

# **Visiting with Ralph Bulla**

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**1985****Golden Anniversary Celebrated**

Jan. 8, 1985 - Family members and friends filled the fellowship building at Cross Roads Baptist Church near Robbins Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, to celebrate the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Peter N. "Pete" Simmons, Rt. 2, Robbins.

Hosting a reception in the couple's honor were their daughter, Christine Ritter, Rt. 1, Robbins and their son, Danny Simmons, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Their grandson, Jeffrey Ritter, Rt. 1, Robbins, also assisted at the reception which was held from 2 until 4p. m.

Before receiving their guests the honored couple renewed their marriage vows before the Rev. Clay Davis, a former pastor of the Cross Roads Church, where they are members.

Mrs. Clay Davis sang "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings On Me." Rev. Jacob Camp, present pastor at Cross Roads, offered the prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons were married Dec. 30, 1934 at the home of Eli Leach, the officiating Justice of Peace, in Seagrove. Witnessing the ceremony were Mrs. Eli Leach and Herb Saunders who dove them to their marriage site.

Mrs. Simmons, the former Rosanna "Rose" Brown, is a native of Brower Township, near Erect, the daughter of the late Benjamin "Ben" Brown and OMeta Bray Brown.

Her mother died when she was young and she was reared by her late step-mother, Nettie Monroe Brown. She attended the Mt. Olivet School. She is 71 years of age.

Pete Simmons, son of the late Daniel and Della Nelson Simmons, is a native of Stokes County, where he attended the Old Orchard School. He also lived in Virginia before coming to the Erect community in 1930.

He lived on a farm adjoining the residence at which his future wife lived and their courtship lasted for four years. Pete said, "I thought I never was going to get her."

Mr. and Mrs. Simmons moved to the Robbins area in 1948. After planting two crops of tobacco in that vicinity he became an employee of the Department of Transportation where he remained for 25 years. He is 75 years of age.

**60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebrated by Castelloes**

Jan. 9, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cephas Castelloe Sr., Rt. 9, Asheboro, Randolph County residents since 1972, reached the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage, Dec. 28.

Other family members include another son, John Stuart "Jack" Castelloe, Rt. 8, Asheboro; their daughter, Jane Leigh Rogers, Raleigh; seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Castelloe came to the Asheboro area following his retirement from an insurance agency in Wilson.

Preceding them to this area were their sons, G. C. Jr., principal of Southwestern Randolph Senior High School and Jack, faculty member and coach at the school.

Mr. Castelloe, 95 and his wife, 83, the former Mary Jane Thompson, are both natives of Bertie County. Mrs. Castelloe is from Aulander, while Mr. Castelloe is from the Windsor area, the county seat of Bertie County.

They got acquainted when she visited his place of worship, Ross Baptist Church, where Mr. Castelloe sang in the church choir and rendered special music along with other members of his family on the Sunday she attended.

She was particularly attracted to one song they sang, "I Want to See Jesus, Don't You." and he was attracted to the young visitor whom he called upon the afternoon following the worship service.

They were married Dec. 28, 1924 at the home of officiating Justice of the Peace, Albert C. Castelloe, a cousin of the bridegroom, in the area in which the Ross Baptist Church was located and directly following their marriage ceremony they attended the worship service at the church.

Their acquaintance began on the fourth Sunday in May at the Ross church and their marriage followed on the fourth Sunday in Dec. .

Their affiliation with the church has been strong throughout the 60 years of their marriage. Mr. Castelloe was a choir member for many years and served in various offices of the church. Upon coming to Asheboro the couple joined the First Baptist Church in Asheboro.

Before becoming employed with an insurance agency, Mr. Castelloe taught school for nine years and was engaged in the mercantile business. Other towns in which they have lived are Ahoskie, Norfolk, Va. And Lewiston.

**Hinshaws Reach 60<sup>th</sup> Milestone**

Jan. 10, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elwood Hinshaw, Rt. 3, Randleman, quietly observed their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Jan. 5. The couple were married on that day 60 years ago in Elon College.

At the time of their marriage Mrs. Hinshaw, the former Alta Mozella Fox, was living with her parents, Taylor and Minnie Blair Fox, in Gibsonville.

Mr. Hinshaw, son of Elwood and Alice Glasgow Hinshaw, was a native of Central Falls where he went to work in the cotton mill there at the age of 11, having quit the third grade in school to enter the mill.

He recalled that his first pay was 10 cents an hour for sweeping while he learned to become a doffer. He turned over all of his pay to his parents except for 50 cents each day which he kept for his own.

He was also living and working in Gibsonville at the time of his marriage but shortly thereafter persuaded his wife to move with him to his native Randolph County. He also worked in the cotton mills in Cedar Falls and the Naomi Mill in Randleman.

Besides Gibsonville, Mrs. Hinshaw lived with her parents in Central Falls, Cedar Falls, Coleridge, and Worthville. She recalls attending the Parks Cross Roads school while living in the Coleridge area, walking to school three miles each way and crossing the creek on a log.

After working in the cotton mills, Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw raised chickens during the day and worked as a night watchman at night. He retired at the age 68. He is now 80 years of age. His wife is 77.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hinshaw are Paul V. Hinshaw, Rt. 3, Asheboro, Doris Daniels and Charlene Pell, Rt. 3, Randleman, and Ernestine Cox, Myrtle Beach.

They also have nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. They have lived in the New Salem area for nearly 50 years.

### **Bishop Dedicates Fellowship Hall**

Jan. 11, 1985—The presiding Bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, L. Bevil Jones 111, of Charlotte, came to Asheboro Sunday, Jan. 6, to officiate at the dedication of the Billy V. Hunter Fellowship Hall at the West Bend United Methodist Church, 1124 Albemarle Road.

Assisting with the dedication were the current pastor, Keys S. Pendleton, and the two previous pastors, Billy V. Hunter and Kenneth D. Crouse, each of whom has been identified with the spacious structure.

The building was erected towards the end of the 12-year pastorate of Rev. Hunter for whom the building was named.

The final payment on the building was made on the last Sunday of Rev. Crouse's ministry there, prior to his retirement.

The service dedication, featuring Bishop Jones and Dr. Walter McKelvey, district superintendent, was held during the early ministry of Rev. Pendleton who has served the church since last June.

Presentation of the building for dedication on behalf of the trustees was Athel Cox, chairman of the building committee. Also present was Dock Stout, chairman of the administrative board.

West Bend United Methodist Church has entered the 76<sup>th</sup> year.

Rev. Pendleton, the church's newest pastor, is Cleveland County native from Shelby area and was an undergraduate student at Gardner-Webb College. While at this school he pastored the Pine Grove United Methodist Church.

He later received a Master of Divinity degree at Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest. While in that area he pastored the Louisburg Circuit, consisting of four churches in Franklin County.

Other assignments included an associate pastorate at First United Methodist Church in Salisbury, Rockwood and Beaver Dam Charge in Haywood County, an internship in clinical pastoral care at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem where he also served as a chaplain, and the Belwood Charge, consisting of three churches in Cleveland County.

His home church, Oak Grove, was located at Polkville in Cleveland County. His ministry began in 1968.

His wife is the former Rebecca Fisher, the daughter of a Methodist minister. They are the parents of four children, Lagair Kathy, 11, twins Deedee Marie and Paula Dawn, 8 and Keys Jr., 7.

### **Couple Celebrates Silver Anniversary**

Jan. 16, 1985—Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Crotts, Rt. 1, Sophia, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Dec. 30, in the fellowship building of Friendship Baptist Church on Spero Road.

Hosts for the occasion were their five sons, Mark 23; Michael, 21; Darrin 17; Dean, 15 and Travis, 3, all of whom reside with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid Crotts, brother and sister-in-law of the honored couple, registered the guests who called between 2 and 4:30 p. m.

Others assisting in the reception were Jackie and Carolyn Varner and Roberta Crotts, sisters-in-law of the couple; Karen Varner, Darlene and Melissa Crotts, nieces; Barbara Miller, Sherry Craven, Tim Brinkley and Maria Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Crotts were married Dec. 19, 1959, at the home of the late Reuben and Dora Mae Varner, parents of Mrs. Crotts, in the Farmer area. Mrs. Crotts is the former Barbara Varner.

Oscar Crotts is the son of Mrs. Beulah Earnhardt Crotts, Rt. 2, Randleman, and the late Doug Crotts. He operates the Crotts Body Shop on Rt. 2, Randleman.

Among those in attendance at the reception was the Rev. Walter Westmoreland, of Mt. Airy, who performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. and Mrs. Crotts 25 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Crotts are members of Friendship Baptist Church.

### **Richardsons Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

Jan. 17, 1985 - Friends, neighbors, and fellow church members attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. George Richardson at their home in Coleridge Sunday afternoon, Jan. 6.

They were married on the same day of the month and the same day of the week 50 years earlier in Trenton, N. J. Former residents of that state, they moved to Coleridge in Aug. 1978.

Hostess for the anniversary reception was Mrs. Mary Ewing, sister of George Richardson, who now resides with the couple.

Others assisting were Brenda Kennedy, who kept the guest book, Faye Smith and her daughter, Katie Todd, who served the cake and punch. The anniversary cake was provided by Mrs. Smith.

Guests were scheduled to come from two until four o'clock, however, some were still coming two and a half hours later.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are native of New Jersey, George from Crosswicks and Mrs. Richardson, the former Elizabeth Vivian Lucas, from Florence.

They were reared in the same area and their courtship began when they attended the same high school. They came to their present residence from Bordertown, N. J.

They came here following their retirement. George from driving a school bus and operating a kennel and Mrs. Richardson from employment in offices of automobile agencies. Their major employment before assuming these positions was the operation of a garage for many years.

While operating the garage they often came in contact with and serviced trucks from Winston-Salem, Charlotte and various other places in this state.

Also, their residence here is almost half the distance between the residence of their son, Leslie A. Richardson in Roebing, N. J. and the residence of their daughter, Jeanette Steinke, in Vero Beach, Fla.

Other family members are eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Grace Baptist Temple where Mrs. Richardson serves as the church treasurer. The couple are also members of the Seagrove Grange.

**Large Crowd Attends 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**

Jan. 18, 1985 - A large crowd attended the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding celebration for Mr. and Mrs. John D. Richardson, Rt. 2, Sophia, long time residents of the city lake road in Back Creek Township.

Hosting the reception in their honor in the fellowship hall at South Plainfield Friends Meetinghouse Sunday afternoon, Jan. 13, were two daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil (Norma) Loman of Columbia, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Scott (Pamela) Jones of Winston-Salem.

Also hosting the event from 2 to 4 p. m. were their grandchildren, David Loman of Florence, S. C., Kim and Todd Loman of Columbia, S. C. and Lisa and Chris Jones of Winston-Salem.

Others assisting with the reception were Margaret Richardson, Karen Richardson, Kathy Richardson, Kelly Richardson, Kathy Richardson, and Ruth Powell. Music was provided by soloist Donna Ferguson and Claudia Richardson and pianist Dot Rollins.

The number of guests registering for the event numbered 225. It is estimated that more were in attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were married Jan. 12, 1935 in Asheboro. The officiating minister was Dr. S. W. Taylor, a former district superintendent of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Richardson is the former Pearl Beatrice York, daughter of the late Clark and Elizabeth Rich York. She is a native of the Sophia area but at age 13 came with her family to the area in which she is now living. She attended the two-teacher school at Sophia and the school in Randleman.

Richardson is a lifelong resident of the community in which he and his wife still live, the son of the late Robert L. "Bob" Richardson and Minnie Goss Richardson. He attended the Lena's Grove School, which later became the site on which he and his wife would build their residence, and the Charlotte School, located next to the site of the Charlotte Methodist Church.

He is a retired textile employee, having worked at Asheboro Hosiery Mill for 24 years. At the time of his retirement he was employed at Ann Carol Hosiery Mill. Mrs. Richardson has been employed at Pinehurst Textiles, Inc. for nearly 20 years.

John Richardson became the fifth member of his family to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Three brothers, Grady, Clyde and Roland, and one sister, Rosa Richardson Ferguson; and their spouses preceded John and Pearl Richardson in the observance of the golden wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the South Plainfield Friends Meeting.

**90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrated**

Jan. 21, 1985 - A Providence Township native, Hubert Clayton Gregson, now a resident at 105 Oak Lane in Randleman, reached the age of 90 on Jan. 14. Family members honored him with a birthday party on Jan. 13.

He was born Jan. 14, 1895 in the upper end of Providence Township, near the Guilford County line and on a mail route which was formerly known as Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden. His parents were Henry Clay and Hannah Elizabeth Hockett Gregson.

His career has been varied, starting off cutting cordwood for 40 cents a cord at a very young age, some say at the age of 4.

He joined the Navy, June 10, 1911 before reaching the official enlistment age and served for four years. A brother, Claude, also joined at the same time.

He served on the U. S. S. Helena and also the U. S. S. Cincinnati, recalling that he was on the U. S. S. Helena July 4, 1912 in Shanghai, China and also on the same ship at the same place at Christmas time in 1912 and 1913.

At Christmas time in 1914 he was serving on the U. S. S. Cincinnati in Manila, Philippine Islands. He remembers also visiting the Ming Tombs while in China.

He was discharged from the U. S. Navy in San Francisco, Calif. in 1915 and before returning home he attended the World's Fair which was being held in the same city.

While serving in the Navy he saved his money, sending it home for safekeeping with his mother. However, after returning home he retrieved it from her and purchased a Model T. Ford, supposedly the first car to be purchased in Randolph County.

His marriage to the former Hazel Ruth Barker occurred June 10, 1917.

They became the parents of 12 children, two of whom, Clyde and Betty Joe, are deceased. Living children are George Gregson and Marie Shoe of Pleasant Garden; Boyd Gregson, Asheboro; Ruth Walla and Charles Lee Gregson, Randleman; James Gregson, Ferrum, Va.; Ola Mae Brown, Raleigh; Clayton Gregson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Sara Fields, Westville Grove, N. J. and Helen Gregson, who is with Peace Corps in Liberia, Africa.

After returning home from the Navy he operated a sawmill in Randolph and Alamance counties for 24 years, he made molasses for 17 years, worked as a brick mason for 30 years and was employed at Camp LeJeune Marine Base during World War II.

Once while working on a school house in Cameron he fell off the scaffold and broke his neck. However, he drove all the way home, back to Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden, before he received medical attention.

His wife, Hazel, died Sept. 21, 1965 and a little over a year later he married her sister, Elsie Barker, who is now a patient at Mount Vista Health Park in Denton. The couple had moved to Randleman in 1967.

In the '50s and '60s he liked to go to Florida in the winter months to play shuffleboard. He and his late brother, Barney, of Liberty, once won the Fort Myers City Tournament in Shuffleboard.

He is a lifelong member of Providence Friends Meeting and he donated all of his work while helping to build the meeting house parsonage.

**New Youth Ministry Begins**

Jan. 24, 1985 - Son Power Express is the newly formed ministry to youth of Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church., according to Rev. William C. "Bill" McConnell, youth pastor and director of L. I. F. E. (Life is for Everyone) and Son Power Express.

He said "we began this fall with an average monthly attendance of 16. Five months later our average is around 45 and growing steadily by 20 and 25 percent."

"Two factors contribute heavily to our growth." He said. "One is the interest generated this fall in going to an area-wide Youth Convention in Knoxville, Tenn. Twenty-



Seven teens and 13 adults attended with our group, which was the fourth largest single church attendance in 10 states."

"However, preparation and the beginning of L. I. F. E. on Jan. 9 has been our biggest boost. It is a weekly meeting geared to helping meet spiritual and social needs of junior and senior high teenagers in our area. It's exciting, different and very much needed in our community to reach out to teens and tell them about Jesus Christ, But, There's more to it than that."

"The beginning group was split into three teams, adult L. I. F. E. Guards and student L. I. F. E. Captains lead each team weekly in gathering points through competition, team attendance, visitors and more. The object of this point system takes place in June when the winning team is taken on a three day retreat to Myrtle Beach. Non-winning teens may also attend provided they pay the full cost. Winners go for little or no cost whatsoever."

"Our goal for Son Power Express is not just high numbers. Numerically, our teen executive sets a goal of 109 teens on a weekly meeting night, which by the way is every Wednesday at 6:50p. m. at Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, 1928 N. Fayetteville St. or handing out super trip prizes. Our goal is to give teens in Asheboro something exciting to be a part of. We want to see them grow closer to God, and we want them involved in a group that plans to make a positive contribution to life in Asheboro. The strength of any community is in the quality of its people, and we plan to add to this community's already great strength by offering to the teenagers the opportunity to become involved in a group that is concerned about the quality of a person's life. Our teens are our future and that's why we want to have something to offer them—something that's exciting, fun and challenging."

"The success of the L. I. F. E. concept will not be winning trips or just having fun. Much credit will go to around 12 dedicated adults who have sacrificed a lot of time in personally training to be L. I. F. E. Guards and in keeping the weekly meetings and extra-curricular activities running smoothly. Why do they put so much time into this group? Simply because they have a burden and love for the young people who are all around them. They care about the quality of the teenagers in this city and they want to do something about it. When you have dedication to any project like they have to L. I. F. E. and to teenagers, then success is inevitable."

McConnell has been youth pastor and director of L. I. F. E. at Neighbors Grove since Aug. 1. He is a native of Ontario, Canada and a 1980 graduate of Bethany Bible College, Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada.

### **Dr. Fred Graham Honored**

Feb. 5, 1985—Dr. Fred W. Graham Jr. an Asheboro family physician, was presented the Good Shepherd Award during the worship service at First Baptist Church Sunday, Jan. 27.

The award is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention and presented through the channels of the Boy Scout organization on the national level.

The award consists of a cross and staff pendant on a red, white, and blue ribbon and is presented to adult Scout leaders who have exemplified outstanding Christian character and example before the young people of

America, especially those in the Boy Scouts of America organization.

Dr. Graham was cited for his work and example with the young people of the Asheboro community by Rev. Vernon B. McDaniel, pastor of First Baptist Church, and by Neal Blevins, former chairman of the church's troop committee.

Among the many accomplishments cited for Dr. Graham was his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary this month of unbroken registration with Troop 524 of First Baptist Church, his many years of free physical examinations for scouts, and as a leader going to summer camps and jamborees.

Also mentioned were his service to the local council as medical advisor, his service on the council executive committee, his years of service on the finance committee for council and district, his service as master of ceremonies for the annual Scout banquet for many years, his service to the youth in his church as Sunday School teacher and assistance with youth outings.

Dr. Graham received the Silver Beaver Award from the General Greene Council, Boy Scouts of America, in 1980.

During the award ceremony Blevins said "everyday is a special mission day for Dr. Graham, everyday he helps scores of people to feel better physically and while doing this he is working to help them spiritually. What higher award could we as people give to this fine servant of God and youth than the Good Shepherd Cross and Staff?"

### **Faith Baptist Church Wipes Out Indebtedness**

Feb. 6, 1985 - A note-burning service at Faith Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Ramseur, Sunday, Jan. 27, wiped out an indebtedness amounting to \$200,000.

The indebtedness, covering 15 years, financed the buildings of the Faith Christian School organized by the church in 1968.

After the original trustees of the church, Ted Burgess, C. E. Moser and Raymond Cox had burned the note and the final embers had been consumed to ashes, the congregation arose to their feet and sung triumphantly "To God Be The Glory."

Also participating in the note-burning service were the Rev. Gary Moger, pastor of Faith Baptist Church, and Rev. Richard Gray, pastor at the time of the church's beginning in 1965.

Rev. Gray recalled the difficulties in raising the money to erect the buildings needed for the school which held classes in the church for the first year of its existence.

He was turned down by every financial institution in Randolph County and some elsewhere, he said. Rev. Gray added, "you could not look up and see the bottom."

But dedication prevailed and the church raised the money needed, first \$150,000 and then an additional \$50,000 by the sale of bonds.

Greater dedication and persistence was manifested by members of the church congregation who withdrew their savings and invested in the bonds being sold by the church, officials said.

Rev. Gray rejoiced that "nobody lost a dime" by investing in the bond program.

But another contribution just as great as the purchase of the bonds was the free labor furnished by members of the congregation.

Regularly and consistently the men worked at the building site after their day's work elsewhere. Often they came to

the school site from their places of employment without going home.

It is estimated that the present school facilities could not be replaced for less than \$1.2 million.

Enrollment the first school year was 80 students for kindergarten through the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The next year after occupying the new facilities the enrollment was 180 students, kindergarten through the ninth grade. The first graduating class was in 1973 with five graduates.

This year's enrollment is 205 students with 17 senior class.

Seven school buses transport students from seven counties, Randolph, Davidson, Guilford, Chatham, Moore, Montgomery and Alamance, including routes from Denton to Pittsboro, Robbins to Climax.

In charge of the bus routes and serving as maintenance supervisor for Faith Christian School is Steve Moser who has worked full time since Aug., 1969. Prior to that time he worked on a volunteer basis.

Moser also serves as chairman of deacons for the church. Explaining the relationship between church and school, he said, "Faith Christian School is a ministry of Faith Baptist Church."

Principal of the school is Bill Hohneisen who came the second year of the school's existence in time to help complete the erection of the school's facilities. He started the athletic program at the school and became its principal during the school year of 1981-82.

Seventeen teachers and six staff members comprise the roster at Faith Christian School.

Pastor Moger came in 1977 on a church internship program from Bob Jones University in Greenville, S. C. returned in 1979 to teach history and Bible, working also with teens. He became associate pastor in 1982 and the next year assumed the pastorate of the church. However, he still teaches computer science.

Explaining the school's purpose, Moger said, "we are not trying to compete with public schools. We just want to provide and education with a Christian philosophy according to the Bible. We are sincere in our desire to see our young people raised for Christ."

The alleviation of the indebtedness on the school has focused consideration of another project, the erection of apartments for faculty members.

A carry-in luncheon in the school building preceded the note-burning service.

## **Dual Birthday Celebration Honors Randolph Natives**

Feb. 7, 1985 - A dual birthday celebration in the fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church in Randleman, Jan. 26 honored two Randolph County natives, Rufus Talmage Neece, 94, and his sister-in-law, Edith Macon Bowman, 86.

Talmage Neece, a native of Providence Township and son of the late William Rufus and Emma Carolina Foust Neece, is now residing at the Will-O-Haven Nursing Home in Greensboro.

Before moving to the nursing facility he had spent his life in the area where he was born except for the time he was associated with Armour Fertilizer Co. and lived in Greensboro area. While in this county he farmed.

He was married to the former Moleta Macon, sister of Edith Macon Bowman, who died around ten years ago.

They were the parents of seven children, two of whom are deceased. Virginia Hewitt and Elizabeth Hylton.

The surviving children, all of whom were present for the birthday celebration, are Frances Bordelon, New Orleans, La.; Talmage Macon Neece, a Brooklyn, N. Y. lawyer; Dorothy Boling, Rt. 2, Randleman; Emily Christopherson, Raleigh and Catherine Allred, Greensboro.

Other members of his family in attendance at his birthday celebration were grandchildren and their spouses, great-grandchildren, and Ricky Sessoms, his minister at Providence Friends Meeting where he has been a member for all of his life.

Edith Macon Bowman, a daughter of Ashworth and Flora Spencer Macon, originally lived in the Shiloh Christian Church area before moving with her family to Providence Township when she was 11 years of age.

Her husband, James Talton Bowman, became a Methodist minister following their marriage and the couple served pastorates in Denton, Thomasville twice, Concord, Fallston in Cleveland County, Lincolnton and two Churches, Bethany and Grays Chapel in Randolph County. Rev. Bowman died on his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Feb. 21, 1960.

Mrs. Bowman has four grandchildren, David Briles, Dallas Texas; Sharon Briles, Jackson, Miss.; Carolyn Bowman Higgs, Tanacha, Nev. And Wenda Bowman, Anchorage, Alaska and Two Great-grandchildren, Von and Rachel Higgs.

An additional family unit attending the celebration was Gertrude Macon, sister-in-law of Edith Macon Bowman and the late Moleta Macon Neece and her son and daughter-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Fred Macon, Greensboro.

Also present was Laura Neece, sister of Talmage Neece and the only other surviving member of his immediate family.

Originally his family included a brother, Hobart, and five other sisters, Estelle Neece, Grace Suits, Vanner Neece, Marietta Neece and Espie Lindley, all of whom are deceased.

All of his sisters were school teachers except Grace.

## **Cheeks Reach 50<sup>th</sup> Milestone**

Feb. 10, 1985—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Cheek of Rt. 6, Asheboro, were honored on their fiftieth wedding anniversary Sunday, Jan. 27, at the Best Western Inn in Asheboro.

Hosts for the dinner were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Randall (Patty) Dixon, Rt. 1, Ramseur and Mr. and Mrs. Perry (Linda) Hunt, Rt. 1, Franklinville and other family members.

Their family includes four grandchildren, Mark Dixon, Kyle Dixon, Beth Hunt and David Hunt, and one great-grandson, Miles Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Dixon.

Following the meal at Best Western Inn the honored couple and their family members enjoyed the two-tiered anniversary cake which had been prepared for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Cheek were married in Danville, Va., by the Rev. M. T. Sorrell.

Mrs. Cheek, the former Beda Langley, is the daughter of the late William Alfred and Josie Siler Langley. She is a graduate of Staley High School.

Mr. Cheek is the son of the late James Arthur and Nannie Martindale Cheek. He is a graduate of Franklinville High School.

He is a retired employee of the Asheboro Plant of Klopman Mills, where he remained for around 25 years.

### Halls Honored On Anniversary

Feb. 10, 1985 - The family of Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Hall, 1333 N. Tremont Drive, honored their parents on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon Jan. 27.

Hosting the reception for the couple in the fellowship hall at Calvary United Methodist Church were Mr. and Mrs. David Hall, McDowell Road; Mr. and Mrs. Dale Hall, 1909 Spinks Street; Mr. and Mrs. Guy E. (Nancy Hall) York, 2108 Lama Drive and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy (Patsy Hall) Brazier, 1826 Protage Parkway.

Assisting with the reception were their nine grandchildren, Chris, Shawn, Tajma, David, Grant, Jason, Lisa, Julie, and Regina.

Around 200 guests attended the reception from three until 5p. m. Many other friends unable to attend, mailed congratulatory cards to the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Hall were married Jan. 26, 1935 at the home of the bride's parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rierson, on Miller Street in Asheboro. Rev. Herman Stevens, pastor of First Baptist Church, performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Hall, the former Nina Rierson, is a native of Stokes County, having come to Randolph County with her family in the early '30s.

Henry Hall, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Hall, is a native of Mahoning County, Ohio. He came to this county in 1928 with various members of his family who made their trip here in two automobiles and with some coming on the train. The trip took them three days.

Henry said he "thought he was coming to a land of warmth and sunshine but upon arriving found four inches of snow upon the ground." He said, "I had a notion to turn around and go back."

There was also snow on the ground in Asheboro when he and Nina got married. But this was offset somewhat by their departure for a honey-moon in Florida.

Nina went to work at McCrary Hosiery Mills in Asheboro at the age of 16. It was while working there she got acquainted with Henry, who was also an employee.

After their children were born and were able to care for themselves, she resumed her employment at Acme-McCrary Corp. the Combined time of employment amounted to 20 years.

Henry worked at both McCrary Hosiery Mills and Asheboro Hosiery Mill before becoming a meat inspector for the state, pursuing this profession in this county and in Salisbury.

Upon retirement from the state position which lasted for 15 years, he and Nina moved to Lecanto, Fla., where he was the overseer of a cattle ranch for nine years before returning to the same community in which they had lived previously.

Henry and his family came to Randolph County after some Conservative Quaker friends of the family in Ohio had moved to this county in the Holly Spring area where they had affiliated with the Friendsville Meeting.

The latter Meeting has been discontinued or "laid it down," according to Conservative terminology, except for holding quarterly meetings.

Nina is a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church, where their anniversary reception was held.

### March of Dimes Benefit

Feb. 11, 1985—The Pioneers, a veteran Randolph County singing group, provided the music for the annual March of Dimes singing for the Staley community Sunday, Feb. 3, at which they have Performed for several consecutive years. The singing, sponsored by Mrs. Ida Holmes Smith, was held at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church. The singers and their sponsor are shown above, left to right, Bruce Moore, Steve McPherson, Mrs. Smith, Larry Yow, and Kenneth Bray. Over \$300 was received for the March of Dimes at the singing. Mrs. Smith has been associated with the March of Dimes for 25 years.

### 99<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrated

Feb. 13, 1985 - Mrs. Carrie Terry Puckett, 2024 Walnut St., celebrated her 99<sup>th</sup> birthday at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home Inc. Feb. 3, where she went following a illness at her home on Dec. 14.

She had remained at the Randolph Hospital for three weeks before being admitted to the nursing home.

However, the celebration of her birthday was held as usual except for the site, with her daughter, Mabel Cochrane, and friends and neighbors joining with her for the annual event.

Included were a birthday cake and other refreshments, a replica of birthdays which she had celebrated at her home in the North Asheboro area where neighbors came one after another to congratulate and wish her well.

Mrs. Puckett, a native of an area near Stuart Va., came to Asheboro in Dec., 1952 following the death of her husband, William Thomas Puckett, in Apr., 1952.

She and her husband had lived on a 103-Acre farm which had formerly been owned by Mrs. Puckett's parents and on which she had lived since the age of four. On this farm also they had reared their two daughters, Helen and Mabel.

Both daughters graduated from a nurses training school at Mt. Airy, 18 miles from their home.

Helen accepted a position at Randolph Hospital in 1940 and remained there for 31 years before her death in Feb., 1972. Before her death she was married to Henry Bunch.

Helen's residence in Asheboro had prompted Mrs. Puckett's coming to Asheboro following her husband's death and the decision to relinquish the farm on which she had spent most of her life.

At the time of Mr. Puckett's death, the other daughter, Mabel, was married to Jimmy Cochrane and the couple lived in his hometown of Pittsburgh, Pa., where Mabel was engaged in industrial nursing.

Mrs. Cochrane joined her mother in Asheboro in May 1972 following the deaths of her sister and her husband.

Mrs. Cochrane is appreciative of the neighborliness which has been manifested to her and her mother by the people who live near them. She said she called one neighbor for assistance when her mother got sick and four neighbors responded to the call.

Mrs. Puckett still retains her membership at the Creasey's Chapel United Methodist Church in Virginia, where she has been a member for approximately 90 years, and where her husband is buried.

### Sweethearts

Feb. 15, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe McCollum, longtime members of First Baptist Church of Randleman, were

named "Sweethearts of the Year" at the annual Valentine banquet Feb. 9. The banquet, sponsored by the Training Union Department of the church has been held since 1958. The department was organized in 1952. special guests were Judson Rotan, director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association and Mrs. Rotan.

### **Golden Anniversary Celebrated**

Feb. 19, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. "Hook" Calloway, 214 E. Walker St., celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Saturday afternoon, Feb. 9, at the Pinewood Country Club.

Over 200 guests attended the reception honoring them from two until four o'clock.

Hosts were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. (Martha) Sheriff, 1421 Timberland, and Mr. and Mrs. John (Barbara) Pugh, of Brevard.

Assisting with the reception were their grandchildren, Susan Prugh, Ann Arbor, Mich., Amy Pugh, Charlotte, and Johnny Pugh, a student at Clemson College, S. C. along with their step-grandchildren, Kim Sheriff, Linda Covington and Kathy Kiser.

Just prior to the reception the honored couple were surprised to learn that their hosts had arranged for a reaffirmation of their marriage vows with their pastor, Rev. Billy Joe Willett, and a former interim pastor, Marion Smith, officiating. Also participating were their daughters, sons-in-law, and grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Calloway were married Feb. 9, 1935 at the Presbyterian Manse in Burlington. A former pastor from Lexington, Dr. J. Rupert McGregor, officiated.

Lawrence Calloway was born in Worthville, the son of Walter M. and Beulah Spivey Calloway, but the family moved to Lexington one year after his birth.

Mrs. Calloway, the former Ruby Leoto Cope, was born in Cooleemee, Davie County, and she moved with her parents, Robert Frank and Jennie King Cope, to Lexington when she was 16.

In Sept. following their marriage the couple moved to Asheboro where Lawrence accepted employment with McCrary Hosiery Mill and became a member of the mill's semi-pro baseball team, the McCrary Eagles. He was a pitcher.

He later played also with the Lexington Indians and the Thomasville Tommies, both professional teams.

His employment with McCrary Hosiery Mill and Acme-McCrary Corp. lasted for 43 years. At the time of his retirement he was employed as the maintenance supervisor.

Mrs. Calloway was employed also at McCrary Hosiery Mill and Belk-Yates Department Store.

Mr. and Mrs. Calloway are charter members of the First Evangelical & Reformed Church (United Church of Christ) where their daughter, Barbara, was the first baby to be baptized.

Lawrence has just recently served as the chairman of the search committee. He has also served two four year terms as a member of the church consistory and as an elder. Mrs. Calloway has sung in the church choir and has been active in the women's guild.

Lawrence is also a member of the Asheboro Civitan Club where last year he was presented with the "Civitan of the Year Award." He is also a Social Service volunteer.

### **Baptist Minster Honored**

Feb. 20, 1985 - Dr. John Lee Gamble, pastor of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church, was honored Sunday morning, Feb. 10, for 50 years in the ministry and four years as the pastor of the local church.

A plaque commemorating his years in the ministry described him as "one of God's choice servants."

The adult Sunday school class sponsored the event which included a luncheon in the fellowship hall following the morning service.

Those participating included Nelson Whitaker, class president, Virgil Mills, teacher, and Bruce Phipps, choir and administrator of the Fayetteville Street Christian School. Mills presented the plaque.

Phipps, who said Dr. Gamble had a part in the history of the fundamentalist church, also stated that his ministry was noted for its longevity and effectiveness. He said, "God has used him for all of these years."

Dr. Gamble, a native of Waxhaw, near the South Carolina line, began his ministry at the age of 19, following his graduation from Waxhaw High School where he won the orator's medal for eulogizing Abraham Lincoln.

His dedication to Christ and his immediate calling to the ministry came in the fall of 1934 after he had gone to Lenoir, N. C. to work at the Broyhill Furniture Plant.

Within two weeks following his consecration he began preaching, telling people his experience of salvation. He joined the First Baptist Church in Lenoir but his first speaking engagement was a little Methodist church in the area.

He heard Dr. Bob Jones Sr. speak in Lenoir and soon thereafter he enrolled at the Bob Jones University which at that time was located in Cleveland, Tenn.

He enrolled at this fundamental school despite a possible entrance and receipt of an athletic scholarship at Wake Forest College for his excellence in basketball and track. In high school he had been a member of a basketball team which achieved two state championships.

He gained a major in religion at Bob Jones University before switching to Guilford College to take some courses he desired. He did not receive a degree from either school, stating that "I wasn't after a degree."

However, in later years he received a doctorate from Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, a school which he helped to found.

Dr. Gamble has been an evangelist for 47 years. Before coming to the Fayetteville Street Baptist Church in the later years of his life, his only assignments prior to that time were student pastorates in Rome, Ga., Trinity in Randolph County, and at Gibsonville.

His evangelistic career had brought him to the Fayetteville Street Church for many revival meetings before eventually becoming the church pastor.

He has only missed preaching in two or three states as an evangelist and his evangelistic duties have covered most of Canada, the islands south of the United States and Panama.

He preached at churches both small and large, saying, "I'm called to preach, God didn't say where, I preached at the small as well as the large, I never turned anybody down." One of his largest congregations, an estimated 15,000 people, was in Minneapolis, Minn.

He has remained consistent with the fundamentalist beliefs of the Bible and said "I am convinced now more than ever in the Conservative beliefs of the scriptures."

### **Pack 567 Presents Awards**

Feb. 22, 1985—Two God and Country awards were made at the Blue and Gold Banquet of Pack 567 Feb. 12 at the New Market Community Building. The recipients were Steven Wilson and Danny Johnson.

Pack 567 is sponsored by the New Market Civitan Club.

Various other awards were also presented.

The event marked completion of cub master Allen Hale's first year as leader of the pack. Assistant cub master is Henry Johnson. Three den leaders are Robert Brown, Benny Cruthis, and Linda Adcock.

Hale presented the retired flag of the pack to Alfred Thomas, pack chairman, expressing appreciation for his services throughout the past years. The flag was used by the pack when Thomas was its cub master. He currently serves as district commissioner for scouting in Randolph County and is also a recipient of the Silver Beaver Award.

### **200 Attend Celebration For 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Feb. 24, 1985 - More than 200 guests attended the reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Phillips, Rt. 2, Bennett, on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, in the fellowship hall at Fall Creek Baptist Church.

Hosting the reception were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Francis (Betty Phillips) Harper. Their grandchildren are Gaylene Wilson and Lee Harper, their great-grandchildren are wendi and Dusty Wilson.

The reception included Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kiser and their daughters, Kristy Staley and Rhonda Frye.

