Company in Atlanta.

The service Sunday night was called a "Gift of Love" from the Rev. and Mrs. McDaniel to their church of nine years for the purpose of highlighting the covenant relationship between husband and wife and to bring renewed honor to the marital state. The service was attended by more than 300 church members and friends.

The Rev. Warren E. Kerr, pastor of New Friendship Baptist Church in Winston-Salem officiated in the 7 p. m. candlelight service. A pre-service concert of music centered around stately church themes was rendered by Mrs. Ruby McIlvaine, church organist and Mrs. Rita White, church pianist.

Music selections included the three songs sung by Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas, Minister of Music at First Baptist Church. The musical selections, "Because," "I'll Walk With God," and "O, Lord Most Holy" were sung at the wedding 25 years ago in Atlanta.

This service included the couples' two children, Laura, 19 and Lynn, 17, who attended their parents to the altar and gave tributes to their parents and expressed gratitude for their Christian home.

After vows of reaffirmation were repeated by the pastor and his wife, a short spiritual devotion was given to the church and guests from Rev. McDaniel about the meaning of commitment and covenant relationships between husband and wife. The couple recessed from the church to the hymn "To God Be the Glory."

A reception followed in the fellowship hall among an array of photographs from their wedding 25 years ago.

### **Seagrove Resident Celebrates Birthday**

Aug. 28, 1984 – A large number of relatives attended the annual birthday observance of Mrs. Effie Goldston Spinks,

92, Saturday afternoon, Aug. 18, a day before her birthday. The gathering was held at her home on Rt. 1 where she lives with a daughter and son-in-law, Clifford and Lucy Spinks McSwaim.

All of her ten children attended the annual event. Children in addition to Mrs. McSwaim are Gertrude Cheek and Archie Spinks, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Redell Spinks, Jewel Booker, Dillwyn, Va.; Garland Spinks, Rt. 4, Siler City; Thelma Hines, Greensboro; Ray Spinks, Ramseur; Sherman Spinks, Jr., Rochester, N. Y. and Charlotte Ruth Staley, Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Other out-of-state relatives came from Connecticut, California and Georgia. A cousin, Tom Brower, also 92, visited Mrs. Spinks during the celebration.

Mrs. Spinks was one of many children born to Gillis and Mary Ann Brower Goldston. Two sisters, Ada Hawkins and Beatrice Spinks, and a brother, J. H. Goldston, were among those who attended the occasion. Mary Spencer, the only other surviving member of the large family, was unable to attend.

### **Sprucing Up**

Aug. 29, 1984 – Members of the Mt. Zion Holy Church, 328 Greensboro St., are shown here giving the church building a "face lift" in preparation for the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary of Elder Emmanuel Holland's pastorate at the church Aug. 31 – Sept. 2. Pictured from left are Elaine Carraway, Dennis Siler, Onnie Alsbrook, Evonne Alsbrook, Mark Cassidy, Peggy Cassidy, Donna Alsbrook and Evelyn Holland, wife of the pastor. Helping but not pictured were Charles Carraway, Betty Alsbrook and Q. Cassidy. Highlights of the anniversary celebration will be a concert banquet Sept. 2 at 6 p. m. at Black and Decker clubhouse on Fairway Drive. Guest soloist will be Evangelist Nancy Caree Wilson, of Greensboro. Donations of \$8 per person will be accepted.

### **Kings Celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 30, 1984 – The Rev. and Mrs. Carlos M. King, Rt. 6, Asheboro, were honored on their fortieth anniversary Sunday afternoon at Pinewood Country Club.

Hosting a reception were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan (Ruth) Spargo, also of Rt. 6 and their 4-year-old-grandson, Keven Spargo.

Assisting with the reception were Mrs. Lovie Setzer, Mrs. King's sister and a niece, Mrs. Peggy Thiel, both of Burlington, another niece, Mrs. Mary Campbell of Asheboro, and a neighbor, Mrs. Betty Shackelford, Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Special guest was Mrs. Lora Vesta Snow Evans, Rt. 6, Asheboro, 92-year-old mother of Mrs. King. Her father, Cyrus Evans, is deceased.

The Kings have planned an anniversary trip to Anchorage, Alaska, beginning Sept. 1.

The Kings were married Aug. 27, 1944 in the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church, where she was a charter member and where the couple first met. They married a year later.

Mrs. King, the former Betty Emma Evans, is a native of Randolph County. She attended East Tennessee State University, graduated from High Point College, received a Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and in later years was awarded an Educational Specialist Degree (Ed. S) in guidance and counseling at the same university.

Rev. King is a native of Ararat, Va., the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Samuel King. He graduated from High Point College and the Holmes Theological Institute in Greenville, S. C. before receiving his Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

A Pentecostal Holiness minister for 44 years, he has served churches in Lowell, Holly's Chapel between Ramseur and Liberty, Robbins, Asheboro, Hendersonville, Erwin, Tenn. and Graham.

Although he remains an ordained minister and speaks frequently in various churches, his teaching career occupied the major portion of his time prior to the retirement of both him and his wife two years ago. He taught for several years at the school in Ramseur and Eastern Randolph High School, serving for 14 years at the latter school as the guidance counselor.

Mrs. King taught for several years at the Lindley Park Elementary School and the North Asheboro Junior High School also serving as guidance counselor at the latter school for 14 years similar to her husband's tenure of service at Eastern Randolph.

Following their marriage both of them had taught for one year at Troy prior to the beginning of his active service as a minister in the Pentecostal Holiness denomination.

Their daughter, Ruth, has followed her parents in the career of teaching.

She taught at the North Asheboro Junior High School and is now assistant principal at Ramseur Elementary School.

### **Pastor Honored on Anniversary**

Sept. 5, 1984 – Two special events have occurred recently at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro. First there was the pastor's, Dr. Kenneth R. Coward, fifth anniversary observance Aug. 17-19.

Following on Aug. 25 was a special service continuing to honor the pastor, who received his Doctor of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. in May 1984.

Among those participating in the service were Elder Shirley Gibbs, Elder Hettie Suggs and Evangelist Kenneth Hall, Kinston; Elders Jerome and Margaret Rich, Raleigh, Evangelist Jean Martin, Troy; Elder William Rogers, Burlington; Evangelist Danny Saunders, High Point, and Presiding Elder Emmanuel Holland and Elder Carolyn Woodle, Asheboro.

The congregation at First Pentecostal Church and their visiting guests, including also a choir from Kinston, presented a love offering to the minister.

The service was sponsored by the Pastor's Aid committee, consisting of Rebecca Brewer, chairman, Anne Phillips, Linda Gales, Linda Person, John Person, Irma Jean Person and David Jackson. Linda Gales, a local minister and an assistant principal at Eastern Randolph High School, was mistress of ceremonies.

### **Elder Holland, Wife Honored with Dinner**

Sept. 7, 1984 - Elder and Mrs. Emmanuel Holland, 506 Greensboro St., were honored on their 37<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday evening, Sept. 2 at the Black and Decker Clubhouse in Asheboro.

The celebration followed closely the 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary observance of Elder Holland's pastorate at the Mt. Zion Holy Church, also on Greensboro St.

Anniversary services were held on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m.

The church family and the children of Elder and Mrs. Holland hosted the wedding anniversary dinner and the song concert which occurred at the clubhouse.

Children of the couple are Gwendolyn Carraway, Asheboro; Vanessa Kenion, Richmond, Va. ; Johnny Holland, Hillsboro; Kenneth Holland, Salisbury and Wilma Holland, Monroe. Another daughter, Delores Judd, is deceased. The couple have nine grandchildren.

The concert was rendered by Nancy Caree Wilson, television hostess and soloist on the gospel Expo program on Sunday morning on Channel 8, WGHP, High Point, accompanied by her daughter, Kimberly.

Tributes to Elder and Mrs. Holland were rendered by their children and several of their guests were at the dinner meeting.

Elder and Mrs. Holland were married Aug. 1, 1947, in York, S. C. following his tour of duty with the U. S. Army. Elder Holland is a native of Asheboro, his wife a native of Mount Airy.

Their courtship developed while he was staying with a sister in Mount Airy at a time when Mrs. Holland, the former Evelyn Gracie Payne, was only 14 years of age.

She was 17 at the time of their marriage three years later and the couple has lived here since that time. Elder Holland is retired from Union Carbide Corp. where he was employed for 30 years.

In recent years Holland has been named a member of the board of directors of Mount Sinai Holy Church of America, of which his Asheboro church is an affiliate. He has also been appointed as the Presiding Elder of the Lower Southern District of his denomination and is responsible for touring the 19 churches in this district.