Mr. and Mrs. Kiser also greeted guests upon their arrival with Rev. Joe Drum, the Fall Creek pastor, and Mrs. Drum saying the goodbyes. Mr. and Mrs. Phil Wilson registered the guests.

Others assisting at the reception were Marie Harper, Ola Mae Hill, Mary Ann Murray, Becky Loflin, Bernice Geer, Cindy Dixon, Margaret Caviness, Treva Kidd, Marjorie Maness, Lisa Scott, Sherry Phillips, Renee Beal, Landa Drum, and Wendi Wilson.

The gift table was presided over by Mrs. Phillips' brothers and sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Duffie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert Jones, her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Zell Loflin, and her sister, Sue Wilson.

Wilbert Phillips, a man of many talents, has been an employee of weaving mills, a cattleman, a clock repairman, and a musician for the most of his life. Also in his later years he has devoted considerable time to training bird dogs, assisted by his grandson, Lee.

He can play the fiddle, banjo, and guitar, especially the latter. According to his wife he could play a tune on the Piano if necessary. He has been a part of many musical groups throughout his lifetime.

According to his wife her musical talents are limited to singing one part. At various times she has joined her husband in a quarter recording, with Wilbert singing with difficulty three parts as opposed to her one part.

Mr. and Mrs. Phillips were married Feb. 16, 1935 in Danville, Va. And lived in Greensboro for a year after their marriage before coming to their present residence where they have remained since that time.

Wilbert is a native of Moore County, near High Falls, not far from the Chatham County birthplace of his wife, the former Florence Jones. His parents were Will and Alice Purvis Phillips; his wife's parents were John M. and Lydia Ann Powers Jones. Wilbert attended the school at High Falls; his wife attended the schools at Fall Creek and Bennett.

Wilbert and Florence first became acquainted while riding to their employment in Robbins in the same car which was owned and operated by her brother, Tracy.

### **Leah Hammond Honored**

Feb. 24, 1985—"Leah Hammond Appreciation Day" was observed Sunday, Feb. 10 at Science Hill Friends Meeting near Farmer.

At the conclusion of the morning worship service a carry-in dinner was held in the fellowship hall.

Miss Hammond is a retired school teacher who taught for 39 years in Rockingham County, Guilford County, and at Farmer, where most of those years were spent.

A member of the Science Hill Friends Meeting for most of her life, she is a daughter of the late Madison and Ventura Johnson Hammond. She was born Nov. 11, 1906.

When she was born her parents were living on a farm in Concord Township which bordered the Uwharrie River on the east and Second Creek on the south.

According to a publication, "Farmer Yesterday and Today," researched and compiled by Miss Hammond and Charles Lester Cranford, printed in 1981, "the dwelling had a large kitchen with a big fireplace and an adjoining large room that was called the slave quarters."

Miss Hammond graduated from Farmer High School in 1925 and from Guilford College in 1929.

She was teaching in Colfax, Guilford County when her family moved to Farmer in 1938, at which time she returned and taught at Farmer until retirement in 1980.

A new brick house was built in 1950 and it was in this dwelling that she lived until recent months when she went to Guilford College to reside in the Friends Home located there.

However, she returns frequently to visit in the area in which she was reared and was present for the worship service which was held as an expression of appreciation for her contributions to the Meeting and the community in which she was born, reared and lived.

Among the large group of people who attended were her brother, Paul Hammond, nieces and nephews, Ruth Hammond, Margaret Loflin, Harvey Hammond, W. A. "Wimp" Hammond and Harold Hammond.

Before retirement she had visited England in 1938 as a representative to an International Young Friends Conference and in 1952 she went with 14 other people from North Carolina to Oxford, England to attend the Third Friends World Conference, and toured France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, and Scotland.

After retirement she traveled to Nassau and to Mexico.

### **Canadian Native New Pastor at Quaker Heights Friends**

Feb. 27, 1985 - A native Canadian, Rev. Kelly Toth, assumed the pastorate of Quaker Heights Meeting, 850 Allred St., Sunday Feb. 10.

He came to Asheboro from the pastorate of a Free Methodist Church in Kemptville, Ontario, Canada. Other pastorates in Canada have been at St. Catherines and Hamilton.

Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he has spent 22 years in Christian service, including youth evangelism, missionary endeavors, and teaching at a Christian school in addition to his pastorates.

He is a graduate Roberts Wesleyan College in North Chili, N. Y. and Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Ky.

Between his attendances at the two schools he spent two years in northern Japan engaged in tent meeting evangelism with the Oriental Missionary Society, an independent faith mission.

His wife, the former Audrey Carol Nelson, is a Randolph County native, the daughter of Mrs. Bertie Skeen Nelson and the late Allen Nelson.

She is a graduate of Trinity High School, Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

They are the parents of two sons, Brent 11, Brian, 9, who have enrolled at the Charles W. McCrary School.

There was an overlap of one year when Kelly and his wife to be, Audrey, were attending schools in Wilmore, Ky., but they don't recall meeting each other during that year.

It was following his return to Japan, after his graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary, that he met his future wife who had come to Japan to work also for the Oriental Missionary Society, teaching in a school that ministered to the children of 40 different denominations.

Upon coming to Japan for the second time Kelly was employed as a teacher at the Asako Christian College.

Their courtship, which extended a distance of 300 miles, from Audrey's area near Tokyo to Osaka, Japan where Kelly was located, resulted in their marriage in Japan, June 5, 1971.

After their marriage they toured the Orient together, conducting services for head-hunters through interpreters in the mountains of Taiwan. Other places visited were Okinawa and Hawaii.

At the end of the summer they returned by ship from Hong Kong to Vancouver, Canada to assume the pastorate at Hamilton.

Upon returning from Japan the first time Rev. Toth had visited Hong Kong, India, Egypt, and various countries in Europe, especially in England where he attended a number of meetings.

Rev. and Mrs. Toth and their two sons are residing at 294 East Allred St.

Speaking of his new congregation Rev. Toth said, "I have been encouraged by their welcome and expression of Christian love and kindness."

### **Church to Honor Long-Time Member**

Feb. 28, 1985 - Mrs. Ometa Brower Walden, 1005 Cedar Falls Road, will be honored at Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 3, 3:30 p. m.

She will be cited for exceptional Christian service as a member of the Pastor's Aid Auxiliary which she has served as president for 37 years, 1945-1982.

Rev. Ezell Maness, of St. James Baptist Church, Greensboro, will deliver the afternoon message at the honoring of Mrs. Walden on Mar. 3. Her pastor at Wesley Chapel is the Rev. C. H. Woody, Sr.

Special guests for the occasion will be members of other churches in Robbins, Greensboro, Norman, and Asheboro. Many family members, friends and acquaintances are expected to attend. Choirs will sing. The public is invited.

Mrs. Walden joined the Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church in 1945, moving her membership from the New Zion A. M. E. Zion Church near Robbins. Presently she is a member of Missionary Circle No. 1, the senior choir, an assistant to Pastor's Aide, and a member of Rising Star Chapter No. 10.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lane Brower of Robbins. She came to Asheboro at the time of her marriage to David Talmadge (Ted) Walden in 1931.

She and her husband had three daughters, one of which, Christine Smith, died recently. The other two daughters are Pearlie Rorie and Darlene Black. There are 19 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Upon coming to Asheboro her first employment was with the John Presnell and Gilbert Councilman families.

She was employed by Miss Blanche Miller, a long time employee of The Courier-Tribune, for 41 years, during which time she was also employed as a school custodian for 12 years of that time.

She was also employed by the late Tom Kearns family and for awhile with Mr. and Mrs. Clyde H. Brown.

According to some who know Mrs. Walden, her home has always been a haven to unwed mothers and their children also a home for children whose parents have deserted them. It has been said that many children have been reared at her home without her receiving any compensation.

Hobbies of Ometa Walden have been sewing and cooking but it is mostly the latter now. She still bakes desserts for many occasions.

Following the service at which she will be honored a dinner will be held in the fellowship hall at the church.

Mrs. Walden resides at 1005 Cedar Falls Road, (Information for this article was prepared by Mrs. George (Isabella) Brower.)

### **Honored, Pinned With Money**

Mar. 5, 1985 - The Church of God Of Prophecy on McPherson Street held Pastor Appreciation Day on Sunday, Feb. 24, honoring their pastor, the Rev. Burton S. King.

Featuring the occasion was also a surprise birthday celebration for the pastor who organized the church, Oct. 5, 1980.

At the close of Sunday School the superintendent, Carolyn Caulder, requested the recognition of those who had observed birthdays.

At this point Mrs. J. B. (Alise) Ward Jr., clerk treasurer and "pastor booster" paid tribute to the pastor, with other congregational members forming a Mar. to the pulpit area where they pinned money on the front of his clothes.

The observance continued following the worship service at the home of Mrs. Ward where a birthday dinner was served.

The church which formerly worshipped in the Boyd Building on North Fayetteville Street, purchased their present building in June, 1984.



Another cause for rejoicing on the appreciation day was the clearing of the indebtedness on their building during the week prior to the birthday observance.

The church is now planning the addition of Sunday School rooms, with an amount of money already on hand to be applied towards this proposed construction.

### **Davidsons Celebrate Their 50th**

Mar. 10, 1985 - A well-known Back Creek Township couple, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson "Monk" Davidson, 3095 Davidson Road, recently celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Hosting the anniversary festivities were their children, Janice Moon, Duane, Jerome, and Eric Davidson, who live near their parents off Spero Road, and Rosalyn Scheid, Rt. 1, Pleasant Garden.

Also participating were 10 grandchildren, their daughters-in-law and sons-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson renewed their marriage vows during the morning worship service at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church where they are members.

Officiating was Rev. Richard Kindschi, former pastor now residing in Forest City, assisted by Rev. W. Lee Cockerill, present pastor at the church.

Providing appropriate music for the occasion was Mona Rose Allen of Suwanee, Ga., sister of Mrs. Davidson. Following the ceremony each family unit of the honored couple was presented to the congregation, with grandchildren presenting golden roses to their grandmother.

A dinner was held in the fellowship hall after the ceremony in the church, with music being provided by grandchildren and Starr Storey.

Reminders of past occasions were a blue chiffon handkerchief carried by Mrs. Davidson at both of her marriage ceremonies and anniversary celebration and the inscription on the anniversary cake, baked by their daughter-in-law, Brenda, which also topped the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake of Mrs. Davidson's parents many years ago.

Among those present was another sister and brother-in-law of Mrs. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Helen) Shigley, Marion, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brown, Winston-Salem; her uncle and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davidson, High Point, brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson were married Dec. 22, 1934 at the parsonage of First Baptist Church in Asheboro, with the pastor, Dr. Herman Stevens officiating. Mrs. Halbert Lowe and her late husband drove the couple to their marriage site and afterwards took them to Greensboro.

Mrs. Davidson, the former Virginia Lucille Brown, was a daughter of the late Rev. S. T. Brown and Carrie Burrow Brown. She was reared north of Asheboro as is a graduate of Asheboro High School, class of 1933.

Monk Davidson, son of the late Elmer and Heppie Wilson Davidson, was born southwest of Asheboro but moved at an early age with his parents, grandparents and other relatives to the Spero area where he and his family still reside.

He has been active in Republican party politics and has served as a constable and tax Lister in Back Creek Township.

His areas of employment have been at Bossong Hosiery Mill, Burlington Hosiery Mill in Randleman and construction work for Willie Plummer. He is also an antique dealer and

for many years has operated Monk's Flea Market on North Fayetteville Street.

Mrs. Davidson has worked at McCrary Hosiery Mills, Bossong Hosiery Mill, General Electric Co., and Roses Stores Inc. She retired from the latter.

She is a Sunday School teacher, CYC worker and choir member at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Davidson received a congratulatory card from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan.

### **Awards Presented**

Mar. 10, 1985 - The Blue and Gold Banquet and awards presentation for Cub Pack 521, sponsored by Calvary United Methodist Church, recently was held at Balfour School. Mike York became the first recipient of the God and Country Award which he received with the assistance of his father, Rev. C. J. York, pastor of Willow Lane Baptist Church. Rev. York, Left, and Mike, are shown with Bill Barker, cubmaster. The cub pack, one of the largest in Randolph County, also includes Brannon Fair, assistant cubmaster; Sydney Lowe, Webelos leader; Paula Keeter, Sue Markwood, Doris Hall, Larry Powell, den leaders.

### **Long-Time Member Paid Honor By Church**

Mar. 15, 1985—Mrs. Theola Harshaw Chesnutt, 83, has attended the Harshaw Grove Missionary Baptist Church for all her life. She has been a member of the church since about the age of 12.

On Sunday, Mar. 10, the church "honorably named its circle The Theola Chesnutt Missionary Circle in recognition of your enthusiasm, hard work and outstanding contributions."

Formerly the circle, of which she has been the president for several years, was known as "The Harshaw Missionary Baptist Church Circle." A plaque was presented signifying the change of name.

The church, which will soon celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its founding, was named for Theola's grandparents, Enoch and Malinda Harshaw, who donated the land on which the church is located.

Theola, the daughter of the late Will and Maggie Coltrane Harshaw, has spent most of her life in the vicinity of the church and presently resides on land adjoining the church located on Rt. 2, Randleman.

She has served in many capacities within the organization of the church, including missionary circles, Sunday School teacher, secretary and church clerk.

Her participation has also extended beyond local church activities and it was appropriate that the principal speaker who honored her on Sunday, Mar. 10 would be Mrs. Marion H. Bass, Recording Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention and First Vice President of the Rowan Association of the state convention.

Mrs. Bass, of High Point, and Theola have worked together for many years in the activities of the Women's auxiliary at both the convention and associational levels.

Theola's dedication for these many years is reflected in the lives of her children and grandchildren who have identified themselves in the activities of the church. "That is my reward," she said.

Among the large crowd in attendance for the special service in her honor were her two daughters, Frances

Bullock, Charlotte and Mary Gladys Brown, Atlanta, Ga., and two sisters, Helen George, Greensboro and Hazel Rimes, New York City. Her son, James Chesnutt, Atlanta, Ga., was unable to attend.

Presenting the plaque to Theola was the Harshaw Missionary Baptist Church pastor, Rev. W. D. Roseman, Sr.

At the conclusion of the service the congregation reassembled in the fellowship hall for lunch.

### **Couple Celebrates 71<sup>st</sup> Anniversary**

Mar. 21, 1985 - On Friday, Mar. 15, Mr. and Mrs. Coy L. Comer, of Rt. 2, Seagrove, celebrated their 71<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.

Their eleven living children hosted a covered dish meal for them Saturday. Their children are Mrs. Minnie Williamson, Son, Tracy Comer and Bill Comer, all of Rt. 2, Seagrove, Mrs. Ethel Kennedy, Ted Comer, Mrs. Evelyn Caviness and Mrs. Helen Ritter all of Rt. 1, Robbins; Mrs. Betty Caviness of Ramseur; Mrs. Lola Upton of Wake Forest; Carroll Comer of Robbins and Rev. Arnold Comer of Winston-Salem. Deceased children are Mattie Needham and Edith Yow.

Mr. Comer, 92 and Mrs. Comer, 89, were married on Mar. 15, 1914.

### **VFW Auxiliary Organized**

Mar. 26, 1985 - A meeting was recently held at the Worthville Community Center to organize a Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post No. 9418.

Officers chosen were Ruby Wells, president; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice president, Fannie Waugh; 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, Edith Little; secretary, Blanche Trogdon; treasurer, Celia Kidd and chaplain, Judy Wells.

Regular meetings are to be held the second Monday in each month.

At the Mar. meeting, an installation ceremony was held at which Mrs. Dorothy Hunter, state chief-of-staff, of High Point, instituted the new Auxiliary chapter, and Mrs. Theresa Ganaway, District 10 president, acted as installing conductress and chaplain pro-tem. Miss Chloe A. Holcomb, state president, of Elkin, installed the new officers.

Other guests present for the installation included Roy Hunter, Mrs. Billie R. Holcomb, state secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Ruth Coleman, president of High Point Auxiliary #5574.

### **Supper Set to Benefit Ronnie Trotter**

Mar. 28, 1985 - The Route 2, Asheboro community and churches are rallying to the aid of Ronald "Ronnie" Trotter who will receive a kidney transplant on Apr. 4.

Several of the area churches have already made contributions while a community-wide effort is being planned for Saturday, Mar. 30.

This will be a pot luck supper in the dining area of the Sawyersville Wesleyan Church from 4:30 until 7p. m.

The supper is being sponsored by the church's missionary society, assisted by the ladies of the Mountain View Independent Methodist Church who will provide the deserts for the occasion.

Ronnie and his family attend the latter church.

Both Ronnie, age 39, and his wife, Judy Bell Trotter, are natives and lifelong residents of the area in which they

reside. They are the parents of two sons, Brent, 16 and Ricky, 14.

Ronnie has had kidney ailment for three years. Both kidneys are affected. He has been going to Greensboro three times a week for the past 15 months to receive treatment on a dialysis machine.

Donor of the kidney which he will receive on Apr. 4 will be his younger sister, Bonnie Trotter Davis, age 37. Both Ronnie and Bonnie will enter the Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem on Apr. 2, to prepare for the transplant.

Bonnie is glad she has two good kidneys so that she could share one of them with her brother, whom she feels would do the same for her.

Bonnie lives with her husband, Bill Davis, two sons, Jeff, 15 and Brad 4 and two step-sons on Rt. 1, Sophia.

Ronnie Trotter, now on disability, said it had been two years in Sept. since he had worked. Formerly he had worked for 12 years at Stuart Furniture Industries, Inc.

A Volunteer donation to the benefit fund will gain admittance to the supper at Sawyersville. Take home plates will be available.

Those not attending the supper may contribute by mailing their contributions to Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Trotter, Box 567, Rt. 2, Asheboro, N. C. 27203.

### **Virgin Chapter Installs Officers**

Apr. 2, 1985 - Installation of officers for the Virgin Chapter No. 17, Order of the Eastern Star, occurred Mar. 23 in historic Hank's Masonic Lodge Building in Franklinville.

Heading the official roster were Priscilla J. Harmon, worthy matron and her husband, Bobby Harmon, worthy patron.

They succeeded retiring worthy matron, Hazel B. Jackson, mother of Priscilla J. Harmon and retiring worthy patron, Clyde W. Jackson, son of Mrs. Jackson and brother of Mrs. Harmon.

Other elected officials installed included Mary Sumner, associate matron; Porter Anderson, associate patron; Charlotte Kivett, secretary; Linden Cox, treasurer; Priscilla Dunn, conductress and Helen Walker, associate conductress.

Appointed officials included Delette Davis, chaplain; Marlene Kennedy, marshal; Georgina Harmon, organist; Kaffy Kivett, Adah; Doris Martin, Ruth; Jewell Shane, Esther; Mae Purvis, Martha; Ethel Cox, Electra; James Purvis, warden and Clyde Jackson, sentinel.

Relatives of the new worthy matron coming from a distance to attend the installation included her sister, Mary J. Van Sice, San Francisco, Calif. ; her aunt, Mrs. Lenore McAlphine, El Paso, Texas; another aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brewer, Suitland, Md. ; a cousin, Janice McDowell, Annapolis, MD., and a sister-in-law, Mrs. Clyde Jackson, Norfolk, Va.

The two daughters of Mrs. Harmon, Hazel Rash and Gina Harmon, along with Niles Whitaker, Jr., rendered two musical selections, "His Eye Is On The Sparrow" and "I May Never Pass This Way Again."

### **Randolph Chapter Installs Officers**

Apr. 3, 1985 - Randolph Chapter No. 210, Order of the Eastern Star, installed officers, Mar. 30 at the Masonic Temple in Asheboro.

Elected officers installed were Suzie McCain, worthy matron; Robert McCain, worthy patron; Delarius Harris,



associate matron; Terry Harris, associate patron; Sarah McCain, secretary; Ruth Powell, treasurer; Virtle Holloway, conductress; Melanie Hathaway, associate conductress.

Appointed officers installed were: Andee Iddings, chaplain; Edsel Cox, marshal; Lillian Brown, organist; Marie Westfield, Adah; Barbara Holloway, Ruth; Marilyn Knight, Esther; Becky Boone, Martha; Ola Smith, Electra; Zonia Tutterow, warden and Otis Grimsley, sentinel.

William H. Simpson, past grand patron, was the installing grand officer; Sarah B. McCain, past matron, Randolph Chapter No. 210, wife of Robert McCain, worthy patron and mother of Suzie McCain, worthy matron, was the installing grand marshal.

Marion B. Simpson, past matron, Stokesdale Chapter No. 202, was the installing grand chaplain; Jessie J. Williamson, past matron, chapter No. 210, was the installing grand organist.

Soloist were Rev. Victor Murchison of Forsyth Friends Meeting and Rev. Ben Hurley of the Asheboro Friends Meeting, with the latter minister rendering the dedicatory prayer.

Dr. George P. Grill, a professor at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a group of students from that institution attended the installation ceremony. The newly installed worthy matron is a student at UNC-G.

A reception was held following the installation of officers.

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

Apr. 4, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. G. Bruce Pugh, Rt. 1, Franklinville, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage Sunday afternoon, Mar. 24 in the fellowship hall of Grays Chapel United Methodist Church.

A reception from 3 until 5p. m. was attended by approximately 225 guest.

Hosts were the couple's two daughters and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Leo(Louise) Corder and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie (Emma Bruce) Routh and their grandsons, Dan, Greg and Rod Corder and Jed Routh.

Red Corder and Jed Routh welcomed the guests. Serving were Cindy Rich, a step-grand-daughter, Patricia Corder, a granddaughter-in-law, Edie Mogle, Jolete Harviel, Vicki Hardin and Lori Lewis, nieces of Mrs. Pugh and Lori Covington and Linda Price.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were married Mar. 23, 1935 at the bride's home in Alamance County.

Mrs. Pugh, the former Gladys Irene Guthrie, is a daughter of the late Loy and Daisy Thompson Guthrie and a native of Alamance County.

Bruce Pugh, a native of the area in which he and his wife now reside, is the son of the late George W. and Bessie Prevost Pugh.

Their courtship developed after Gladys came to teach at the Grays Chapel School following her graduation from High Point College.

She remained on the faculty at the Grays Chapel School for 39 years as a fifth grade teacher and as the school librarian for 15 years before her retirement in 1976.

Her training for the latter position, a certification in library science, was received at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

All members of the Bruce Pugh family have been identified with the Randolph County School System, with Bruce having served for 13 years as a member of the county school board.

Both of Mr. and Mrs. Pugh's daughters are teachers, with Mrs. Corder presently serving as the librarian at Grays Chapel, having succeeded her mother in that position and Mrs. Pugh presently serving as the principal of the New Market School.

Bruce Pugh, a member of the first graduating class at Grays Chapel High School, served with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific theatre during World War II. He worked at Acme-McCrary Hosiery Mill in Asheboro for 33 years.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Pugh have been active as members of the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Pugh is presently the co-teacher of the Adult Ladies Class which she has taught for 40 years. She is also the church librarian.

Bruce is currently serving as a member of the cemetery committee, on which he formerly served as chairman. He is also currently serving as a trustee and as a member of the administrative board.

Among those in attendance at the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Pugh were her three sisters, Edith Mogle, Rt. 2, Snow Camp, Margaret Fuquay, Burlington and Audrey Moon, Graham.

Also in attendance were the following sisters and brothers of Mr. Pugh, Ruby Ferebee, Elizabeth City; Kathleen Alen, Charlotte; Jessie Estridge, Greenville, S. C. ; Juanita Strader, Lugoff, S. C. ; Joyce Pates, Bethesda, Md. ; Wilma Kirkman, Kimesville; Frances Shoffner, Liberty and Jack and Herbert Pugh, both of Rt. 1, Franklinville.

One sister, Sally Lou Hodgkin, Greensboro, was unable to be present due to illness.

Originally 15 children were born to Mr. and Mrs. "bubb" Pugh, the parents of Bruce.

### **Couple Celebrate Golden Anniversary**

Apr. 10, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. Rich, 527 W. Central Ave., celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage, Saturday and Sunday, Mar. 30 and 31.

On Saturday evening, their son and daughter-in-law and their three daughters and sons-in-law honored them at a dinner at Best Western Restaurant with family members in attendance.

Hosts were Mr. and Mrs. Gilmer Rich, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Don (Kay) Eisinger, Largo, Md. ; Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Anita) Phillips, Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Dana ( Mary Ella) Shirley, Old Hickory, Tenn.

Among those in attendance were the couple's eight grandchildren, Scott and Joel Rich, Denise Lyman Higgs, Tony and Dianne Lyman, John Claude Phillips, Cameron and Dylan Shirley and other close family members.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Rich received close friends and neighbors at their home. Among those in attendance was Mrs. Rich's 91-year-old mother, Ida Maness Hicks, currently a resident at the Brian Center of Nursing Care in Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich were married Mar. 30, 1935 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Rich is the former Mary Jewell Hicks.

She was born in Montgomery County, near Candor, where he father, the late Claude Hicks, a miner, was working at the time of her birth.

At the age of two her family moved to the Spero area where she and her husband have spent most of their married life. They live at the former home site of Joe's great-grandparents, Daniel and Ann Cross Millikan.

Joseph Franklin "Joe" Rich, the son of John W. and Ella Bulla Rich, was born on South Cox Road in Asheboro and moved with his family to the Central Falls vicinity at age 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich are active members of the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church, Mrs. Rich is also a member of the Balfour Home makers Club.

Joe Rich, a World War II veteran, has been a carpenter since 1936. At the time of his retirement from full time work he was employed with S. E. Trogdon and Sons.

Jewell Rich was employed for many years at Acme-McCrary Corp.

A significant aspect of their anniversary celebration was the receipt of a picture of President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan and a congratulatory card signed personally by the president himself.

This recognition was arranged through an associate of the couple's son-in-law, Don Eisinger, employed at the Library of Congress.

### **Baptist Church Disposes of Debt**

Apr. 11, 1985 - Center Cross Baptist Church, Route 8, Asheboro, moved quickly to dispose of a \$65,000 indebtedness which was incurred on their new sanctuary two years ago.

The debt was paid off Jan. 30, 1985, less than two years after the occupancy of the new building, the note burning ceremony was held Sunday morning, Mar. 31.

Deacons participating in the burning were Leverette Strider, Cecil Bowman, Ervin Cole, and Billy Sellers, along with Amanda Heer, church treasurer. Deacon Mark Greene was unable to participate because of illness.

Rev. Kenneth Warner, pastor of the church since June 24, 1984, preached afterwards on the subject "At the Crossroads." Depicting the future mission of the church in the years ahead.

Also speaking to the congregation was the immediate past pastor of the church, Rev. Ron Copple, who served as pastor at the time of the construction of the new sanctuary.

Present also for the note burning was Rev. Robert Hunsucker, also a former pastor, and Rev. Judson Rotan, director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association.

In addition to paying off the indebtedness on the new sanctuary which was estimated to cost nearly \$95,000. The church has recently purchased a sound system at the cost of \$10,000.

Also the church is planning the erection of a picnic shelter on a 17 1/2-acre tract of land adjoining the church property, at the site of an old spring which once provided water for the church. It was purchased about the time the new sanctuary was built.

But the major project in the future at the church is the erection of a parsonage, the first one in the history of the 93-year-old church organization.

The ministry of Rev. Warner at the church has been fruitful and minister speaks with pride of the "good fellowship" which exists. He said "things are going great, I love being here."

Other members of his family are his wife, Susan, an outstanding member of the church choir, two daughters, Tracie, 12, and Julie, 8, and a son, Robert, 2.

The minister, a native of King, Stokes County, served as pastor of the Advance Baptist Church in Davie County Before coming to Center Cross. He entered the ministry in 1971.

### **Will Little Honored On 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Apr. 11, 1985 - A Route 5, Asheboro man, William Lee "Will" Little, was honored on his 88<sup>th</sup> birthday, Mar. 31.

Friends, neighbors and relatives filled the Union Township Community Building for the celebration.

His birthday came the next day on Apr. 1. It has been celebrated annually for many years.

A native of High Point, Little has lived in the High Pine Wesleyan Church area for around 60 years.

Present for the fellowship dinner were her three daughters, Dorothy Congleton, Belmont; Maxine McDonald, Rt. 5, Asheboro and Martha Stafford, Rt. 1, Troy.

He also has 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. His wife, the former Ola Cecil, died in 1960 and their son, William O. Little, Of Sneeds Ferry, died last Nov. .

Although a retired tobacco farmer, Little stays busy cleaning his house and the premises around it despite the longevity of his years.

On Thursday following his birthday observance he left for a visit to the home of his daughter-in-law at Sneeds Ferry. .

Two ministers present for the birthday celebration were his grandson, Rev. David Little, pastor of the Gold Hill Baptist Church and Rev. Leon Fowler, pastor of the High Pine Church, Located in the vicinity of his home.

### **Weatherly Chapter Installs Officers**

Apr. 15, 1985 - The annual installation of officers for Weatherly Chapter No. 271, Order of the Eastern Star, Ramseur, was held Mar. 28 in the Marietta Masonic Lodge Building.

Elected officials installed were Mary Deane Hicks, worthy matron; Vaughn H. Dorsett, worthy patron; Ruby Reid, associate matron; Victor Reid, associate patron; Henrietta Dorsett, secretary; Ora Hardin, treasurer; Gerry Brady, conductress and Thursall Brady, associate conductress.

Appointed officials installed were Hilda Allen, chaplain; Bill Cox, marshal; Margaret Lane, organist; Irene Saunders, Adah; Sally Brady, Ruth; Loraine Allred, Esther; Margaret Caviness, Martha; Madge Kivett, Electra; Troy Caviness, warden and Howard Saunders, sentinel.

Installing officer was Ruth Euliss Williams, past matron, Liberty No. 66; installing marshal, Toni McCarter, past matron, High Point, No. 106; installing chaplain, Benjamin Ward, past patron Liberty, No. 66; installing organist, Priscilla Dunn, past matron Virgin No. 17.

Ruth Euliss Williams is a sister of worthy matron, Mary Deane Hicks and a former resident of Ramseur. She recalled that various members of Weatherly Chapter were former classmates and that Margaret Lane was a former school teacher and Madge Kivett, a former Sunday School Teacher.

Music was provided by Cindy Craven, soloist and Virginia Stout, accompanist.

A dedicational prayer was rendered by Mrs. Hicks pastor, Rev. Justus McKeel, pastor of First Baptist Church in Ramseur.

Following the installation, a reception was held in the dining hall.

### **65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrated**

Apr. 17, 1985 - First Christian Church in Ramseur honored two of their long time members, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cox, Sunday, Apr. 7, during the morning worship service.

The occasion commemorated the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage on Apr. 4, 1920. Arthur is 85 his wife a year younger.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox have been members of the church for greater part of their married life.

Arthur served as the choir director at the church for a half of a century and various other capacities also.

A large Easter Sunday congregation greeted the couple whose marriage occurred also on an Easter Sunday, 65 years ago.

The church pinned flowers on the couple and presented them a silver plate which was appropriately inscribed for the occasion.

An arrangement of white lilies was placed in the church in their honor by their children and grandchildren.

Special music was rendered by Mike Bray grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Cox and his wife Kay, who sang two selections, "Then Came the Morning" and "My tribute."

Rev. Adrian Pugh, pastor of the church, paid tribute to the couple and at the conclusion of the service a receiving line was formed and Mr. and Mrs. Cox were greeted individually by members of the congregation.

Arthur Cox was a barber for 64 years, with many of those years being spent in a shop in downtown Ramseur. He retired in 1982.

His barber shop was a familiar and favorite meeting place for many of the town's citizens, who gathered there to discuss politics and various issues.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are the parents of four children, Edna Earie Hall of Marion, Millie Bray of Greensboro and Odell Cox and Daryl Cox both of Ramseur.

They also have eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren

### **Spiveys Honored With Reception On Anniversary**

Apr. 21, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Derrell C. Spivey, Rt. 1, Ramseur celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 7, in the fellowship hall at the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Hosts were their children, David Spivey of Ramseur and Helen Spivey of the home.

Assisting with the reception were Sue Mabe, Diane Mabe, Suzanne Mabe, Patty McGuire and Nancy Hancock, Kate Teague baked and decorated the anniversary cake.

Mr. and Mrs. Spivey were married Apr. 11, 1960 at the old Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church.

In attendance at the reception were mothers of the honored couple, Mrs. Helen Spivey, Ramseur and Mrs. Delbert Craven, Rt. 2, Franklinville.

Mrs. Derrell C. Spivey has been employed at the John Plant Company in Ramseur for nearly 12 years. Her husband is disabled.

### **Leaders Honor Girl Scout Cadettes**

Apr. 24, 1985 - Girl Scout Cadette Troop 683, the largest Cadette Troop in Asheboro, was honored recently by their leaders, Mrs. Lib Thompson and Mrs. Nancy York, for their years of dedication and hard work. After hors d'oeuvres and

a social hour at the Thompsons' Windsor Drive home, the 10 girls enjoyed an outing for pizza.

Eight of the girls, most of whom have been together in scouting days, received their Silver Award, the highest award in Cadette scouting, at Calvary United Methodist Church, their troop sponsor, on Girl Scout Sunday. To achieve this award each girl must spend considerable time and effort. Each has given at least 25 hours to community service, earned three interest patches, earned a career exploration patch and received a Girl Scout Challenge.

Projects undertaken by the group have included the total sponsorship of a bloodmobile at Randolph Mall, doing several special parties for the children at Asheboro Day Care Center, doing a birthday party for patients at Brian Center, serving as assistants at the Girl Scout summer day camps and providing tray favors and handmade toys for patients at Randolph Hospital.

Girls receiving the Silver Award are Lory Beth Thompson, daughter of Mrs. Wayne Thompson, Windsor Drive; Julie York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy York, 2108 Lamar Drive; Donna Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hall, 1766 Eton Ave; Teasha Hinds, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hinds, Winnetka Court; Susan Thompson, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Thompson, 500 Clegg Ave. ; Lara Koerber daughter of Mrs. Sharon Koerber, Kingsway Road; Jennifer Covington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Covington, 2302 Cranbrook Circle; and Jennifer Aitken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Aitken, 1757 Eton Ave.

Tressa Brower, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brower of 535 Meadowbrook Road, received her Girl Scout Challenge, Julie Trogdon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Trogdon of Lakeview Road, earned her Global Understanding patch.

A highlight of their scouting career is an upcoming trip to England in June for all 10 troop members and their leaders. After three years of fund raising by selling Girl Scout cookies, doing a pig picking, participating in Fall Festival projects and selling peanut brittle, the group is preparing for two weeks of fun and learning. They will be staying in the Bayden Powell House, an international scout house in London.

### **Birthday Observed**

Apr. 24, 1985 - Talbert McDowell, Randolph County native and former resident of Farmer and Jackson Creek areas, celebrated his 95<sup>th</sup> birthday, Apr. 14, at a family dinner at the Brian Center of Nursing Care, where he has resided for nearly three years. He is shown here with his five sons, from left, Jay, Glenn, Ernest, Tom and Hal. Others present for the dinner were three ministers, Rev. Ron Hamilton, pastor of Rushwood Wesleyan Church, Rev. Chris Smith, pastor of Giles Chapel and Charlotte United Methodist Churches and Rev. David Schrum, former pastor of the Rushwood church.

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

Apr. 29, 1985 - The 1935 graduating class of Asheboro High School held its golden anniversary reunion Apr. 20 at Pinewood Country Club. Mascots (seated on floor), Bill Underwood, left and Betty McCrary Simmons; Graduates (seated first row from left), Evelyn King Cheek, Mary Rollins Parks, Catherine Cranford Fritz, Mary Brown Parker, Kathryn White Brown, Thelma Andrews, Leota Morgan Dunlap; Second row (standing from left), Doris Betts

Gaddis, Charles F. Hughes, James R. Lane, Anna Engstrom Klingstrom, of Vargarda, Sweden, Virginia Cox Moorefield, Jack S. Hayworth, Margaret Walton Milks; third row, (standing from left), Bill Hughes, Lewis Pritchard, M. C. Handerson; E. O. "Ted" Soady, Wade Younts, Dick Davis. The class has met regularly every five years. Deceased class members are Neil Allred, Florence Brittain, Fleta Fay Bonkemeyer, Eunice Ellen Hayworth, Hazel Underwood, Walter Bunch, Burnis Kearns, Marshall Kearns, Clyde McPherson, Steve Millsap, Ryan Neely, Bill Presnell, J. B. Pugh, Sidney Truesdale.

### **Church Celebrates Daisy Craven Day**

May 1, 1985 - the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Daisy Craven Day at Cox's Chapel United Methodist Church between Ramseur and Coleridge was held Sunday, Apr. 21.

Mrs. Craven, 91, has been a member of the church for almost all of her life. She is employed as housekeeper for Garland Allen, well-known retired banker, a position she has held for 58 years.

Allen was scheduled to speak at the occasion but was unable to attend due to illness. Replacing him was his daughter, Martha Thomas.