Before his appointment as Presiding Elder he was also pastor of a church in Pittsboro. He is currently the project coordinator of plans to remodel the Mt. Zion church. He is the founder and host of a radio broadcast still active after five years and he is a member of the NAACP.

Mrs. Holland, involved in the activities of the church and elsewhere, is the official mother of the Mt. Zion congregation, past president of the youth choir, assistant superintendent of the Sunday School and past president of the missionary committee.

She was involved with the establishment of the Senior Adults Association and served on the task force which chose the site and architect for the Salt Box.

A practical nurse, she has served as chairman of an advisory committee for nursing homes and rest homes in Randolph County and has received a civic award for nursing services.

She is the Republican Judge in Asheboro Precinct No. 7 and formerly served as the Registrar for this precinct.

In addition to their usual and seasonal services at Mt. Zion Holy Church, the Hollands are kept busy with youth services, revival meetings, fellowship services and their attendance at conventions in New Jersey and Pennsylvania, along with district and national youth conventions elsewhere.

### **'O'Lordy, Jim's Forty'**

Sept. 10, 1984 – James K. "Jim" Wright, vice-president of The Insurance Center of Asheboro Inc., will never forget his

40<sup>th</sup> birthday which was celebrated in an unusual manner Tuesday, Sept. 4.

He had not looked forward to this particular birthday, thinking it would mean that he had reached "middle age" and things would somehow be different. He had been concerned about reaching that milestone in his life.

But he never anticipated it would be as bad that it turned out to be.

When he left his house at 305 E. River Run St. on the morning of his birthday, ready to go to his insurance office at 406 S. Fayetteville St., he found a large sign with black lettering stating, "O'Lordy Today Jim's Forty."

He remembered later that his dog, Bandit, howled during the night and he wondered also why the animal was locked up in his dog house.

As he drove out his driveway he discovered that his mail box was covered with a black wreath and as he drove up the street a road sign with the same black lettering said "Slow 40 Years".

On the way to work, a car blowed at him and he didn't realize that the front of his car had a sign, "Honk, He's 40 Today." And the rear of the car said "Honk Today I'm 40."

He was greeted at the office with a large sign on the front of the building saying "You Know You Are Over 40 When Getting A Little Action Means Your Prune Juice Is Working."

There was also a big sign designating his age, a "Happy Birthday, Jim" and a black wreath on the door.

After arriving at the office a telephone call identifying the caller as Western Union sang "Happy Birthday" to him. He has doubts that the caller was Western Union.

Among the gag gifts which he received were a pair of shorts decorated with small red hearts, along with an artificial heart for additional assistance to a man of his age.

A prelude to the ordeal which he would experience on his birthday began on Sunday evening when the youth at Union Grove Christian Church, for whom he is a counselor, "roasted" him at a meal in his honor.

Further "roasting" and the presentation of gag gifts also took place at a family meal commemorating his birthday.

### **Visitors view new wing at Camp Caraway**

Sept. 24, 1984 – Open house for an addition to the conference center at Camp Caraway was held Sunday afternoon.

The new addition, part of the original design for the conference center which was erected eight years ago, contains 33 additional bedrooms, bringing the total number of bedrooms to 64.

Joined to the existing structure which has three floors, the new wing consists of four floors, with one floor reserved for a conference area.

Each bedroom has two double beds, a Kennedy rocker, dresser, guest table, lounge chair and bath facilities. On each floor, the end bedroom also contains a sitting room suite.

Primary function of the facility "is to serve ourselves, serve our needs," meaning the Baptist Staet Convention of North Carolina, said Bill Jackson, camp director.

However, the non-profit facility is used for other non-denominational groups when space is available.

More than 500 groups use the building in a year, Jackson said. The structure is occupied 324 days of the year.

Contractor for the new facility was J. H. Allen, Inc. Approximate cost was \$800,000.

Joining Jackson for the open house were Raiford Troutman of Concord, chairman of the assemblies committee for the N. C. Baptist State Convention, and Dr. W. Perry Crouch, retired general secretary of the conference.

### **200 Attend celebration of 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Sept. 25, 1984 – About 200 guests gathered Sept. 9 for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. James H. Allred, 104 Foushee St.

Hosting the reception in the fellowship hall at First Christian Church were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Allred, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Joel (Susanne) McRae, Winston-Salem, formerly of Belmont, and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Clarkston Allred, Ramseur. Joining in the sponsorship were the couple's grandchildren, Ken, Lisa, Angie and Reggie Allred.

A large number of family members and friends, under the direction of Dot Watkins, also assisted.

The Allreds were married Sept. 8, 1934, in Cheraw, S. C. They were accompanied to their marriage site by Mrs. Allred's sister, Mrs. Charlotte Williams and her late husband, Virgil Williams.

Mrs. Allred, the former Lora Lineberry, is a Ramseur native, the daughter of the late Curtis H. Lineberry, Sr. and Elizabeth "Lizzie" Deaton Lineberry.

Allred is a native of High Point but came with his parents, the late James C. Allred and Mary Wunningham Allred, to the Randleman area at age 4.

He is a retired employee of the Ramseur Plant of Klopman Mills where he worked for 28 years.

The Allreds are members of the Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church.

### **Ramseur couple celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary**

Oct. 3, 1984 – A well known Rt. 1, Ramseur couple, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde T. Hinshaw, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, at the Holly Spring Friends Meetinghouse.

More than 200 guests greeted the couple from 2 until 4 p. m.

Among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wright, former local residents now living in Clarksburg, W. Va. Wright was once an employee on the farm owned and operated by Hinshaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw were married Sept. 24, 1924 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. B. E. Morris, in Asheboro.

Hinshaw, son of the late Amos and Delia Cox Hinshaw, is a native of the community in which he and his wife reside, having been born and reared across the road from where they now live.

Mrs. Hinshaw, the former Allie Brown, was born and reared in Grant Township, on the road now known as Highway 42. Her parents were the late Willie and Minnie Brown Brown.

Clyde attended the Center School near Holly Spring, more familiarly known at "Rabbit Gnaw," received his college training at Apostolic University in Greensboro. He also attended summer school classes at Evergreen Academy, a Friends school located next to his boyhood home.

He taught for 11 years at Center School, Shiloh Academy, Bethel School and was the principal at Worthville, the first consolidated school in Randolph County. He was serving at the latter school at the time of his marriage. The couple lived there for a brief period.

Mrs. Hinshaw attended the school at the Union Grove Christian Church, known as the Middleton Ridge School. She walked two miles back and forth from home to school each day. She also attended the school at Bethel Friends Meeting and Asheboro High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw, who lived about five miles from each other before their marriage, said their courtship started off with a horse and buggy but ended up with a new Model T Ford which cost Hinshaw \$330.

In addition to the operation of his farm and teaching career in the earlier years of his marriage, Hinshaw has engaged in various real estate transactions in Randolph County and adjoining counties.

Properties he purchased many years ago have received manifold benefits in recent years. These increased assets have permitted him to share with institutions such as the North Carolina Friends Home at Guilford College, an institution he helped to found. He was a trustee of the college for several years.

For many years he was a director of the Bank of Coleridge in Ramseur. Since that bank's sale to the First Citizens Bank & Trust Co., he has served on the advisory board of First Citizens.

Hinshaw is a member of Holly Spring Friends Meeting. For several years he was clerk of the Southern Quarterly Meeting. Mrs. Hinshaw was formerly a member of the Union Grove Christian Church but has been a member at Holly Spring for about 35 years.

Once a *Courier Tribune* correspondent for the Holly Spring news, she was also noted as an author of poetry. She has written and published three books, *Rambling Thoughts in Verse*, *Silver Chords*, and *Purple Patches*.

The couple has traveled to most of the United States, Haiti, Jamaica, Cuba, and Europe. They attended the Worlds' Conference of Friends in Oxford, England. One one trip they were passengers on the Queen Elizabeth.

### **Lineberry clan enjoys get-together**

Oct. 5, 1984 – Descendants of the late Winfield Scott Lineberry and his wife, the late Huldah Louisa Vickery Lineberry, held a reunion Saturday, Sept. 29 in the fellowship hall at Grays Chapel United Methodist Church. The couple is buried in the church cemetery.

The last one was held 69 years ago at the homeplace of Winfield Scott Lineberry and his wife, located at their Locust Grove farm between Millboro and Lineberry.

The latter place was named for Winfield Scott Lineberry who quickly became a captain in the Confederate Army following his draft at age 17. Prior to this time he had become a drill master and was elected as a first lieutenant at age 14.

Nine children were born to Winfield Scott and his wife, Huldah Louisa: William Lemuel; Adelaide Aug. a Aldridge, John Henry, Charles Francis, Virginia Elizabeth Spencer, James Alpheus, Sallie Louisa Minor, Mary Mabel Booth and Joseph Scott.

The oldest member of the family, William Lemuel, died Mar. 31, 1980. The youngest member of the family, Joseph Scott, died Apr. 17, 1975.

When the Civil War ended, Winfield Scott Lineberry returned to his Locust Grove farm, penniless and broken-hearted over the surrender to the Northern Army.

But he soon recuperated and operated his farm, traded horses, clerked at James Mar. and Co. in Asheboro and was appointed a U. S. Deputy Marshal.

He later served as a doorkeeper in the North Carolina legislature before being named the superintendent of the Confederate Soldiers Home in Raleigh.

Illness brought him back to his Locust Grove home and retirement. He died June 20, 1926. His wife died earlier, on Oct. 18, 1925.

Those attending the recent reunion of the family came from North Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, Maryland, Florida, Texas, Massachusetts, New Mexico, Washington, D. C. and Canada. Traveling the longest distance were Allan Roy Lineberry, Albuquerque, N. M. and his sister, Carolyn L. Apple, Artesia, N. M., children of James Alpheus Lineberry.

Other family members receiving special recognition were Gold Lineberry Aldridge Williams, 85, oldest family member in attendance; and Conor Angell, seven weeks old son of Becky Minor Angell and John W. Angell, Jr., Wake Forest, youngest family member in attendance.

Mrs. Williams, daughter of Adelaide Aug. a and her husband, John Milton Aldridge, now living in Winter Park, Fla., was present at the first reunion of the family 69 years ago, at which time she was 15.

Also present at both reunions was Scott Lineberry, son of William Lemuel Lineberry, who was three years old at the time of the first reunion. He is a resident of Graham.

Conor Angell, great-great-grandson of Winfield Scott and Huldah Louise Lineberry, was born while his parents were visiting in Ireland. However, his brother and sister, Eoin and Lia, also were born in Ireland while their parents were living there. The children's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Minor of Roanoke, Va., were present for the reunion.

Recognition also was given Huldah Louisa Lineberry Cropley of Lake St. Peter, Ontario, Canada, daughter of Joseph Scott "Joe" Lineberry, namesake of her paternal grandmother; and Winfield Scott Lineberry, Randleman, whose father and paternal great-grandfather have the same name. His grandfather was Joe Lineberry.

### **Church starts building fund**

Oct. 5, 1984 – A 90-year old church on Rt. 3, Asheboro, near Farmer, has started a building fund which they hope will materialize into a new building for their house of worship.

The present building at St. Mark United Methodist Church, also familiarly known as "The Red House," has deteriorated so badly that members feel it should be completely replaced.

Their feeling is also shared by their district superintendent, Dr. Walter H. McKelvey, and the Duke Endowment Fund representatives who have recommended the building be torn down. The foundation indicated it could not provide any funds for its repair.

Termites have spread throughout the structure, the building is leaning and insurance companies will only provide limited insurance protection, say church members.

The active membership at St. Mark is small and there is only one preaching service a month, supplied by Rev. H.

Alexander Smith, pastor of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

But the church's heritage is large and significant, indicated by the number of graves in the cemetery and the people who come back to the annual homecoming service on the second Sunday in Aug. each year.

A school named "Red House" was first located at the church site. Its name came from its log structure which was daubed with red mud.

The church was first known also as "Red House" and worship services were first held in a small building just south of the present structure. John Kearns and Matt Steed were the first trustees at the church.

Other family names associated with the church were Columbus Birkead, John Davis, George Harrison, Alex Jones, George Redwin, Doc Ingram, Charlie Long, Dan Steed, the Cotton family, Arthur Hill and Sarah Hill.

Additional names found on the cemetery stones were Chambers, Bell, Hines, Greene, King, Holland and Parks. Also Thomas Overby, who was a private first class in the infantry in World War I.

Hazel Caviness and Beatrice Cross, daughter of Columbus Birkhead, are the only second generation members still identified with the church. However, other generation descendants of the George Davis family also are actively identified with the church.

### **Giles Chapel Church has anniversary**

Oct. 5, 1984 - Giles Chapel United Methodist Church, Route 2, one of the oldest churches in Randolph County, celebrated its 151<sup>st</sup> anniversary for homecoming Sunday, Sept. 16.

Among those in attendance was the oldest member of the church, Harrison Davis, 95.

But there were also youthful aspects for the occasion, the first homecoming service at the church for the youthful pastor, the Rev. Christopher Gleen "Chris" Smith, 22, and the infant baptism for Erin Brook Cruthis, 2 ½ months.

In a sense it was a homecoming for Erin Brooke since she spent almost the first five weeks of her life in the hospital. She is the daughter of Randy and Sharon Bonkemeyer Cruthis, of Pleasant Garden. Her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bonkemeyer, also are members of the Giles Chapel church.

In June the Rev. Smith became the pastor of this church and the Charlotte United Methodist Church, another old church founded in 1870. A native of adjoining Guilford County, between Pleasant Garden and Greensboro, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith.

A graduate of Southeast Guilford High School, he entered the ministry at age 18 from the Moriah United Methodist Church which he joined at age 12.

He enrolled at Pfeiffer College where he graduated in three years with a Bachelor of Arts degree in religion and philosophy. He is now enrolled as a second year student at Duke Divinity School. Upon completion of his studies he will receive a Master of Divinity degree.

Before receiving his present pastorate he served for three years as an associate pastor at Central United Methodist Church in Denton and the two-point charge at Julian and Pleasant Union United Methodist Churches.

While he was in Denton he became acquainted with his wife, the former Roxanna Crouse. They were married Aug. 7, 1983 at the Central Church of Denton. His wife is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Crouse, Rt. 11, Lexington. Her father and brother, Leslie, operate the Crouse Dale Dairy Farm.

Roxanna, a graduate of West Davidson High School and also a High Point college graduate, is a teacher at West Davidson where she coaches the girls' basketball and volleyball teams.

Since coming to the two local churches the new minister has formed a charge youth group.

On Sept. 22 the Giles Chapel-Charlotte youth group went on a white water rafting trip to the Nantahala Outdoor Center in Bryson City.

Special services for the church are being planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The status of senior citizens is being reviewed at both churches. A bible study at Giles Chapel is being instituted.

The parsonage which serves both churches, located on Gold Hill Road, is being re-decorated for the new minister and his wife. An open house will be held at a later date.

### **Local churches assist family**

Oct. 7, 1984 - Benefit meals to assist a cancer stricken family on Rt. 2, Ramseur, will be served at two different times on Saturday, Oct. 13 in the cafeteria at Eastern Randolph High School.

The first serving will be held 11 a. m. - 2 p. m. The next serving will be 4 - 7 p. m. Cost of the meal will be \$3. 50.

The meals are being sponsored by seven local churches to raise money to help with the hospital bills for Mrs. Franklin (Suzi) Parks, 46, and her late son, Merrill.

After planning began for this benefit, Merrill Parks died at age 21 on Oct. 2 after a three-month stay at Moses Cone and Duke Hospitals.

Mrs. Parks, a patient at Duke Hospital for six weeks, returned home a few days ago. She has been ill for the past nine years.

Franklin Parks, an employee at Kellwood in Liberty, also has been working a paper route to help with expense. In addition, he went to the hospital every night when his wife and son were patients there.

Sponsoring churches are Staley Memorial Wesleyan, Mt. Olivet Wesleyan, Holly's Chapel Pentecostal Holiness, and the Baptist churches at Shady Grove, Mt. Pleasant and Sandy Creek and First Baptist in Liberty.

### **Club beautifies Ramseur**

Oct. 15, 1984 - Members of the Woodland Garden Club in Ramseur, organized in 1950, are involved in many projects beneficial to the town.

Perhaps their most outstanding project is the beautification and maintenance of the town's burial grounds, Sunset Knoll Cemetery, an ongoing project for club members.

Presently they are installing two iron gates at the circle drive which was recently constructed at the lower end of the cemetery. Assisting them in this project is Junior Lineberry.

Planting of shrubs and bulbs will occur as soon as the gates have been installed.

The club is also in the process of landscaping the area around Sunset Knoll Memorial Garden, which includes the inscribed monument and large cross thereon. Members are working hard to maintain this area by weeding, spraying, raking, digging and re-planting.

They have received assistance in this area from Ernest Zerfoss, husband of one of their members, who has sprayed the Bermuda grass for them and advised in other aspects of gardening.

Another phase of the project will be the erection of spotlights at the memorial monument.