Susan and Bill Allen, grandchildren of Allen, furnished music for the observance along with soloist Diana and Janice Cheek.

Others participating were Rev. Arlen Cheek, Rev. Helen McLaughlin of High Falls and Mrs. Susan Gorman.

The event each year is sponsored by Cox's Chapel United Methodist Women, of which Mrs. Lois Cheek is president. A corsage and an arrangement of azaleas were presented to Mrs. Craven by the sponsoring group.

The annual love offering, which amounted to \$120, was presented to the honored woman by the president, Mrs. Cheek.

However, Daisy confided that she would later return the money to the church treasury, saying, "the church needs it worse than I do."

### **Family, Friends, Gather To Honor Octogenarian**

May 2, 1985 - A unique presentation was made to Mrs. N. C. Swaney, 664 Peachtree Street., at the observance of her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her eleven children gathered from various parts of the country to give her a plaque inscribed, "Mother of the Year Award presented to Mrs. N. C. Swaney. Happy Birthday from all of the family. Apr., 25, 1985."

In addition, she received a birthday tree, decorated with 11 silver dollars, one from each of her children, and a multitude of birthday cards.

The plaque was presented by her pastor at the Asheboro Church of God, the Rev. Lawrence Leonhardt. While her children arranged for a contribution to be given to the church on Mother's Day in honor of Mrs. Swaney.

A surprise birthday party was planned for Mrs. Swaney with children and grandchildren waiting in the fellowship building at the Asheboro Church of God for her arrival from the beauty shop.

But after greeting the assembled family group she confided that she knew about the observance, saying, "I kept quiet about it, but in my heart I was laughing all the time."

After the family session, during which children and grandchildren presented their gifts, the birthday observance was broadened to include her friends and people whom she has known since childhood, especially those who attended the Belvidere School in Back Creek Township west of Asheboro.

Mrs. Swaney, the former Nancy Elma McDowell, was raised on Caraway Creek in the vicinity of the Asheboro Country Club. Her parents were Elwood and Fannie Hughes McDowell. Her late husband was Numie Cicero Swaney. She and her husband moved to Asheboro in 1924, the year following their marriage.

She recalled her early days when she helped her father cut wood and crossties and spoke of her public employment at a hosiery mill and bedspread factory in Asheboro and at a cotton mill in Franklinville in addition to rearing eleven children.

Her children are Dewey Swaney, Mildred Maness, Dot Smith, Lou Perry and Nancy Swaney, Asheboro; Robert Swaney, Wiliston, Fla.; John D. Swaney, Roanoke, Va.; Larry Swaney and James Swaney, Houston, Texas; Joe Swaney, Randleman; and Faye Tyndall, Hartwell, Ga. Joe and James Swaney are twins.

Mrs. Swaney also has 47 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren.

Except for the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration of Mrs. Swaney and her late husband in Apr., 1973 and the death of Mr. Swaney in 1979, this was the first time the entire family had assembled in many years.

### **Anniversary**

May 7, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. John Woosley Allred, of Franklinville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently in the fellowship hall at Franklinville United Methodist Church. The reception was hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Allred of Franklinville, and Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Allred, of Asheboro. They have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

### **Cox Couple Celebrates Golden Wedding**

May 8, 1985 - Approximately 200 guests attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Therman D. Cox, Rt. 1, Ramseur, recently.

Hosting a reception honoring the couple were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice G. Cox, Dallas, Texas. Assisting the hosts were sisters of Mrs. Maurice Cox, the former Betty Jo Albright.

Others assisting with the reception included Lonna Ward, Clara Carmac, and Ollie Temple, sisters of Mrs. Therman Cox; Lola Murray, Doris Brown, and Cheryl Scotton, her nieces, and Marcelle Murray and Meleah Moran, her great-nieces.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married Apr. 20, 1935 in Greensboro. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. M. Strickland, who at that time was pastor of the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge.

Mr. Cox, the son of the late Carson and Sallie Cox, was born and reared in the Holly Spring area not far from their present residence. He was one of nine children born to his parents.

Mrs. Cox, the former Vera Philips, was born in the Fall Creek area of Chatham County but came to Coleridge with her family when she was four years of age. She was one of 11 children born to her parents. Avery and Annie Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox are long-time members of the Deep River Baptist Church in Coleridge.

Mr. Cox is employed at Weiman Furniture Company in Ramseur, where he has worked for several years.

On Saturday evening before the day of their celebration, which was the date of their marriage 50 years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Cox were dinner guests of their son and his wife at a restaurant in Southern Pines.

Anniversary gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Cox from their son and daughter-in-law were a diamond necklace to Mrs. Cox and a diamond ring to Mr. Cox.

### **Friendship Baptists Retire Debt**

May 9, 1985 - A momentous occasion, the symbolic burning of the note on their indebtedness, occurred recently, at the Friendship Baptist Church on Spero Road.

Members of the large congregation rejoiced for the clearing of the indebtedness of \$ 181,000 on the church sanctuary and educational building which were occupied June 27, 1976.

The indebtedness, scheduled to continue for a period of 25 years, was paid off in Mar., a little less than nine years.

Not included in the indebtedness was the purchase of the land site, the erection of a fellowship building, their first place of worship, and the purchase of \$25,000 of furnishings for the church structure.

Participating in the note burning ceremony were the pastor, Rev. Dewey Almond; the trustees, Gene Route, Poole Meacham and Raeford Hunt; the deacons, Don Miller, Chairman, Jerry Southard, Bennie Hussey, Ralph Pugh and Steve Potts; the former deacons, Bobby Hames also serves as the church treasurer.

The pastor spoke briefly prior to the burning, thanking God for the achievements and saying "We never begged a dime, we never sold a hot dog, we have come a long way, we are just now getting started."

The scripture "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord" was quoted and the congregation sang, "Praise Him, Praise Him."

The church first met for Sunday School and worship Jan. 13, 1974 and organized three days later with 71 charter members.

Subsequent events have been continuous, leading to the present facilities which were designated free from indebtedness at the note burning.

### **Reception Honors Durhams**

May 10, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard M. Durham, 206 Tremont Drive, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary recently, despite Mr. Durham's extended illness and hospitalization.

A reception for them was held in a dining area at Brian Center of Nursing Care where Mr. Durham has been a patient for nearly a year. Before coming to the nursing center he was a patient at the Randolph Hospital for four months.

Hosting the reception were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Monroe Durham, 1904 Greenwood Road, and their other son, Randall Keith (Randy) Durham, who resides at the home of his parents.

Assisting at the reception were their grand-daughters, Rebecca Rogers and Jan Durham, and LuLynn Bost, a great-niece of Mrs. Richard M. Durham.

A grandson of the honored couple is Jimmy Durham and a great-grandson is two-year-old Adam Rogers.

Mr. and Mrs. Durham were married Apr. 29, 1935 in the manse at the Alamance Presbyterian Church near Greensboro. Mrs. Durham is the former Faye Tutterow.

The officiating minister at their marriage ceremony was the Rev. J. M. Millard and Mrs. Durham recalls that the minister's wife had decorated the manse for the nuptial occasion. Another couple was also married at the manse on the same day.

Mr. Durham is a native of the same community where he was married. Mrs. Durham is a native of Davie County, near Mocksville, who also lived in Kannapolis before coming to Greensboro where she met her future husband.

They came to Asheboro around 1940, Mr. Durham served two years in the military service during World War II. The couple are members of Balfour Baptist Church.

Among those present at the anniversary reception were Mr. and Mrs. Arley Durham, Carrollton, Va., who witnessed the marriage ceremony 50 years ago.

Also present were two other brothers, Harry ( Snooks) Durham, Rt. 7, Asheboro and Paul Durham, Greensboro and two sisters, Sue Chrismon and Mary Cross, also of Greensboro.

Close relatives of Mrs. Durham in attendance were a brother, Curtis Tutterow, Asheboro, and a sister, Creola Ramseur, Kannapolis.

Others present at the reception were from the towns of China Grove, Albemarle and High Point.

### **Van Laniers Celebrate Anniversary**

May 12, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Van Lanier, Rt. 3, Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Apr. 21, in the fellowship hall at Science Hill Friends Meetinghouse.

Hosting a reception for their parents were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold (Jane) Gallimore, Rt. 2, Denton, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Max Lanier, Rt. 3, Asheboro.

The couple have four grandchildren, Greg Gallimore, Kevin Gallimore, Amanda Gallimore and Angela Lanier.

Approximately 300 guests greeted the couple during the reception hours.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier were married Apr. 19, 1935 in the parsonage at the First Methodist Church in Asheboro.

Mrs. Lanier, the former Myrle Johnson, is the daughter of the late Herman and Stella Lowe Johnson. She was born and reared in the Uwharrie River area near Farmer.

Van Lanier, the son of the late Robert and Essie Hill Lanier, was born and reared west of Farmer two miles from the Davidson County Line.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Lanier are graduates of Farmer High School, graduating in separate years, with Van continuing his education at Guilford College, at which institution both of their children received degrees.

Mrs. Gallimore and her brother, Max, are members of the faculty at Farmer School.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier have resided at their present home in the Science Hill Friends Meetinghouse area since 1939. Both of them are members of the meeting.

Van was employed at Bossong Hosiery Mill for 14 years before establishing Lanier's Store, a retail grocery and garage located near their home. Assisted by his wife, Van operated this business for 28 years.

Since his retirement, Van has helped his son-in-law who is an auctioneer and cattleman and has attended to his garden at home.

## **Hopewell Friends Mark Centennial Anniversary**

May 15, 1985 - Hopewell Friends Meeting, Rt. 3, Asheboro, held its centennial observance Sunday, Apr. 28, with former pastors and many visitors in attendance.

The present pastor, Rev. David Roudabush, was joined by former pastors Allie R. Kemp, Charlie Lamar, Billy Britt, Larry McEntire, Norman Osborne, and Bobby Choplin for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Also present was a former associate pastor, Dick McPherson.

Billy Britt is currently serving as superintendent of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends.

Each of the former pastors rendered, "reflections of the past."

Other guests included Sarah Wilson, Clerk of the N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends; Clifford Winslow, former Clerk of the N. C. Yearly Meeting of Friends and Friends United Meeting, and international body; Etta Florence Wrenn, former Recording Clerk of Friends United Meeting; and Horace Tillman, Clerk of Southern Quarterly Meeting.

An extended history of the Meeting has been compiled by Mrs. Hurley in booklet form and is available to the public for \$7.50 each.

A burial ground preceded the beginning of the Meeting at its present site, some burials having occurred there about 40 years before the building of the Meetinghouse.

The death and burial of Mattie Olive Vuncannon on Jan. 6, 1885 prompted her son, Calhoun Vuncannon, to regret the burial of his mother in the wooded area. The very next day after the burial he started a petition for the erection for a church building at the site.

The petition was greeted with enthusiasm and a month later Eli Branson gave 13 acres of land on which the Meetinghouse was built. Lumber for the building was sawed on the Lenzo Cox farm by the first steam sawmill in Randolph County. The framing was cut and sawed on the W. R. Ashworth place by the water mill.

At the time of completion, W. R. Ashworth and Calhoun Vuncannon said "they hoped it would do well," a statement from which the name "Hopewell Friends Meeting," was derived. The Mother Church for Hopewell was Back Creek Monthly Meeting.

The Hopewell Meeting continued under the guidance of Back Creek Monthly Meeting until their own Monthly Meeting was established in 1916.

Charter members for Hopewell Monthly Meeting were Roscoe Branson, Will Newsom, Lydia J. Luck, Levi Branson, Sallie Branson, Benn Vuncannon, Mintie Parks, Lee Briles, Walter Cox, Russell Ashworth, Manly Ashworth, Mittie Ashworth, Cora Ashworth, Rona Ashworth, Crissie Allred, Henry Allred, Ethel Allred and Esther Hussey.

Also Belle Hussey, George Hussey, Minnie Briles, Zona Lewallen, Monroe W. Lewallen, Nellie Hussey, Edward Cooper, Nellie Cooper, Pearl Cooper, Benjamin H. Dawson, Lillie Belle Gray, John Grier Gray, Marriah E. Cox, Annie Cox, Ida Cox, Esther Cox, Theodore Cox and Mary Jones.

The second church structure at Hopewell was completed Nov. 11, 1950. This building, valued at more than \$20,000, was erected at a cost of \$9,460. Charles Johnson, a

Friends Minister and pastor at Hopewell from 1949-51, drew up the plans and did most of the work himself. The original structure was sold to Callicutt's Memorial Church for \$400.

In Nov., 1967, a parsonage, the first in the history of the Meeting, was completed. Erected at a cost of \$13,727.22, it was debt free at the time of its completion.

In Nov., 1976, a fellowship building, also the first in the history of the Meeting, was completed at the estimated cost of \$25,000. Both of these most recent structures were erected with much of the materials and labor being donated.

Pastors at Hopewell Friends Meeting, in the order of their service were Elwood Cox, who served for 30 years, John S. Tillman, Joseph Price, Thomas Andrew, Calvin Gregory, John Permar, Edward Harris, Allie R. Kemp, Charlie Lamar, Harrison Hinshaw, Norman Carter, Charles Johnson, Billy Britt, Fred Morgan, Dallas Rush, Larry McEntire, Norman Osborne, Odis Dupree, Waldo Smith, Bobby Choplin, Joe Moorefield, Donnie Robbins and David Roudabush.

Luncheon was served in the fellowship building at the conclusion of the centennial observance.

## **Couple Honored On 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

May 16, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. John F. Hamilton, Rt. 3, High Point, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently in the fellowship building at Mountain View Independent Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were Mrs. Hamilton's sister, Sharon Moran, and Hamilton's sisters, Pat Trotter, Glenda Clark, and Ruth Elliott.

The couple are the parents of a son, Ronald, of their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton were married Apr. 15, 1960. Mrs. Hamilton is the former Mary Jarrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. (Lillian Miller) Jarrett, of Archdale. Hamilton's parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Mack (Bessie Cooper) Hamilton.

Mrs. Hamilton is a native of High Point, coming to Randolph County in 1964. John Hamilton is a native of the Dogwood Acres area before moving farther west to Back Creek Township.

He is employed at Union Carbide Corp., where he has worked for eight years.

## **Class Of 1950**

May 19, 1985 - The 1950 graduating class of Asheboro High School held a reunion Saturday evening, May 11, at Best Western Executive Inn in Asheboro. Class members attending were Betty Sue Stout Welch, Dorothy Scott Key, Imojean Cox Burkhart, Elizabeth Sanders, Gladys VanDyke Harrison, Donsy Ingold Hames, Dorothy Saunders Steed, Mary Jane Garner Williams, Jackie Rollins Bray, Lucy Laughlin Snider, Doris Lewis Krewson, Harris Johnson, Elizabeth Simmons, Betty Lou Kearns Craven, Bobby D. Connell, Esther Walker Underwood, Johnnie Hartman, Bill Miller, Gurney Kindley, Ron Morgan, Mean Stafford Nance, William Bunting, JoAnne Craven Lancaster, June Cheek Wright, Carlene Gallimore Cox, Bill Snider, Walt Krewson, Curtis McCombs, Leon Brown, Joe Trogdon, Van Rich, Bob Patterson, Charles Steed, Bill Perdue, Bob Dantzler, Howard Seawell Jr., Sam Clodfelter, David B. Dunn, Worth C. Cox. Only one class member, Peggy Snyder, is deceased. Bob Dantzler of Altus, Okla., received a plaque



for traveling the longest distance to the reunion. Faculty members attending the reunion were Guy B. Teachey, superintendent; Hatcher P. Storey, principal; Lena Flenniken, teacher; Warren Hawkins, basketball coach; Lee J. Stone, football coach.

### **Golden Anniversary**

May 22, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Odell Lanier, Rt. 3, Denton, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage recently at the Eleazer Community Building. A large number of friends and relatives attended a reception honoring the couple. Hosts were their daughters and sons-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. Jack (Carolyn) Luther, Pelham, and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth (Beverly) Callicutt, Rt. 5, Asheboro. Also joining the daughters and sons-in-law were the couple's three grandchildren, Ashley Callicutt, Tammy Luther, and Jack Delon (J. D.) Luther who resides with his grandparents. Assisting with serving at the reception were Grace Lucas, sister of Mrs. Lanier, Frances Luther, her sister-in-law, Lela Harris, sister of Mr. Lanier, and Lucille Ward a neighbor.

### **Cedar Falls Methodist Break Ground For New Fellowship Hall**

May 28, 1985 - Cedar Falls United Methodist Church held ground breaking ceremonies recently for a fellowship hall which will connect to the north side of the existing sanctuary.

Except for limited facilities in the church basement this will be the first fellowship hall in the history of Methodism in Cedar Falls dating back to the late 1800s.

The present United Methodist Church in Cedar Falls represents a merger of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, affectionately known as the "brickyard church," and the Methodist Protestant Church, both of which were organized in the late 1800s.

The ground breaking occurred following the morning worship service conducted by the church pastor the Rev. Kay Gottula. Participating were Jack Workman, co-chairman of the building committee; Titus Nance, church lay leader; Jack Trogdon, in charge of construction; Tony York, chairperson of the administrative council; Steven Brower, president of United Methodist Men; Eva Ferree, president of United Methodist Women; and the pastor, who is also co-chairperson of the building committee.

Other members of the building committee, in addition to the above named co-chairpersons are Carrie Carter, Arnold Pugh, Eva Ferree, Jewel Hancock, Joe Hancock, Karen and Tony York, Steven Brower, R. J. Doss, Jack Trogdon, Juanita Trogdon, Ralph Duggins, Herman Trogdon, and Betty Wallace.

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 1939, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South and the Methodist Protestant Church in Cedar Falls voted for the merger of the two churches following the unification of the two denominations on the national level on May 10, 1939, in Kansas City, Missouri.

For a while after the merger in Cedar Falls, until a new church could be erected, the newly merged congregations alternated in their worship between the two buildings which had been used prior to the unification.

Since the occupancy of the United Methodist Church building in 1941, a parsonage has been erected next door to the church; a recreational fellowship room was

completed beneath the sanctuary; additional classrooms constructed and major renovations to the sanctuary and parsonage have been completed.

The Cedar Falls Methodist Church has a membership of 160 and is on a circuit with the Central Falls United Methodist Church, both being served by Rev. Gottula.

"The construction of the fellowship hall will visualize a dream that has been a part of the church for many years. We hope that the use of the facility will be another step to fulfilling our ministry in this area and beyond as God Calls us," said the Rev. Gottula.

She added "there are far too many people to thank but we hope our continued desire to serve others will express our gratitude."

### **Reception Honors Caudill Couple**

May 29, 1985 - Children and grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Ray D. Caudill honored the couple on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at their residence recently.

Around 200 guests called at the reception which lasted from 2 until 5 p. m.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Caudill are Mae Auman, Rt. 8, Asheboro, Max and Carl Caudill, Rt. 4, Asheboro; Roy Caudill, Rt. 5, Asheboro; Gene Caudill, Rt. 1, Snow Camp; Clara Auman, Rt. 7, Asheboro and Sarah Cox, Asheboro.

The couple also have 14 grandchildren, including twins Andi and Angie Caudill, and three great-granddaughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Caudill were married May 12, 1935 in Bennettsville, S. C. Both their marriage and the observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary occurred on Mother's Day.

Ray Caudill was born and reared in Little River Township, Montgomery County, the son of R. L. "BoB" Caudill Sr. and Annie Shuping Caudill. His father came to this county from Allegheny County, his mother from Iredell County.

Mrs. Caudill, the former Gurnie Marie Auman, was the daughter of Gurnie and Elah Davis Auman. She was named for her father who was serving overseas during World War I at the time of her birth. Reared in Montgomery County also, she was born near Steeds. Her ancestral lineage has existed in Randolph and Montgomery Counties for many generations.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Caudill attended the Piney Grove and Star schools in Montgomery County, with Marie catching up with Ray in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They also attended and belonged to Suggs Creek Primitive Baptist Church.

Ray grew up on his father's farm, a dairy operation in addition to raising cotton, tobacco, cows and hogs. His father also operated a country store.

He followed in his father's footsteps in the mercantile business by operating stores and filling stations in Asheboro and also in the vicinity in which he was reared before establishing a store and filling station at their present home on Highway 220 south between Asheboro and Seagrove in 1952.

Ray is now retired from the business in which he spent the greater part of his mature years. He claims now to be "piddling" but actually spends considerable time maintaining the landscaped premises where he and his wife have lived for the past 33 years, including the annual planting of his garden area.

Even the stacking of his firewood has a classic touch which prompted comments from many of their anniversary guests.

All living brothers and sisters of Mr. and Mrs. Caudill attended their anniversary reception, including a brother and three sisters of Mrs. Caudill and five brothers and two sisters of Ray.

Coming from out of the state were Newman Auman, Society Hill, S. C. ; and Treva Mattia, Silver Springs, Md., a brother and sister of Mrs. Caudill.

### **Bell's Grove Holds Reunion**

June 6, 1985 - A reunion of students who attended Bell's Grove School, located in southwestern Randolph County near the Montgomery and Davidson County lines, was held recently at the South Davidson Fire Department.

The school, mostly one-teacher but sometimes two, was founded in 1909 and closed in 1933. Its location was near the community known as Penson in New Hope Township.

Forty-two former students, plus spouses and other relatives, attended the reunion which was the first to be held. One teacher, Kate Thornburg Elliott, was present. She taught there for one school year 1922-23. She said that some of her students were older than she was.

The holding of the reunion was initiated by Wade Russell, of Denton, who along with his wife and sister, Alma Cranford, hosted the meal which was served before the period of reminiscence began.

An organization was formed, consisting of Wade Russell, president, and Doris Hopkins Jones, secretary and treasurer. The meeting next year will be held on the fourth Sunday in May at the New Hope Volunteer Fire Department.

Plaques were presented to the teacher, Mrs. Elliott; Zorada Russell Cagle, 88, oldest student in attendance; Angilee Russell Bullins, 61, youngest student in attendance; and Olen Vee Talbert who came the farthest, 300 miles, from Fredericksburg, Va. There were also former students from South Carolina.

Mrs. Cagle, the oldest student, said the last year she attended Bell's Grove was 1914. She recalled that she lived three miles from the school, therefore walking six miles a day to and from school. She said they remained at home when the weather was rough.

Two sets of twins from the school were in attendance, Olen Vee Talbert and his sister, Luren Bea Talbert Surratt, and twin sisters, Erma-lee Luther Hopkins and Jenevee Luther Lee.

### **Former Commissioner Honored With Party**

June 9, 1985 - Ira L. McDowell, former chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners for 14 years, was honored on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Sunday, June 2.

The event, a buffet dinner, was hosted by his younger brothers and sisters and was held at the Pleasant Union Christian Church, near the homestead where they were born and reared.

Joining the family occasion were George McDowell and Exie Snider, Asheboro; Vida Swaney, near Thomasville; Alvin McDowell, Rt. 5, Asheboro; Casper McDowell, Mack Road; and Imogene Ridge, Rt. 2, Denton, their spouses and Mrs. Ira L. McDowell.

One sister, Lois Staley, Prince George, Va., was unable to be present. One sister, Bernice Trotter, and two brothers, Dallas and Pearl McDowell, are deceased.

Following the meal the younger brothers and sisters presented their brother with gag gifts which brought forth merriment at the time of their opening.

Their older brother, in response, asked, "When are you youngins going to grow up? It is like we were back home, I hope you all live to be 80."

The McDowell brothers and sisters, children of Eli Lenvil (Miney) McDowell and Martha Pierce McDowell, grew up at the end of a road, a quarter mile from the Uwharrie River and located in the vicinity of the Hoover Graveyard where ancestors of President Herbert Hoover are interred.

Ira L. McDowell attended community schools Redberry and Piney Grove before going to Farmer High School where he was a member of the first graduating class in the brick building there in 1926.

Following graduation he stayed on the farm during the summer months before enrolling at Edwards Business College in High Point. His studies included bookkeeping, typing and shorthand, a curriculum he had previously taken by correspondence courses.

His attendance at the business college in High Point ended in Apr. when he was interviewed for a job at R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. in Winston-Salem.

He was asked by the representative from the tobacco company where he lived. His answer was near the Uwharrie River. The representative asked "Can you spell it?" He spelled it correctly and got the job. He worked for the company 12 years.

He came back to Randolph County in the late 30's and joined Fred Patterson and Roby Garner in the wholesale business. He later formed the Realty Assistance Inc. at 115 S. Fayetteville St. with his late brother, Pearl McDowell, a business facility he still maintains.

He was elected county commissioner in 1956 and also was named chairman of the board. While serving in these positions, he enrolled in a nine month course in bookkeeping and auditing conducted by the Local Government Commission at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

After leaving the board he was honored by the existing board members who named the governmental complex The Ira L. McDowell Governmental Center.

When the Robert L. Reese Dam was built by the City of Asheboro in the area he was born and reared he successfully appraised 53 of the 57 tracts of land needed for the building of the dam.

He is a member of the Pleasant Union Christian Church where he has attended since childhood. He teaches the Bible Class at the church and serves as head of the church council.

He has been named to a life membership with the Salvation Army and serves on the advisory board. He also is associated with the Mid-State Lung Association.

McDowell received birthday congratulations from President Reagan and Fourth District Congressman Bill Cobey.

### **Reunion**

June 9, 1985 - The 1933 graduating class of Randleman High School held a reunion May 11 in the fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church in Randleman. Class members in attendance were Hal Laughlin, Alan Yow, Richard Vuncannon, Randleman Mayor Elizabeth Swaim, Richard Adams, Robert I. Owens, and Azel Millikan; Mazel



Wall Baker, Lura Moser Sykes, Clara Pugh Payne, Treva Swaim Gregory, Lota Millikan Davis, Hazel White Hughes, Reba Farlow Killingsworth, Mae Nelson Farlow; Helen Lambe Yarbrough, Vadalina F. Farlow and Maxine Kirkman, Azel Milliken and Mrs. Davis are brother and sister.

### **95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Brings Back Past**

June 19, 1985 - Esther Walker Moody's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday observance brought back memories of her childhood days on a farm a mile south of Grays Chapel where she was reared.

She recalled binding wheat after the "old cradle scythe," the muddy roads, the snow on the ground, the meager prices which she and others received for their labor—10, 25 and 50 cents as day.

She also recited little verses which she had remembered since childhood.

Mrs. Moody's birthday occurred May 31. However, her immediate family had joined her for a quite observance on the Sunday before the date.

This was in contrast the reception which recognized her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday when she had received about 175 relatives and friends at open house.

Her children are Everett Moody, Lela Mae Carter, Charlie Moody Jr. and Virginia Cole, Asheboro and Mary Cooper, Archdale.

Her oldest child, Hazel Gamble, died last Dec. . Her husband, Charlie Moody Sr., died in 1966.

Other family members include eight grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and a great-great-granddaughter, Amanda Lemons, who will be 4 July 1.

Mrs. Moody is now confined to a wheel chair but her mind is clear. She extends a warm greeting and she enjoys life to the utmost.

She has lived at her present residence at 121 W. Allred St. since her marriage Nov. 1, 1914 except for a brief period in the Grays Chapel community where she was born and reared.

Before her confinement she had attended the Balfour Baptist Church since its founding in 1931, having been a member there for most of that time except the period after her marriage when she left her membership at the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church.

Despite having lived away from the community of her childhood for about 70 years her impressions of that area still remain and she talks frequently about the events in the earlier years of her age.

She has never forgotten her work in the fields, the school which she reached by crossing the creek on a footlog, the church and the arbor where the camp meetings were held, the horses and buggies and her grandmother Walker shouting so loud her hat would fall from her head.

### **New Market Civitans 25 Years Old**

June 13, 1985—New Market Civitans Club members celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary June 6 with their wives and other special guests in attendance.

Their first meeting was held May 30, 1960 in the New Market School cafeteria.

Present meetings are held in the New Market Community Building where an estimated 85 members and guests were served at the anniversary observance.

Ten charter members, D. S. Davis, Farlow Davis, Gilbert R. Davis, Jesse C. Davis, R. S. Davis, Robert S. Davis,

Curtis E. Farlow, Kermit Hayes, Theodore Pugh, and Leo Wyrick, whose memberships in the club have extended over the past quarter of a century, joined in the celebration.

Two other charter members in the same category. Wade Pugh and Joe Ridge, were unable to attend.

Sponsoring the New Market Civitan Club 25 years ago was the Hamilton Lakes Civitan Club from Greensboro.

A special guest at the supper event was Heath Godfrey, the current president of the Hamilton Lakes Club.

Other guests included Gary Arnold, Lt. Gov. Area 5 East, Pete Partridge, Gov. Elect, N. C. West, and Albert Hiatt, Past Gov. N. C. West.

Charter member Curtis Farlow, who has served on the district cabinet for 17 years and as the International Sgt. -at Arms, was master of ceremonies for the anniversary meeting, assisted by other members of the charter group.

Recognition was accorded the Level Cross and Hillville clubs which were sponsored by the New Market Civitan Club and the Red Cross, Archdale, and Archdale-Hillville Ladies Clubs whose origins were indirectly associated with the club at New Market.

The meeting became nostalgic as charter members recalled a womanless wedding, a ball team, a ball field, fellowship building, Cub scouting, scouts go to Europe, Little League sponsors, bus trip to Lake Waccamaw, fund raising, tractor pulling, caliber of members, and contributions.

Also helping of neighbors in need, the purchase of 20 acres of land for \$60,000 which was paid for in three years, the building of a ball park, fishing trips, Junior Civitans, outreach of the club, and the raffle of cars.

Three widows of charter members were recognized, Mrs. Martin (Carolyn) Overton, Mrs. David (Alta) Davis, and Mrs. Ogburn (Ruth) Loflin.

### **Harrelsons Celebrate Anniversary**

June 14, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Harrelson Sr., 711 S. Main St., were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 9, at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Albert A. Harrelson Jr. Rt. 2, Denton.

Hosting a family dinner and Cake-Cutting were Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson, their sons, Michael and Mark, and another son and daughter-in-law. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Harrelson of Jamestown, and their daughters, Tina and Melissa.

Also attending the family function were Clyde Reep, brother of Mrs. Albert A. Harrelson, Sr. and his son, Jeff, of Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Harelson were married June 9, 1935 in Chester, S. C. at the home of Rev. J. P. Yarborough, the Baptist minister who officiated.

Mrs. Harrelson, the former Eva Reep, grew up in Lincolnton, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Reep.

Mr. Harrelson, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Harrelson, grew up in Randolph County.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrelson are long time members of First Baptist Church in Asheboro.

Before retirement Mrs. Harrelson was employed by Stedman Inc. and Stone Shoe Co. Mr. Harrelson was co-owner and operator of Harrelson's Texaco Service and Tire Center with his son Albert.

### **Rouths Celebrate Golden Wedding**

June 17, 1985 - The Rev. and Mrs. E. L. (Leonard) Routh, 1813 Crescent Drive, Asheboro, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary of their marriage recently in the fellowship hall at Oakwood Park Baptist Church, which is located near their residence.

Rev. Routh, a native of the Randleman area, served the Shiloh Baptist Church (formerly Christian) Rt. 1, Ramseur, near the end of his active pastorate.

Other churches served by the minister were located in Greensboro, Natural Bridge, Va., Radford, Va., Princeton, W. Va., Marshville, and Sanford. Various members from some of these churches came to Asheboro for the anniversary observance.

Hosting the reception which honored the Rouths were their daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Routh Agnor and Jim Agnor of Duncanville, Texas.

Other members of the immediate family include a foster son, Donald Riley, Johnson City, Tenn.; grandchildren, Cynthia L. Langford and Leonard Agnor, Dallas, Texas, Richard Agnor, serving with the U. S. Navy in San Diego, Calif.; Jay Agnor, Denton, Texas; and a foster grandson, Donald Riley, Jr.

Attending from the above group were Jay and Leonard Agnor.

The couple also have three great-grandchildren, Ryan and Brittany Langford and Michael Agnor.

All sisters and brothers of the Rev. Routh were in attendance, Aileen Troxler, Violet Scruggs, Lawrence W. Routh, Dale C. Routh, of Greensboro, and Frank Routh, Burlington.

All sisters and one brother of Mrs. Routh were in attendance, Mabel Brenner, Ellerbe, Carol Brown, Wilma Womack, and Paul Yow, of Sanford, Paige and Robert Yow, of Sanford were unable to attend.

Mrs. Leonard Routh, formerly of Sanford, was born in Greensboro. She is the former Edith Yow. She and her husband were married June 1, 1935 in Greensboro.

The couple lived in Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C. and Detroit, Mich. Where he worked as a tool and dye machinist. The minister returned to school at the age of 32 to prepare for the ministry.

He is a graduate of Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem.

## **Veteran Receives Medal**

June 18, 1985 - Lucion C. Frazier, a 91 year-old veteran of World War 1, was presented with a state medal at a recent meeting of VFW Post 9418 at the Worthville Community Center. The medal was presented by W. D. Bowman junior vice commander of the post and Richard Waugh, who recently assumed the post of commander. Frazier, a new member of the post, served overseas in Hawaii from 1915-17, where he was assigned to Scofield Barracks.

## **Black Churchmen Form New Fellowship**

June 19, 1985 - Twenty-two black ministers and on lay leader in Asheboro, Ramseur, Randleman area met for the formation of the Randolph Ministerial Fellowship.

The meeting was held following a dinner at Sir Robert Inn, 999 Albemarle Road, formerly the Holiday Inn.

Those present elected officers and voted upon the name they wished to use for their newly organized group.

They also voted to hold monthly meetings on Monday following the third Sunday of each month. The next meeting will be July 22 at the Soul Saving Station in Asheboro, beginning at 7p. m.

Officers were named as follows: president, Dr. Kenneth R. Coward, First Pentecostal Holiness Church; vice president, the Rev. Herbert Butler, Soul Saving Station, secretary; Linda A. Gales, First Pentecostal Holiness Church; assistant secretary; the Rev. Carolyn Woodle, New Jerusalem Holy Church; treasurer, the Rev. Benjamin Faison, Faith Temple Holy Church; parliamentarian, the Rev. Dexter Trogdon, Look to Jesus Church; chaplain, the Rev. James Graves, Piney Ridge, Stout's Chapel and Pleasant Hill United Methodist Churches.

Other ministers attending the meeting included the Rev. Dora Atlas, First United Church of Christ; Bishop James Ricks, Church of God and prophecy; Bishop Emanuel Holland, Mt. Zion Holy Church; the Rev. Hortense Jackson, MT. Olivet Holy Church; the Rev. Robert Bennett, Church of God of Prophecy; the Rev. Felton Best, Acts Temple Church of God in Christ.

Also the Rev. Jerome Watson, Mt. Nebo Holy Church; the Rev. Thomas Logan, McCrary Chapel United Methodist Church; the Rev. Minnie McIver, Church of God and Prophecy; the Rev. Liston Seller, St. Luke United Methodist Church; the Rev. Kenneth Brooks, Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church; the Rev. Listeen Mitchell, First Church of Deliverance Unity Holy Church; the Rev. Leighton McMillian; the Rev. Joseph Belle, the Rev. Samuel Moore, St. Peter's and Ferree Chapel United Methodist Churches; the Rev. Lena Craven.

Other ministers invited but unable to attend were the Rev. Reuban Gilliam, Greater St. John Baptist Church; the Rev. Charles Woody, Wesley Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church; the Rev. J. R. Crews, Emanuel United Holy Church; the Rev. Nora Femister, St. Sardis Temple; the Rev. Lawrence Gilmore, Oakland Baptist Church; the Rev. Jesse Goldston, Margaret's Chapel Holiness Church in Staley; the Rev. William Roseman, Harshaw Grove Baptist Church; the Rev. Mary Baldwin, Emanuel Holy Church; the Rev. John Burton, Friendship A. M. E. Zion Church.

In a mailed statement calling for a meeting of the ministers issued by Dr. Coward, then acting secretary, he said, "As leaders in the church we have the handle to the most powerful and effective tool for effecting change in any community, the church as agent. It is my belief traditionally, biblically and theologically that we are charged to be responsible to the church as agent as its leaders to bring the kind of guidance and leadership that will best promote and expand the Kingdom of God in the area we serve."

All licensed accredited clergymen are eligible for membership in the new organization. An effort will be made to include the Liberty and Trinity areas in the group.

The newly elected president, Dr. Coward, described the organization as "a vital force in Randolph County" and, as he joined hands with his colleague for the closing prayer by the Rev. Joseph Belle, he said, "together we stand, divided we fall."

## **Fellowship Center Dedicated**

June 21, 1985 - Poplar Ridge Friends Meeting, Rt. 1, Trinity, dedicated a new fellowship center Sunday, June 9, at the conclusion of the morning worship service.

Erected by Harvey Adams and son, Kenneth, contractors, the building is 100 f. long and 50ft. wide, and its approximate cost is \$127,000. Construction began last Nov.

Billy Britt, superintendent of the North Carolina Yearly Meeting of Friends, delivered the morning message before prayer of dedication. The Poplar Ridge Minister is J. Winfred Crouse.