Earlier they were responsible for the installation of the main entrance gates located on Highway 22 going towards Coleridge and the planting of dogwood trees in the cemetery.

Members are involved with the fall festival to be held at the Ramseur School on Nov. 9. They will gather flowers for the making of boutonnieres and nosegays for the students who will participate in the king and queen contests at the festival.

They also will contribute large basket arrangements for the coronation ceremonies, something they have been doing for the past three years. This year members will ask the student council to assist them, thus giving the students an opportunity to learn about flower arranging.

Members also place flowers in the library vestibule for three months out of the year. They also cooperate with the Garden Council on beautification projects throughout the town.

They derive funds for their various projects from bake sales, auction sales, and the feeding of Lions Club members often as possible. They also have bulb sales and are planning another bake sale in the near future.

Offices of the club are president, Hilda Leonard; first vice president, Nancy Brown Allred; second vice president, Emily Johnson, corresponding secretary, Susan Filbert; recording secretary, Nancy Burgess Allred; treasurer, Betty Jo Leonard; historian, Rena Whitehead; chaplain, Eloise Bray.

Other members are Lora Allred, Audrey Gant, Celia Gant, Brenda Leonard, Linda Williams, Karen Zerfoss and Wilma Kivett.

Their theme is: "Oh, Adam was a gardener, and God who made him see, that half a proper gardener's work is done upon his knees. You can wash your hands and pray – for the glory of the garden, that it may not pass away, and the glory of the garden, it shall never pass away." – Rudyard Kipling

### **New Cedar Square minister, family honored**

Oct. 16, 1984 – Cedar Square Friends Meeting, Rt. 3, High Point, honored their new minister, Leslie Winslow and his wife Ruby at a fellowship dinner, Sunday, Sept. 30, following the morning worship service.

Prior to the meal Harold Beeson, clerk of the Monthly Meeting, spoke about the lives and ministries of the Winslows.

Mr. and Mrs. Winslow both grew up on farms in Eastern North Carolina, had Christian parents and both made commitments to Jesus Christ when they were very young.

At age 16, Leslie knew that God was calling him to be a minister, but he did heed the call until 10 years later, it was said. By that time he and Ruby were married. She had graduated from East Carolina Teachers College at Greenville and was teaching school and he was working in a men's clothing store.

Rev. Winslow spent five years in college in preparation for the ministry. He did undergraduate work in Roanoke

College in Salem, Va.; took Bible studies in Trevecca College in Nashville, Tenn. and completed study for a master's degree at Peabody College in Nashville. Additional studies were done at Guilford College and Southern Wesleyan College.

Since Sept. 1, 1954, the Winslows have been a pastoral team in three quarterly meetings in the North Carolina Yearly Meeting. Their first work was in Yadkin Quarter at Pilot View-Deep Creek Meeting. Next was the New Garden Quarter where they served the Spring Garden Meeting and the Kernersville Meeting. The next move took them to Southern Quarter where they served in the Asheboro Meeting for 16 years.

For the past three years they served at the Glenwood Meeting in New Garden Quarter, and now they have come back to the Southern Quarter to work at Cedar Square.

Mrs. Winslow is the daughter of the late Lewis and Geneva Smith. Winslow is the son of Lucious and Mary Winslow of Eastern North Carolina.

The Winslows have a son, Worth, and a daughter, Mary Geneva Stickle. She and her husband, Mark, have two sons, Harrison and Robert.

### **Seagrove church gets minister**

Oct. 16, 1984 – Rev. Johnny Ray Henderson, 29, recently assumed the pastorate of the Victory Baptist Church, located in temporary quarters on Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Organization of the church occurred on Dec. 18, 1983. After holding services for a brief period in private homes the church began worshipping in the basement area of the Elaine Yow house.

Charter membership in the church at the time of organization numbered 108. The present membership is 115. Recently the church adopted a \$91,000 budget.

Present enrollment of the Sunday School is 112. Attendance on a recent Sunday reached 107.

Sunday School director is Troy Summers, assistant director is Philip Beck. Sunday School secretary is Betty Frye, the assistant secretary is Betty Moore.

Deacons of the church are Stan Beck, Farrell McNeill, Roy McNeill, Richard Wright, Troy Summers and Carl Crotts.

Four graded choirs are under the direction of Bobby Maness, minister of music, beginners, juniors, youth and adults.

A present priority of the new church is securing a site of land and the erection of a house of worship.

Until the coming of Rev. Henderson to the pastorate, the church heard temporary ministers, including Rev. Kenneth Tucker and Rev. Dean Beck.

The new pastor, a native of Statesville, came to the Victory church from Rocky Hill Baptist Church in Statesville, where he served for five and one half years.

He is a graduate of Statesville High School, Gardner-Webb College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

His wife, the former Renea Mitchell, also is a native of Statesville and they have two daughters, Adrienne, 4, and Danielle, 2. A third child is expected.

The ministry of Rev. Henderson at the Rocky Hill church was characterized by its missionary endeavors, including the building of churches in West Virginia, South Dakota, South America and Honduras.

While pastor at Rocky Hill he also participated in a missionary partnership with Rev. Don McIntyre, pastor of The Cross Road Baptist Church in Asheboro, for two

consecutive periods in India, with an estimated 3,000 decisions resulting from their ministry there.

Soon after his arrival at the Victory church, he along with 31 congregational members, went to the coastal area of North Carolina to assist in repairing hurricane damages to the N. C. Baptist Assembly building on Caswell Beach.

The new minister has also served on the general board of the N. C. Baptist Men and as a trustee of the Christian Action League of North Carolina.

On the local level while in Iredell County he served as co-chairman of the Iredell Prison Advisory Board, Court Watchers, and was involved also with other local organizations.

Speaking of his new pastorate at Victory, he said "I am excited about this new endeavor and with the cooperation of the church. I want to make a genuine contribution to the community."

### **Biscoe couple celebrates 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Oct. 16, 1984 - A Rt. 1, Biscoe couple, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee Williams, reached the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage, Oct. 4.

They celebrated their anniversary on Sept. 2, the date of their annual family get-together, which is held when their son, Jeffry Williams, of Great Falls, Mont., makes his annual visit.

Jerry, a veteran of 28 years of service in the U. S. Air Force, has remained in Montana where he was living at the time of his retirement.

Their other children are Shirley Stowe, Thomasville; Elender Wenfree, Summerfield; Ed Norman Williams, Wilmington, and Davis Williams of Rt. 1, Biscoe. Another daughter, Margaret Hill is deceased.

Norman Lee Williams, who will be 89 on Dec. 5, is a Brunswick County native who moved to Wilmington when he was small. Mrs. Williams, 77, the former Elender Benson, is a native of Glennville, Ga., who moved to Wilmington when she was a young girl.

They were married Oct. 4, 1924. According to Williams they were married in the front room of Mrs. Williams' home with her family in attendance. They waited until she had reached her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

He praised his wife as "a hardworking girl, a farm girl," and stated he had "a seven-room house, all furnished and ready to move in" at the time of their marriage.

After their marriage, Williams worked as a section hand on a lever car on the railroad. He said the car was "pumped with a lever, two men in front, two behind, with the section foreman operating the brakes in the middle."

The family came to their present residence, located halfway from Star and Biscoe, more than 40 years ago. Two of Williams' sisters had preceded them to the area.

Mr. Williams operated a store across the road from his residence for 30 years. His age and declining health doesn't permit him to operate it any longer.

However, his wife operates the store whenever his health permits her to be away from the house. The store has a trade name of J and W, also known as Johnson and Williams, deriving the name from Mrs. Williams and a sister-in-law by the name of Johnson who is now deceased.

Although Mrs. Williams has been away from her native residence in Glennville, Ga. Since she was a young girl, she still retains a love for that area.

"I've been back," she said.

### **Whynot Wesleyan Church burns note**

Oct. 17, 1984 - Whynot Wesleyan Church, located on Highway 705 below Seagrove, celebrated two events on Sunday, Oct. 7, the burning of the note which cleared the indebtedness on their building and the observance of the 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the church.

Participating in the burning of the mortgage were two of the original trustees of the church, Gary Miller and Johnnie Allen, assisted by the present pastor, Rev. Charles E. Apple, now serving his seventh year in the pastorate of the church.

Miller, now the church treasurer, said the church saved \$17,000 by paying off the indebtedness six years ahead of the scheduled period.

The indebtedness, which was paid in fully on May 23, 1984, was done through the sacrificial giving and special church projects by the members and friends of the church.

The church was organized Oct. 11, 1970, by the then district superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, the Rev. R. S. Shelton. There were 31 charter members.