The building was erected with divisions which will permit three assemblies at the same time and three units of heat and air will permit saving on utilities.

Seating capacity for dining is estimated at 250. All of the kitchen appliances are new. Following the worship service a meal was served in the new facility.

Three groups had used the building before the day of dedication, the Meeting's homecoming service which filled the building, the Southern Quarterly Meeting, and a high school reunion.

The planning and building committee were composed of Charles Monroe, chairman; Vera Waitman, Dessie Coggin, Irene Farlow, Jim Buckman, Keith Nelson, Jim Morgan, Wanda Gurley, Jesse Wilson, and the church pastor.

The newest facility at Poplar Ridge is the third major construction, following the erection of the present Meetinghouse in 1971 and a new minister's home in 1982.

Three meetinghouses preceded the present one, the first one following the organization of the Meeting in 1857, the second one in 1912, and the third in 1938.

The first house of worship was a small one-room frame building about 18 x 24 feet, compared to the present house of worship which has a sanctuary with a seating capacity of over 430 and an education area 42 x 204 feet. The first building was used for both worship services and a public school.

## **Century of Marriage Marked for Wallace, Allred Couples**

June 25, 1985 - Two sisters and their husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle E. Allred, Greensboro Road, Franklinville, and Mr. and Mrs. John Clarence Wallace, 812 Glenwood Road, Asheboro, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriages recently.

Hosting a reception honoring the couples in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church in Franklinville were the children of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace—Mr. and Mrs. Mac (Jo Wallace) Davis, Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. John Randolph (Randy) Wallace, Franklinville, Mr. and Mrs. Al (Diane Wallace) Long, Baton Rouge, La.

Assisting with the reception were the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace—Tami Davis Hlnshaw, Chris Davis, Mike Wallace, Melissa Wallace Haywood, Jeremy Wallace, Rene Wallace, David Long, Patricia Long and Heather Long.

Also assisting were Rama Denson, Franklinville, and Lena Wilkinson, Asheboro, sisters of Mrs. Allred and Mrs. Wallace, and the only other members of their family.

The two couples were married early Sunday morning, June 9, 1935, in double ceremonies at the First Baptist Church in Asheboro, with the church pastor, Dr. Herman T. Stevens, officiating. The ceremonies were witnessed by J. F. Wallace, church janitor (no relation) and L. R. Barker, an early arrival at the services.

Mrs. Allred, the former Dorothy Liles, and Mrs. Wallace, were the daughters of the late Henry Lester Liles and Emily West Liles. Both are natives of Montgomery County who came to Franklinville when they were small.

Their mother died when all four of her daughters were very young and maternal aunts, Josephine and Belle West, assisted Mr. Liles in rearing them.

Carlye Allred, son of the late Ernest S. Allred and Daisy Pugh Allred, was born between Franklinville and Grays Chapel, but was living in Franklinville at the time of his marriage.

John Clarence Wallace, son of the late John Aaron Wallace and Emma David Wallace, was born in Dry Fork, Va., and lived in Milton, located on the North Carolina line, before coming to Franklinville where he was living at the time of his marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred are retired employees of Randolph Mills in Franklinville. Mr. Allred is a veteran of World War II, having served overseas in the infantry.

Mr. Wallace worked as a salesman for Randolph Mills and also for Holsum Bread. Mrs. Wallace also worked for Randolph Mills before the couple moved to Sanford, where they lived for nine years. In his retirement, Clarence is working part time at Hop's Barbecue in Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred and Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are members of the First Baptist Church in Franklinville.

Among those in attendance at the reception was Mrs. Glenn Eanes of Niles, Ill. Near Chicago, aunt of Clarence Wallace.

Other guests came from Asheboro, Franklinville, Ramseur, Randleman, Boiling Springs, Greensboro, Sanford, Mebane, Burlington, Wilmington, Fayetteville, Boone, Mocksville and Dry Fork and Danville, Va.

## **Mission to Start Building**

June 26, 1985 - Groundbreaking for a place of worship for the congregation at Cedar Grove Baptist Mission was held recently at the building site on Highway 49-A and Brickyard Road.

The construction is expected to begin shortly. Worship services for the mission are presently being held at the Randolph Baptist Associational Building at 1106 Farmer Road.

Participating in the groundbreaking service were the pastor, the Rev. Rod Beale; the Rev. Judson Rotan, director of Missions for the Randolph Baptist Association; Leland Bingham, chairman of the building committee; Odus Honeycutt, member of the building committee and mission treasurer; and Glennfield Pierce, also a member of the building committee.

Other officials of the mission are Carl King, music director and Sunday School Director; Donna Auman, Pianist; and Bruce Peck, secretary.

Sponsored by the First Baptist Church in Asheboro, the mission began its services June 12, 1983. The first meetings were held in the Cedar Grove Community Building before relocating in an existing church building off Sawyersville Road. The first pastor was the Rev. James A. Womble.

Organization of the mission brought about the existence of the first Baptist Congregation between Asheboro and the western Randolph County line.

Presently the mission is comprised of 37 church members and 58 Sunday School members. Laymen for the First Baptist Church in Asheboro are assisting with the development of this newest denominational body of believers.

The present mission pastor, the Rev. Beale, assumed his duties in Mar. . He is a native of Los Angeles, Calif., and an employee of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. in Asheboro.

His family consists of his wife, Karen, a native of Hutchison, Kansas, their son Mike, 17, and daughter, Colleen, 16. The family resides at 910 Redding Road.

The minister's secular training in accounting was received at Long Beach City College and his religious training at Biola University in California.

Services at Cedar Grove Baptist Mission are as follows: Sunday School at 10a. m., worship services Sunday at 11a. m. and 7p. m., and mid-week prayer services Wednesday at 7p. m.

### **Nonagenarian Paid Honor**

June 27, 1985 - Mrs. Adletta Trogdon Delk, Rt. 6, Asheboro, a woman known to many areas of Randolph County, was honored by relatives and friends who gathered at Giles Chapel United Methodist Church recently to commemorate her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, which came on June 20.

She first learned about the birthday celebration after beginning of the morning worship service when Ronnie Hunt, a grandson, announced that she was being honored and related further plans for the occasion.

His announcement was followed by the presentation of a corsage from his mother, Golden Delk Hunt, and her brother, J. C. Delk, Jr., to their mother, Mrs. Adletta Delk.

Another presentation from Mrs. Hunt and her brother was two arrangements of carnations, 45 in each, one for each year of Mrs. Delk's life.

At the close of the morning service, relatives and friends congregated in Trogdon Hall, named for S. E. Trogdon Sr., brother of Mrs. Delk, for the birthday meal and the presentation of gifts to the honoree.

All of Mrs. Delk's living brothers and sisters joined her for the birthday celebration, Hallie Lemmons, S. E. Trogdon Sr., J. B. Trogdon Jr., all of Asheboro; Hazel Williams of Archdale, and Inez Short of High Point. One sister, Thelma Spoon, is deceased.

Other family members, most of whom were present, included grandchildren Ronnie and Gary Hunt, Joe Delk III, Tommy Delk, and Delia Ann Scarboro; and great-grandchildren Jonathan and Matthew Hunt, Joe Delk IV, Jennifer Delk, Kim Delk, Laurie Delk, and Chris Scarboro.

Burnard Adletta Trogdon was born in Guilford County even though her parents, the Rev. Joel B. Trogdon and Annie Howell Trogdon, were Randolph County natives who came back to their home county shortly after the birth of their oldest child.

Mrs. Delk and the ancestral members of her family attended the Giles Chapel Church and the children went to school at Cedar Falls, both places three miles away from their home. They walked to school and sometimes to the church services.

Her father, a Methodist Protestant minister, served the Giles Chapel Church where he and his wife are buried.

But a greater part of his ministry occurred in the western part of Randolph County and the family moved to Farmer where at one time the Rev. Trogdon served seven churches at the same time.

It was while in that area that Adletta Trogdon and her future husband, Joe C. Delk Sr., became acquainted while attending the same school at Farmer and by Adletta accompanying her father to the services at the Piney Grove Church, where Joe and his family worshipped.

They were married Feb. 17, 1916 and continued to live in that area until Apr. 1951, when they came to the area east

of Asheboro where members of the Trogdon family had lived for many years.

Upon coming back to the Asheboro vicinity, Adletta and Joe started going to Giles Chapel, the church of her childhood, and she has continued attending there since his death Jan. 30, 1978.

They had continued their membership at Piney Grove, where Joe's funeral was held, and she has left her membership in that church which both of them loved so much.

Another aspect which she has retained is her music, playing the piano and organ. Since a young girl, she had been called on to play at various church services, especially at funerals.

She doesn't play at funerals any more, but still makes use of the piano and organ in her home, especially the former, which she plays most every day.

### **Harshaw Grove Celebrates Centennial, Note-Burning**

June 28, 1985 - Harshaw Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Randleman, celebrated two momentous occasions recently when the congregation burned the mortgage on the new church building and also observed the 100<sup>th</sup> year of its founding.

When the congregation occupied the new structure, estimated to have been erected at a cost of \$85,000, on the second Sunday in Mar. 1978, the indebtedness was \$40,000. This indebtedness was paid off in May, a little over seven years since it was borrowed.

The note burning ceremony, in which the pastor, the Rev. William D. Roseman, Sr., the chairman of the building committee, W. L. Evans and the chairman of the board of deacons, James Lewis Coble, participated, was held as a part of the day-long observance of the centennial celebration at the church.

The church, organized in 1885, has been a land-mark in the White Hall community southwest of Randleman for a long time. Until the original building was torn down after the fourth Sunday in Dec. 1976, the congregation had worshipped in the 91-year-old structure.

However, the original building had been altered and renovated at various times. It has been said that the original structure was built of logs.

The church received its name from Enoch Harshaw and his wife, Malinda, who donated the land on which both the original and present structures are located. While the new building was being erected on the same spot, the congregation worshipped in another building in the same community.

The first pastor of the church was Saul Welborn according to one source or Anthony Welborn according to another source.

Other pastors in succession were Smith Petiford, Moses Craig, Walter Price, Rev. Brown, H. M. Ellis, A. C. Miller, Rev. Blankenship, J. M. Kennedy, L. F. Wallington, W. E. Kearns, Joseph Evans, and the present pastor, W. D. Roseman.

Rev. Evans, who remained at the church for 19 years, and Rev. Kearns participated in the centennial celebration with Rev. Evans delivering the morning message and Rev. Kearns the afternoon message.

Theola Harshaw Chestnutt, president of the missionary circle, is a granddaughter of Enoch Harshaw and his wife Malinda.

Other members of the official directory, board and organizational heads emphasize the strong leadership which is maintained at Harshaw Grove Missionary Baptist Church.

It is anticipated that the growth of the church will continue throughout the second century of its existence. Even though the church has wiped out its indebtedness, it still maintains a building fund which will be available for future needs.

### **Reception Honors Grace Bunting On Retirement From Social Services**

July 1, 1985 - A retirement reception for Grace Bunting, supervisor of public assistance for Social Services in Randolph County, on last Tuesday afternoon was the occasion for tributes on both the county and state levels.

Those praising Mrs. Bunting services for the past 18 years in Randolph County included Marion S. Smith, director of Social Services; Richard Pugh, county commissioner for 12 years and now a state highway commissioner; and Mrs. Marvin Caviness, chairperson of the Randolph County Board of Social Services.

Also, Darrell Frye, chairman of the Randolph County Board of Commissioners; Debbie Robbins, a co-worker and president of the agency fellowship committee; and Joe Gamble, an agency volunteer and musician, who sang a humorous selection "Take This Job and Shove It."

Pugh presented Mrs. Bunting with a flag which flew over the capital and a letter of commendation from Fourth District Congressman Bill Cobey, followed by a letter from Gov. James Martin, including presentation of the Long Leaf Pine Award, which is in recognition of the performance of outstanding service to the citizens of the state.

The reception was held at the 1716 Arrowood Road home of Mrs. Bunting, who has been ill since last Apr. . Food and refreshments were served on the lawn, due to the lack of space for the large number of friends and colleagues in attendance.

Mrs. Bunting's daughter, Betsy Durham, and a grandson, Christopher Philip, of Greensboro, were present. Her son, Charles Leon Bunting Jr., of Fort Worth, Texas, was unable to attend, but had visited his mother recently.

There were delegations from Richmond County, where she worked at Social Services before coming to Randolph, and from the Regional Office of Social Services in Winston-Salem.

Other guests came from Greensboro, Rockingham, High Point, Trinity and Alamance and Davie Counties.

### **Salem Holds Special Service**

July 2, 1985 - Eleven people from eight different states converged on the 103-year-old Salem United Methodist Church, Rt. 2, Denton, located in western Randolph County, for a special service June 23.

All of these guests except one were members of the Kearns family whose ancestors originated in the church area. Joining them in the service were congregational members and local members of the Kearns family.

Speaker for the special service was the Rev. John Harvey Kearns, a Wesleyan minister from Phoenix, Ariz.,

accompanied by his wife, Faye, and Herman Nakai, a student at Phoenix Indian School and a resident of Montezuma Creek, Utah.

Other guests included Mary Kearns Lebeck of Sacramento, Calif., sister of the Rev. Kearns, and her husband, Albert Lebeck.

Mildred Kearns Hoadley O'Keefe of Winston-Salem, her husband, Maurice, and her sister, Maraguerite Kearns Fields of Plainfield, Ind. Also attended. Mrs. O'Keefe and Mrs. Fields and first cousins of the Rev. Kearns. Their sons, Bill Fields, of Dickenson, N. D., and David Kearns Hoadley of Fairfax, Va.

Coordinating this visit was Whitman Kearns of Las Vegas, Nev., who is a native of the Salem Church area, son of the late John and Eugenia Kearns and brother of Forrest Kearns of Rt. 2, Denton.

The Rev. Kearns is a pastor, an associate of the Phoenix Indian School for more than half a century and a long-time missionary to the Indian Reservations.

He, his sister, Mrs. Lebeck and his cousins, Mrs. O'Keefe and Mrs. Fields, are direct descendants of the late Octavius WInburn Kearns, their grandfather, who was a native of the Salem church area before migrating west about 1864.

While in this vicinity some of the visitors were taken on a tour of the isolated Kearns cemetery where William and Mary King Kearns and other Kearns pioneers are buried.

William and Mary, originators of the Kearns family in this area, came from Ireland between 1760 and 1765. They made their home on Second Creek which flows into the Uwharrie River three miles below Farmer.

At the conclusion of the special service, guests and local people enjoyed a noon meal in the shaded area on the back lawn.

### **Hundleys Observe Golden Anniversary**

July 2, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Homie F. Hundley, 319 Northwood Drive, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently in the fellowship hall at Balfour Baptist Church, where the couple have been long-time members.

Hosting the anniversary reception were Mrs. Lewis Compton, Wilmington; Mrs. Aubrey Stovall, Lawsonville; Mrs. Marion Doss, Stewart, Va. ; Mrs. Maynard Biggs, Martinsville, Va., Mrs. John Day, Morganton, all nieces of Mr. Hundley; and Mrs. Marty Taylor, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Smith, High Point; Mr. and Mrs. Phillip B. Poole, Asheboro, all nieces and nephews of Mrs. Hundley.

Sharing the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Hundley were her cousin, Mrs. W. M. Lovell, and Mrs. Lovell's son, Jack, who along with the late W. M. (Bill) Lovell accompanied the couple to Bennettsville, S. C. for their marriage vows On June 1, 1935. At that time Jack Lovell was three years old.

Approximately 200 guests were in attendance at the reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Hundley.

Mrs. Hundley, director of the Junior Department at the Balfour Baptist Church for 36 years, is the former Evon Elizabeth Poole, daughter of the late Joe C. and Tina Parrish Poole, of the Route 2, Asheboro area.

Homie Hundley, who was born in Stokes County and reared in Spencer, Va., is the son of the late Billy and Lula Hall Hundley. He came to Randolph County in 1932.

He was employed as a technician at the Asheboro Plant of the Klopman Divison for 21 years and has been a watchmaker for 35 years, now maintaining a shop for the

latter facility at his home. He retired from Klopman Mills six years ago.

Mrs. Hundley worked for more than 20 years at Laughlin Hosiery Mill in Randleman but retired from the shoe department at Tobias, Inc. in Asheboro.

Since retirement Mr. and Mrs. Hundley have taken a trip across the country to California and to Niagara Falls. Before retirement they went to Switzerland to attend a meeting of the Watchmakers Association.

### **Stutts Family Holds Reunion**

July 3, 1985 - Descendants of Jacob Stutts, a German immigrant who settled in Moore County, held a reunion the fourth weekend in June at Sir Robert Inn on Albemarle Road.

Jacob Stutts and his wife, Elizabeth, secured a land grant of 200 acres on Buffalo Creek between Robbins and High Falls in 1767.

One feature of the weekend gathering was a visit to the family cemetery located at the old homesite. The cemetery enclosed by a rock wall, contains about 20 graves.

Children born to Jacob Stutts and his wife were Elizabeth, who married Leon Furr; Susannah, married the first time to a Smith, whose given name is not known, and the second time to John Spiva, now known as Spivey; Christian, believed to have been the ancestor of many of Stutts families in this area; and Jacob II, whose grave in the old cemetery is identified by a tombstone.

Also, Mary, married to Paul Furr; Leonard, John, Henry and Catherine. One source said that Leonard and Catherine moved to Alabama where the first two reunions of the family was held.

Other states represented at the reunion in Asheboro were Texas, Ohio, Pa., Tenn., Mich., N. C., Fla., S. C., Va., and Miss

A major factor in bringing the family together was the publication of a book entitled, "The Stutts Family and their Descent From Jacob Stutts of Moore County."

Writing and publishing the book was Katherine Fields Melvin, P. O. Box 5, Roseboro. She said it took her about 20 years to compile the information for the book, which was released two years ago.

The 500 copies of the book, at \$5.00 each, sold out in 39 states. Presently the book is being updated.

Mrs. Melvin and Fred McLeod Dudley have played a major part in initiating the reunion of the descendants of Jacob Stutts.

McLeod, a former resident of Ether, Montgomery County, has also written a book about "Descendants of William McLeod of Montgomery County."

Others involved in the Stutts reunion are J. C. Stutts, Rt. 2, Cherokee, Ala. And Juanita Stutts Mayberry, Columbia, Tenn.

Another interested participant in the reunion is Asheboro native Rev. J. B. Stutts. He is the pastor of the Wood Brook Cathedral, an interdenominational church in Grand Rapids, Mich.

The 1986 reunion will be held at 2p. m, June 26 at the Joe Wheeler State Park near Florence, Ala. The fifth reunion, in 1987, will return to Asheboro.

### **Allred Pair Celebrates Anniversary**

July 3, 1985-Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Allred, Rt. 3, Randleman, celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage recently at the Worthville Community Center.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their children, Todd, Karen, and Melinda, who live with their parents.

Others assisting with the reception were Ann Allred, Margaret Parrish and the mothers of the honored couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred were married June 19, 1960 in a ceremony at the Worthville Methodist Church.

Mrs. Allred, the former Pat Nelson, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nelson, Rt. 7, Asheboro.

Donald Allred is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Allred, Rt. 2, Randleman.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allred are graduates of Randleman High School; Donald in 1958 and Pat two years later.

They also lived near each other before their marriage, Donald a quarter of a mile from their present residence and Pat, a mile away.

Donald has been employed for 28 years as a letter carrier for the Randleman Post Office.

Mr. and Mrs. Allred are members of Midway Wesleyan Church, located near their home, where Donald has served as superintendent of the Sunday School for 10 years, having recently resumed that position again after a lapse. He has also served in various other capacities.

Among the 125 or more guests in attendance at their anniversary reception were Donald's brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Bobby Allred of Canton.

Other ministers in attendance were the Rev. Philip Birchall, present pastor at Midway Wesleyan Church, and the Rev. Boyd Kistler, a former pastor and their wives.

### **Moffitts Celebrate Golden Wedding**

July 4, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. C. Ray Moffitt, Rt. 1, Staley, a well-known eastern Randolph County couple, celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage recently in the fellowship hall at Rehobeth United Methodist Church.

Hosting the reception which honored the couple were their two sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moffitt of Washington, N. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moffitt of Rt. 1, Staley.

Other members of their immediate family include their grandchildren, Michael and Julie, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Moffitt, and Jason and Jodie, son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Moffitt.

Greeting the approximately 200 guests were Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Pike, nephew and niece of Mrs. Moffitt. Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Alton Allen, neighbors and church associates of the honored couple.

Others assisting in the reception were Swanna Moffitt, sister-in-law of Ray Moffitt, Linda Sexton, his niece, Edna Hutchins, Betty Fox, Lena Smith, Helen Pike and Doris Bridges.

Mr. and Mrs. Moffitt were married June 16, 1935 in Chesterfield, S. C., with the Rev. T. L. Cannon, a Methodist minister performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Moffitt, the former Ava Lee Frazier, is the daughter of the late Charlie Lee Frazier and Flora Stout Frazier. She was born and reared across the road from the farm residence in which she and her husband now live.

Ray Moffitt, son of the late Rev. D. Rufus Moffitt, a Christian minister, and Octavia Gibson Moffitt, was reared in the vicinity of Coleridge.



Ray and Ava Lee began farming a few years ago after their marriage, raising tobacco, grain and chickens. More recently, especially since their partial retirement, they have been engaged in raising beef cattle.

Ray has been active in the Randolph County A. S. C. S. program and is presently a director in the Randolph County Farm Bureau.

During the years of their married life, Ray and Ava Lee have been associated with the Rehobeth United Methodist Church, the church of her childhood. Ray was superintendent of the Sunday School for 14 years and Ava Lee was president of the United Methodist Women, of which organization she is a charter member. Both of them are Sunday school teachers.

On Sunday morning before their reception in the afternoon, the church as a body gave them a standing ovation and dedicated a special song in recognition of their loyalty and service.

### **Good Citizens**

July 4, 1985—Citizenship awards, received annually by two 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at Tabernacle School, were presented this year to Tony Gordon, 12, and Judy Cody, 11. John Maddocks, is awards chairman for the Tabernacle Lions Club, which has been presenting the awards for the past 29 years. This year the Tabernacle Lions Club presented each of the recipients a \$25 bond in addition to the annual plaque which honors the boy and girl most representative of citizenship in the school. Tony is the son of Raeford and Louise Gordon of Rt. 7, Thomasville, Judy, daughter of Raymond and Glenda Cody, lives on Rt. 2, Denton

### **Hoover's Grove Clears Debt**

July 5, 1985—Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church, Rt. 2, Denton, combined the annual homecoming service on June 2 with a note-burning ceremony which cleared the fellowship building of its indebtedness.

Two years before the note-burning, at the homecoming service on the first Sunday in June, 1983, the fellowship building was used for the first time.

In that same year on Aug. 28, the building had been dedicated by the Rev. C. M. Upton, superintendent of the North Carolina East District of the Wesleyan Church.

The Rev. Upton came back again this year to participate in the note-burning service and also to deliver the homecoming message.

Also participating in the note-burning ceremony were the church pastor; the Rev. Earl Fisher, and the church trustee, Paul McDowell, J. B. Hill and Donald R. Kearns.

Archie Smith of Denton was the contractor for the building which cost \$26,000, including furnishings. The indebtedness at the time of completion was \$12,000.

The pastor at the time of completion was the Rev. Larry Johnson. Other members involved in the erection of the building were Paul McDowell, J. B. Hill, Betty Hill, Donald R. Kearns, Janice Kearns, Lawrence Markham, Kenneth Tysinger, Edwin Kearns, and Zona Garner.

Hoover's Grove is one of the oldest churches of its denomination, having been organized 106 years ago on land donated by Adam Hoover, who is buried in the church cemetery.

### **Dinner Honors Bill Reeder**

July 9, 1985—William T. (Bill) Reeder, a Rt. 8, Asheboro resident (near Seagrove), celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday June 30 at a large gathering of family members and friends.

His wife, Edith, planned the birthday event at their country residence with its grassy lawns and large fishing pond situated on the lower level of the property.

Among those present were all of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Their children are Betty Jean Honeycutt, Franklinville; Vivian Parks, Winford and David Reeder, Rt. 8., Asheboro; Lois Hayes and Tommy Reeder, Asheboro.

Bill Reeder, a World War II veteran, was reared across the road from the famed Jugtown Pottery. He was overseer of the Central Falls Plant of Klopman Mills before his retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. Reeder have lived at their present location since 1955. In addition to their dwelling, they have large carport, where the birthday meal was served due to weather conditions; another building where Edith does her quilting and family gatherings congregate, and still another place which Bill uses for his woodworking hobby.

### **Williams Pair Honored On 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 10, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Alton W. Williams, Rt. 7, Asheboro, celebrated their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 23 in the fellowship hall at the Asheboro United Church of Christ.

Hosting a reception honoring them were their two sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams, Rt. 7, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. Gregory (Greg) Williams, Sunset Avenue.

The couple's immediate family also includes a grandson, Tige Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams.

Assisting with the reception were the couple's daughters-in-law, Mrs. William's Niece, Mrs. Emily Pell; her great-niece, Julia Pell; another niece, Kay Pasour; a neighbor, Ila Thompson and a close friend Ruby Bowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married June 29, 1945 at the Central Methodist Church in Asheboro. The Rev. Mark Q. Tuttle was the officiating minister.

Mrs. Williams is the former Janet Sykes, daughter of Mrs. Mary Rich Sykes, of Brian Center, and the late Will Sykes. She is an Asheboro native.

Alton Williams was born in Liberty but reared in Asheboro, the son of Mr. Sallie Mishie Cox Williams, also of Brian Center, and he late L. P. (Lonnie) Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams are members of the Asheboro United Church of Christ.

Mrs. Williams is a salesperson with Avon Products Inc. she formerly worked for 17 years at Belk-Yates. Alton is an employee of Union Carbide Corp.

### **35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observed**

July 10, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Donald H. York, Rt. 6, Asheboro, celebrated their 35<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday Afternoon, June 30, at the Ramseur Wesleyan Church.

The couple renewed their marriage vows in the church sanctuary, followed by a reception in the fellowship hall.

Presiding over the marriage ceremony and exchange of rings were the Rev. Charles Stout, uncle of Donald York, and the Rev. Ron Terry, pastor of the church.

Lynn York, Rt. 6, Asheboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. York, sang two songs, "O Promise Me" and "I Love You Truly," which were sung at their wedding June 24, 1950, and another song, "Love the World Away."

Craig York, High Point, and Tony York, Rt. 6, Asheboro, the other sons of the honored couple, gave their mother in marriage for the second ceremony.

Joshua and Cassidy York, grandsons of the couple, lighted the candles, while another grandson, Jeremiah York, carried the wedding ring on a pillow.

Other grandchildren of the couple are Sarah Louise York, Dana York, Nicole York, and Jennifer Nicole Fisher.

Honored guests for the anniversary occasion were Louise York, a resident of Brian Center for Nursing Care in Asheboro, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. York and Mrs. Lucille Stout York, Rt. 1, Ramseur, mother of Donald York. His father was the late Raymond York.

Mrs. Donald York, the former Mary Doss, is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Doss, at whose home the Yorks were married 35 years ago.

Following the celebration of their wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. York left for a second honeymoon trip to the Amish Country in Pennsylvania.

Mrs. York, formerly employed at Bossong Hosiery Mill for 21 years, is now an employee of Acme-McCrary Corp. Donald York is employed with Stuart Furniture Industries Inc.

## Members of Five Generations Get Together At Allen Home

July 12, 1985—Mrs., Meda Comer Allen, 87, of Rt. 2, Seagrove, recently became a great-great-grandmother for the first time.

The child, Penny Jeanette Moore, Daughter of Vincent and Sharon Sikes Moore, Rt. 2, Robbins, was born June 6.

Grandmother of the child is Shirley Davis Sikes and the Great-grandmother is Ruby Allen Davis, both of Rt. 2, Seagrove.

Meda Comer Allen, who will be 88 years of age on Aug. 12, is vigorous and alert despite fracture of an elbow from which she has recovered nicely.

She still maintains her household, tends to her garden, and keeps her cows in the pasture close to her house.

Speaking of the latter she said, "I wouldn't have anybody to talk with if wasn't for my cows."

However, her oldest child, Ruby Davis, and other family members live close by. A son, Charles Edward, from Asheboro keeps her yard mowed and is available for other assistance.

Her other children are Alton Allen of Worthville, Lois Davis of Rt. 2, Seagrove and Gladys Young of Jacksonville.

She also has 17 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Allen, daughter of the late Frank and Margaret Dunn Comer, is a native of Moore County, having been born at Carter's Mill, but also lived in Montgomery and Randolph Counties before her marriage to Charlie Allen Aug. 21, 1918.

She has a brother, Coy L. Comer, who will be 93 year old July 14, and two sisters living, Etta Brewer, and Fannie Cagle. Deceased are two brothers, Dossie and Huey Comer, and one sister, Lillie Brower.

She recalls attending Auman's Hill School near the Randolph County line, Shady Grove School near Ether, and

Needham's Grove School in Moore County, near the Randolph County residence in which her family lived at the time of her marriage.

She and her husband lived for a while after their marriage in Hopewell, Va., where he worked during the World War I. Upon moving back they lived continuously in Moore County. Their marriage had followed a long acquaintance and courtship.

Their present residence was built in 1937 following a disastrous fire which destroyed their previous residence a half of a mile away. Only Mrs. Allen and two daughters were present at the time of the fire. A few household items were saved along with the smoke house where the meat was stored.

It was still hard times for that part of the country at the time of the fire and neighbors banded together with the family in the building of a new house where they have lived for the past 48 years.

Charlie Allen died Mar. 9, 1976 and is buried in the cemetery at Dover Baptist Church where family members on both sides are interred. Mrs. Allen is a member of the church.

## Churches Welcome New Pastor

July 15, 1985 - The Seagrove Charge of the United Methodist Church, comprised of the Mt. Zion, Pleasant Hill and Seagrove churches, has a new pastor, the Rev. Glenn M. Spence, a resident of Ramseur.

This assignment was made at the meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church in June.

This is Rev. Spencer's first pastorate and it came to him following his attendance at a pastor's school preparatory to becoming a minister and his licensing by the High Point District.

In the fall he will enroll as a student at Duke Divinity School in Durham. He is a graduate of Elon College with a major in philosophy and has also undergone graduate studies at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

He is an Alamance County native and has been employed in Burlington, Siler City and Pittsboro. He formerly worked for the North Carolina Central Regional Library.

He is married to the former Ann White of Ramseur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack White. She is employed as the director of public affairs at Randolph Technical College. The couple is expecting their first child in Dec.

Prior to entering the active ministry, the Rev. Spencer and his wife attended the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church, Rt. 6, Asheboro, where they were extended special mission recognition from the United Methodist Women at their time of departure.

The new pastor at the Seagrove Charge hopes to add more impetus to youth activities at the three churches by combining activities of all three of the youth groups.

The minister will be preaching three times each Sunday. The schedule is as follows: first and third Sundays, Pleasant Hill, 8:15a. m. ; Mt. Zion, 9:30a. m. ; Seagrove, 11a. m. ; second and fourth Sundays, Mt. Zion, 8:15a. m. ; Seagrove, 9:45a. m. ; and Pleasant Hill 11a. m.

## Class Reunion

July 19, 1985—The 1949 graduating class at Franklinville High School held its first reunion in 36 years at Sir Robert Inn, July 13. Those attending were, Juanita Malone



Mitchell, Edith Jester Gaines, Bettie Jones Williams, June Neighbors Smith, Doreen Davis Reynolds, Lou Keeling Marley, John Bray, Bryant Craven, Jack E. Ferree, Rex Hurley, Jack D. Trogdon, Evelyn Craven Cheek, Mildred Smith Davis. Gilbert Brower, Jack Duggins, John Burke, Ralph Brown, Virginia Craven, Dale York Andrews, Betty Frazier. One teacher, E. S. Thomas Jr., was present for the meeting. The reunion will be held again in two years. Class members now deceased are Eugene Reynolds, Strobe Penninger, Coy McClester, Frances Tippett Trogdon, Betty Helen Rich Davis.

### **Longtime pastor is transferred to Wake Forest**

July 24, 1985 – Members of the Asheboro Church of God of Prophecy and other friends are saddened upon learning that their pastor, Rev. James R. Ricks, Sr. will leave the post at the end of this month after 17 years of service.

He was relocated at the recent meeting of the State Convention of the Church of God of Prophecy in Greensboro. His new assignment beginning Aug. 1 will be in Wake Forest. Bishop Jimmy Fox of Durham will fill the pastorate here.

Members of the local church were stunned at the announcement of his future departure, a reaction which spread throughout the pastorate the next day, Sunday.

One member who was present for the announcement in Greensboro said she "didn't sleep at all that night" and that "about everybody cried" upon learning that the pastor was going to leave.

Another lady talked about the time her six-year-old son was injured by an automobile and later died from the injuries. Even though Rev. Ricks' father had also died about the same time, he immediately came to comfort her family and rode with the boy in the ambulance to a Greensboro hospital.

Still another member said, "We would call him and he was always here. We are trying to accept it. We are heartsick over it."

This is the type of ministry which the Asheboro Church of God of Prophecy has experienced throughout the past 17 years.

Despite living in Trinity throughout his years at the church, he never failed to render service to his congregation and also to the people of the community. He was always available to those who needed him, regardless of day or night.

It has been said he never missed a service at the church, which maintains a full schedule.

It is also remembered that on his first appointment in Rockingham, he had only one church member. Still he went regularly, saying, "One member is just as important as a large congregation."

Many achievements have marked his long pastorate at the Asheboro Church of God of Prophecy, especially the improvements to the house of worship. Much of this work has been done by the minister who is a skilled mason with both brick and rock.

The building has been expanded, all of the outside has been brick veneered. The interior has been completely renovated with paneled walls, new windows, exposed beams for the ceiling, new pews and the installation of bathrooms.

The house next door and additional land were bought for the new parsonage being built.

All of the improvements have been made under the supervision of Rev. Ricks, and much of the work has been done by him. He also helped to build the church to which he has been relocated.

Rev. Ricks is the father of ten children. The first three, James Robert Ricks, Jr., \_\_\_\_\_ and Lila, are by his late wife, Mary Anne Little Ricks. After her death, he married Joan Williams. They are the parents of Sheba, Ronald, Rex, Tanya, Joseph, Eric and Anson. He has three grandchildren.

His first born is married and away from home. Sheba is a student at the North Carolina Central University at Durham. She plans to become a lawyer.

The minister said his years in Asheboro had seemed short. Perhaps that was because of his heavy schedule at the church, services on Sunday, the Monday night prayer service and the Wednesday night Bible study, in addition to special trips he had to make during his ministry.

But he and his family have enjoyed their ministry here and want to thank everyone who has been their friend.

The oldest son, known as Little J, said at the farewell message, "We trust that we have been a blessing to you, as well as you have been to us. All the times were not good and all were not bad. But through it all we learned to trust in God for without Him we would have no time at all."

### **Seniors honored**

July 28, 1985 – Senior citizens of the Bethel Baptist Church community in Western Randolph County were honored by the church Sunday, July 21. Among those recognized were those above, seated left to right, Clara Mae Swaney, Clara Trotter, Waymon Trotter, 80; Mattie Robbins; standing, from left, are Sam Staley, Irene Staley, Effie Rich, Charles Hoover. Other honorees were Grady Hughes, 85; Annie Hughes, Queen Hoover, Walter Trotter, Luvenia Hill. This was the first time senior citizens have been honored at the church. Those present gave their testimonies, after which the pastor, the Rev. Claudie Harrison, presented gifts to all who were 60 years of age and older. The meal, which followed the morning worship service, was served in the new fellowship hall at the church.

### **Top awards go to area Civitans at meeting**

July 29, 1985 – The top awards presented at the summer meeting of Area Five East, North Carolina District West, Civitan International, July 23, were received by members of the clubs at Asheboro, Hillsville and Silver Valley.

The meeting, held in Thomasville at the Woman's Club building, consisted of the clubs at Archdale, Archdale-Hillsville Ladies, Asheboro, Denton Ladies, Heart of Carolina, Hillsville, Level Cross, New Market, Red Cross, Silver Valley, and the host club at Thomasville.

Presiding over the meeting was Lt. Gov. Gary Arnold of Area Five East. Approximately 190 members and guests were in attendance.

Luther Pope, a resident of Randolph County, but a member of the Silver Valley Civitan Club, received the "Area Five East Civitan of the Year Award."

Two "Outstanding Club Presidents of the Year Awards" were jointly received by June Auman of the Asheboro club and Ed Overcash of the Hillsville club.

"Outstanding Secretary of the Year Award" was received by Walter C. Redding, also from the Asheboro club.

Pope, who currently serves as Area Five East secretary, club secretary, chaplain and editor, also received his third "Civitan of the Year Award" recently from the Silver Valley club. A Civitan since Dec. 1966, he has served as club president twice, secretary three times, treasurer twice, several terms as director, chaplain and as bulletin editor.