On Sunday afternoon, Mar. 14, 1971, the present church structure was dedicated by the district superintendent, assisted by the Rev. M. M. Holmes, who was the first pastor of the newly-organized church.

On Apr. 1, 1971, the church through its trustees, Lawrence Yow, Allen and Miller, secured a loan in the principal sum of \$30,000.

Also assisting in the service was Rev. Holmes, Rev. Nelson Silver, a staff member of the First Wesleyan Church in High Point, and Rev. Charles Lain, a special guest for the occasion.

The celebration was concluded by a dinner in the fellowship hall which was erected without indebtedness.

### **Annie Cox Harrell feted on birthday**

Oct. 18, 1984 - Annie Cox Harrell, a native of Asheboro and a birthright member of Holly Spring Friends Meeting, celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Oct. 7 with fanfare and many remembrances for the occasion.

For nearly two years she has been a resident of Friends Home at Guilford College.

Before coming to the home she had resided in Greensboro since 1921 except for a few months in Maryland after her marriage to David Harrell, a native of Worthville.

Her children, Wallace Harrell, Greensboro, Betty Ann Lee, Mars Hill, and Jimmy Harrell, honored her at Jimmy's home in Greensboro, with other family members in attendance. She also has seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Among those present were her sister, Margaret Granger, her brother, Leo Cox of Neese, S. C., and a niece, Betty King of Asheboro.

Annie was born in Asheboro in the vicinity of Ward Street, the daughter of C. J. (Clark) Cox and Vide Millikan Cox. The family later moved to the corner of Church and Salisbury Streets.

Before moving his large family to Greensboro, Clark Cox owned and operated cotton mills in Worthville and Central Falls.

Annie attended the school in Asheboro before enrolling at a Quaker school, Westtown Preparation School in

Westtown, Pa., a school attended by other members of her family. She remains in contact with this school through the publication of *The Westorian*. She visited the school in 1975.

Her families on her father's side were staunch Quakers, and her paternal grandfather, Nathaniel Cox, was the local preacher at Holly Spring for 13 years. Her late husband, to whom she was married for 49 years, and her parents are buried with other family members in the cemetery at Holly Spring.

Annie attended the Methodist Episcopalian Sunday School in Asheboro when it was a small wooden structure in the cemetery, recalling that Mrs. W. D. Stedman was her teacher. She attended the Asheboro Friends Meeting house which was built on land her father and Virgil Presnell donated.

Members of her Sunday School class at the First Friends Meeting in Greensboro, formerly the Asheboro Street Friends Church, came early on Friday before her birth date to help her celebrate the event, bringing with them a cake and other gifts.

Other remembrances came from members of the Friendship Class at Guilford Baptist Church who have adopted her, from members of the Good Neighbors Club (she has been a charter member for more than 25 years), two Bible classes and a book club which she attends at Friends Home. She also received a deluge of cards from several areas.

### **Friends Meeting breaks ground**

Oct. 19, 1984 - Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Trinity, broke ground for a fellowship building, Sunday Oct. 14, at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

This latest venture continues the expansion of physical facilities by the 117-year-old Meeting.

During the past 13 years improvements at the Meeting have included a new sanctuary, educational building and a parsonage. All have been cleared of indebtedness.

Those participating in the groundbreaking were J. Winfred Crouse, minister of the Meeting; Charles Monroe, chairman of the building fund; Scott Whitaker, youth representative; Joseph Farlow, clerk of ministry and counsel; and Keith Nelson, clerk of the Monthly Meeting.

Other members of the building committee in addition to its chairman, are Vera Waitman, Dessie Coggins, Irene Farlow, Jim Buchanan (director of Christian education and youth), Keith Nelson, Jim Morgan, Wanda Gurley, Jesse Wilson and J. Winfred Crouse (the minister).

Contractor for the proposed construction will be Harvey Adams of the Level Cross area. Construction will begin in the near future.

The new structure will be 100 feet long and 50 feet wide, including a 20 by 20 foot kitchen with all facilities, a storage space 16 by 20 feet, and a fireplace. Seating capacity will be around 250.

Located directly behind the Meetinghouse, the fellowship building will be constructed with brick and roofing which matches the existing sanctuary and educational building.

It will be an energy efficient building with divisions which will permit three assemblies at the same time. Three units of heat and air also will permit the saving of utilities when all areas are not in use, according to Friends Meeting officials.

Cost of the new facility will be approximately \$120,000. First Sunday offerings will be channeled into the building fund.

### **New Scout troop is formed**

Oct. 21, 1984 - A new Scout Troop No. 512 has been organized recently, sponsored by the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church.

It is the first scout troop to be sponsored by the church in its 151 years of existence. The church is located on Rt. 6, Asheboro, near Central Falls.

Scoutmaster of the new troop is Sam Burns, the assistant scoutmaster is Doug Yow. Burns was formerly associated with Troop No. 500 sponsored by Asheboro Friends Meeting.

Current members of the troop are Jeff Norris, (senior patrol leader), David Russell, Michael Hinshaw, Craig Spinks, Matthew Smith, Chris Bunting, Robbie Gray, Anthony Auman, Brian Fagin and Nathan Hall.

Meetings of the troop are being held in the fellowship building at Giles Chapel where a fund raising yard sale for the securing of new equipment will be held Nov. 10.

Scoutmaster Burns said donations for camping equipment, which is badly needed, will be gladly accepted by the new troop. He also requests that all interested in becoming scouts call him at 629-2427.

Pastor of the Giles Chapel church is the Rev. Chris Smith. The new Troop is the only scout troop in the North Asheboro area.

### **Old Fashioned Sunday observed at church**

Oct. 28, 1984 - Echoes from the past resounded through the sanctuary at Foster Street Wesleyan Church Oct. 14 when the fifth annual observance of "Old Fashioned Sunday" was held.

Old timey hymns such as "When We All Get to Heaven," "Sweet By and By" and "Precious Memories" were sung, some of them to the accompanist of a 100-year-old pump organ, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Richardson and played by Martha Lassiter.

Other relics from the past pervaded the sanctuary and adjoining areas. Five oil lamps flanked the pulpit stand and another display included a large century old basket, two churns, bonnets, an old quilt and a large copper pot which was stacked high with contributions to the old-fashioned pounding which was extended to the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Melvin Welch.

In the dining area in the basement where an old-fashioned meal occurred at the conclusion of the morning worship service, there were coffee grinders and butter molds.

When the morning tithes and offerings were received the organist played "Old Fashioned Meeting" and was joined by the pastor who played the French Harp. The minister's message was entitled, "Remembrances."

This is Rev. Welch's first year of service at the Foster Street church, having assumed the pastorate in July. He is a native of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

His family includes his wife, the former Velma Norene Jeffries, and three children, Lavern Welch of Wabash, Ind., Carol Brown of Grand Rapids, Mich. and Mark Welch, a youth minister at First Wesleyan Church in High Point. There are five grandchildren.



A minister since 1942, Rev. Welch has served pastorates in Michigan, Indiana and a mission assignment in West Africa.

Mrs. Welch is currently teaching in a Christian school sponsored by the First Wesleyan Church in Troy.

The minister and his wife are residing at the church parsonage at 1027 Sherwood Ave. The church is located at 204 Foster St.

### **Ada Caveness Day held**

Oct. 28, 1984 – Ada Caveness Day was held Oct. 21 at McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur, for the ninth consecutive year. Mrs. Caveness, who was 102 years old on June 11, has been a member of the church for most of her life.

A native of the Franklinville area, she was first a member of Shady Grove Methodist Church before joining McCrary's Chapel many years ago.

Present for this year's observance were her three daughters, Clarice Robinson, Greensboro, and Jeanette Cheek and Jeraldine Siler of Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Widow of John M. Caveness, for whom the elementary school in Ramseur was named, she also was the mother of Vernell J. Caveness who was serving as principal of the school at the time of his death.

Thelma Fox has sponsored Ada Caveness Day since its beginning. Ellen Louise Staley extended the tribute to Mrs. Caveness at this year's observance. Special music was provided by the gospel choirs at St. Luke in Asheboro and McCrary's Chapel in Ramseur. The guest speaker was Rev. J. W. Jones, Greensboro, former pastor at St. Luke.

### **Seagrove church honors members**

Oct. 28, 1984 – The Sunday morning worship services Oct. 2 at Antioch Christian Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove, was set aside for appreciation to those members who have served in various capacities for many years.

Plaques and other tokens of appreciation were presented to 12 members of the church, including Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Nance who have served in the pastorate of the church for nine years.

The oldest member of the church in tenure of service is Dora Kiser, 78, who has been a member of 65 years. She was presented with a rose corsage and a Bible by the young people's class for her faithfulness throughout the years. A member of the class, Sandra Marley, presented the gifts to her grandmother.

A book, "New Bible Dictionary," was placed in the church library honoring Newman Stout who has held a position in the Sunday school for 23 years. He has had perfect attendance for 15 years.

Another book, "The New Unger's Bible Handbook," also will be placed in the library for Cecil Deaton in appreciation for many years of service to Antioch Christian Church.

Two Sunday School teachers were recognized, Clifford Hayes for 32 years of service and Darrell Davis for five years in addition to positions in the Sunday School for an overall period of 15 years. He also has had 10 years of perfect attendance.

Others recognized were Vertle Ritter for two years as assistant secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School and as secretary and treasurer for the past 20 years and Edsel Needham, church secretary for the past 23 years.

Also, Mary Lou Hayes, assistant pianist for two years and the organist for the past 17 years; Karen Ingram, daughter of Mary Lou Hayes, assistant pianist for one year and the pianist for the past 12 years; and Lavan Brady, for assistant choir director for seven years and as the director for seven years.

The Sunday school at Antioch Christian Church has maintained perfect attendance records for 24 years. During this time Clifford Hayes, Yancy Hayes, Lessie Maness and Vertle Ritter have had perfect attendance for 23 of these 24 years.

At the conclusion of the appreciation service members of the congregation congratulated the award recipients. Afterwards a carry-in meal was enjoyed in the dining area in the basement.

### **Visit sparks family reunion**

Oct. 29, 1984 – A reunion of the family of the late Jesse Lawrence and Nordie Presnell Albright was held Sunday, Oct. 21 in the fellowship hall at Maple Springs United Methodist Church.

The reunion was held to coincide with the visit of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Jr. of Sierra Madre, Calif.

Other living children of Jesse Lawrence and Nordie Presnell Albright are Leta Way, Greensboro; Lynn Albright, Coleridge; Shirley Williams, Rt. 7, Asheboro; Nellie Hunsucker and Ruby Hayes, Asheboro; Guy Albright, Mozelle Stout and Worth Albright, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

All of these children were present for the reunion except Mrs. Williams and Worth Albright.

Deceased children are Joe Albright, Blanche Garner and Baxter "Doc" Albright.

Members of the Albright family were reared in Coleridge. J. L. Albright, the youngest son, left this area shortly after World War II but has made several visits.

Present for the reunion, in addition to the children, were various other family members, including in-laws.

### **Asheboro couple married 60 years**

Nov. 2, 1984 – Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. King, Rt. 8, Asheboro, observed their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, Oct. 29.

Mr. King, 80, is a native of the Seagrove area, the son of the late Claudie and Ada Williamson King, who were the parents of eight children.

Mrs. King, 81, the former Mabel Cagle, is a native of the Pisgah area, one of 13 children born to the late Matthew and Louella Vancannon Cagle.

The couple got acquainted when King's family moved to the vicinity in which his wife and her family lived.

Their marriage occurred Oct. 29, 1924 in Rockingham, the county seat of Richmond County. Their marriage took place in the courthouse there with the ceremony being performed by a justice of the peace. They drove to the marriage site in Mr. King's Model T Ford automobile.

At the time of their marriage, King was working at a sawmill in Anson County. For three months following their marriage they lived in a sawmill shanty at the site of his employment. Mrs. King said it was one of the "happiest times" of her life when they came back to Randolph County.

Mr. and Mrs. King have been living at their present home on Highway 134 for 54 years. They road on which they live, now a busy thoroughfare from Asheboro to Troy, was like "a log road" when they moved to their present residence.

The Kings have two children, Margie Farlow, Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Paul King, Rt. 8, Asheboro. They have five grandchildren, Danny King, Bruce King, Royce Farlow, Jeanette Sykes, Audrey Maness; and five great-grandchildren, Teresa and Brant Sykes, Shannon Farlow and Christine and Amy Maness.

Mr. and Mrs. King are longtime members of the New Hope United Methodist Church. Mr. King joined the church soon after their marriage with Mrs. King transferring her membership from the Pisgah Methodist Church later.

Mrs. King served as the organist at New Hope when the old timey organ was used and she also served for several years as the teacher of the kindergarten class.

She recalled she started playing the old fashioned organ at about age 9 and helped to raise the money for the first organ which was used at the Pisgah church.

She plays by "ear" and plays daily on the pump organ located in her home.

Mr. King, retired many years ago from sawmilling, farming and working at two plants in Asheboro, has confined himself in recent years to gardening and the care of two cows.

Mrs. King crochets, cans the produce from the garden and is helping to raise her great-grandchildren.

### **Couple feted on anniversary**

Nov. 2, 1984 – Mr. and Mrs. Douglas "Doug" Wright, 360 Bush St., celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28, in the fellowship hall at First Christian Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor from 2-4 p. m. were Mrs. Wright's nieces and nephews, Robin and Alden Brown, Stan and Steve Welborn, Marsha and Grey Cox, Kenny and Joan Johnson, Sandra and Cathy Marley, and her cousin, Sharon Norwood, who also made the anniversary cake.

Some 125 guests greeted the couple during the appointed time.

A special guest was Mrs. Dora Kiser, mother of Mrs. Wright. A long distance call just prior to the beginning of the reception came from Mrs. Wright's sister, Nancy Evelyn Cannington, in Anchorage, Alaska, extending her congratulations and best wishes for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married Oct. 31, 1959 in the parsonage of the Ramseur Christian Church, now known as First Christian Church, with the Rev. Garland Bennett officiating.

Mrs. Wright is the former Florence Marley, daughter of Mrs. Kiser and the late Carnie Marley. She was reared in the Erect area. She is an employee of Black and Decker Co. She has worked there and at the General Electric plant, its predecessor, for 22 years.

Mr. Wright is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dewitt Wright, of Ramseur. He has been employed at Paul Ward Tile Co. in Siler City for the past 29 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wright are active members of the First Christian Church and both of them are members of the choir. Mr. Wright is also superintendent of the Sunday School and is a deacon. Mrs. Wright is president of Woman's Fellowship and teaches a class of junior girls.

Among those in attendance at the reception were Rev. Garland Bennett and his wife, Peggy of Sanford; Rev. Carroll Bibb, also a former pastor at First Christian Church and his wife, Jo, of Winston-Salem; Rev. Adrian Pugh, the

present pastor and his wife, Toni and Rev. and Mrs. George B. Culbreth, neighbors of the honored couple.

Also present was Darrin Bibb of Winston-Salem, a god-child of Mr. and Mrs. Wright. Another god-child, Mary Angelia Luck of Eatontown, N. J., was unable to attend.

### **Four honored at Liberty church**

Nov. 2, 1984 – Woman's Day, an annual observance at St. Stephens A. M. E. Church in Liberty for about 20 years, was held Oct. 28 at both morning and afternoon services.

Four senior members of the women's group were honored for the first time. They are Lousie Gales, Lura Gilmer, Julia Newberry and Bessie White.

Certificates of appreciation and potted plants were presented to all four of the recipients who have been active in both the church and the community for around 50 years.

According to Alice Matthews, chairman of the woman's group, the honoring of the four ladies was done at the suggestion of the church pastor, Rev. Allen D. Terrell.

Two of the ladies, Lura Gilmer and Bessie White, were unable to be present for the presentation. Gilmer's award was received by her daughter, Mary Guy and White's award was received by Alice Matthews.

The Woman of the Year award was received by Catherine Foxx. Presenting this award was Lenora Smith, Woman of the Year for 1983.

Speaker for the morning service was Katrina Cheek, of Pleasant Garden, wife of Rev. George Cheek, pastor of the Mt. Gilead A. M. E. Church.

### **New pastor has had varied career**

Nov. 4, 1984 – The new pastor at East Side Baptist Church, the Rev. Joe D. Landers, had experienced a varied career before coming to the local pastorate in Aug. . The church is located on Highway 64 East.

A native of Greenville, S. C. he is a graduate of the high school in Greenwood, S. C., attended Tabernacle Bible School in Greenville and Bethany Theological Seminary in Dotham, Ala., receiving degrees from both institutions.

He is currently studying by correspondence at the latter institution towards both his master and doctorate degrees. He has also studied at the Pensacola Bible School in Florida.

Rev. Landers has been a disc jockey at Christian Radio Station WCKI in Greer, S. C. and before being called to preach in 1969 he sold insurance and was trained in textiles.

His first area of service was the assistant pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Greenville, S. C., pastored by Dr. Harold B. Sightler. While at this church he served as the principal of the church's day school and taught at Tabernacle Bible College, also sponsored by the church.

His next area of service was in evangelism, during which time he held meetings in England, Scotland and along the eastern coast of the United States.