His activities outside of Civitan include many capacities in Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Tabernacle Charge, including music director, board member, teacher, and on various committees.

He has also served on the local board at Tabernacle Elementary School and as PTA president. He also served as president of the Tabernacle Volunteer Fire Department for the first six years of its existence.

June M. Auman has led the Asheboro Civitan Club to one of its best years with over \$9,600 spent on community services. The club donated \$1,000 to Randolph County Special Olympics. Under his leadership, the club had a 35 percent gain in membership to 62 plus 16 net. Auman himself sold over 500 pounds of fruit cake and was a Special Olympics volunteer. He worked at the recent radiothon for leukemia in addition to many other club projects. He and his wife, Joyce, represented the club in Nashville, Tenn., at the Civitan International Convention earlier this month.

Hillsville president Ed Overcash has led his club from 43 members to 68, a net gain of 25 to represent a 58 percent growth. The club spent over \$10,000 in community service in the past year. Their major project is the building, maintaining and operating of a community athletic field. They sponsor youth and adult league programs. Overcash was a volunteer at both the Randolph County and North Carolina Special Olympics. His club hosted a softball tournament for Civitan club teams to promote fellowship and also raise funds for the local Special Olympics program.

Walter C. Redding was named "Outstanding Club Secretary" for his service to the Asheboro Civitan Club. He has seven years of perfect attendance, participated in all of the many service and fundraising projects of the club. He services five candy boxes that raise funds for the mentally handicapped and was a volunteer at the local Special Olympics in addition to all of his duties as the secretary of a large and active service club.

The "Area Civitan of the Year Award" was selected by a special committee of outstanding Civitans from nominations by the clubs. The other awards were selected by Lt. Gov. Arnold, who is a member of the Silver Valley Civitan Club.

The 1985-86 lieutenant governor will be Lou Lassiter, a member of the Heart of Carolina Ladies Civitan Club of Asheboro.

### **New minister welcomed**

July 30, 1985 – James Edward (Jim) Cavanaugh, 33, a recent graduate of Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Ind., assumed the pastorate of the Asheboro Friends Meeting the first of July.

He received his Master of Ministry degree with honors. The Earlham School of Religion is the only Quaker seminary in the United States.

During his years of study at Earlham he served as the pastor of the West River Friends Meeting in Hagerstown, Ind.

Before entering the ministry some years earlier, he attended Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., where he received a BA in 1974. He is a native of Gloucester, Mass.

His wife, the former Deborah Brown, is a native of Waldwick, N. J. She is also a former student of Gordon College, which is where she and her husband met.

They were married July 28, 1973 and have three children, Daniel, eight, Mathew, six and Anna, five.

After Cavanaugh's graduation from college and before he entered the ministry, he and his wife moved to Greensboro for five years, where he worked as a carpenter with Kirk Rucker Construction Co. They were attracted to this area because of the steady work and warmer climate.

Mrs. Cavanaugh's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, followed the couple to Greensboro. Mrs. Brown still resides there, but her husband is deceased.

The Cavanaughs are happy to be back in the Piedmont and are looking forward to their ministry at the Asheboro Friends Meeting.

### **Henleys gather for reunion**

July 31, 1985 – Descendants of Jesse Henley, who in 1793 sold the land on which the Randolph County Courthouse now stands, gathered for a reunion July 21 in the fellowship building at Charlotte United Methodist Church, four miles west of Asheboro.

Henley's Lot No. 7, as it was described, was sold for eight pounds. His signature on the deed was witnessed by John Henley, Jr., his brother, and Obadia Williams.

But that wasn't all of Jesse Henley's land. When he died in 1801 he still had hundreds of acres of land, even thousands of acres, which were distributed to relatives through his will.

Henley's grandfather, Patrick Henley, came to the eastern coast of North Carolina in 1682 from England. Patrick was a mariner, sailing from Elizabeth City to Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Sarah Culpepper, lived in the Pasquotank area. As far as the records indicate, neither Patrick nor Sarah, nor any of their children, Mary, Miriam, Elizabeth, John and his wife, Isabel Newby, ever came to Randolph County.

But Patrick's grandsons, Jesse and John Jr. did, a few years after the mid-seventies. At that time, part of Randolph County was known as Rowan County, according to a deed between Jesse Henley and Gibeon Jones in 1768.

Members of the Henley Family Reunion organization believe they are descendants of Jesse Henley. He married Anne Pretlow and their children were Stephen, Isabel, John, Jesse Jr., Millicent and Agatha.

The lineage continued locally through Stephen and his wife, Anna Pearson. Their children were Stephen Jr., Abraham, Rebecca, Nathan, David Vestal and Henry.

Stephen Jr. married Virginia (Jane) Burkhead; their children were Alexander, Martha, Delphine and Erasmus Edward.

Erasmus and wife, Martha Ann Walker, were the parents of Franklin, Mamie and Marvin (twins), Robert, John, Milton, Claude, Samuel Erasmus and Lillie. This family lived in the

vicinity of the Charlotte United Methodist Church and are the ancestors of many of the Henley families in this area.

The children of Franklin and his first wife, Julia Hoover, attended the reunion. They are: Marvin Henley, 90, of Wadesboro; Ethel Gaddy, 92, of Brevard; Clyde Henley, 66, of Asheboro. Children of Franklin and his second wife, Melissa Hamilton, also attended: Helen Jones, 65, of Gastonia; Frank Henley Jr., 70, of Vero Beach, Fla. ; Thelma Bell, 79, of Gastonia; Elizabeth Thomas, 73, of Richmond, Va.

Members of Franklin's family who were absent were Pearl Clark, 88, of St. Petersburg, Fla., a daughter by his first wife, and Ruth Tinsley, 67, of Glen Allen, Va. and John Henley, 64, of Hope Mills, N. C., children by his second wife. Mamie Lee Covington of Wadesboro, also by his second wife, is deceased.

Until it was moved to the church four years ago, the reunion had been held in Mt. Gilead, Midland and Gastonia.

Also attending the reunion was Mrs. Eleanor P. Bell of Hillsborough, a genealogist who has been compiling information on the Henley families for 18 years.

### **Retiring Boy Scout leader honored**

Aug. 1, 1985 – Tommy Routh, scoutmaster of Grays Chapel Scout Troop No. 518 for the past 17-and-one-half years, attended his last meeting in that capacity Thursday evening, July 25.

Two days later, over 100 scouts, former scouts, and their parents attended a surprise supper honoring Routh in the fellowship hall at the Grays Chapel United Methodist Church, sponsor of the troop.

It was a touching occasion, both for the retiring Boy Scout leader and those with whom he had worked for nearly two decades, and more than once during the ceremonies tears moistened his eyes and his voice broke with emotion as he responded to the remarks praising his long tenure of service.

His scouting duties began approximately a year before he was installed as scoutmaster, when he joined the troop to "help out" Howard Kearns, who was scoutmaster at that time.

During his years of service as the troop's leader, he received the Randolph District Merit Award, the Cleveland Thayer Award, and the Silver Beaver Award, which is the highest honor at the district level.

Eighteen Eagle Scout Awards were presented during his years with the troop; however, two of these recipients had qualified themselves before he took over the leadership.

Included among the Eagle Scouts were four brothers: R. W., Weldon, Mike and Sam Hinshaw.

It was also appropriate that the farewell supper for Tommy Routh be used by the Red Cross Civitan Club to present to the troop and Eagle Scout plaque which listed the names of Eagle Scouts from the troop.

The plaque, which was presented by John Waugh, president of the Red Cross club, honored the memory of the late Ernest Hinshaw, a member of the club, and father of the four Hinshaw Eagle Scouts.

Another achievement involving Eagle Scout Awards was the presentation of five such awards to Scout Troop No. 518 at one time.

Eagle awards since Tommy became scoutmaster went to George and Steve Jones, David King, John Hall, Tom Baldwin, the four Hinshaw brothers, Forest Fields, David

Poupore, Mike Fields, Randall Reynolds, Sam Routh, Eric Lambert, Bobby Dermer, Corie Parks and Terry Shepard.

Eagle awards before that time were earned by Bill Routh, Mike Nixon and Dean Nixon. The troop had its beginning in 1961.

Among gifts presented to the retiring scoutmaster and his family were a plaque from the present troop "in appreciation for devoted and untiring work," \$100 savings bonds to both Tommy and his wife, Sue, thank you cards and cash money from others, and prank gifts from David Poupore.

At the conclusion of the gift presentations and Tommy's response, he was given a standing ovation.

B. J. Pittman, district executive, Randolph District, General Greene Council, praised Routh, the assistants, the church and the community by saying that "for a good troop you need a great church, a great community, great parents and good assistants."

Roger Lambert, an assistant scoutmaster, will assume the position of acting scoutmaster until one has been selected. Other assistants – Phil Andrew, Max Hinshaw, Floyd Parks, Jimmy Routh and George Joyce – will remain in their positions.

### **Spinks descendants**

Aug. 6, 1985 – Descendants of Civil War veteran Captain Garrett Ledbetter Spinks held their first reunion July 28 at Reitzel Center in Liberty. The reunion was sponsored by three grandchildren, shown left to right, Mrs. Ida Holmes, Bud Spinks and Mrs. Ott Gray. Among the 50 or more in attendance were Liberty Mayor John W. Curtis; Rev. Frank Howard, pastor of the Staley United Methodist Church, attended by Mrs. Smith; and Rev. Ronald Mann, pastor of the Calvary United Methodist Church, attended by Mrs. Gray.

### **Activities set to benefit M. D. A.**

Aug. 7, 1985 – A muscular dystrophy benefit will be held Saturday, Aug. 10 at Paul's Grocery, Rt. 1, Ramseur, located on Highway 42 between Asheboro and Coleridge, formerly known as Ritter's Grocery, now owned by Paul Wood.

The benefit will be held in memory of Randy Vanenschoten, nephew of Mrs. Paul Wood, who recently died at 19 years of age in Ormond, Fla. from the effects of muscular dystrophy.

The benefit will begin at 9 a. m. and continue until 5 p. m. A pig-picking will be featured from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m. Plates will sell for \$4. 50.

Other events will include a horseshoe tournament, pony rides, a dunking booth, and a basketball toss. There will be an auction sale at 4 p. m.

Entertainment will be provided by W. C. Kiser Band and four other bands. There will also be blue grass music and logging from noon until 1 p. m.

A representative from the Greensboro Muscular Dystrophy Association is expected to be present along with some children who are afflicted with the disease. Three clowns are also expected to be present.

### **Smith, 89, celebrates birthday**

Aug. 8, 1985 – Oscar Smith, Rt. 6, Asheboro, was surrounded by family members when he celebrated his 89<sup>th</sup>

birthday Aug. 3 at the home of a daughter, Mabel Burrow, near Franklinville.

His living descendants number 153, including 13 children, 70 grandchildren, 67 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Seventeen children were born to Oscar and his late wife, Primmie, who died 12 years ago.

Two of their children died in infancy; one died at the age of eight months. A daughter, Myrtle Kirkman, died nine years ago.

In addition to Mrs. Burrow, the other living children are Opal Kirkman, Raymond, Paul, Harold, and Roger Smith, Virginia Cox, J. W. (Bud) Smith, Elizabeth Gearren, Doris Henson, Betty Jean Parks, Barbara Davis and Faye York.

Besides family members at the birthday celebration, there were two elderly friends in the community, Lucian Frazier and Theodore Kinney.

Oscar Smith's children are devoted to the welfare of their father, especially since the death of their mother 12 years ago.

Some of them have scheduled days when they cook a hot meal and attend to the other needs of their father.

### **Family portrait**

Aug. 12, 1985 – Five generations of the family of D. E. (Bud) Hooker, Rt. 2, Sophia, are, seated left to right: Hooker, daughter Juanita Hooker Breedlove, Rt. 10, Asheboro; standing, granddaughter, Janice Breedlove Spoon, 508 Dublin Rd.; great-granddaughter, Kim Spoon Coats, Rt. 5, Asheboro, holding great-great-granddaughter, Christin Coats, three-and-a-half months old.

### **Reception honors Chandlers**

Aug. 14, 1985 – The 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Chandler of Rt. 1, Liberty, was celebrated recently at White's Chapel United Methodist Church with a reception hosted by Mrs. Mildred Ward Brown, sister of Mrs. Chandler, and Mr. and Mrs. Coy Chandler, brother and sister-in-law of Clarence Chandler.

The couple was married July 27, 1935 in Danville, Va. by the Rev. Paul W. Hodges at a Presbyterian manse.

Mrs. Chandler is the former Dorothy (Dot) Ward, daughter of the late Tay and Laura Coward Ward. She was born in Greensboro, lived in the Parks Cross Roads community, near Ramseur, and then moved to Liberty.

Chandler is the son of the late Coadary and Lora Ellison Chandler, born and reared between Patterson Grove Christian Church and Franklinville.

The Chandlers are members of the White's Chapel United Methodist Church and are both retired employees of Burlington Mills in Central Falls.

The Chandlers renewed their marriage vows on their 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a church ceremony followed by a reception.

### **Byrd family reunion honored by presence of 100-year-old**

Aug. 18, 1985 – The Byrd family reunion, composed of Hartwell Byrd descendants and other family groups, was honored this year by the attendance of its oldest member, 100-year-old Lenna Bird, Melbourne, Fla.

The annual event was held Sunday, Aug. 11, at Shiloh Baptist Church, formerly Shiloh Christian Church.

Other out-of-state family members included June Marie Bird, niece of Lenna Bird; Peggy Morris, her great-niece and husband, Bob, of Kokomo, Ind., and Mary Louise Bird, Spencer, Ind., widow of Lenna's nephew, Oris Bird.

Indiana family members, including Lenna Bird, a native of that state, continue to spell their name Bird even though family members of this area changed the spelling of their name to Byrd many years ago.

Miss Lenna Bird came by plane from Melbourne to the Greensboro airport where she was met by Mrs. Sarah Coble, Rt. 4, Asheboro, whose mother, Ida Eunice Bird Spivey, was a first cousin of the family member from Florida. Also meeting her at the airport was Mrs. Coble's son, Warren. Miss Bird will visit Mrs. Coble and her family for the next two months.

The plane trip from Florida, where she has only lived for about four years, was no problem for this energetic woman who spent the actual day of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday hunting shells at the beach.

When she visited her Randolph County kin folks two years ago, she visited the potteries in this area, the zoo and other local sites. Despite her age, she walks to the store, buys her groceries, and does more or less what she wants to do. She has never been a patient in a hospital.

She moved to Florida to live with a nephew, George Albert Bird. The daughter of Eli and Roseanna Phillips Bird, she is a native of Indiana where she resided at Fichers, a suburb of Indianapolis, and also at Castleton and Jasonville before moving to Florida.

Her father was a native of Randolph County, living in the Piney Ridge area. His parents were James and Caroline Macon Bird. Her mother, a native of Chatham County, was the daughter of Marida and Rebecca Phillips.

Her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, which occurred Mar. 22 of this year, was widely acclaimed. She received a multitude of greetings. Among those recognizing the occasion were President and Mrs. Regan and governors of the states of Florida and Indiana.

One of the most interesting items on display at the reunion was a letter written by Wesley Currie Spivey to Hartwell Bird and wife asking that they consent to his marriage to their daughter, Ida Eunice Bird.

The letter, written from McBee, S. C., on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of Oct., 1904, was addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Bird at their home at Kemps Mills, a locality still known in southeast Randolph County.

The letter reads as follows: "My Dear Sir and Madam: I take this method of asking your consent to the marriage of myself to your daughter Miss Ida as we have loved each other dearly and are devoted to each other. We have decided to get married and ask your consent & blessing. It shall ever be my ambition to take the best care of her and make her as happy and contented as is my power to do. Would be pleased to hear from you at an early date. Am yours sincerely, Wesley Currie Spivey."

Also a watch belonging to the Bird family for more than 200 years was brought to the reunion from the Indiana family members for presentation to Francis E. Byrd, Rt. 1, Ramseur. The last owner of the watch was Oris Bird, grandson of Eli Bird, who died recently.

The family members from Indiana also brought with them a 150-year-old Bible, which formerly belonged to Eli Bird, for presentation to Mrs. Sarah Spivey Coble, a

granddaughter of Hartwell Bird and his wife, Sarah Cox Bird.

Children of Hartwell and Sarah were Elliott, Ellis, Elmer, Tillie Smith, Ida Spivey, Rosa Stout, and Ada Hayworth. The Byrd reunion originated with this family with members of other families joining in.

Children of James and Caroline Macon Bird were Hartwell, Eli, Jesse, Gideon, and Thomas Hartwell, and Thomas remained in Randolph County, the others went elsewhere.

Ellis Byrd, son of Francis E. Byrd, is the current president of the Byrd reunion.

### **RHS Class of 1930 holds reunion**

Aug. 19, 1985 – The graduating class of 1930 at Randleman High School held perhaps its last reunion Saturday evening, Aug. 10, at the Highway 220 Restaurant north of Randleman.

At the time of their graduation 55 years ago there were 21 members of the class. Present for their most recent reunion were eight members, Millie Farlow McLaughlin, Roberto Lassiter Blake, James Parsons, Faye Farlow Davis Spell, Harrell H. Stevens, Effie Brown Robins, Vera Robbins Allred and Ruth Davis Brown.

Seven class members are deceased: Elsie Heath James, Thomas C. Hollingsworth, Dorothy Fox Causey, Kenneth Hilliard, Jewel King Linney, Elma Robbins Langley and Mary Johnson.

Six class members could not attend the reunion this year, Edna Hussey Kivett, Walter Wall, Ruby Robbins Wallace, Dr. Dennis B. Fox, Margaret Hall Johns and Claude Vanwerry.

Members of the class feel that their ages prohibit holding another class reunion. This is a sad specter but class members can reflect back to the six reunions they have held since graduation, 1931, 1932, 1960, 1961, 1980 and the most recent one in 1985.

The last reunion, like the previous ones, was a joyous event with a humorous reading by Faye Spell and a humorous recitation by Vera Allred, along with remembrances of the year 1929 when they hosted the annual junior-senior banquet at the O'Henry Hotel in Greensboro, a facility which hasn't existed for several years.

Special guests at this last reunion were Tina Bunting Jones, their class mascot, and Etta Talley, their grade mother.

### **Lions**

Aug. 19, 1985 – The Asheboro Lions Club recently inducted new officers and a board of directors. The club meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at the Sir Robert Restaurant on South Fayetteville Street at 7 p. m. Walter Sprouse, executive director of the Asheboro/Randolph Chamber of Commerce, will be the speaker at the upcoming meeting Tuesday night. The new board of directors members are, above, left to right, Van Rich, O. D. Shoe, Ronnie Woodley and Ray Wicker. The new officers below, left to right, are Earl Johnson, assistant secretary and treasurer; Ab Williams, Lion Tamer; Bob Trogdon, second vice president; Ralph Davis, secretary; William Reed, first vice president; Joe Gagne, treasurer; Stewart Wooten, president; and Gary Strider, Tail Twister. Not pictured is Grady Cox, third vice president.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Aug. 23, 1985 – Friends, relatives and church people filled the fellowship area at Tabernacle United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, Aug. 18, for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration for Mr. and Mrs. Arthur L. Thomas, Rt. 1, Trinity.

Hosts for the reception honoring the couple were Mr. and Mrs. Howard Pierce; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pendergraph (Mrs. Jane T. Pendergraph), granddaughter and grandson-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Michael Younts; and Keith Thomas, grandson.

Larry Lee Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas died Jan. 25, 1965. The couple has one great-granddaughter, Jamie Pendergraph.

Those serving at the reception were Nell Hedrick, Carol Varner, Phyllis Caviness and Donna Briles. Guests were received 3 to 5 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were married Aug. 17, 1935 at the parsonage of the Holly Grove Lutheran Church with the church pastor, the Rev. Roy Lynn Fisher, officiating.

Mrs. Thomas is the former Virginia Younts, daughter of Lee and Minnie Williams Younts. She was born and reared in the community in which she and her husband still reside.

Mr. Thomas, son of Ivy and Ella Lee Thomas, was born in Davidson County, not far from the Randolph County line. Until his retirement in recent years he was an employee of Bossong Hosiery Mill in Asheboro.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Tabernacle United Methodist where Mrs. Thomas has attended her entire lifetime. Mr. Thomas formerly belonged to the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church before transferring his membership to the church closer to their residence.

Present for the reception were the present pastor, his wife and daughter, the Rev. and Mrs. Bart Milleson and Jennifer, and two former pastors, the Rev. Billy Rintz, his wife and daughter, Emily, and the Rev. and Mrs. Luther Harris.

Mr. Thomas has been a member of the Tabernacle Lions Club since its beginning 1956. He has served as president and other officers of the club.

He also has been a member of the Tabernacle Volunteer Fire Department since its inception and has been involved in its activities.

### **Stuffed animals made for children**

Aug. 25, 1985 – The Farmer Grange women have been busy making stuffed animals to send to the State Grange Convention in Clemmons Oct. 10-12.

The stuffed animals will be judged along with those from other granges in North Carolina.

Those selected as first, second and third place winners will be sent to compete in the National Grange Convention in Eugene, Ore. in Nov. .

All the others will be sent to children's hospitals. Last year, Farmer Grange sent 10 stuffed animals. In all, 86 animals were sent by the State Grange to the Ronald McDonald House in Durham.

Mrs. Nell Wall, chairwoman of the committee, will take the animals to the State Grange convention. Claude Williams is master of the Farmer Grange.

### **Couple celebrates anniversary**

Aug. 28, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. William Shot Hunsucker of 610 N. Church St. were married 50 years ago on Aug. 14, 1935.

A dinner in observance of their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, attended by family members and friends, was held Saturday evening at the Apple House Cafeteria.

Hosting the surprise dinner were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hunsucker, brother and sister-in-law of Shot Hunsucker, and John Tyndall, a friend of the honored couple.

On Sunday morning at the morning worship service at the Charlotte United Methodist Church west of Asheboro, the couple was recognized and presented with a silk flower arrangement.

When the couple decided to get married a half century ago, they went to Albemarle where their vows were heard by the Rev. Ed Staley, a friend of both their families.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker are natives of the Troy area in Montgomery County. But Shot moved to Asheboro at the age of six, with his parents, the late William Franklin Hunsucker and Nettie Morton Hunsucker.

Mrs. Hunsucker, the former Helen Swink, is the daughter of the late George and Alice Stoker Swink.

Following their marriage, they lived in Asheboro, High Point and Robbins before moving back to Asheboro in 1953 where they have lived since that time.

Shot Hunsucker worked for many years as the knitting room fixer at the Tip Top Hosiery Mill and at two other plants in the vicinity. For the past eight years he has served as the custodian at the First Baptist Church.

He is a member of the First United Methodist Church in Asheboro, which he has attended since childhood.

### **Woman marks 100<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Aug. 29, 1985 – Mrs. Alice Whittington Forester, a native of Wilkes County, celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday Aug. 23 at the Brian Center of Nursing Care in Asheboro.

She came from North Wilkesboro to Asheboro with a son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edison (Eddie) Forester, in 1957 following the death of her husband, James Wiley Forester.

They came to this area so Forest could assume the position of manager for Coble Dairy in Ramseur.

She has been a continuous resident at the nursing facility since Aug. 13, 1979. Her son, Eddie, died Mar. 22 of this year following a lengthy illness.

Alice Whittington Forester was born Aug. 23, 1885 in Wilkes County, the second youngest of eight children. Her father owned a country store and she grew up primarily in a rural background.

In addition to her son, Eddie, she was the mother of another son, Gordon Forest, who is also deceased and a daughter who died at age 2.

Billie Forester, Eddie's widow, nursed her husband during the years of his illness and also looked after her mother-in-law until she entered the nursing center six years ago. After that, according to personnel at the center, "she has been most supportive of her mother-in-law's needs since her admission at Brian Center on Aug. 13, 1979."

Family members locally visited and honored Mrs. Forester at a cake-cutting on the afternoon of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Included were her daughter-in-law, Billie, her grandson, Thomas Edison (Tommie) Forester, Jr. and her granddaughter, Ann Schwarz.

Also, great-grandchildren, Billy, Timmy and Mark Schwarz, Chris and Chip Forester attended.

Mrs. Jesse H. Councilman, Jr., a close friend and neighbor of the honored woman, joined with family members for the cake-cutting.

Absent locally were Todd Schwarz, a great-grandson who was away at school and Zachary Schwarz, one and a half-year-old son of Mark Schwarz and great-great-grandson of Mrs. Forester.

Also absent were Gordon Forest, Jr., a grandson living in Washington, D. C. and Bobbie Hitch, a granddaughter living in Chatsworth, Calif. and a great-granddaughter, Michelle Hitch.

### **Cheek family gathers for fourth reunion**

Aug. 30, 1985 – Descendants of Benjamin Franklin Cheek held their fourth reunion Aug. 24 at the Friendship A. M. E. Church in Ramseur. Approximately 150 family members and friends attended.

The reunion especially honored the two living sons of Benjamin Franklin Cheek, Roosevelt, 81, and Grant, 79. Another son, McKinley, died five years ago.

Children of the second marriage of Benjamin to Catherine Steward, these sons were all named for presidents. One child of this marriage died soon after birth.

The four children of Benjamin by his first wife, Jane Patterson, were Aug. a, Valmour, Josiah and Frances.

Benjamin Franklin Cheek died in his seventies. His second wife soon followed him in death, leaving their underage children, Roosevelt, Grant and McKinley, in care of their half-sister, Frances Bumpass and her husband, Sam, who lived near Liberty.

The children remained in the Bumpass home until they reached their majority, when the estate of their father, Benjamin, was divided among them.

Although Benjamin Franklin Cheek was born as a slave June 22, 1838 at Cheek's Mill between Coleridge and Bennett, he later acquired much land, estimated at 215 acres, and was reported to own more land than any other black man in Randolph County.

His vast holdings were situated in the Ramseur area located in the vicinity of the Ramseur Plant of Burlington Industries, Inc. and extending to Highway 49 towards Liberty. He donated land there for the building of the Friendship A. M. E. church, said to be the first black church to be erected in the Ramseur area.

Grant Cheek and his wife, Leona Waddell, live at the old homestead adjacent to the Ramseur Plant of Burlington Industries, Inc., which he inherited from his father who lived there before him. They are the parents of nine children, some of whom live in the vicinity of their parent's home and the others elsewhere.

Roosevelt Cheek, Grant's older brother, lives with his third wife on Rt. 2, Snow Camp. Roosevelt, now retired, has been a minister for 56 years. He and his first wife, Queen Bowden, were the parents of seven children.

Including Roosevelt there are four ministers in his family and two lawyers.

It was appropriate that the fourth reunion of the Benjamin Franklin Cheek family would be held at the Friendship A. M. E. Church, which was built at the suggestion and with the help of Benjamin and on the land he donated.

Grant Cheek has been a long time member of the church while Roosevelt has donated additional land for the expansion of the cemetery.

All of Grant's nine children were present for the reunion, including three out of the state from District Heights, Md., Philadelphia, Pa. and Fremont, Calif.

### **Senior citizens honored**

Sept. 4, 1985 – Senior Citizens at Asbury Baptist Church on Rt. 2, Seagrove, were honored at a supper on Saturday evening, Aug. 24. Seated from left, Albert Brewer, Mrs. Jasper Johnson, Tracy Luck, Eva Luck, Gladys Maness, Carrie King, Mrs. Tracy Luck, Helen Auman, Nervie Cagle, Cladie Mabe, Reggie Mabe. Standing from left, Jasper Neese, Hazel Lemonds, Jesse Ritter, Virginia Shelton, Shuford Hancock, Louise Hancock, Lula Needham, Jim Kiser, Edith Kiser, Mary Neese, Mabel Yow, Ruth Auman Williamson, Roy Williamson, Johnny Hogan, Mattie Hogan, Ruth Allen Williamson, Wade Davis, Rosie Davis, Thelma Scott, and Loucendy Smith.

### **Teacher retires, gets award after 40 years**

Sept. 5, 1985 – Forty years ago D. W. Holt organized a Young Adult Class at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro for veterans returning home from participating in World War II.

Holt himself became the teacher of the class. Later in 1953, during an absence of the teacher, the name was changed to D. W. Holt Class.

On Thursday evening, Aug. 29, members of the class, not as young as those couples who joined the class 40 years ago, met at Captain Tom's Seafood, Rt. 1, Staley, to honor their teacher who had resigned after four decades.

But that did not mean the 84-year-old Holt had quit teaching. Already he has been booked to teach another class for a period of one month. Modestly he said, "I may be called on once in awhile to say something."

At the seafood dinner at Captain Tom's, Holt was presented a plaque from members of the D. W. Holt Class which said, "In appreciation for 40 years of untiring service. Your loyalty, wisdom and friendship will long be remembered." James Rich, the class president, made the presentation.

D. W. Holt, long-time trustee, received an honorary degree from Pfeiffer College Sept. 4, 1981.

Besides his consistency at the local church level, he has spoken to Randolph County churches as a lay speaker, he has attended as a delegate to his district conference, starting with the one in High Point in 1948, and he has attended the general conference in Denver, Colo., in 1960 and at Pittsburg, Pa., in 1964 and also the jurisdictional conference.

In 1951 Holt also spent 51 days in Europe visiting Methodist churches and other church-related groups. He also spent 87 days in Alaska at another time.

Upon coming to Asheboro in 1936 he organized the D. W. Holt & Co., dealing in farm machinery and trucks, which he sold in 1960.

Besides his activity in the religious area Holt has been chairman of the Asheboro Planning Board, member of the city council, chairman of social service, president of the Asheboro Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Asheboro Rotary Club for 42 years.

Upon retirement from D. W. Holt & Co., Holt spent considerable time at his Back Creek Township farm, tending his cattle, building and repairing fences, hauling hay and clearing his land with the assistance of his chainsaw.

This activity was a renewal of his early life on the farm back in Stanley County where he was reared as one of the 11 children born to his parents.

However, he has since rented out his farm acres. But still, he does not sit idly around.

Among other activities, this busy man visits Brian Center for Nursing Care on Monday and Friday of each week, mingling with the staff and offering encouragement to the patients who reside there.

### **Ara Hill celebrated 90<sup>th</sup> birthday recently**

Sept. 10, 1985 – Ara Rebecca Hill, 513 S. Main St., Randleman, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Sept. 8.

Daughter of the late Allen and Nancy Rush Kearns, she was born in western Randolph County, close to Ridge Mountain. Mrs. Hill has a sister, Ora Nance, who will be 96 on her birthday Oct. 3.

Mrs. Hill's first schooling was received at the one-teacher Locust Grove School, located two miles from her home, to which she walked back and forth each day. A fireplace in the school room provided heat for the approximately 20 students.

Stock laws were not in effect in Randolph County at that time, a situation which required the school children to watch for cows and horses which were turned loose.

In 1909, Hill's family moved to Glenola where the children were benefited by a two-teacher school. Each of the two rooms were heated by a wood stove, with the students alternating sitting next to the stove.

Mrs. Hill finished the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the Glenola School and later, at the age of 18, was married on Oct. 11, 1913, to Benjamin Harrison "Ben" Hill who also attended the Glenola School.

Three years after their marriage, Ben went to work with the railroad company as a maintenance employee on the tracks and upon his promotion to foreman they moved to Randleman in 1923.

Ben died Jan. 19, 1967 and Mrs. Hill has since lived in Randleman with her daughter, Allene Elizabeth Hill, 66. She and her daughter are members of the Midway Wesleyan Church.

Prior to her birthday, Mrs. Hill received greetings from President Ronald Reagan and his wife, Nancy.

On the day following the birthday observance, Mrs. Hill and Allene were guests at a luncheon hosted by Mrs. John W. Pugh, their neighbor across the street.

Residing with Mrs. Hill and daughter for the past four years is Mrs. Alvie Holt of Franklinville.

### **School reunion held**

Sept. 12, 1985 – The old Poplar Ridge schoolhouse on Rt. 1, Trinity, has been the site of annual reunions since 1970. The 15<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Poplar Ridge School was held here on Sept. 7.

Classes were discontinued in 1951. The school had its beginning in 1879. The present building was erected for a one-teacher school. Later a partition was installed for two teachers. Before the above building was erected, students attended a one-room log building.



The old schoolhouse is located at the site of the Poplar Ridge Meetinghouse, fellowship building, parsonage, and cemetery. Principal speaker for the reunion this year was Dennis Farlow, principal of the Trinity High School.

Verda Briles Hughes and Ruth Spencer Ward were students together at the school, sat in the same seat with each other, and upon completing their studies at the school in 1922, enrolled at Trinity High School where they graduated together in 1926. They became teachers after graduating from high school and both of them later taught at Poplar Ridge.

Rev. Walker, pastor of the Mt. Pleasant and Mt. Gilead United Methodist churches, located in the Poplar Ridge community, served as the presiding official at the school reunion.

### **Couple celebrates golden anniversary**

Sept. 12, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Wade Younts, Rt. 1, Trinity, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 8 in the fellowship hall at Tabernacle United Methodist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor from 3-5 p. m. were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Younts, Rt. 1, Trinity; Mr. and Mrs. Crowson H. (Jackie) Hunt, Rt. 6, Thomasville; Jerry Younts, Rt. 11, Lexington; and their grandchildren, Mark Younts, Donna Younts, Tammy Younts and Jeffery Hunt.

Their two granddaughters, Donna and Tammy Younts, also served along with Jean Saunders, Christine Arnold and Cynthia Arnold.

Mr. and Mrs. Younts were married Sept. 7, 1935, at the parsonage of Holly Grove Lutheran Church with the Rev. Roy Lynn Fisher officiating.

Mrs. Younts is the former Ruth Parrish, daughter of Walter and Bessie Elam Parrish. She was born in Montgomery County but reared in Davidson County.

Wade Younts, son of Albert and Bessie Williams Younts, was born and reared in Randolph County. Until his retirement he was an employee of Burlington Industries in Lexington.

Mr. and Mrs. Younts are members of the Tabernacle United Methodist Church, which Mr. Younts has attended throughout his lifetime. Mrs. Younts is a former member of Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.

The couple's daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Hunt, were married on the same date as the elder Younts, Sept. 22, 1963.

### **Church clears mortgage, celebrates homecoming**

Sept. 18, 1985 – Mountain of Faith Christian Church, Rt. 1, Asheboro, held a note-burning ceremony and also observed homecoming Sept. 8.

The clearing of the indebtedness on the church occurred three years following the occupancy of the church at its site one-half of a mile off of Gold Mine Acres Road.

Organization of the church took place the first Sunday in Aug., 1980 and was chartered the second Sunday in Sept. of the same year.

Participating in the note-burning were the pastor, Rev. Joe Edwards; Talmadge Cole, who loaned the money to the church three years ago; Hollis McPherson, chairman of building and planning and also a deacon; Lonnie Luck, a member of building and planning; Gilbert Presnell, chairman of deacons; Gilbert Brady; Lewis Cole and

Howard Rich, also deacons. J. C. Blanton, another member of building and planning, was unable to be present.

Since moving to the church site three years ago the church grounds have been landscaped, a steeple has been erected, a prayer garden encircled by flowers, including the flag pole, a basketball court has been built and swings installed for the younger children.

A portion of the 10-acre tract of land on which the church is located is being set aside for a cemetery.

For homecoming the pastor preached the morning sermon and also joined Harvey Wood, Alvin "Al" Wood, and Gilbert Brady in singing, "Just over in the Glory Land," accompanied on the guitar by Hollis McPherson.

Following the outside picnic dinner a singing was held in the afternoon. Participating were Mack Strider and The Proclamations and the Revelation singers.

### **Class of '65 reunites**

The 1965 graduates at Farmer High School held a reunion Sept. 14 in the fellowship hall at Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse. Class members in attendance were from left on the first row, Mildred Jarrell Hudson, Betty Allmon Thomas, Judy Farlow Johnson, Nancy Staley Murphy, Dianne Pierce Plummer, Gayle Sprinkle; second row from left, Butch Maness, Margie Harris, Phillip Williams, Nancy Smith Cranford, Eddie Walker, Gerrelene McDowell Walker, Hurley McBride, Tim Vuncannon, Roy Yates and Kenneth Cranford. Present but not pictured were Janet Hill Carter, Van Nance, Kenneth Lambeth and Larry Lassiter.

### **Class of 1950 assembles**

Sept. 20, 1985 – The 1950 graduating class at Randleman High School held a reunion Sept. 14 at Camp Caraway. Those present were from left, first row, Billy McClintoch; Gwen Plummer Davis; Elizabeth Byrd; Margaret Routh McCann; Frances Lucille Nelson; Frances Harris Ferree; Rita Lamb Steed; Elsie Walker Johnson; Rebecca Smith, teacher; Jean Swiggett, teacher. Second row from left, Jack Coble; Page Jones; Betty Davis Hunt; Roylene Millikan Parks; Peggy Hill Heath; Annie Lee Bisher Kelley; Elvin Hopkins Gregson; Byron Farlow; Nancy Ridge Hurley; Betty Jo Pugh Wood; Dewey Hardin. Third row from left, Byrum Adams; Harold Wall; Edward Redding; Gene Heath; LeRoy Darity; James Steed; Clayton Gregson; Huey Jennings; Stevens Holland; Lloyd Cox. A memorial service was held for William Franklin Hunsucker, Thomas Manuel Myers, Jr., Oliver Clarence Kye, Juanita Ruth Presnell, Murmus Solomon, Jr. and Ernest Hinshaw. The class prophecy was presented by Roylene Parks.