He also made several trips to Israel as co-host of Wilcox and Templeton Tours. Another one planned for next June will include Israel, Egypt, Jordan and Athens.

Before coming to the local pastorate at East Side he had served as assistant pastor of the Oakwood Baptist Church in Anderson County, S. C. and also as the administrator and principal of the church's Bible school.

Just prior to coming to East Side he served as the pastor of the First Baptist Church in Conestee, S. C., located in the suburbs of Greenville.

In addition to his pastorate at East Side, Rev. Landers is teaching at the Greensboro Bible Institute on Monday nights. This school is operated by Dr. J. William Canoy, pastor of Church Street Baptist Church in Greensboro.

He and his wife, Carol, have two sons, Mark, 18, a student at the Greensboro Bible College, and Jon, 14, a student at the Fayetteville Street Christian School in Asheboro.

### **Kirkman's music anniversary draws SRO**

Nov. 8, 1984 – The Worthville Community Center had standing room only when Junius F. Kirkman celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> year in country music Friday evening, Nov. 2.

More than 200 former colleagues and other music lovers filled the seating capacity with many standing as the building resounded with music from the bands who came to join in the tribute to Junius Kirkman.

They came from various places, including Randleman, Worthville, Greensboro, Franklinville, Central Falls, High Point, Seagrove, Asheboro, Summerfield, Gibsonville, Level Cross, Robbins, Archdale and Darlington, S. C.

Mingling with the music from the bands was spontaneous dancing from the cloggers and some couples, with the youngest clogger being Timothy Wayne Brady, Jr., 17-months-old.

Perry Hunt, a noted country music advocate, served as master of ceremonies.

Junius, 67, became interested in country music in 1933 when he purchased a guitar for \$2. He was assisted in learning how to play the instrument by his mother who only knew two chords herself.

One of the first songs he learned to play and sing was "Come and Sit by My Side, Little Darling," a song which he dedicated to his girlfriend, Beulah Hudson, whom he married Sept. 23, 1935.

He would walk from Worthville to Randleman where Beulah lived, carrying his guitar, and he would serenade Beulah about 200 feet from the place where she lived.

"Come And Sit" was the first song he sang at the anniversary celebration, with his wife by his side. The last song he sang was "You Just Don't Put New patches on Old Garments."

Before becoming a member of his first band, "The Carolina Melody Boys," he played and sang with a twosome which included Glenn Harmon. His next band was the "Wagon Train Partners", and his present band is "Nim Hodgins and The Country and Western Partners."

Other colleagues through the years in addition to Harmon and Hodgins, have included Sidney Wood, Jim Voncannon, Ruth and Dougan Voncannon, Keith Pugh, Gurney Voncannon, the late Jack Barker, Fred James, Otis Garland and Harold Chrisco, Bill Clapp, Carlyle and Alice Dunlap.

Guest bands at the anniversary celebration were Gurney Voncannon and Band, McPherson Brothers, South Jazz Band, and Bill Clapp Band.

Kirkman and his colleagues have provided music and song at parties, square dances, wagon trains, Level Cross Grand Ole Opry, centennial observances in Chatham County, Gibsonville and Sanford, bi-centennial observances in Asheboro and Randleman, family reunions, pig pickings, wedding receptions, Army Veteran groups at

the Royal Villa in Greensboro, fall festival in Asheboro, square dances at Farmers Day in Robbins.

A plaque to "Junius F. Kirkman in honor of this 50<sup>th</sup> year in country music" was presented by his son, Roy Kirkman.

In addition to their son, Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman have two granddaughters, a great-grandson and a great-granddaughter.

Junius Kirkman, a masonry contractor for many years, retired two years ago, relinquishing his business to his son. Now he spends his time with his music, traveling with his wife and also assisting his son when the need arises.

### **Bevin Maness honored on 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday**

Nov. 21, 1984 – Bevin Maness, Rt. 2, Bennett resident, was honored on his 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday Sunday, Nov. 11, in the dining area at the Coleridge Fire Department.

Among the large number of relatives in attendance were his wife, the former Dora Ritter to whom he has been married for the past 59 years, a daughter, Kathleen Cox, Rt. 2, Bennett, and a son, Archie Bee Maness, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Another daughter, Cella Brady, Norfolk, Va., had visited him the previous weekend. Early Maness, a deceased son, and Ocie Lee Maness, a deceased daughter, are children by his first wife, the late Lula Cockman Maness, who died in the 1920s.

Mrs. Cox and Archie Maness, along with two deceased sons, Lacy and Melvin, are children by the last marriage.

Joining Bevin Maness for the celebration were four brothers, John Maness, 87, Troy; Quince Maness, 85, and Thurman Maness, 75, both of Robbins; and Mack Maness, 69, of Bennett. Another brother, Hurdle Maness, 66, and a sister, Toni Maness, both of Robbins, were unable to be present.

Deceased brothers and sisters of Bevin Maness are Frank Maness, Dewey Maness, Coble Maness, a former sheriff of Randolph County, Martha Williams, Kate Cockman, and Mary Maness who died at age 16. Parents of these 13 children were Reuben and Annie Maness.

Bevin Maness, a native of Pleasant Hill community in Moore County, moved to Chatham County near the Randolph County line 52 years ago.

Noted for his hard work, he farmed during the morning hours and worked on the second shift at the Robbins Mill for many years. He didn't retire until he reached age 79.

During his lifetime he has abstained from alcohol, cigarettes and soft drinks, only indulging with his Apple chewing tobacco.

He has retired his membership in the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, located in the community in which he was born and reared. The Maness Cemetery at the church is separated from the church burial grounds by a paved driveway. The old Maness homestead is located in the vicinity.

Before ill health overtook him he attended the Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in the vicinity in which he lives and formerly sang in the church choir.

Since he loves music he was entertained at his birthday event by Carlyle Dunlap and the Midnight Ramblers which included his son, Archie, and his great-grandson, Jonathan Dunn, both of whom played guitars. Others participating were Carlyle Dunlap, lead guitar and singer, Alice Dunlap, bass, and Parney Edwards, banjo.

**Grange hall name changed**

Nov. 23, 1984 – Seagrove Grange No. 816 has named its building Auman Hall in memory of Clinton Auman and Paul Auman, charter members of the organization which was organized Sept. 8, 1932.

A plaque presented at a dedicatory meeting Nov. 17 was inscribed "In memory of Clint Auman and Paul Auman for helping organize Seagrove Grange No 816 and their continuing support throughout their lives."

Receiving the plaque in memory of their fathers were Ruth McKenzie, daughter of Clinton Auman, and Michael Auman, son of Paul Auman. Other family members of the two men were in attendance.

The plaque will remain in the grange building along with a sign designating the structure as Auman Hall.

Clinton Auman died June 8, 1978, and Paul Auman passed away June 7, 1984.

Speaker for the Auman Hall dedication was Charles Keels, agricultural teacher for the Seagrove School from 1956-61 and now chief consultant for Agricultural Education at the Department of Public Instruction in Raleigh.

He recalled his association with both Clinton and Paul Auman, saying "I remember two men who knew who they were and who understood why they were created by God."

He said he knew Clinton (M. C. ) Auman "in a very personal way," remembering "him and his family as closest neighbors both geographically and socially."

"I remember Paul Auman for providing help of all kinds to me in my work as a teacher. He was always able, ready and willing to help," he said.

He described both men as being "doers and makers of things that happened."

Miss May Wrenn, Grange historian, recorded in a history written two years ago that "under the capable leadership of the late M. C. Auman, Sr. and Paul Auman a lot was purchased near the school and the present grange hall was erected on it in 1963."

Russell Logsdon, master of the Seagrove Grange, welcomed those in attendance, Thomas Lawrence offered the prayers for the occasion, Charles Teague introduced the speaker, Jewell Sugg read the history, and Charles Davis presented the plaque and the new sign.

**Asheboro church gets new pastor**

Nov. 27, 1984 – The 75-year-old Bailey's Grove Church located at North Fayetteville and Beasley Streets, has undergone two important changes recently.

The church has secured a new pastor, the Rev. Peter Gale "Pete" Lamb, a Ramseur resident, and has changed the name of the church to Bailey's Grove Baptist Church.

Bailey's Grove started as a brush arbor at the present site in 1909. The next year, June 18, 1910, the worshippers organized as a Congregational church under the guidance of their first pastor, the Rev. T. F. Sechrest.

Later the church joined the Western N. C. Christian Conference, following the merger of the Congregational and Christian denominations.

The new doctrine adopted by the church, independent and fundamental, is similar to the church's background.