### **90<sup>th</sup> birthday party held a month early**

Sept. 23, 1985 – Clara Alice Hill Cagle, Rt. 3, Asheboro, is a busy woman – so busy that she celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday nearly a month ahead of time in order to maintain her schedule.

Close family members and other relatives nearly filled the fellowship building at Hopewell Friends Meetinghouse on Sept. 15 to commemorate her birthday which will actually occur on Oct. 15.

She is an active woman, especially for one of her age. She keeps up her own house; she is noted for her handiwork. She crochets bedroom shoes and she is an



expert on quilting. She organizes quilting parties. She also maintains her rock gardens.

She likes to go on trips such as to Disney World, a visit to Oral Roberts and also to the Grand Old Opera.

Perhaps she derived her talents from her father, J. J. "Dick" Hill, a noted basket maker in his time. Her mother was Matilda Callicutt Hill, also a familiar name in the areas in which Clara was born and reared.

Her birthplace was in the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church community, also the site of Welch's School, a one-teacher institution which she first attended. She remembers that Sidney Cox was her teacher.

When she was 14, her parents moved to her present community, about a half of a mile from the church and the school, both named Hopewell. She finished the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at the latter institution, also a one-room structure. However, she is not a member of the Hopewell Friends Meeting, she said, "My people are Primitive Baptists."

She grew up in an atmosphere which revolved around other matters also. She said "Dad was a farmer and I worked in the fields. I have always worked hard. I know what hard work is," she reiterated.

According to family members, she has cut cordwood and cross ties and she has also bottomed chairs.

But not once did she express regret for having to work like she did. Rather than that she has indicated pleasure in the tasks which she has performed through her lifetime.

Her figure is trim, she carries herself well and her eyes twinkle with pleasure and humor. Only her hearing is bad, but maybe because of this she can shut her ears to the things she is not interested in hearing.

Her husband, the late Astor Cagle, has been dead for 27 years. Their children are Rachael Brown, Claude Cagle, James Cagle, Hal Cagle of Rt. 3, Asheboro, Loyd Cagle of Rt. 2, Denton and Jewel Auman of Charlotte. One daughter, Irene Bell, is deceased.

Her immediate family also includes 23 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

### **Couple celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Sept. 24, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Dannie Philmore Garner celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, Sept. 15 at their home on Rt. 2, Denton.

Their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Daniel Garner, Greenville, S. C., hosted a reception honoring their parents from 3 until 5 p. m.

Their anniversary celebration occurred exactly fifty years from the time of their marriage, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1935 when they exchanged their marriage vows in the yard at the bride's home, with the Rev. Bowman, pastor of the nearby Canaan Methodist Church, officiating.

Following their marriage ceremony a sumptuous meal was served to their wedding guests.

The large two-story dwelling in which the bride's parents, Jesse and Eugenia Surratt Gallimore, and their eleven children lived has long since been torn down. But a painting of the structure is still exhibited at the residence where Mr. and Mrs. Garner live.

Mr. and Mrs. Garner are both natives of the western part of Randolph County, not far from the Davidson County line. At the Gallimore residence it was said "you could throw a rock over into Davidson County."

Dannie's parents, Carlie and Chrissie Pierce Garner, moved nearer to the Farmer area where Dannie attended the Farmer School.

Mrs. Garner, the former Esther Marinda Gallimore, attended the Piney Grove School through the 7<sup>th</sup> grade before coming to the Farmer School where she and Dannie got acquainted and were later married.

Dannie Garner worked for 30 years at Bossong Hosiery Mill before establishing Garner & Harris Amoco on Highway 49, located near their residence, where he remained for 12 years before his retirement. However, he occasionally works there since retiring. Esther is a retired employee of Bossong Hosiery Mill.

Both Dannie and Esther are members of the Pleasant Union United Methodist Church.

Friends and relatives, many extending back throughout the years of their marriage, crowded their residence during the reception hours of their anniversary.

### **Woman celebrates 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday**

Sept. 25, 1985 – Mrs. Ida Maness Hicks, a resident at Brian Center of Nursing Care for nearly two years, was honored on her 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday, Sept. 14 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Joe F. (Jewel) Rich, at 527 Central Ave.

All of Mrs. Hicks' living children, Mrs. Rich, Hal Hicks, Fulton, Miss; Louise Steinhof, Fall River, Mass. ; C. L. Hicks Jr., Perry, Ga. ; Winfred Hicks, Greensboro, and Delette Self, Rt. 2, Asheboro, were in attendance, along with other relatives, including her sister, Maie Beane and her brother, Will Maness, Asheboro.

Mrs. Hicks is the widow of the late Claude L. Hicks, who died in 1974. A son, Eugene Hicks, and a daughter, Diane Johnson, both died in 1977. Also deceased are a son, Glenn, and a daughter, Nellie Ruth, who died at an early age.

Mrs. Hicks is a native of the Big Oak Christian Church area in Moore County. She came to Asheboro with her husband, a miner by trade, from Montgomery County around 1918. They settled a short while thereafter in the Spero section where Mrs. Hicks resided until becoming a resident at Brian Center.

Some sixty or more relatives attended the picnic supper at which Mrs. Hicks was honored. Guests representing towns in addition to those mentioned above came from Bennettsville, S. C. ; Rockingham; Thomasville; LaGrange, Ga. ; Mt. Holly; Washington, D. C. ; Siler City; Lexington; Clayton and Atlanta, Ga.

There was a presentation of gifts and a rendering of music from her three sons and other musicians. Her late husband was also a musician.

Mrs. Hicks is a long time member of the Balfour Baptist Church.

### **Congregation repays pastor for serving church 10 years**

Sept. 26, 1985 – The First Baptist Church, 133 N. Church St., dedicated activities last weekend – and a new car – to Rev. Vernon McDaniel to celebrate his 10 years of service.

The festivities began with a pig-picking and a preacher roast Saturday night, followed by high attendance day on Sunday and an evening program of tributes.

With the sanctuary filled to capacity, 25 members of the congregation paid tribute to Rev. McDaniel with spontaneous remarks while David Thomas led the members in singing the pastor's favorite songs. The biggest tribute came, however, when Terry Snow, deacon chairman, presented an Oldsmobile Cutlass Cierra as a love gift, paid for by months of fund-raising.

"I did not ask for this tonight. I don't feel that I deserve this," responded Rev. McDaniel. "The richest experience in my life has been as pastor of First Baptist Church. I love you and I know that you love me."

Congregational members broke down with emotion as they told the audience what the pastor's ministry had done for the church. "Your ministry has extended far beyond Randolph County," said one member.

Rev. McDaniel has been active in arranging the Clyde Dupin and Freddie Gage crusades and in the campaign against the liquor-by-the-drink election.

"He's done a memorable job in the church and community," said Dr. Fred Graham.

Rev. McDaniel, a Georgia native, has been pastor at churches in Greensboro, Durham, Salisbury and Atlanta before coming to Asheboro.

## **Woman to celebrate 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday on Oct. 1**

Sept. 29, 1985 – Corrina Alice Vuncannon Shaw is still alert at almost the age of 103; her birthday is Oct. 1. Her mind is clear and her memory unusual for one of her age; only her body is weak. She spends much of her time in bed. However, she is still able to sit in a chair.

She said she was "born with a crooked foot, but most people didn't know it." Because of this she didn't start to school until she was ten years old. Her father, Henry Vuncannon, was a school teacher and taught her at home.

"At three years of age I knew every letter in the alphabet, when I was four I knew every figure on the line, when I was five I was reading the primer," she said.

Her first school was at Long Branch, just west of Asheboro on Old 49-A. Her mother was Elizabeth Jane Bunting Vuncannon from the Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church area.

She got acquainted with her late husband, Rev. J. E. Shaw, when he carried the U. S. Mail from Asheboro to Hill's Store below Farmer. Even then he was a devout man according to Mrs. Shaw.

"He carried a Testament with him and read it while his horse cooled off in the shade," said Mrs. Shaw. He also asked permission from her father for their courtship. Concerning their marriage she said, "I would not give him a definite yes until I consulted with my father."

However, she also firmly stated that, "I am here to tell you that I never regretted marrying him, I have never seen a day that I regretted it."

Her marriage to Rev. Shaw occurred Mar. 12, 1899. He died June 23, 1967, at the age of 89. He was a minister for 60 years, 54 years of which he served as a pastor in various Pilgrim Holiness and Wesleyan Methodist Churches.

In the beginning many of the churches were small and the minister worked at public jobs in order to provide for himself, his wife and their children.

In the later years of Rev. J. E. Shaw's ministry he founded Callicutt's Mission in the edge of Montgomery County at the

graveyard where his mother was interred. Mrs. Shaw's pride for this achievement still exists. She said, "My husband had work like that dotted in many places."

Eleven children were born to Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, two of which died in infancy. A daughter, Ruth Shaw, died Sept. 12, 1938, and another daughter, Etta York, died 11 months later and still another daughter, Ora Leonard, died in recent years.

Her living children are Dora Wright, 818 Ashdol St. ; Preston Shaw, Rt. 2, Franklinville; Lillie Parks, 636 S. McCrary St., with whom she resides; Harvey Shaw 1004 Lewallen St. ; Martin Shaw, Worthville Road, Randleman; and James Shaw, Winston-Salem.

Her reflections at approaching 103 revolved around her eventual home-going. She said "I had just as soon the Lord would take me home." She wondered why she is the only one in a family of nine children who has lived as long as she has, but she reiterated, "I started living for the Lord when I was a little girl."

Shaw said she still delights her great-grandchildren with poems and verses which she learned during her early childhood.

## **Heirloom dress lasts 70 years**

Sept. 30, 1985 – When Adam Linville Green, three-month-old son of Tony and Geneva Hayes Green, Rt. 1, Sophia, was dedicated at Marlboro Friends Meeting, Sunday morning, Sept. 15, he wore a dress and under garment which has been in his family for generations.

The dress, embroidered with lace around the sleeves and neck, is handmade and was first worn by Clyde Loflin, great-uncle of Adam Linville and the son of the late Jeffrey and Zorada Davis Loflin, both of whom are deceased.

Since Clyde Loflin will be 71 years of age on Oct. 22, it is assumed that the dress is more than 70 years old.

Others wearing the dress before Adam Linville were another great-uncle, Ogburn Loflin, who is deceased; a great-aunt, Louise Loflin Smith; the child's grandmother, Fay Loflin Hayes; and another great-aunt, Frances Loflin Rich, who is also deceased.

All of the above were also children of Jeffrey and Zorada Davis Loflin. It is believed that the dress was first made by Zorada for her first child, Clyde.

The sixth person to wear the dress was Brian Green, brother of Adam Linville, who was also dedicated at the Marlboro Friends Meeting four years ago by Dale Matthews who was minister at that time.

The seventh person to wear the dress, Adam Linville Green, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Hayes and Don and Peggie Hedgecock and great-grandson of Amie Hedgecock, was dedicated by the new Minister at Marlboro Friends Meeting, Ken Spivey.

None of those who wore the dress were dedicated at the Meetinghouse except Brian and Adam Linville. According to their maternal grandmother, Mrs. Hayes, she and the others wore the dress as just "Sunday go to meeting" apparel.

## **Children treated to day at zoo**

Oct. 1, 1985 – Nearly 100 children from Oxford Orphanage enjoyed a tour of N. C. Zoological Park on Sept. 22 following a picnic lunch. The children were the guests of the Randolph Shrine Club, of which Billy McDaniel is president.

Joining the Shriners in the sponsorship of the meal and the tour of the zoo were the six Masonic Lodges of Randolph County listed here in order of their seniority with their master, Hanks in Franklinville, Bill Britt; Balfour in Asheboro, James Robbins; Marietta in Ramseur, Michael Cox; Asheboro, Henry Miller; Liberty, Holt Von Hahn; Bush Hill in Ramseur, Bill Gardner.

Assisting the Shriners and the Masonic members in the activities of the day were their wives and other interested people. It is estimated that the list included approximately \_\_\_\_\_ people.

All expenses for the two busloads of visitors were financed by the hosts, including \$2. 00 in spending money for each of the children.

The Oxford Orphanage has long been supported financially by the Masonic Orders.

### **New officers**

Oct. 1, 1985 – Officers of the Red Cross Civitan Club were installed Sept. 19 in the fellowship building at Bethel United Methodist Church. Shown, seated from left, Raymond Allen, president; Porter Anderson, president-elect; Charlie Barker, secretary and recipient of the Civitan of the Year Award; Larry Coble, treasurer; standing from left, directors Bill Holland, Charles Willard, Johnny Waugh, who is the retiring president. The club, only organized two and one half years ago, was designated as a member of the International Honor Club for 1984, with President Bill Holland recognized as a distinguished president and presented the Bronze Key Award from N. C. District West.

### **Church celebrates 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Oct. 3, 1985 – Two hundred years ago, in the western part of rural Randolph County, near a stream named Back Creek, the Society of Friends established a Meetinghouse which was called Back Creek Friends Meeting.

Even before that time Friends arriving in the Back Creek community were known to be worshipping in their homes prior to 1780.

A special celebration on Oct. 6 is being held to recognize the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Billy Britt, superintendent of the N. C. Yearly Meeting, will be the speaker. The minister at Back Creek is Randy Clendenin.

All friends and former members are invited to the worship service at 11 a. m. followed by a covered dish lunch.

The Meetinghouse is located on 26 acres of land donated by Thomas Winslow to the trustees. In 1785 it became a Preparative Meeting under the care of Cane Creek Meeting in the Western Quarter. It became a Quarterly Meeting in 1792. The first Southern Quarterly Meeting was held at Back Creek Feb. 26, 1820.

Many of the early members moved their memberships from Centre Meeting. Others came later from Symons Creek and Sutton's Creek in eastern North Carolina and from Meetings in Guilford and Alamance counties. Many came from Meetings in Pennsylvania and a few came from South Carolina.

A Meetinghouse was built by 1789. The minutes of 1797 mention the need for an addition. Friends at Back Creek, concerned about the education of their children, established in 1835 the First Day School in the area. It was discontinued during the Civil War but was re-opened after the war when a schoolhouse was built.

By that time schools had also been established in the nearby communities of Belvidere, Davis and Science Hill. Depletion of the Meeting was heavy as members moved westward to Ohio and Indiana. Crop failure, availability of better land in the west and the issue of slavery were all contributing factors to this migration.

The Civil War was an especially trying time in the life of the Meeting. Many of its young men were conscripted into service, some to the Salt Works. People left at home lost horses, cattle and provisions without any recompense. A few members were discharged for volunteering for the army. Those who suffered for refusing to perform military service were also cared for.

Meeting attendance dropped to a very low point in this period. But the faithful efforts of two members, William Lowe and Rachel Henley, who attended meetings in alternate weeks, kept the Meeting alive.

After the Civil War, visiting ministers came from Pennsylvania, Indiana, Kansas and Iowa, as well as those from N. C. Meetings. Some of them were evangelists.

Missions were an early concern of Friends and one of the members at Back Creek, Samuel A. Purdie and his wife, Gulielam Hoover Purdie, served in Mexico from 1871 through 1897. They were the first missionaries to serve under the American Friends Board of Missions.

Back Creek was instrumental in setting up three new Monthly Meetings: Science Hill in 1894, Asheboro in 1915 and Hopewell in 1916.

A new Meetinghouse was completed in 1901 for a total cost of \$500. 73. Moses Hammond from Archdale was the builder. Labor was donated and the lumber, mostly heart pine, was cut from land owned by the Meeting.

Older members recalled that just before World War I the Meetinghouse grounds would be filled with horses, buggies and wagons. Decline became noticeable after the war and it was not until the early 1950's that a renewal of interest and growth began.

The meetinghouse went for over 50 years without renovation, after which a flurry of building and remodeling took place within a 10-year-period.

Under the leadership of Geoge McDowell, minister, the Meetinghouse was completely renovated, additional classrooms added and the grounds were landscaped. A cemetery fund was established to provide perpetual care of the cemetery.

Later, in 1972, the Monthly Meeting approved the hiring of George McDowell on a full time basis. He was the first full time minister at Back Creek. Altogether he served the meeting for 27 years.

During the first years of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the pastoral system gradually began to replace un-programmed worship. This was partially a result of the revival movement of the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and the visits of evangelists such as Albert Peele, Mary Moon and Allen Jay.

Serving as ministers, in addition to McDowell and the present minister, Clendenin, were John S. Tillman, Herbert Reynolds, Samuel Pickett, D. Virgil Pike, Allie R. Kemp, Milner A. Cox, Barney Pierce, Dallas Rush, Cleta and Ora Evans, Ed and Lola Scott, York Teague and Gerald Pike.

An important event in recent years was the establishment of the Quaker Men of the Good Neighbor Fund which is used to assist the needy in the community. During the first 10 years of its existence the fund netted \$20,000 and was used 126 times. In addition a Wednesday night prayer

meeting was initiated in 1972. The United Society of Friends Women is also active.

A history of Back Creek Meeting is being prepared by members of the Yearly Meeting Publications Board and the N. C. Friends Historical Society in cooperation with Back Creek Friends. Members of the Meeting have been helping with pictures and information.

### **New officers**

Oct. 3, 1985 – Installation of officers for Asheboro Assembly No. 18, Order of the Rainbow for Girls, was held Sept. 29 at Masonic Temple in Asheboro. Shown from left are Kara Rowe, worthy advisor; Tammy Cottrell, worthy associate advisor; Holly Cook, charity; Jennifer Lavinder, hope; Heidi Cook, faith.

### **New officers**

Oct. 6, 1985 – Installation of officers for the Civitan Club occurred Sept. 23 at a dinner meeting in the cafeteria at New Market School. Wives and other family members were in attendance. New officers from left are Jimmy Lockhart, president; Reid Harris, president-elect; Sam Frazier, secretary; Frank Hill, treasurer; Larry Hill, director and recipient of the Civitan of the Year Award. Other officers not shown are Joe Leach, chaplain; directors, Tony Green, Jim Brewer, Leroy Nelson, Bobby Ledbetter, Ronald Kennedy, J. B. Kennedy, Dwight Walker.

### **RHS Class of 1945**

Oct. 8, 1985 – The 1945 Class of Randleman High School held a reunion Sept. 21 at Village Inn, Asheboro. Attending were, Viola McKenzie Reeder, Evelyn Boozer Eller, Opal Bowman Garner, Lisa Daniels McLelland, Loretta Parker Kennedy, Norma Toomes Stamey, Martha Ellen Glenn Brown, Helen Lanier Taylor, Rachel Davis Berry, Jim Lineberry, teacher; back row from left, Charles Fulp, Archie Warren, Rachel White Brown, Grady Hanner, Sylvester Hanner, Robert Bischer, Kathleen Lovette Baggett, O. N. Bowers, Pearl Moon, Dolly Kirkman Vuncannon, Jewell Beeson Farlow, Buck Toomes, Hazel Surratt Trogdon, Sara Brown Toomes, Helen Wrenn Hannon, Rachel Talley Henley, Laura Robbins Huffman, Harold Cashatt, Blanche Jordan and Joe Ridge.

### **Couple celebrates 40 years**

Oct. 8, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Elmer R. Cassady of Rt. 1, Seagrove, observed their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 30, the same date of their marriage in Bennettsville, S. C. in 1945.

The Cassadys are the parents of nine children, Clea Pope, Brenda Cassady, Dennis Cassady, Amy Cassady and Jerald Cassady, all of Asheboro; Ray Cassady and Phillip Cassady of Seagrove; Gregory Cassady of Greensboro, and Kelvin Cassady of the home. The couple has 12 grandchildren.

Elmer Cassady is a native of the Piney Ridge community, the son of the late George and Francena Matthew Cassady. He attended the one-teacher school at Piney Ridge behind the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Cassady, the former Mary Ruth Brady, is a native of the Stout's Chapel area and the daughter of Mary Green Brady of Rt. 1, Asheboro, and the late Elbert Brady. She

attended the one-teacher school at Stout's Chapel and, later, the school in Asheboro.

The Cassadys are members of the Piney Ridge United Methodist Church and have lived on Route 1 since their marriage. Cassady is employed at Jockey International at Cedar Falls while his wife works at Rampon Products, Asheboro.

### **Church celebrates 75 years**

Oct. 19, 1985 – The Sophia United Church of Christ celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sept. 29. The church was formerly called Brown's Grove Community Church, Sophia Congregational Church and Sophia Congregational Christian Church.

Chairman of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary committee was Don Rich, assisted by committee members Audrey Rich, Sandy Rich and Troy Hall. A historical resume was given by Don Rich.

The Rev. Howard E. Ward, Sr., pastor of the church for the past 13 years, welcomed the overflowing congregation and delivered the closing remarks. Also speaking to the group was the Rev. Avery Brown, pastor of the church from 1953 to 1957. It was under his leadership that the present church structure was opened on Dec. 30, 1956.

Recognized during the service was Pearl Mendenhall, 88, believed to be the oldest member of the church. Also recognized during the service were descendants of the Rev. Samuel Penn who became pastor of the church in 1923 and severed the congregation for 14 years. Ken Hollingsworth, a missionary to Cameroon, West Africa, since 1978, was present with his wife, Judy, and children, Nathan, Anne and Carrie.

The Sophia church was first organized in 1910 in a brush arbor, located near Browns Cross Roads, on a dirt road which is now Highway 311. Before the organization of the church, meetings were held in an old school building.

During the same year a small frame building for worship was erected on land donated by J. Madison Brown, a charter member of the church. Other charter members included Douglas and Cora Harrison, Nannie Brown, Lou Rich, Mrs. Reed Jackson, A. H. Walker and A. E. Hilliard. The church was then named Brown's Grove Community Church. Ministers at this time were Rev. Lemonds, Rev. Secrest, Rev. Edward L. Wehrenburgh and Rev. Fred P. Ensminger.

During Rev. Ensminger's ministry in the "prosperous times of the roaring '20s," a two-story frame church was built in Sophia in 1922 and the name was changed to Sophia Congregational Church. This building, located on the east side of Highway 311 towards High Point, still stands.

Historians at the celebration noted, "Several members today have vivid memoirs of the old church, the ringing of the bell, the huddling toward the center of the church near the potbellied stove on a cold morning, but the most enduring memories are those centered around the love and fellowship of sharing the word of God together and working together in His service."

A full-basement fellowship hall with kitchen, closet and fireplace, proposed by Roy Hayes as far back as 1962, was completed in 1975 as well as other additions to the church - five classrooms, an office, lobby, attic, a new furnace and air conditioning unit.

Pastors of the church, besides those already mentioned, include Rev. Dwight Spence, Rev. Weldon Madren, Rev. C.

C. Crutchfield, Rev. H. V. Cox, Dr. W. W. Sloan, Rev. J. Robert Bennett, Rev. Lacy Presnell, Rev. J. Rex Thomas, Dr. F. C. Lester and Rev. Homer Frye.

### **Calvary Church gets new pastor**

Oct. 10, 1985 – Since June 18, the Rev. Ronald J. Mann, and his wife, the former Rebecca Smith and their daughter, Monica, 5, have been serving the pastorate of the Calvary United Methodist Church, 114 Francis St., just off of North Fayetteville Street.

They come here from the Highland United Methodist Church in High Point where they served for three years.

Before that time they had served the Meadow View United Methodist Church at Eden for five years.

Rev. Mann is a native of Newport, N. C. and Morehead City. His preparation for the ministry occurred at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Dallas Theological Seminary and Southern Methodist University, the latter two institutions at Dallas, Texas. He received degrees from all three schools.

He was licensed to preach in 1968, he was ordained as a deacon in 1971 and ordained as an elder in 1975.

Mrs. Mann is a native of Swannanoa near Asheville. She is a graduate of Berea College in Berea, Ky., and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She has been employed as an instructor at Guilford Technical College in Jamestown since 1976.

Their daughter, Monica, is a kindergarten student at Balfour School. Rev. and Mrs. Mann were married Aug. 18, 1978.

The new pastor at Calvary is president of district ministers; he is also district statistician and a member of the district council of ministers.

Since coming to Calvary he and his family have found the church to be "friendly, warm, supportive and acceptive." He said "it is a real pleasure to be here and we are looking forward to some good years."

He also announced that a family fellowship service will begin at the church on Wednesday evenings, consisting of a meal, Bible study and choir practice.

### **Outstanding citizens**

Oct. 11, 1985 – Civic Women President Sandra Bullins, third from left, awards Charlotte Berliner, at left, for her outstanding work for the Senior Adult Association; Mrs. J. C. Corsbie as the Outstanding Civic woman; and CharlesAnna Fox as the Outstanding Senior Citizen, and Mada Kivett, Service Award.

### **Stand commemorates deceased member**

Oct. 14, 1985 – In a touching presentation Oct. 6 in memory of the late Buren Luther, a speaker's stand was presented to the L. M. Cranford Adult Sunday School class at New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Denton.

Sam Ward presented the stand to the class president and Buren's widow, Mada Luther, married to him for nearly 48 years.

Family members in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Gary Luther, Rt. 3, Denton; Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Ann Luther) Newlin, Rt. 3, Asheboro; Mrs. B. J. (Lynn Luther) Brewer, Asheboro, and her daughter, Kristin.

Buren Luther was a lifetime resident of the community and member of the New Hope United Methodist Church. He

also served for 30 years with the Randolph County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

The speaker's stand was built with kiln-dried White Oak, finished with clear lacquer and contains a cross built with recessed panels and beveled edges. A hinged top provides storage space. Glenn Cagle donated the wood while Marlan Miller built the stand free of charge.

### **Couple celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Oct. 16, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lane, 2310 Vestal Creek Court, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 28.

Hosting a reception at the new Lane residence to honor the couple were their daughter and son-in-law, Colonel and Mrs. Jerry (Lynda) Sinclair, of Patrick Air Force Base, Satellite Beach, Fla. Prior to the reception the couple had renewed their vows with their pastor, the Rev. Vernon McDaniel, officiating.

Assisting with the reception were Bethany Sinclair, granddaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Williams, Jr. and Mrs. Otis Grimsley, Mr. and Mrs. David Cole, Leanne Brower, Judy Jarrett and Rebecca Biddle.

Mrs. Lane, the former Lottie Mabe, is a native of Stokes County who lived in Montgomery County before coming to Asheboro prior to her marriage. Her parents were the late Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Mabe.

Fred Lane, a native of Ramseur, came to Asheboro at the age of six or seven. His parents were the late John and Annie Lineberry Lane.

The Lanes retired in 1982 after 27 years with their company, Lane Furniture. For 22 years the business was located on N. Elm St., Two years after their marriage they joined the First Baptist Church.

Lane, chairman of the Randolph County Board of Elections for eight years, has been involved in various church and civic interests throughout his mature years. He served as Sunday School secretary and literacy chairman for almost 25 years and as Sunday School superintendent, deacon, chairman of the finance committee and treasurer. He is presently a member of the brotherhood, president of his Sunday School class and chairman of the ushering committee. On the county level he served for 28 years as the clerk of the Randolph Baptist Association.

He has been a member of Balfour Lodge No. 188 for 41 years. Two times he has served as master of the lodge and he has been district deputy grandmaster of the 37<sup>th</sup> Masonic District. He has also served as secretary of the Balfour Lodge for 25 years. Lane is one of three charter members of the Asheboro Lions Club, organized in 1945, and is a past president of the club.

### **Class of 1955**

Oct. 16, 1985 – The 1955 class from Grays Chapel High School met at Western Sizzlin' Steak House Oct. 5; Members present were: Carl Walker, Betty Jean Reeder Honeycutt, Henry Davis, Lousie Allred, Ruby Presnell Trogdon, Jane Pugh Moore, Shelby Routh Barbre, Margaret Wiles Dula, Cliff Thomas, teacher; Ralph Groce, Phillip E. Fagg, Bernard Williams, Margaret Ellis Groome, Louise Poole Gatlin, DeLette Williams Routh, Elsie Lineberry Craven, Robert Carter, Mary Barbre Routh, Homer Earnhardt, Terry Dula. One class member, Paul Whitaker, is deceased.

**Antioch celebrates centennial**

Oct. 20, 1985 – Antioch Christian Church of Rt. 1, Seagrove, celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Oct. 6, one day early.

The Rev. Ervin Nance, pastor of the church for the past 10 years, delivered his anniversary message to a congregation which nearly filled the sanctuary. The Rev. Earlie Tucker, who preceded Rev. Nance, was present for the celebration. His predecessor, Rev. Robert Hunsucker, mailed his best wishes to the congregation.

First church meetings were held under a brush arbor. On June 19, 1886 land was selected as a building site, donated by John M. Fesmire. In Sept. of the same year the building committee reported that the church would be 24 feet wide, 40 feet long and 14 feet high. In later years more land was granted by John H. Fox.

The first church building, a wooden structure situated near the present sanctuary, was torn down and replaced by a brick building, which was erected in 1951. Thirteen members pledged to give 1,000 bricks each.

At a special meeting in 1976 the congregation decided to build a new sanctuary instead of remodeling the old one: the cost was \$129,160. The first meeting in the new sanctuary was held on the fourth Sunday in May, 1977.

Later a P. A. system was installed, the grounds were landscaped, the parking lot was paved and a parsonage was built on three acres of land.

At the celebration, Hilda Welborn presented the church's history, recorded in booklet form. Callie Needham researched the church minutes for this history while Welborn traced family ties back to the organizers of the church.

Organizers of the church were: Lewis Brady, Nancy A. Brady, Maggie A. Needham, A. L. Needham, D. B. Staley, Catherine J. Craven, H. T. Wilson, S. F. Wilson, Mary Brady, T. M. Brady, Rebecca Moffitt, W. A. C. Brady, W. M. Yow, Lydia Craven, John T. Hayes, M. A. Hayes, Margaret Needham and Rev. W. N. Hayes.

One comment in the historic booklet describes accurately the financial attitude of the church and its members. "There were times in the church history where expenses were paid and the money either collected or promised. But at no time was there a mention of borrowing money to pay a debt. God always provided."

A notable record of service came from the late Walter Cox and his wife, Rosa. Cox served as choir leader for 30 years while Rosa was the church pianist for 50 years and a Sunday School teacher for 40 years.

Clifford Hayes has served as a Sunday School teacher for 32 years. Edsel Needham has served as the church secretary for 24 years. Vertle Ritter's record includes two years as assistant secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School and 21 years as its secretary and treasurer. May Lou Hayes has been assistant pianist for two years and the organist for the past 18 years. Dora Kiser, 79, a member for 66 years, is believed to have been a member longer than anyone else. Her husband, Robie Kiser, 86, was the oldest person at the anniversary observance.

Music for the event was provided by former musical groups at the church. Included were the Gospel Singers, Vera Asbill, Mary Caviness, Lucy Needham; the Country Church Quartet; Bill and Hilda Welborn, Mary Lou Hayes, Ether Asbill, C. M. Hayes, Leroy Hayes and Tim Moon.

Present deacons of the church are Clifford Hayes, Jesse Ritter, Bill Welborn, Cecil Deaton, John D. Kiser, Gary Caviness and Alton Stout.

The Rev. Winfred Bray, pastor from 1952-1954, was represented by his wife. The family members of two deceased pastors, the Rev. James A. Webster, 1890-1892 and 1903-1907, and the Rev. D. Rufus Moffitt, 1925-1936, were also present.

The Rev. William G. Brady was the first pastor when the church was organized Oct. 7, 1885. However, his ministry was cut short by his death in Feb., 1886. Other pastors include W. W. Lawrence, 1886-1887 and 1894-1895; Henry A. Albright, 1887-1888, 1892-1893, 1899-1909; Benjamin L. Hayworth, 1888-89; J. S. Lawrence, 1889-1890; J. R. Comer, 1895-1897; M. E. Hammer, 1897-1899; J. W. Parker, 1900-1903; W. N. Hayes, 1907-1909; R. L. Williamson, 1909-1910; T. E. White, 1910-1917; L. W. Fogleman, 1917-1920 and 1924-1925; John Allred, 1920-1924; G. M. Talley, 1936-1951; John Bowers, 1954-1956; Garland Bennett, 1957-1961; Kenneth Ferree, 1962-1966.

Throughout the celebration, exhibits of the church's early history were displayed such as an old oil lamp from the first church building, the first communion cups and decanter, an old Bible, an embroidered quilt, a scrapbook of old Sunday School cards, pictures and clippings and three church plates.

An outdoor luncheon was provided at the end of the anniversary observance.

**School reunions**

Oct. 21, 1985 – The 1950 graduating class at Seagrove High School and two of their teachers held a reunion Oct. 12 at the Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Asheboro. They are shown here, in the top photo, seated from left, Margaret Waiton Milks, teacher; Rachel Tucker Mills, Deloris Auman Saunders, Jane Presnell Cox, Norma Voncannon Hoover, Mary King Swaney, Cathleen Cole Hunt, Glayds Freeman McLeod; standing from left, Evelyn Harris, teacher; Frances Lambeth, Kenneth Hall, Bonnie Hayes Evans, Laurence Sikes, Albert Luther, Willard Cox, Rex Hurley, Foy Gann, Clifford Lucas, Rex Combs, Junior Beck.

Pictured below are those present for the seventh reunion of the old Trogon School, Rt. 1, Seagrove, held Oct. 13 in the fellowship hall at Riverside Baptist Church. There were two school buildings at separate sites, a one-room, two-teacher institution located across the road from the first one. The last school was discontinued in 1939. Students attending the first school are, Eli Garner, Ruby Shelton, Ossie Hayes, Essie Moore, Emma Key, Ethel Maness, Willie Hussey; students attending the second school are, t, Dessie Needham, Connie Hoover, Rose Williams, Fern Wilson, Dempsey Gatlin, Stella Garner, Lewis Hussey, Frances Craven, Myrtle Hussey, Hannah Kidd, Cecil Deaton. The oldest former student attending the reunion was Ethel Maness, 77; the youngest former student was Myrtle Hussey, 55. A musical group, The Erect Boys, entertained the group following the luncheon.

**Chartered**

Oct. 23, 985 – The Ladies Auxiliary of VFW Post 9418 received its charter at a dinner meeting Oct. 12 in the Worthville Community Center. Shown making the presentation is Louise Shivley, Stoneville, center left, 10<sup>th</sup> district president of the Ladies Auxiliary, presenting the



charter to Edith Little, president of Ladies Auxiliary, VFW Post 9418, Randleman. Other officers and members pictured are: first row, far left, Ruby Wells, junior vice president; Fannie Waugh, far right, senior vice president; second row from left, Blanche Trogdon, secretary; Doris Trogdon, guard; Marie Cox, chaplain, Celia Kidd, treasurer; Jessie Groce, Dot Shaw, Ila Bean, Clarice York.

### **Couple married 50 years**

Oct. 23, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Junius F. Kirkman, Rt. 3, Randleman, near Worthville, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary recently at the Pinewood Country Club.

Hosting a reception in their honor from 3-5 p. m. were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kirkman, also of Rt. 3, Randleman.

Other members of the immediate family are two granddaughters, Karen McKinney, Morganton, and Kim Long, Rt. 3, Randleman, and three great-grandchildren, Jill McKinney, B. J. and Brandon Long.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman were married Sept. 28, 1935 at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. J. B. Trogdon, a Methodist Protestant minister in the Randleman area. Witnessing the ceremony were Ruby Whitaker and Ben Brower.

Following the ceremony the couple ate supper at the bride's home, after which they visited the county fair which was being held in Asheboro. The next day they had dinner at the home of the bridegroom.

Mrs. Kirkman, the former Beulah Hudson, is the daughter of the late Levi and Lottie Dorsett Hudson. Junius Kirkman is the son of the late Frank and Effie Mae Steele Kirkman. Both families lived in the Worthville, Randleman and New Salem areas.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkman have spent their married life in the Worthville area. They were employed at the Worthville Cotton Mill before Junius started laying brick in 1939 and Mrs. Kirkman became employed in the cafeteria at Randleman Elementary School where she remained for 22 years.

In recent years, Junius has turned his masonry contracting business over to his son, Roy, who in turn hires his father on a daily basis.

Junius Kirkman is well known in the country music circles and last year was honored before an audience of 200 for 50 years of participation in this field. His band is the Country and Western Partners which has performed at the Fall Festival since its existence.

### **Brays renew marriage vows**

Oct. 25, 1985 – Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 16, was a hectic time for the personnel at Brian Center for Nursing Care when they prepared for the 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bray, residents at the home.