The new minister said he is a believer of an aggressive soul-winning ministry reaching the lost and pledges to minister to the congregation's needs. He said "we stand for old time Bible doctrine and convictions."

Rev. Lamb is a native of the Cedar Falls area, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lamb, Rt. 2, Randleman. He is 31 years of age.

He made a public profession of faith in Sept., 1969 at the White's Memorial Baptist Church and was called into the ministry the next year, preaching his first sermon at White's Memorial at Nov. 18, 1970. He was both licensed and ordained by that church.

He prepared for the ministry at Temple University in Chattanooga, Tenn., formerly known as Tennessee Temple Schools.

While he was in Tennessee he married the former Peggy (Dee) Brackett, of Athens, Tenn., who attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. They are the parents of a son, Zachary, 20 months old.

Present church officials at Bailey's Grove are Newton Wicker, Sunday School superintendent; Brenda Cox, pianist; Minnie Bailey Hinshaw, secretary and treasurer; Newton Wicker and James Butcher, deacons.

Services include Sunday School at 10 a. m., preaching at 11 a. m. and prayer meeting Wednesday at 7 p. m.

Among the organizers of Bailey's Grove were well known North Asheboro families which included Rev. and Mrs. T. F. Sechrest, W. D. Bailey, John H. Conner, Joe Henson, J. C. Pritchard, C. H. Hall, Lena Lamb, Mrs. Addie Neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. M. U. Canoy and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey. The church got its name from W. D. Bailey who donated the land on which the church stands.

Minnie Bailey Hinshaw, present secretary and treasurer, is a daughter of organizers, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bailey, and granddaughter of W. D. Bailey. Other members of the church are Mrs. Hinshaw's sisters, Esther Bailey Hooker and Pearl Bailey Allred.

Mrs. Allred has been particularly associated with the church's various aspects throughout her lifetime until illness prevented her being active.

**Asheboro woman, cousins reunited**

Dec. 9, 1984 – An Asheboro woman, Mrs. Edith Bulla Cranford, 210 Central Ave., and two cousins, Mrs. Ruth Bulla Kiger, Winston-Salem, and Mrs. Reba Bulla Mabe, Orlando, Fla., were reunited Sunday, Dec. 2, at the 15<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mrs. Xurada Bulla Miller and her husband, Howard, in Greensboro.

Mrs. Cranford, daughter of the late Archie C. "Arch" Bulla, had not seen her cousins, daughters of the late Romulus Montgomery "Rom" Bulla, in several years.

All three were reared in Back Creek Township. Mrs. Cranford's parents were living at the original Bulla homestead erected more than 200 years ago at the time of her birth. Ruth Kiger and Reba Mabe lived with their parents at an adjacent site.

Mrs. Kiger is now living in the Moravian Home near Winston-Salem after having lived in Winston-Salem for many years.

Her sister, Mrs. Mabe, lived in Van Nuyes, Calif. for several years before moving to Orlando, Fla., where her son, Bryon Elliott Mabe, also resides.

Mrs. Mabe's husband, the late Terry Mabe, formerly an Asheboro resident, died while they were living in California.

**Underwood earns honor award**

Dec. 20, 1984 – Scott Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Underwood, Rt. 2, Randleman, received the God

and Family Award during the morning workshop service at Whites Memorial Baptist Church Dec. 9.

Scott, a student at Grays Chapel School, will be 16 years old on Dec. 24.

He received his ministerial assistance in obtaining his award from his maternal grandfather, the late Rev. Jack Sherron, who died shortly after the requirements were completed.

Rev. Sherron was a long time pastor of Whites Memorial church and it was appropriate that the presentation ceremony be held at that place.

Of further significance was the pulpit occupancy of Randy Sherron, son of the late Rev. Sherron and uncle of the award recipient, Scott Underwood, who delivered a stirring address following the presentation ceremony.

Others participating in the ceremony were Frances Walker and Mary Strider, musicians, David Joyce and Tim Weeks, presentation of colors, Lynn Hubbard, pledge of allegiance, Gary Caudle, cubmaster of Pack 518, Tommy J. Routh, scoutmaster of Troop 518, and Wanda Lambert, adviser.

Presentation of the award was made by the recipient's parents, Lawrence and Patricia Underwood.

### **Church honors member third straight year**

Dec. 26, 1984 – Lewis Grove Holiness Church in Liberty honored a fellow member, Abraham Lincoln Coltrane, Dec. 9, for the third consecutive year.

Coltrane, 77-year-old resident of Rt. 2, Liberty, is an assistant pastor of the church.

He has been a member of the church since he was "saved" 31 years ago. Before that time he carried his wife to the church where she has been a member for 35 years.

The "appreciation service" honoring Coltrane included remarks from three ministers, of which one was his nephew, Frank Coltrane, and assistant pastor of the St. Stephens A. M. E. Church in Liberty.

Special singing included the choir at McCrary's Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur.

Various people attending the service paid tribute to the honored minister. A love offering of more than \$100 was presented to him along with an inscribed cake. Frances Clay, a member of the congregation, served as mistress of ceremonies.

Abraham Lincoln Coltrane is a native of the Oak Grove Baptist Church community in Alamance County, a short distance from the Randolph County line. He came to Liberty at the time of his marriage to the former Gladys Alston 58 years ago.

His parents, John Wesley and Anne Lutterloh Coltrane, were the parents of 14 children, seven boys and seven girls, all of whom are now deceased except for Abraham Lincoln.

Four of the seven brothers, in addition to Abraham Lincoln, were also named for presidents of the United States, George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, William McKinley, and Theodore (Teddy) Roosevelt.

Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Coltrane are the parents of two children, Bessie Anne Elizabeth Marshall and Abraham Lincoln, Jr. They have four grandchildren.

### **Church holds yearly hanging of the green**

Dec. 27, 1984 – The "hanging of the greens," a Christmas festival at Spoon's Chapel United Church of Christ for four seasons, took place at the church Sunday morning, Dec. 16.

Members of the congregation, both young and old, participated in the hour-long service, described as the "bringing together of many ancient traditions which we have come to associate with Christmas."

Serving as narrator were the pastor, Rev. Max Tussey and Stephen Tussey.

The call to worship, the hymn of gathering, "O Come All Ye Faithful," preceded the bringing in of the greens, the pine and cedar, the entrance of the holly and advent wreaths, and the bringing in of the bells.

The decorating and lighting of the Crysmon Tree, with its symbols of Christmas and Christianity, was done by the children and youth, followed by the placing of the mistletoe, the symbol of peace.

Continuing were the lighting of the candle, the carrying of the light-lighting advent wreath, the placing of poinsettias as symbols of love, the Christmas Rose, the Christmas Crèche, the carrying in of the Bible, and the lighting of the star.

Appropriate songs, characterizing each phase of the festival, included "Bring The Pine and Bring the Cedar," "Angles We Have Heard," and "I Heard The Bells On Christmas Day."

Also, "It Came Upon The Midnight Clear," "O Christmas Tree," "Hark The Heralds Angels Sing," "The Light Of The World," "Love Divine," "Away In The Manger," and "As With Gladness Men Of Old."

### **'Birthday box for Jesus' filled by church members**

Dec. 30, 1984 – The birthday box for Jesus at the Full Gospel Bible Church of God in Franklinville could not hold the pennies and quarters which had been collected for it Sunday evening, Dec. 23.

Over \$825, mostly in pennies and quarters, had been accumulated for the box since the same time a year ago. This same accumulation of pennies and quarters has existed for the past few years.

The total accumulation, placed in a large tin tub, weighed so much that it took four men to carry it out of the church and a similar number to carry it to Ramseur, where it was placed on deposit.

Friendly competition among the church members has characterized the yearly accumulation of their pennies and quarters.

This past year the church pastor, the Rev. Herman Kivett, accumulated the most pennies, 22,500 for the amount of \$225, following closely by Dot Millikan with 21,167 for an amount of \$211. 67.

Last year, when more than a thousand dollars was raised, the leaders were reversed with Mrs. Millikan having the most pennies and Rev. Kivett taking second place.

Others saving pennies this year were Shane Allred, \$8. 09, Rachel Allred, \$10 and Mrs. Cecil West, \$10.

Saving quarters were Barbara Otwell, \$84 and Beryl Batten, \$63. 25. Esther Kivett, the pastor's wife, wrote a check for \$168, having promised to double the highest amount of quarters saved.

Mrs. Millikan pulled most of her money in the sanctuary in a wagon which looked like one Santa Claus might have

brought. The minister brought his pennies in five-quart ice cream pails.

Loose offerings found in the birthday box were responsible for the additional amount. The money raised will be used to maintain the programs of the church.