Furniture in the lobby, site for the renewal of their marriage vows, had to be rearranged for family members and other spectators who filled the room, some walking to the site, others coming in wheel chairs.

An improvised altar was erected, before which their renewal vows were heard by the center chaplain, Rev. Ron L. Hamilton, pastor of Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests assembled in one of the activity rooms where refreshments were served.

Roy, 79 and his wife, 76, the former Essie Foster, were married Oct. 19, 1935 in Danville, Va.

Mrs. Bray has been a resident at the center for one and a half years. Her husband has been there for the past year. Before coming to the center they lived on Rt. 5, Asheboro.

At the time of their marriage they lived in High Point. Mrs. Bray was reared in the Worthville area.

According to Mrs. Bray, the couple has lived in many areas since their marriage, including the state of Virginia. He was an upholsterer. She said "he was the best and we went where the money was."

Still energetic, he attempted to kiss the bride before the minister had quite finished with the renewal of their vows.

Family members present for the observance were Gilmer McDonald, Asheboro, half-brother of Mrs. Bray; her nieces, Linda Loggins, Rt. 8, Asheboro and Diane Voncannon, Rt. 2, Asheboro, and her nephew, Larry McDonald, also of Rt. 8, Asheboro.

Other close relatives not in attendance were Leaton Foster, High Point, Mrs. Bray's brother, and Roy's sisters, Gertrude Newman, Lola Grayson, Mabel Bridges, Bertha Hester and Estelle Pernell, all of High Point and Swannie Ivey, Wilmington. It was said that they plan to visit the couple at another time.

### **Out-of-state reunion guests**

Oct. 25, 1985 – Many out-of-state people attended the 60<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Bulla, Farlow and Millikan families earlier this month at the Marlboro Friends Meetinghouse, Rt. 1, Sophia. They are shown here, seated from left, Fonna Bulla Segan, Elmira, N. Y. ; Jeanne Millikan, Downey, Calif. ; Mary Millikan, Hawthorne, Calif. ; Leota Cox Smith, Leesburg, Fla. ; Carolyn Cox, Long Beach, Calif. ; Betty Millikan Mangini, San Pedro, Calif. Standing from left, Wade Bulla, Linda Bulla Weise and Hartman Weise, Johnson City, Tenn. ; Frances Moline Bulla Goldberg, Elmira, N. Y. ; Marvin Millikan, Westfield, Ind. ; Ralph Millikan, Downey, Calif. ; John Bulla, Edison, N. J. ; Stuart Neal, Sheridan, Ind. ; Henry Roediger, Danville, Va. Raymond "Ted" Millikan, Hawthorne, Calif. ; Rebecca Yow and Louise Roediger, Danville, Va. ; Len Mangini, San Pedro, Calif. and Leslie Cox, Long Beach, Calif. Out-of-state people in attendance but not pictured were Mr. and Mrs. Oris Clinedinst, Salem, Va., and Bill and Shirley Bulla, Gulf Breeze, Fla.

### **Reunion officers**

Oct. 27, 1985 – The Butler reunion, composed of the descendants of James and Sarah Webster Butler, was held Oct. 13 at the Bethany Methodist Church near Liberty. The reunion started in 1963. Officers of the organization are shown above, from left, Natalie Butler, secretary and treasurer; Walter Butler, president; Carl Skipper, vice president; Christy Butler, registrar. The Wiley Verse Butler family hosted the reunion. Prizes were awarded to Crystal Lee Butler, youngest girl; William Glenn Goncharo, youngest boy; Pearl Frazier; oldest woman; Bob Land, oldest man.

### **98<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrated**

Oct. 29, 1985 – Kate Davis, a Stokes County native, celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday Oct. 21 at Brian Center for Nursing Care where she has resided since Dec. 1984.



Before the day had passed, Davis had already received 165 birthday cards, one of which came from Gov. Jim Martin.

In the center's activity room, Davis, with five of her daughters and other residents of the center, enjoyed punch and a birthday cake baked by her daughter, Juanita.

"She has been a wonderful mother," said Juanita Davis. "We are thankful we've had her this long." Kate Davis said all of her children had been good to her.

Davis lived with Juanita at Rt. 1, Randleman, prior to going to the center. Before coming to Randleman and after leaving Stokes County, the family lived in the Erect community.

Five of Davis' daughters joined her for the birthday celebration; Juanita Davis and Olivera Williams, Rt. 1, Randleman; Annie Kate Williams, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Mabel Kiser, Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Hazel Freeman, Lexington.

Other daughters are Thelma Staley, also of Rt. 1, Seagrove and Erlean Crotts, also of Lexington. Sons are Woodrow Davis of Rt. 1, Climax, and Garland Davis of Los Angeles, Calif. One daughter, Pearl Tysinger, two infant sons, William and Roy, and one stepson, Carl Davis, are deceased.

Descendants, including grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren, are too numerous to count. However, she does have one great-great-great-grandchild, Ashley Thompson, daughter of Cheryl Thompson who is the daughter of Linda Rose who is the daughter of Reba Hussey who is the daughter of Thelma Staley who is the daughter of Kate Davis.

Married at the age of 17 to the late Frank Davis (who died in 1951), Davis recalls working in the tobacco fields of Stokes and Randolph Counties.

Before illness overtook her, she attended the Sunday school at the Midway Wesleyan Church near Randleman. But she still retains her church membership at the Mt. Olivet United Methodist Church in Erect where she worshipped after locating in Randolph County.

### **Church breaks ground for building**

Nov. 1, 1985 – Bethel Friends Meeting, located five miles southeast of Asheboro on Highway 42, combined their annual homecoming service Oct. 27 with a ground breaking ceremony for the construction of a new meetinghouse.

Those participating in the ceremony were Minister Ralph E. Smallwood, Jackie Parks, clerk of Monthly Meeting; Leonard Cox, trustee chairman; Phil Cox, finance committee chairman; and Hubert Wright, building supervisor.

The proposed structure, consisting of a sanctuary, educational wing, fellowship hall, pastor's study and secretary's office, will be the seventh church building erected; this one will be built next to the highway.

Two log buildings were built in 1821 and 1855; a frame structure in 1888 with a 1904 addition and a brick structure in 1943 with a 1957 addition. At the ceremony Allie Kemp, church member and historian, described the difference between present day prices and those in 1943.

Bethel Friends Meeting began in 1821 when Friends on upper Richland Creek expressed a desire to have a place of worship in their own area instead of traveling the distance to Holly Spring. Their request to have a committee formed to study the situation was granted on May 19; the Meeting was established on Oct. 31, 1921.

This year's homecoming and ground breaking occurred within four days of 164 years after the Meeting was established.

Minister Smallwood is in his second tenure of service at Bethel, spanning an overall period of ten years. His message that Sunday was "The Time Is Here," a review of 12 years of planning since the clearing of the indebtedness from erecting the first parsonage.

A sizeable amount of money has been raised for building the new Meetinghouse, including the special offering Sunday of \$4,683. 55. Volunteer labor will be used in the construction of the new building.

### **Class of 1940**

Nov. 3, 1985 – Randleman High School's Class of 1940 held a reunion Oct. 26 in the fellowship hall at First Methodist Church in Randleman. Front row from left, Nellie Allred Noel, Allene Bennett Damion, Mary Bulla Alexander, Beulah Surratt Farlow, Theresa Farlow, Frances Helms Hinshaw, Dora Wall Thompson; second row from left, Donna Adams Edwards, Ruth Ellen Groce Bradley, Alice Ruth Kirkman Russell, Charles "Bud" Lassiter, A. R. "Doc" Russell, Lecy Curtis Quinn, Henry Ford, Gwendolyn Templeton Graves, James D. Hanner, Nellie Redding Harris, Ila Robbins Beane, Harriett Robbins Yates, Valastia Smith Hall, Mildred Hancock, Robbins, Ina Lee Millikan White, Dot Williams Shaw, Joe Pickard; third row from left, Leonard Staley, Arthur "Ossie" Davis, James Whitesell, Denver Hayes, C. D. Heath, Clara Routh Bulla, Gray Cashatt, Johnsie Heath BrownCoxCo.

### **Charlotte School**

Nov. 3, 1985 – Former students of the old Charlotte School, which was located four miles west of Asheboro, held their first reunion Oct. 27 in the fellowship hall at Charlotte United Methodist Church. Four former teachers attended, seated from left, Inez Bulla, Lillian Myers Walker, Pearl Hussey, Nell Spencer Jackson; former students from left, Mettie Poole Lovell, Julia Poole Burke, Worth Bulla, John Elmer "Bud" Routh, Clyde Henley.

### **Class of 1944**

Nov. 3, 1985 – The 1944 graduating class at Randleman High School held a reunion Oct. 26 in the fellowship area at Marlboro Friends Meetinghouse. First row from left, Jim Lineberry, teacher; Myra Jean Hardin Bowman, Jean Yow McCollum, Marie Presnell Routh, Lucille Hall Waynick, Jean Stout Eskridge, Blanche Julian Aragon; second row from left, Madeline Fogleman, Richard Allred, Eva Mae Farlow Ashburn, Charles Daniels, Bruce Spencer, Tommy McKenzie, Lester Lee Crotts, Maxie Fleming Brownfield, Dennis Farlow, Louise Webster Loflin; Worth Richardson, Calvin Owens, Binford Farlow, Lucy Maness, Edna Hudson Yow, and Wayne Loflin.

### **Couple celebrates 68<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Nov. 8, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. S. E. "Erman" Trogdon, Sr. of 335 Worth St. celebrated their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 28 at the Brian Center of Nursing Care where Trogdon has been a resident since Sept. .

Among those calling were their sons, Asheboro Mayor Joe Trogdon and S. E. Trogdon, Jr. both of Asheboro, and their

daughter, Nina Barone of Greensboro. One son, James O."Jim" Trogdon, is deceased.

The Trogdons were married Oct. 28, 1917 at the Bethany Methodist church near Millboro.

They went to the church accompanied by two other couples, intending for a private ceremony by the Rev. J. B. O'Briant, a family friend. However, they ended up having a public ceremony before the people who had come to attend the Sunday afternoon preaching service.

Samuel Erman Trogdon, Sr., 88, is the son of the late Rev. Joel B. Trogdon, a Methodist minister, and Annie Howell Trogdon. He was born east of Asheboro in the Trogdon Hill area where he and his wife lived for many years before coming to their Asheboro residence.

Mrs. Trogdon, 86, the former Lena Myrtle Williams, is the daughter of the late Alson E. Williams and Elma Frye Williams. She was born southeast of Asheboro.

Her father died at the age of 94 and her mother died at the age of 88. They had been married 69 and one half years at the time of Mr. Williams' death.

Mr. and Mrs. Trogdon have been active members of the Giles Chapel United Methodist Church where Mr. Trogdon's parents are buried. A fellowship building at the Giles Chapel Church, erected in the early seventies, was named Trogdon Hall in honor of them.

After their marriage, Erman hired out as a carpenter with the late W. B. "Will" Lamb, a pioneer Asheboro contractor. In a short while he became associated with Lamb in the construction business. In 1929 he received his state license as a contractor and established S. E. Trogdon and Sons, Inc., of which he is still president.

In 1977, on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday, he was honored by his employees who presented a plaque designating him "boss of the century" and thanking him for "50 years of leadership and guidance."

His building activity of more than a half of a century has extended throughout the length and breadth of Asheboro, Randolph County and the adjoining areas such as High Point, Thomasville and Winston-Salem. Trogdon has been noted particularly for the construction of churches in the areas. More than 100 churches have been erected by his firm.

### **Church ushers hold meeting, memorial**

Nov. 8, 1985 – The annual dinner meeting of the Board of Ushers at Central United Methodist Church and their wives was held Nov. 2. Speaker for the meeting was Rev. Tom L. Cassady, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Asheboro since June.

Included in the meeting was a memorial service to honor John C. "Johnny" Myers, Jr. and Frank M. White who has died since the last meeting of ushers. Music was provided by Mrs. Dan Upchurch, accompanist, and Nellie Bescher, soloist.

The new slate of officers was presented by Hilliard Nance, a member of the nominating committee, as follows: chairman, E. Wayne Hughes; vice chairman, Lewis Wright; secretary, C. E. Davis; assistant secretary, Joe Hardin; treasurer, Roy Kirkman; and secretary of greeters, Dr. Frances Jones.

Hughes has been named president of the United Methodist Church Ushers Conference of a nine-state area and selected as "Usher of the Year" at the conference held at Lake Junaluska.

Also participating in the meeting were Rev. William H. Pheagin, senior minister at Central United Methodist Church, and Carole Davis, chairperson of the commission worship.

### **Man celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Nov. 11, 1985 – Martin E. Cooper of 725 Rock Quarry Road, a retired carpenter foreman, was honored Oct. 27 for his upcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (on Oct. 31) at the home of his oldest son, Gilbert Cooper, 1819 Apr. Lane.

Gilbert and a sister, Onita Haynes of Chula Vista, Calif., are children of Martin and his first wife, the late Dora Lambeth.

Other children of Martin and his second wife, the former Pearl Dunning Rogers, are Jacquelyne Brown of Rt. 2, Seagrove, Arletta Hughes and Richard Cooper of Asheboro; Kenneth Cooper of McKinleyville, Calif.; Carleen Lambert of Rt. 2, Randleman and Charles Cooper of the home.

Martin also has a stepson, Maxton Rogers, of High Point. The Coopers have been married for 49 years.

Martin Cooper was born near Farmer, the son of the late Alson and Adeline Yates Cooper. He is the only one of his family living. He was a carpenter for all of his working years and was employed by Asheboro contractor Clyde Wood for 40 years.

A birthday celebration for him is held annually. For the most recent event his wife and six of his children were present, along with in-laws and grandchildren.

### **RHS principal remembered by portrait given to school**

Nov. 12, 1985 –A Randleman High School principal, the late H. H. Hamilton, has not been forgotten by his students, even though he left Randleman in the spring of 1943.

Around 150 students assembled at the school Nov. 3 for the unveiling of an oil portrait of Hamilton in a ceremony which was both emotional and humorous.

The ceremony was sponsored by the Class of 1942, with JoAnn Dean Earwood as chairman of arrangements and mistress of ceremonies. In addition to remarks from Howard Ferguson, a Randleman druggist representing the community, four class members spoke. They were Lucile Brown Gibson, 1929; Alton Wall, 1932; Emily Davis Pugh; 1939, and Brent Byrd Hanner, 1943.

Joe Pickard, Class of 1940, read scriptures from the Bible, the same verses which Hamilton read twice a week during the assembly periods.

Music was provided by two Randleman graduates, Hilma Dean Swaim, pianist, and Dottie G. Gaylon Cross, soloist, who is now choir director at First Baptist Church in Randleman.

Speaker after speaker, beginning with JoAnn Dean Earwood, extolled the virtues of Hamilton who, they said, endowed them with qualities which remained even to their mature years.

"We come together in joy for his life," said Earwood. She then read the poem which the students learned in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, "lives of great men all remind us, we can make our lives sublime and departing leave behind us footprints in the sands of time."

Many spoke of the helpfulness which characterized Hamilton, especially when students needed help to further

their education. Three students, someone recalled, furthered their education by taking cows to college with them to help pay their expenses.

John Dean remembered the principal's reaction when he and another student left school one afternoon to see the movie "Gone With the Wind" in Asheboro.

The portrait, which will be hung in an appropriate place in the high school, was unveiled by his children, Mrs. Hilda Pickard of Randleman, Mrs. Leta Rosser of Fayetteville, and H. H. Hamilton, Jr. of Charlotte.

Both daughters are also graduates of Randleman High School, Hilda Pickard in 1937 and Leta Rosser in 1941. Rosser told the audience, "We left here 42 years ago. I have hard your names time and time again."

Hamilton, a former resident of Lillington, became the principal in the fall of 1927 and left in the spring of 1943. After leaving, he returned many times, especially to attend the class reunions.

The portrait was produced by David Wooters, photographer at Portrait House. Three years ago the Class of '42 presented a Bible to the Randleman High School Library.

### **Couple celebrates 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Nov. 14, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Delk, Jr. of 1825 Raleigh Rd. were honored on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at a reception Oct. 27 in the fellowship hall at First United Methodist Church.

Hosting the surprise reception were their children and in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Joe (Frances) Delk III of Lenoir; Mr. and Mrs. Tom (Cheryl) Delk of Asheboro; and Mr. and Mrs. Chris (Delia Ann Delk) Scarborough II of Denton.

The Delks have five grandchildren: Jennifer Delk, Joseph Delk IV, Kim Delk, Laurie Delk and Thomas Christopher "Kit" Scarborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Delk were married Oct. 27, 1945 at Asheboro Friends Meetinghouse. Officiating at the ceremony was the bride's uncle, Seth B. Hinshaw, a Friends minister.

Mrs. Delk, the former Lillian Hodgin, is the daughter of the late John H. Hodgin and Clara Hinshaw Hodgin. She is a graduate of Ramseur High School and attended Woman's College in Greensboro, now UNC-G.

J. C. Delk, Jr. is the son of Mrs. Adletta Trogdon Delk of Rt. 6, Asheboro, and the late Joe Delk, Sr. He is a native of the Jackson Creek area, a graduate of Farmer High School and attended Pfeiffer College at Misenheimer.

Mr. and Mrs. Delk have been in the business circle for most of their married life. They owned and operated Delk Florist for 35 years and still retain an interest in its operation.

Recently they established three MaMa's Kitchen & Ice Cream Parlors in Asheboro. They attend First United Methodist Church in Asheboro, where Mrs. Delk is a member of the circle meeting. She is a former member of the Asheboro Woman's Club.

J. C. is a member at large in the Asheboro Lions Club and a former president of the North Carolina Flower Growers Association.

Following their anniversary reception the Delks revisited their honeymoon site at Black Mountain and toured the Asheville area.

### **Veterans honored during church service**

Nov. 14, 1985 – Veterans Day was observed in unique ceremonies at Parks Cross Roads Christian Church, Rt. 2, Ramseur, during the morning worship service Nov. 10.

Nineteen veterans spoke briefly about their military activities. Each summarized his career and told, "What America Means To Me."

Some of their remarks brought tears to the congregation, such as when the veterans called the United States "the greatest country on earth." A large sign in the pulpit stated "Serving God and Country."

The Army was most represented, including veterans William Moffitt, Candon Carmac, Alton Cox, Randall Brower, Oris Carmac, John Brooks, Keith Coward, Darrell Carmac, Hershel Priddy, Raymond Swaim, William Cox, Ronnie Cox and Greg Williams.

Navy veterans attending were Worth Cox and Dean Cox; from the Air Force, Grady Lawson and Nathan Cox; representing the Marine Corp was Charles Ward; and from the National Guard, Larry Patterson.

Other veterans at Parks Cross Roads unable to attend the service are Gene Craven and Chris Cox, Army; Don Parks, Navy; James Hicks and Thad Hardin, Air Force; Mitchell Simmons, Marine Corp; Bobby Coe, Coast Guard.

Six of the veterans served in World War II, one in the Korean War and two in Vietnam. Two were wounded in action, Oris Carmac in World War II and Ronnie Cox in the Korean conflict. Most all of the veterans served overseas.

Darrell Carmac is noted for being the last person drafted from Randolph County. His military service began Oct. 27, 1972. The last veterans to join the Army from Parks Cross Roads were Greg Williams and Chris Cox.

Flag bearers for the ceremonies were Andy Simmons and Stephen Carmac. The congregation gave pledges to both the American Flag and the Christian Flag. Both flags were donated to the church by Troy and Margaret Caveness.

Nathan Cox, choir director and also a veteran, concluded the tribute by singing "America, The Beautiful." Souvenirs of the veterans were displayed in the fellowship hall where the noon meal was held.

The event was coordinated by veteran Darrell Carmac, son of Oris Carmac and father of Stephen Carmac, and superintendent of the Sunday School at Parks Cross Roads.

### **14<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Nov. 14, 1985 – Franklinville Senior Citizens celebrated their organization's 14<sup>th</sup> anniversary Nov. 7 with a cake following their meeting in the fellowship hall at Franklinville United Methodist Church. Seven of the 26 charter members were present, from left, Ethel Malone, Pauline Andrews, Ada Trogdon, Lois Vestal, Margaret Williams, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Gatlin and Clyde Williams. A history of the group was presented by Lucy Welch, program chairman. The president is Dorothy Groce.

### **Ramseur fireman recognized for service**

Nov. 15, 1985 – Frank Kivett, 69-year-old member of the Ramseur Volunteer Fire Department, received a plaque for 25 years of service at the annual firemen's supper Nov. 8.

Kivett, it was announced, will retire as a fireman and become the secretary and treasurer of the Fireman's Pension Fund as of next month.

Kivett said he had enjoyed his service as a fireman. "It is going to be bad to hear the siren and me not answer it."

His membership in the department actually goes back farther than his plaque indicates, since he joined in 1958. He reflected on the changes he had witnessed in the department.

"We only had one truck and sometimes had to push it off. Now we have modern equipment and know how to use it."

Presenting the plaque was the fire chief, Willie Brown, who praised Kivett's tenure of service. "We have used him on traffic control, making it as light as we could so that he could stay longer," he noted.

Kivett is the oldest member both in seniority and age. Twice he was named "Fireman of the Year," in 1978 and 1982. He retired from Burlington Industries seven years ago. Prior to that company, he worked at Ramseur Worsted Mill and Columbia Manufacturing Co.

Kivett and his wife, the former Edith Stuart, live at 492 York St. in Ramseur, where he has always lived. They have a daughter, Mrs. Harry Wayne Craven, who lives in Asheboro.

### **Couple honored**

Nov. 17, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Otis Melvin Smith, Rt. 9, Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov. 10 in the fellowship hall at Asheboro United Church of Christ.

Their children, Kathleen Gordon, Thomasville; Lewis Smith, Rt. 1, Trinity; Judy Lineberry, Rt. 2, Sophia; and Pamela Burns, Rt. 6, Asheboro, hosted the reception. Their immediate family also includes five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

The Smiths were married Nov. 9, 1935 in Stuart, Va. Mrs. Smith is the former Disie \_\_\_\_\_. Both are natives of the Lawsonville area of Stokes County. They attended school together and lived four or five miles apart.

An hour before their marriage, they attended the wedding of Mrs. Smith's sister May to Drew Mabe in Danville. The Mabes, in turn, accompanied the Smiths to their marriage.

The Smiths lived in Lawsonville for six years after their marriage, then moved to Surry County. They returned to Stokes County when Mr. Smith served in the Army during World War II.

After the war, they moved to Randolph County, where Mr. Smith farmed until 1949. Then he went to work as a state prison guard, retiring three years ago.

Mrs. Smith was employed for eight years, working with Smart Style, Sew Special and Creative Sportswear.

The Smiths are members of the Asheboro Church of God.

### **Retiring minister receives new car from congregation**

Nov. 18, 1985 – Rev. Dewey Almond, of Friendship Baptist Church on Spero Road, Asheboro, has resigned his pastorate after 11 and a half years of service.

The minister, who came to the church Apr. 28, 1974, told his congregation Oct. 13 he was leaving due to ill health. His last Sunday was Oct. 27.

On that Sunday his congregation came up with a great surprise. They presented the Almonds with a brand new 1986 Chevrolet Caprice Classic as an expression of their love and in appreciation for their services.

The members also announced they would name the fellowship building Almond Fellowship Hall.

"You shouldn't have done it," said Rev. Almond through his tears, adding "(This is) the happiest and saddest day of my life."

Rev. Almond is a native of Stanley County. His first church was in Cabarrus County in the early '50s. He has also served in Stanley County, Iredell County, and Cabarrus County and at Cool Springs Baptist Church in Randolph County.

He was the first and only pastor thus far at the Friendship church, organized in Jan. 1974, before he came on Apr. 28, 1974.

An interim pastor, Maurice Kennedy, will fill the pulpit until a new pastor can be obtained. A pulpit committee has been named: Robert Hames, Reid Crofts, Benny Hussey, Wayne Pugh and Steve Potts.

Rev. Almond and his wife will continue to live at their home on 1139 Cheyenne Circle.

### **Scout gets award**

Nov. 22, 1985 – Chuck Cagle, nine-year-old son of Charles and Ruby Cagle, of Rt. 3, Asheboro, received the God and Country Award during morning workshop service at Hopewell Friends Meeting Nov. 17.

Presenting the award was the Rev. David Roudabush of Hopewell Meeting, where Chuck is a member of the Sunday School class.

Chuck is a member of Cub Scout Pack 563, Den 2, sponsored by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Some of the requirements for receiving the award were interviewing the pastor of the church that he attends, keeping a daily journal of activities for a month and being active in the church. He fulfilled the latter requirement by becoming a member of the junior choir.

Chuck has been active in scouting since becoming a Tiger cub in 1983. He has earned Bobcat and Wolf and is currently working on Bear Rank.

### **Couple celebrates anniversary**

Nov. 26, 1985 - Mr. and Mrs. Harvey T. Shaw celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Nov. 23 at their home on 1004 Lewallen Road, Asheboro.

They were married in Asheboro.

Harvey, son of 103-year-old Alice Voncannon Shaw, Asheboro, and the late Rev. Jesse Edgar Shaw, was born in Davidson County.

His wife, the former Ola Yates, was born in Asheboro to the late Amos and Dora Rich Yates.

The couple have two daughters, Hortense Hatcher of Rockingham and Janet Bowman of Asheboro.

They also have six grandchildren, Ronnie Davis, Larry Poole, Mark Poole, Linda Poole Ward, Shannon Bowman, Jason Bowman and four great-grandchildren, Timmy Davis, Michael Ward, Keisha Ward and Harvey Poole.

The Shaws have lived in Asheboro except for about three years in Florida in 1968-73.

Harvey Shaw was first employed at two local hosiery mills before becoming a partner with his father-in-law in the construction business, which he continued after the death of Mr. Yates. Ola, his wife, worked at Acme Hosiery Mill in the earlier years of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Shaw are members of nearby West Bend United Methodist Church, where she served as the pianist and he was the choir director.

On Sunday before their anniversary a musical selection, dedicated to the couple, was taped and presented to them since they cannot attend services due to illness.

### **50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Dec. 1, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Kirkman of Rt. 10, Asheboro, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov. 24 at the First United Methodist Church parlor. The reception was hosted by their children, Linda K. Teal of Wilmington, Edward S. Kirkman of Renton, Wa., and Patricia K. Lee of Asheboro. The Kirkmans were married Nov. 23, 1935, at Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Kirkman is the former Lillian Jones, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Wesley C. Jones. The couple has seven grandchildren and are members of First United Methodist Church.

### **Mother of 12 honored on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday**

Dec. 2, 1985 – The 12 children of Mrs. Jean Trotter Routh, Rt. 2, Randleman, honored her on her 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday at Western Sizzlin' Steak House in Asheboro Nov. 23.

The supper event was limited to her children and their spouses. Mrs. Routh, still the head of her household, wanted to "sit down with all of her children at the same table one more time."

Some of her children came from a distance. The last time they got together was three years ago on their mother's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Her children are Mabel Staley, Rt. 2, Sophia; Jessie Massey, Rt. 3, Randleman; Kate Hollingsworth and Allen Routh, Rt. 2, Randleman; Tom Routh, Milton Routh, Neal Routh and Bobbie Lineberry, Randleman; Helen Griffin, Baton Rouge, La., Gladys Brown, Rt. 1, Franklinville; Burton Routh, Dallas, Texas; and Clinton Routh, Elk Ridge, Md.

Two other children born to Mrs. Routh and her husband, the late Claude Routh, died in their infancy. Claude Routh died Oct. 7, 1976.

Mrs. Routh's immediate family also includes 32 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was born Nov. 21, 1892, near Caraway Mountain, west of Asheboro. She was the ninth and youngest child born to Ross and Angeline Miller Trotter. A brother, Everett Trotter, 95, is still living.

Mrs. Routh helped on her father's farm, the family attended the nearby Mountain View Church and she attended the Belvidere School, whose sessions only lasted four months out of every year. Her schooling was limited to six years.

In 1913 she got acquainted with Claude Routh, of the Bethany Church community near Worthville, when he was helping his grandfather, Neese Routh, cut timber off of Caraway Mountain.

They were married Apr. 8, 1914, at the home of Rev. J. B. O'Brian, pastor of the Bethany church parsonage at New Salem.

On the day of their wedding Claude left from his home near the Bethany church to pick up his bride at her home near Caraway. He was traveling in a one-seated rubber-tired buggy, drawn by a gray horse. The trip took six hours to make the trip there and back.

Following their marriage the couple lived at various places: High Point, Caraway, New Market, Sophia, Carolina Beach and Randleman, where they operated their first café.

In 1976 they purchased land and established Circle Inn at White Hall near Randleman, still owned by Mrs. Routh.

In the late sixties the Rouths leased the café at White Hall to other family members and then traveled extensively to Canada and all of the states, except Alaska and Hawaii.

Mrs. Routh's mind is clear and she maintains the operation of her household. However, she has been confined to a wheel chair for the past two years. Her children who live in the vicinity take turns in their care for her.

She is a member of the Bethany United Methodist Church.

### **Grantville Scoutmaster retires**

Dec. 10, 1985 – C. L. Tedder of Grantville Community thought he was only attending the regular scout meeting Nov. 25.

But seeing the large crowd, especially the former scout members, he had an inkling what was happening.

All of them had come to honor Tedder for serving as scoutmaster of Troop 562 for 13 years. Buddy Joines, president, presented Tedder with a plaque which read, "In appreciation for your years of dedication and leadership."

Tedder's voice broke with emotion as he expressed his appreciation not only for the presentation of the plaque but for the cooperation he received from scouts and parents throughout his years of service.

During his leadership the troop produced nine Eagle Scout Award recipients, three more eligible scouts, and four God and Country Award recipients. One scout, Brian Clark, was awarded most outstanding scout in the Randolph district.

In addition to individual achievements, the troop has been active in camporees, summer camps, trips to Camp Wenesa, weekend activities, trips to the mountains and to the beach.

Films of activities since 1972 were shown by Charles Byrd. The new scoutmaster, David Pickett, was introduced. The assistant scoutmaster is Don Bowman.

### **Area couple celebrates 38<sup>th</sup> year of marriage**

Dec. 11, 1985 – Howard W. and Ruth Phillips reached the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Nov. 27.

They were married on Thanksgiving Day at the Balfour Baptist Church parsonage, with the Rev. R. E. Heath officiating.

The couple waited until Thanksgiving Day to observe the occasion with their sons, Howard W. Phillips, Jr. of Rt. 6, Asheboro; Keith Eugene Phillips and Jonathan Phillips of Rt. 9, Asheboro.

Mr. Phillips, son of the late Grover and Missouri Myrick Phillips, was born at Bear Creek in Chatham County and later lived with his parents at Ossipee in Alamance County before moving back to Bennett. He is a graduate of Bennett High School, a U. S. Navy veteran and a postal employee in Asheboro.

Mrs. Phillips, daughter of the late Luther and Mary Stalker Lambert, was born and reared in the Grays Chapel area.

The Phillips are members of the Forrest Park Baptist Church.

### **Couple celebrates golden anniversary**

Dec. 12, 1985 – The Rev. and Mrs. Paul E. Allred, Sr., 807 S. Main St., Asheboro, were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding

anniversary Nov. 30 in the fellowship hall at the First United Methodist Church, Lexington.

The reception was hosted by their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Allred, Lexington, and Dr. and Mrs. C. Robert "Bob" Allred of Stone Mountain, Ga., where Dr. Allred is pastor of the First United Methodist Church.

Also hosting the reception were the couple's grandchildren, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Allred, Lexington; Mr. and Mrs. Tim (Cathy Allred), Michael, Raleigh, and Candi and Lynn Allred of Stone Mountain, Ga.

The Allreds met while they were students at the school now known as Central Wesleyan College in Central, S. C. They were married in Tarrant, Ala., Nov. 26, 1935.

Mrs. Allred, the former Florice Sides, is a native of that area. Her parents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Millard Fillmore Sides.

Rev. Allred, a native of the Randleman area, is one of 11 children born to the late William Stanley Allred and Rosa Grant Allred. Three of his brothers were also ministers; another one was a gospel singer.

Rev. Allred, now retired, began his ministry in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, now known as the Wesleyan Church, about the same time as their marriage.

In addition to serving two years as president of the Alabama Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, he has pastored churches in Iva, S. C. ; Carlisle, S. C. ; Tuscaloosa, Ala. ; Kings Mountain; Long Shoals; Charlotte; Gastonia; Lexington; Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Methodist Church in Asheboro; Kannapolis; High Point; Wilmington and Trinity Wesleyan Methodist Church near Erect, the latter church being served while he was in semi-retirement.

Mrs. Allred, who received an AB degree from High Point College, taught school in Lexington; at Lindley Park and Charles W. McCrary schools in Asheboro; in Kannapolis and at Archdale school when her husband was pastor of Hickory Chapel Wesleyan Methodist Church in High Point, she is also an artist and she teaches the Gertrude Jordan Sunday School class at the Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church.

Out of town guests at the reception were Mrs. Pauline Cook of Graysville, Ala., sister of Mrs. Allred; Mrs. Jean Doss, daughter of Mrs. Cook and her son, Scott Doss, of Birmingham, Ala; Mrs. Norman Myers of Holly Hill, S. C., sister of Rev. Allred; Mrs. Margaret Childs of Central, S. C. ; Mr. and Mrs. David Pritchard and sons of Columbia, S. C. ; Mr. and Mrs. David Redwine of Atlanta, Ga. ; Mr. and Mrs. Burnice Walker of Wilmington; Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hartsell of Kannapolis and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Richardson of Eleazer.

Other guests came from Concord, High Point, Asheboro and Colfax.

## **Building dedicated**

Dec. 13, 1985 - The new fellowship building at Rushwood Park Wesleyan Church, 1438 Old Farmer Road, was dedicated Dec. 1 at 1 p. m.

The new 38 x 86 foot brick building was placed at the rear of the church and completed in Sept. . Inside the paneled building are two storage rooms, two bathrooms, a kitchen and a 38 x 55 foot dining area.

The building's cost was \$93,000. Participating in the dedication was the Rev. Ron Hamilton, church pastor of two and a half years; Roy Bullins, chairman of the trustees at the time of construction; the Rev. Paul Teague, founder

of the church in 1950; and the Rev. Don Ledbetter, superintendent of N. C. East District, who accepted the building for dedication.

Ledbetter also spoke at the morning workshop service. Between the two services a carry-in lunch was served in the new building.

## **Note burning**

Dec. 15, 1985 - A note-burning service was held Dec. 1 at the Franklinville Pentecostal Holiness Church, clearing the indebtedness from building built in 1974. From left, the Rev. Tommy Fuquay, superintendent of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Pentecostal Holiness Church; the Rev. James Laws, pastor of the church when it was built; the Rev. Ronald D. Carpenter, present pastor; Mrs. Vera Mosley, secretary and treasurer of the Christian education department which handled the financing. The Rev. Fuquay, former pastor of the Asheboro Pentecostal Holiness Church, spoke at the service.

## **Ramseur's resident poet celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> birthday**

Dec. 17, 1985 - Grace Saunders Kimrey, well-known Ramseur poet, writer and Baptist church leader, was honored on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Nov. 30.

The celebration was held at the Oakwood Park Baptist Church, 1806 Crescent Drive, followed by a dinner in the church's fellowship hall.

Hosting the surprise party were David and Peggy Laughlin, fellow members at Oakwood Park, where Mrs. Kimrey teaches the adult ladies' class.

Mrs. Kimrey called herself "a Baptist for all of my life." She joined the church when she was 15 years of age. Her lifelong dream was becoming a missionary but lack of money and education prevented this goal. "If I had been a man I would have been called to preach," she said.

Besides Oakwood Park, she has influenced Cedar Falls, Franklinville, Ramseur and Mebane. She has held various offices in churches in all of these areas, even directing the worship service in the absence of the pastor.

Recently she wrote the 50-year history of the Women's Missionary Union of the Randolph Baptist Association. It has been placed in the Archives of History at the Southern Baptist WMU Headquarters in Birmingham, Ala. She has also served on the program planning committee for the Randolph Baptist Association recently.

In addition, Mrs. Kimrey wrote a drama on historic Sandy Creek Baptist Church, a history of the Oakwood Park Church from notes compiled by Rosine Davis, and a genealogy of her husband's family.

Her books of poetry include "Sunny Valley," Glimpses of Beauty," "Star of Hope," and "Of Heaven and Of Earth." She has written "Hallowed Be Thy Name," not yet published, and is currently writing "Reminisces of My Life." She also wrote "Morning Star," a history of Ramseur.

During her years of writing Mrs. Kimrey received many awards as a member of the Burlington Writers Club and has been listed in Who's Who of International Poetry and N. C. Poetess Society. Dr. Archibald Rutledge, poet-laureate of South Carolina, is both a friend and a teacher of Mrs. Kimrey.

A native of Montgomery County and the daughter of the late Aaron Thomas and Willie Louisa Coble Saunders, Mrs.



Kimrey moved to Cedar Falls when she was almost 11 years old. She has been married to Sam C. Kimrey for nearly 56 years. They have a son, Gary, also of Ramseur, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Kimrey went back to school when her son was small and graduated from Ramseur High in three years at the age of 26.

### **Separated siblings reunited at last**

Dec. 19, 1985 – Elgie Irene Singleton May, 70, of Branford, Fla., and Walter Overton, 64, of Rt. 4, Asheboro, are a half-brother and half-sister. Until Thanksgiving morning they had not seen each other in 45 years.

They reunited in Southern Pines when Walter met his sister's train, accompanied by his wife, Leona, his daughter, Doris Brown, and his granddaughter, Tammy Brown.

"We had talked about the reunion since we got married," said Mrs. Overton, adding that was nearly 42 years ago.

Elgie was born in Richland Township. Her and Walter's mother, Flora Honney Singleton Overton, died Nov. 18, 1927. Walter's father is the late James B. "Jimmy" Overton. Elgie doesn't remember her father. She was separated from her mother when she was around three years old.

After that she went from place to place. She can first remember living in the home of her maternal grandfather, Eli Honney, in Montgomery County and then in the home of a great-uncle, Bill Callicutt, also in Montgomery County. She attended the Lovejoy School there.

After the death of both her great-uncle and his wife, Nancy Ann, she went to the home of Allison Lee and Barbara Laughlin who lived near Denton in Davidson County. Mrs. Laughlin was related to Elgie's late great-uncle. Elgie finished 7<sup>th</sup> grade in Denton.

When Mrs. Laughlin died Elgie was sent to live with the Laughlin's daughter, Essie Bazemore, in Fayetteville. She lived there until she married Hughie May in 1947.

During her marriage she lived in Fayetteville, St. Petersburg, Fla., and her present residence, Branford, Fla. "I'm not moving anymore," she said, laughing.

Elgie last saw her brother in Nov. of 1940, while at the Bazemore residence. She has seen Walter only occasionally while growing up. She said she had no idea of where to look for him.

While Elgie was moving around, Walter lived in the Pisgah area. He later moved to Asheboro, where he has lived for 24 years.

Last spring Walter began a serious search for his sister. People had told him that she was deceased but he said he did not believe them. His search reached Davidson, Hope and Cumberland counties and Dillon, S. C. "I didn't give up," he said.

Then Essie Bazemore's son, Albert Boone, gave him the St. Petersburg, Fla., address. He called the tax department and checked with the people who bought her property. A neighbor provided him with her present address.

On Nov. 6, Walter called Elgie. It was the first time he had talked with her in 45 years. He also sent her a picture of him and his family.

The nine-day reunion was eventful. The siblings visited an aunt, Vella Hall, nearly 88, and their mother's grave at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church cemetery.

But there will be other visits as Walter said, "We are not caught up yet," and Elgie reiterated "we will not catch up on this trip."

### **Working for Liberty**

Dec. 20, 1985 – The West Liberty Improvement Association's annual banquet was held Dec. 6 in the Reitzel Center in Liberty. Shown are, from left, the Rev. and Mrs. William J. Stewart, Jr., Mrs. Frances Clay and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Parker. Rev. Stewart, pastor of St. Stephens A. M. E. Church and newly elected town council in Liberty, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Clay is president of the West Liberty Improvement Association; Parker was elected mayor of Liberty in the Nov. election.

### **Couple celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary**

Dec. 20, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. James Brown King, Sr., 801 S. Main St., celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Nov. 30.

They were married Nov. 27, 1935, at the parsonage of the First Methodist Church in Asheboro. The officiating minister was the Rev. H. P. Powell.

A luncheon was hosted at Olde Towne Deli by their children: James Brown "Jim" King, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel K. (Beth) Kesler, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas "Tommy" King, Seagrove, and Mr. and Mrs. Stephen (Marian) Player, Raleigh.

Guests at the luncheon were Mrs. King's sisters and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Max Helsebeck and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mitchell Wilkins, Charlotte, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Leach, Asheboro, and her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bill McCollum, also of Asheboro.

Following the luncheon the party went to the King's for cake and punch.

Mrs. King is the former Sarah Virginia McCollum, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. L. McCollum. She is a native of Star and graduated from high school there. Mr. King is the son of the late Lonnie A. King and Mae Brown King. He was raised in Seagrove and is a graduate of that high school.

Mrs. King retired from Acme-McCrary Corp, and Mr. King retired from J. H. Allen, Inc.

They are members of the Central United Methodist Church and have four grandsons.

### **Bethany senior citizens**

Dec. 20, 1985 – The above people, 80 years of age and older, attended the 25<sup>th</sup> annual senior citizen dinner at the Bethany United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville; first row from left, Wesley Ward, 91; Kathleen Layton, 82; Clarence Baldwin, 81; Carletta Julian, 90; Percy Wood, 96; Susan Inman, 82; Solen Pugh, 85, second row, standing from left, Raymond Ward, 81; Beatrice Howard, 83; Hazel Monnett, 84; Florence Williams, 80; Sally Williams, 85; Bessie Ward, 80; Annie Johnson, 84; Lillian Routh, 83. A total of 76 people attended the dinner sponsored by the United Methodist Women, of which Edna Johnson is president.

### **Couple renews wedding vows**

Dec. 25, 1985 – Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Perry, Rt. 2, Randleman, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by renewing their vows Nov. 24 at the Level Cross Community Center. The Rev. Vernon Hurley officiated.

Hosting the reception were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Perry, and their daughter and son-in-



law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brown, all of Randleman, and their grandchildren, Beverly and Barbara Perry, Dale and Sherri Brown. Also assisting were Anita Boling, Carmen Williams, Ann Perry, Rana Cleason, Ricky Tysinger and Steve Strickland.

Music was provided by the Buffalo Ford Boys and the Southern Jazz Band. Mr. Perry performs with both bands. Approximately 175 guests attended.

The Perrys are natives of Chatham County near the Alamance County line. After obtaining their marriage license in Alamance County, they were married on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28, 1935, at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. Ed Harris of Chatham County.

Shortly after the ceremony, however, the minister realized that he had married them in the wrong county. He hurriedly went after the Perrys, who were still in the community, put them in his car and drove them across the county line where he performed the ceremony again while they sat in the car.

The Perrys moved to Randleman in 1943. Mrs. Perry was employed at Laughlin Hosiery Mill for 30 years. Mr. Perry was employed as a supervisor with Carbide Saws in High Point. Both are retired now. They remain active at their home in Randleman and enjoy fishing at their retirement home at Ocean Isle Beach.

### **Christmas cantata**

Dec. 25, 1985 – "Christmas in the Good Old Days" was presented as a chancel choir cantata at the 100-year-old Central Falls United Methodist Church. The cantata also included "Our Old Fashioned Christmas Tree," "It's Fun to Think of Christmas," and "At Grandma's House." Choir members, shown above, first row, from left, Becky Rogers, Pam Harrelson, Betty Jean Harrelson, Frances York, Kay Gottula, choir member, narrator and minister, second row, from left, Hazel Kidd, Joan Durham, R. B. York, J. R. Harrelson, Bobby Harrelson, Junior Sykes, Bobby Rogers. Karen Sykes is pianist and choir leader.

### **Honored fireman**

Dec. 27, 1985 – C. E. Teague, Jr., left, Coleridge Fireman of the Year in 1984, presents the 1985 award to Mark Hinesley second from left, at the annual banquet held by the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department on Dec. 14. Hinesley, a director of the department, has been a fireman for two and a half years. Also pictured are, from left, Larry McAlister, fire chief, and Bill Welborn, first fire chief when the department was organized 18 years ago. Welborn, who also served as the department's third chief, announced his retirement. More than 60 firefighters and their spouses attended the banquet this year. A tribute was held in memory of W. C. Kiser who had served department for 18 years.

### **New church forms in county**

Dec. 27, 1985 – Freedom Christian Temple, a newly organized church, was dedicated Dec. 8 at the home of Herbert A. Russell on Rt. 7, Asheboro. Regular services will be held in the basement.

The church is independent Christian. Its pastor is Rev. Robert Hittepole, former pastor of Gospel Light Baptist Church near Uwharrie, who was also an interim pastor at Antioch Baptist Church for two months.

Preaching at the service of dedication was the Rev. Flynn Richardson, 22, pastor of the Shady Grove Christian Church near Ether in Montgomery County.

Hittepole is a native of Sidney, Ohio; he left Sidney in 1967 to serve three years in the Military Army Security Agency. Serving in this state he met and married his wife, the former Sandra Kay Floyd. They have a son, Jefferson Mark. The minister was ordained by the Gospel Light Baptist Church on Jan. 22, 1983.

Besides the Hittepoles, other members of the church are Dana Latham, Robert Auman II, Ray Latham, Michelle Brim, Peggy Auman, Ruth Russell, Debbie Russell, Janice Latham, Wanda Beane, Herbert Russell, Selma Sheffield, Leonard Sheffield, David Russell, Dorothy Brim, Carolyn Auman, Frances Bache and Ruby Sams.

Services are being held as follows: Sunday School at 10 a. m., worship service at 11 a. m., evening services the first and third Sundays at 5:30 p. m.

### **Scout receives Eagle Award**

Dec. 29, 1985 – Bobby Mabe, a 17-year-old junior at Southwestern Randolph High School, received the Eagle Scout Award Dec. 15 during the worship service at Panther Creek Baptist Church.

Mabe is the son of Mrs. Opal Mabe of Rt. 8, Asheboro, and a member of Seagrove Scout Troop No. 513, sponsored by the Seagrove Jaycee Club.

The ceremony consisted of three patriotic songs, the allegiance to the flag, the pledge of the scout oath and the presentation of pins by Mabe's mother, Scoutmaster Donnie Edwards, Assistant Scoutmasters, Tony Hussey and Leighton Veneable, and Mike Garner, a Jaycee representative.

Bobby is one of five charter members of the troop which was re-chartered five years ago. He has had perfect attendance during these five years.

Since becoming a scout he has held the positions of scribe, assistant patrol leader, patrol leader and senior patrol leader for two years. He has been junior assistant scoutmaster for the past five months.

He has earned 11 of the 12 skill awards and 33 merit badges. Only 21 were required for the award. He has been a member of the Order of the Arrow for three years.

His Eagle project was the construction of a Mitchfield sign which designates a location long known to the older members of the Seagrove area.

In school he is a bus driver and member of the Future Farmer of America, the dance and choral ensemble and FUICA, which includes cabinet making II and III.

### **Dinner honorees**

Dec. 29, 1985 – Senior citizens were honored with a supper for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year at Jackson Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Denton. Seated from left, Maggie Gourley, 80; Grace Grubb, 86; Luda Gallimore, 85; Maude Pierce, 90; Algene Snider, 75; standing from left, Paul Cody, 79; Tura Pierce, 75; Velna Manns, 77; Howard Small, 79; Jessie Cody, 75. Plates were also taken to the homes of those absent due to cold weather and illness. The Rev. Billy Joe Yates has been pastor of the church for the past 10 years.

**1986****Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Jan 1, 1986 – A well-known Ramseur couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lendon H. Williams of 2308 Woodell Ave., celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 22 in the fellowship hall at the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church.

Hosting the reception were friends and fellow church members, Mr. and Mrs. Graham Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Cox, Mr. and Ms. Paul Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Bascom Craven, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Richardson, the Rev. and Mrs. B. G. Freeman, Joyce Cox and Carolyn Cashatt, nieces of Mrs. Williams; Gray Cashatt, husband of Mrs. Cashatt; and Cynthia Denny, great-niece.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams were married Dec. 21, 1935, at the home of the late Herman and Bertie Pell, across the road from the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church. The Rev. Frank Apple, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony. Witnesses were Charles Davis and Bessie Cox, both of whom are still living.

Following the ceremony the couple went across the road to see the church Christmas program.

Lendon Harrison Williams was born in the Brooklyn area of Ramseur, the son on Luther and Stella Cagle Williams. He attended the two-room school at Pleasant Ridge.

Mrs. Williams, the former Ida Leola Davis, daughter of William Wesley and Martha Louisa Scott David, was born about five miles southwest of Ramseur. She attended the one-room Fairgrove School and the two-room school at Holly Spring.

After moving to Ramseur, she worked in the Columbia Manufacturing Co. in the summer and attended the Ramseur High School in the winter months, resuming her employment after graduation.

Lendon Williams also went to work at the Columbia Manufacturing Co. at the age of 16 and remained there for 34 years. He concluded his employment with Weiman Furniture Co. at the age of 65.

The Williams have lived at their present home for most of their married life. Both joined the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church when they were around 12 years of age.

**Couple celebrates 50 years**

Jan 2, 1986 – Friends and relatives attended the 50th wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. James Frank Henson Dec. 23, at their home on Rt. 2, Franklinville.

The surprise reception was hosted by their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Randall Terry Henson of Rt. 2, Franklinville, and their daughter, Sylvia Spencer of Randleman.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Henson were married Dec. 21, 1935 at the courthouse in Danville, Va. Two of Mr. Henson's sisters accompanied them, Fannie Barton and the late Elizabeth Lambert. Their chauffeur was Fred Talley.

James Frank Henson, one of 11 children of the late William Causey and Margaret Lou Kivett Henson, was raised in Franklinville.

Mrs. Henson, the former Myrtle Louise Frye, was born in Danville, Va., but was living in Greensboro at the time of her marriage. Her mother, Mrs. Sylvia Ross, is still living at the age of 92. She is a patient at the Evergreen Nursing Home in High Point.

The Henson's made their home in Franklinville but briefly lived in Greensboro, Selden, Long Island, N. Y., and Newport News, Va., during World War II.

Mr. Henson retired from Southern Motors and Equipment Co. in Asheboro after 28 years. Mrs. Henson also retired, was employed at various mills in Greensboro and Asheboro. They are members of the First Baptist Church in Franklinville. Their church pastor, the Rev. Dan Wood, also came to the reception.

**Couple celebrates 50th**

Jan 3, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Drew Parson of Rt. 3, Randleman, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Dec. 22 at the home of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome D. Parson, also of Randleman.

Other children attending the party were William R. Parson of Rt. 6, Asheboro; Gary L. Parson of Wallace, W. Va., Jimmy G. Parson of Rt. 1, Franklinville, George C. Parson, rosemary Younger and Kenneth W. Parson of Rt. 3, Randleman, and John W. Parson of Stokesdale.

Two daughters were unable to attend, Nancy L. Harshe of Lima, Ohio, and Sharon Gale Treat of Anaheim, Calif. Two other children died in infancy. There are 23 grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Parson were raised within two miles of each other on Rt. 2, Louisa, Ky., and knew each other when growing up. They were married Dec. 21, 1935 at the bride's home. On a recent trip back home they visited the home where they were married.

Mrs. Parson, the former Maxie Chapman, was the daughter of William Davis and Rosa Belle Chapman; Drew's parents were William Jasper and Mary Belle Parson.

Before leaving Kentucky, Drew drove a school bus for 18 years. He also served two terms as a magistrate in Lawrence County, covering a period of eight years. While he was magistrate, a position similar to a commissioner's job in Randolph County, a new courthouse was built in the county seat.

The Parsons came to Guilford County in 1970 and moved to the New Salem United Methodist Church area north of Randleman a year later. Drew retired from the chemical division of Burlington Industries in May, 1984. He is now working part-time with a masonry contractor.

In addition to making a yearly visit back, the Parsons keep up with the happenings in Kentucky through their subscription to The Big Sandy News, their hometown newspaper, which was named after The Big Sandy River which flows nearby.

**New Officers**

Jan, 5 1986 – Asheboro Masonic Lodge No. 699 A. F. and A. M. installed officers Dec. 27 at the lodge building on 323 Sunset Avenue. From left, Paul Smith, secretary, Jimmy Cox, senior warden; Ray Wilhelm, worthy master; Gary Fields, junior warden; Wayne Morton, senior deacon; second row from left, Charles Nelson, junior steward; Damon Cox, senior steward; Hank Pressler, chaplain; Guy Hathaway, tiler. Officers not pictured are Fred Mackie, treasurer.; Ray Bryant, junior deacon. Kirby Threadgill was the installing officer; Ike Robinson was the installing marshal. Afterwards, refreshments were served.

**Acolyte appreciation**

Jan. 6, 1986 – Three out-going acolytes at Central United Methodist Church were recognized Dec. 29 for two years of service. Left front, Bryson Betts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Betts, and, at front right, Missy Hardin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Tal Hardin; not pictured is Sarah Abbott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Southern. Certificates of appreciation were presented by the Rev. William H. Pheagin, Jr., back left; Mrs. G. Thomas Davis, chairwoman of the commission on worship; and E. Wayne Hughes, chairman of the acolyte program.

### **Couples reunite with minister**

Jan. 7, 1986 – On Christmas day, a retired United Church of Christ minister, the Rev. Avery Brown, got together with six couples from the same family whose marriage ceremonies he performed.

The reunion was held at the home of Mrs. Ruth Wright Lynch of Rt. 4, Asheboro. Her husband was the late Theron Lynch.

Brown actually performed seven ceremonies for the family. He married the late Ronnie and Euna Lynch Buchanan Aug. 24, 1969, at the First Christian Church, Randleman.

Other couples married were Mr. and Mrs. Buck Lynch, married Nov. 21, 1964; Mr. and Mrs. Roger (Marie Lynch) Cox, married June 26, 1965; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lynch, married May 8, 1982; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lynch married Aug. 18, 1984; all of Rt. 4, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Boyd (Elizabeth Lynch) Delk of Rt. 11, Lexington, married Oct. 14, 1961; and Mr. and Mrs. Dick (Janie Lynch) Swaim of Cincinnati, Ohio, married Jan. 18, 1970.

The Delks, Coxs and Swaims were married at the Union Grove United Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. Buck Lynch were married at the Seagrove Christian Church; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Lynch at East Side Baptist Church; Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Lynch at Pleasant Grove Christian Church.

Reunions of the Lynch family, usually at Easter, Mother's Day and Christmas, are difficult because Mrs. Swaim oversees an emergency room at a hospital in Cincinnati.

Brown, who also pastored Union Grove United Church, is a native of Erect. He now serves as interim pastor at a church in Lexington.

### **Couple celebrates 40th anniversary**

Jan. 8, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lindley of Lindley Street, Franklinville, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 29, at a reception in the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David L. (Betty Lindley) Penkava, 1549 Sunset Avenue.

Assisting with the reception were Mary Moran, Annette Barker and Sybil Penkava. Approximately 50 guests attended including three grandsons, Eric, Alex and Jason Penkava.

The couple was married Dec. 29, 1945, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. Paul Bruton. It was the first couple he had united in marriage.

Mrs. Lindley, the former Helen Nance, was born near Central Falls but was living in Franklinville at the time of her marriage. Mr. Lindley was born in Liberty but reared in Staley.

The Lindleys are both retired. Mr. Lindley worked for 31 years as the miller at Randolph Mills, Franklinville, and Mrs. Lindley worked in the cotton mill in the community.

### **Open house held for new church building**

Jan. 9, 1986 – An open house was held Jan. 5 in the new fellowship hall of Piney Ridge United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

The addition is an example of the steady growth of the small church since the erection of the present sanctuary and Sunday School rooms approximately 39 years ago. Pews were purchased in 1978 and a steeple was added in 1979.

Organized in 1892, the church members worshipped in a brush arbor before the first building was erected – a building which lasted for nearly 75 years.

Wilson Green, chairman of the building committee for the fellowship hall, said, "We are a small congregation of about 50 members, it was a big undertaking for us."

Other members of the building committee were Valerie Brady, Alvin Graham, Benjamin Cassady, Eugene Cheek, Susan Strickland and Peggy Matthews. Pastor of the church is the Rev. James H. Graves.

Also participating at the open house ceremony were Margaret Green, chairman of the administrative board, and Carlee Staley, lay leader, Dr. Walter H. McKelvey, superintendent of the High Point District spoke briefly to the congregation.

The construction cost was padded by a \$9,000 grant from Duke Endowment.

"This new fellowship hall will help provide space and facilities which Piney Ridge needs to carry out its mission. The Duke Endowment is pleased to join with them in their efforts to construct the new building," said Albert F. Fisher, director of the endowment's Rural Church Division.

Since 1977 the Duke Endowment has provided a total of \$13,000 for support of personnel, programs and construction at the Piney Ridge church.

Other assistance has come from the Ethnic Minority Local Church Fund of the United Methodist Church, the Randolph Area Mission Society, Trollinger & Sons Contractors, Michael Miller, attorney, and others in the Asheboro vicinity.

The fellowship hall was designed by Fred L. Williams of Lexington. It is built of frame and brick veneer with 1,900 square feet of floor space, including meeting area, kitchen, rest rooms and storage area.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Jan. 13, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Beck of Rt. 1, Seagrove, lifelong residents of the Erect area, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Jan. 5.

Their eight children hosted a 200-guest reception in the fellowship hall at the Trinity Wesleyan Church, Seagrove, where they are member.

The Becks children are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Joanne) Kennedy; Mr. and Mrs. Delbert (Eutha) Garner; Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Beck; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Beck; Mr. and Mrs. Noel Lee (Barbara) Hayes of Rt. 1, Seagrove; Mr. and Mrs. Philip (Sharon) Cole; Mr. and Mrs. Leverette (Brenda) Strider and Mr. and Mrs. David (Peggy) Clark of Rt. 8, Asheboro. They have 20 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

The Becks were married Jan. 4, 1936 in Cheraw, S. C. The late Pearl Craven drove them to their marriage site.

Mr. Beck, the son of the late Ben and Bessie Yow Beck, attended the Mr. Oliver School and is a retired farmer. Mrs. Beck, the former Evelyn Chriscoe, is the daughter of the

late Claude and Etta Leach Chriscoe. She attended the Cross Roads School.

Mrs. Beck's brother and sister-in-law, the Rev. and Mrs. Edwin Chriscoe of the Wesleyan Church in Kannapolis attended the reception. Also attending were the Rev. and Mrs. Ronnie Jones, formerly of Trinity Wesleyan Church, now of Mebane and the Rev. and Mrs. Larry Johnson, presently at the Trinity Church.

### **Anniversary**

Jan. 15, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. John Reitzel Ferree of Rt. 1, Seagrove, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary Dec. 21 at The Old Place Restaurant near Bonlee, hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Neal (Mona Rae) Chriscoe, and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John R. Ferree Jr., all of Erect. The couple received a large flower plant and Mrs. Ferree was presented with a corsage. The Ferree's were married Dec. 21, 1925, in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Ferree is the former Alma Lee James, formerly of High Point, the couple built a house near the old Mt. Olivet Cemetery when they moved to the Erect area. They have two grandchildren, Bobby Neal Chriscoe Jr. and Tracy Caroline Ferree. The latter is a student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

### **New officers**

Jan. 17, 1986 – The Balfour Masonic Lodge A. F. and A. M. installed officers Jan. 6 at the Masonic Temple, Sunset Ave. ; front row from left; Gene Williamson, chaplain; Carl Hicks, tyler; Carl Lemmons, junior warden; Don Moore, senior warden; Milton Barzden, worshipful master; Leon Davis, marshal; Jimmy Crisman, installing officer; back row from left, Bill Bridges, treasurer; Wade Brown, senior deacon; Vernon Councilman, senior steward; Bobby Faulkner, junior deacon; Arnold Maness, junior steward; not pictured, Fred Lane, secretary.

### **New officers**

Jan. 20, 1986 – New officers were installed Jan. 11 during the 22nd annual banquet of the Randolph County Livestock Improvement Association at Southwestern Randolph High School. Seated from left are Ellis Byrd, president; Lenden Craven, vice president; Joe Allen, secretary and treasurer; Harold Teague, swine chairman; standing from left, Gene Hackett, Jimmy Moffitt, Clifford Elliott, directors; Harvey Fouts, agricultural extension. Auman Teel, cattle chairman, is not pictured. Clint Reece, executive secretary of the N. C. Cattleman's Association, spoke at the banquet.

### **Church clears mortgage**

Jan. 22, 1986 – A note-burning service was held at the First Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ, 221 Cliff Road, during the worship, Jan. 12.

The mortgage was on a house and land adjoining the church, designated for future expansion of the facilities. The final payment of the note, which was \$33,000 plus interest, came within two years after the purchase.

Approximately \$4,000 was raised from two pig-pickings and a bazaar. The remainder came from individual contributors.

Funds were also raised through the "Project of Faith Committee," composed of Rick Bullin, chairman, Sam Heath, Malcolm Mize, Lib Poole, Linda Dix, Betsy Gray,

Mary Jane Brown, Cliff Bowers, Edna Mae Phillips and Bill Essick; also, Dick Renigar, Mozelle Corsbie, Jack White, Pete Leonard, L. N. Callaway, Don Leonard, Agnes Leonard and Gerry Callicutt.

Participating in the ceremony were the Rev. B. J. Willett, Rick Bullin, chairman of the Consistory, the governing body of the church, Bill Essick, chairman of the trustees, Theron West and L. M. Calloway, both trustees, and Sam Heath, a member of the Consistory. Keys were also presented to the church trustees.

### **N.C.'s oldest set of twins celebrate 103rd birthday**

Jan. 23, 1986 – Maggie Grubb Lambeth and Allie Grubb Hill, the oldest set of twins in North Carolina, celebrated their 103rd birthday on Jan. 19 in the fellowship hall of Bethel Baptist Church, west of Asheboro.

Both sisters have received letters from President Reagan and Governor Jim Martin before their birthdays, recognizing as the "oldest set of twins living in North Carolina today."

Approximately 200 people, mostly descendants, attended the party. The twins however, remained calm as if nothing unusual was happening, despite the hugs, kisses and gifts.

The twins received their guests seated in rocking chairs before the fireplace, occasionally talking to each other. Some bantering, however, was overheard. Allie was asked, "Are you going to Maggie's birthday party?" The reply was, "No, she didn't come to mine."

In another instance a photographer had moved their chairs to another site and Maggie requested they be moved back, nearer to the fireplace, because she was cold. Her sister then asked, "Would you know when you got too hot?"

Born to John and Jane Cody Grubb, the twins are the only survivors of the family's nine children. They were born on Jan. 18, 1883, in the Cid area of Davidson County, not known as Rt. 11, Lexington. In their younger days, Maggie and Allie walked a mile and a half to attend the Cedar Springs School in Davidson County.

Maggie married David Elzie Lambeth and Allie married James Hill. Both of their husbands are deceased. Between them, they are the parents of 20 children, 50 grandchildren, 91 great-grandchildren and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Maggie's children are Sallie Gallimore, Minnie Anderson, Beulah Pierce, Ola Pierce, deceased, Hazel Briles, Magalene Lambeth, Benny Lambeth, Grady Lambeth and Foy Lambeth, deceased.

Allie's children are Rosie Garner, Sadie Hughes, deceased, Walter Hill, deceased, Josie Perdue, Vellie Hill, Eula Hulin, Pauline Hoover, Texie Black, Bertha Hoover, Jack Hill and Billy Hill.

Most of their children live near the places where they were reared.

Two of Maggie's daughters, Magalene and Hazel, live with her at her home. Allie alternates staying with all of her children a month at a time. Her youngest son, Billy Hill, lives at the family home.

When the big birthday celebration came to an end, Allie and members of her family left first – but not before she and her sister discussed a visit between them during the next week, just the two of them.

The birthday was sponsored by Lawrence Briles, one of Maggie's grandsons.

**Two awards**

Jan. 23, 1986 – Cleo Clain, left, an Angus cattleman of Rt. 1, Seagrove, received two awards at the annual meeting and banquet of the Randolph Livestock Improvement Association. The awards were presented by Thomas Lawrence, right, retiring president of the association. Cain received a plaque for "outstanding service" and a lifetime membership in the association – the second person to receive the latter award since the organization was formed in 1965. The owner and operator of Circle C. Angus Ranch between Coleridge and Bennett, he was recognized for the donation of an Angus heifer to the association. The donation resulted in a total of \$1,383.08 in ticket sales at the Fall Festival, of which a net amount of \$1,317.12 was received by the livestock association.

**Boy Scout gets Arrowman Award**

Jan. 29, 1986 – The Randolph Outstanding Arrowman Award was given to Boy Scout Brian Clark at the annual banquet of the Unalivi Chapter held Jan. 25 in the First Presbyterian Church fellowship hall.

The award will be given annually to a member of the chapter, which is made up of local Order of the Arrow recipients in the Boy Scouts of America. Based on school, community, church and scouting services, the award is given to someone who best represents the ideals of the Order of the Arrow.

Clark has served in all leadership positions as a scout in Troop 562 in Grantville. He has been an Eagle Scout for two and a half years, earning 10 palms. Clark received the American Award for youth leadership, won the McGlohon Award of Randolph County, became Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow and chief of Unalivi Chapter.

"I give all my credit to God whose love and forgiveness saved my soul," he said.

The son of David and Peggy Clark of Rt. 8, Asheboro, Clark belongs to Whispering Pines Presbyterian Church and its youth group.

He is a 16-year-old junior at Southwestern Randolph High School where he serves as vice president of the Student Government Association, district president of the Beta Club, president of the Science Club, member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and is a letterman in cross-country and basketball.

Dan Howard, past advisor and longtime member of the Unalivi Chapter, presented the award, the first award given to a member in the 30 years of its existence in Randolph County. Also assisting in the presentation was Curtis Wright, present advisor of the chapter.

Other officers of the chapter are Burke Ivey, vice chief of administration, Russ Shoemaker, vice chief of programs, and Jeff Joines, secretary and treasurer.

The Order of the Arrow was begun early in the American scouting movement by a group of scouts who wanted to unite their ideals.

**Postman retires**

Jan. 31, 1986 – A dinner meeting at Western Sizzlin Steak House Jan. 17 honored William H. "Bill" Hughes Jr. on his retirement from the Asheboro Post Office Jan. 3 after 40 years of service.

The rural carriers hosted the occasion, a group Bill Hughes has worked with for the past 11 years. More than 40 people attended the meeting.

Hughes was given a Service Award Certificate, issued by Postmaster General Paul N. Carlin, and presented by Steve Bennett, superintendent of postal operations for the Asheboro office. A money tree was also given.

Hughes started working at the post office here Dec. 8, 1943, until his enlistment in the Army Apr. 1, 1944. After returning Apr. 16, 1946, he returned to the post office as a sub carrier. He worked as a sub clerk, regular clerk, foreman of mails before becoming a rural carrier on Route 8 and finally on Route 2.

Before working at the post office Hughes worked as a full-fashioned knitter at McCrary Hosiery Mill for eight years.

Special guests at the dinner included Bill's wife, the former Thelma McGill, and their daughters, Billie Parks, Jane Wright, Sue Allison and Peggy Laughlin. The Hughes have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**Praise for postmen**

Jan. 31, 1986 – Four employees of the Asheboro Post Office received pins and certificates Jan. 24 in appreciation for commendable service. Asheboro Postmaster W. R. Bowers, left, presented certificates to the following, from left: William Doyle Owen, distribution window clerk, 25 years of service; Howard W. Phillips, rural carrier, 30 years; Fred M. Stout, rural carrier, 35 years; John T. "Johnny" Allred, window clerk, 35 years.

**Vows renewed on 50th**

Jan. 31, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Joseph (Eliza W.) Davis of 954 E. Salisbury Road, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 19 by renewing their marriage vows at the Greater St. John Baptist Church, where both of them are members.

Standing with them for the ceremony were their daughter, Mrs. Joleitha Peguese of Baltimore, Md., and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbert David of Washington, D. C. The church pastor, Rev. R. J. Gillian, officiated. The ceremony ended after Janice Stevens sang the Lord's Prayer.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall afterwards, hosted by the couple's daughter, their son and daughter-in-law.

The Davises were married Jan. 10, 1936, in Chesterfield, S. C. At the time they lived in Morven, N. C. They moved to Asheboro in 1956. Mr. Davis retired from Acme-McCrary Corp. after 21 years and Mrs. Davis is still employed by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ward with 30 years of service.

They have three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**40th year celebrated**

Jan. 31, 1986 – Henry and Rachel Lanier celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Jan. 26 at their home on 1013 Macon St.

They were honored by their son and daughter-in-law, William and Trudy Lanier of 541 N. Elm St., and their friends, Thomas and Jamie Loflin of Dentin.

The celebration included only the immediate families of Mr. and Mrs. Lanier.

Mr. and Mrs. Lanier were married at the parsonage of the Asheboro Friends Meeting Jan. 26, 1946, by the Rev. Seth B. Hinshaw.

Mrs. Lanier, the former Rachel Trogdon, was born and reared in Asheboro, the daughter of Northern and Maisy Trogdon of 946 Lee St. Mr. Lanier was born and reared near Seagrove, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Lanier.

He worked at Union Carbide as a machinist for 35 years, retiring two and a half years ago. Mrs. Lanier worked at Asheboro High School for 15 years, retiring in 1983.

They have two grandsons, Bradley and Jeremy Lanier.

### **Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Feb. 2, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Clifford E. Chriscoe of Rt. 1, Seagrove celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary celebration Jan. 19 in the fellowship hall at the Trinity Wesleyan Church.

At an open house was held for the couple by sons and daughters: Harold Chriscoe, Roy Chriscoe, Wayne Chriscoe, Dennie Chriscoe, Rt. 1, Seagrove; Vernon Chriscoe, Rt. 1, Robbins (High Falls area) and Ruth Cox, Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Assisting in the serving were two granddaughters, Wilma Lee Dunlap and Gina Cox, and one grandson, Chad Chriscoe.

Two large rocking chairs were given to the Chriscoes by their family. Cushions for the chairs were given by Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Chriscoe, the couple's oldest grandson and his wife.

The Chriscoes were married Jan. 20, 1936 in Bennettsville, S. C. They were accompanied to their marriage site by Jonah Owens, who was driving his automobile and Lester Chriscoe, cousin of Clifford Chriscoe. Owens is deceased but Lester Chriscoe is living and attended the anniversary reception.

Mrs. Chriscoe is the former Sylvia Kearns. She is a native of the Riverside Baptist Church area. She attended Trogdon School. Her father, John Kearns was the postmaster at Seagrove for several years.

Clifford Ernest Chriscoe will be 69 years old on Feb. 8. He was born and reared in the Community Baptist Church area near the Randolph and Moore County lines. He attended the one-teacher White Oak School.

Clifford has been a successful farmer and a chicken raiser for 45 years. After his marriage, he first helped out at the Collie Kiser farm, and then moved to Chatham County for two years before moving back to this home area where he and his wife have lived since.

Mr. and Mrs. Chriscoe have been members of the Trinity Wesleyan Church, adjoining their farm since it was founded in 1949. Formerly they belonged to the Riverside Baptist Church before moving to their present site.

Among those who attended the anniversary reception were former pastors and their wives, Rev. and Mrs. Henry Williams, Rockingham, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Teague, Rt. 9, Asheboro; Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Goins, Rt. 7, Asheboro, along with Rev. Bill Roberts.

Also present for the reception were Rev. Larry Johnson, pastor of the Trinity Wesleyan Church and Mrs. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Jamestown, parents of Rev. John Jones, the immediate past pastor of the church were also present.

The Chriscoes also have 17 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

### **Whynot Plans 50th anniversary for old schools, church**

Feb. 7, 1986 – Plans are underway for the 50th anniversary of the Whynot Memorial Association which includes the Whynot Academy, the Whynot Academy and Business Institute and the Fair Grove Methodist Church.

The event will be held May 18, the day of the annual homecoming event of the church, on the cemetery grounds.

The association trustees have commissioned a pen and ink drawing of the old Fair Grove church by area artist, Tom Howard. A limited number of matted prints will be available for purchase that day. The church dissolved in 1935.

In preparation of the event, Bill Auman is researching and writing a brief history of the academy, church and community. The association trustees will print the work in book form and make it available at the celebration.

The association members request anyone with old photographs, memorabilia or recollections pertaining to Whynot to submit them for the book. Old academy programs, school books and catalogues are especially needed and will be returned to owners.

If you have information you may call or contact Mrs. Vernon (Jane) King, P. O. Box 120, Seagrove, 27341, 873-7124 or 873-7242; or Mrs. Max (Imogene King) Bulla, 726 Dublin Road, Asheboro, 27203, 625-6004.

Members of the anniversary committee are Denna Lawrence Staley, Susan Cagle King, and Imogene King Bulla.

### **Five generations**

Feb. 10, 1986 – Dustin Mark Hayes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hayes of Rt. 1, Seagrove, celebrated his first birthday in the fellowship hall of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church Feb. 3. Seated at left, his great-great-grandmother, Eunice Reaves, his great-grandmother, Edna Bunting, holds him, standing from left, his mother, Lisa; his grandmother, Betty Beane. Dustin has 13 grandparents.

### **Anniversaries celebrated**

Feb. 11, 1986 – Three fortieth wedding anniversaries, involving three sisters along with other connecting links, were celebrated Feb. 2, at Captain Tom's Seafood, Rt. 1, Staley.

The couples honored were Mr. and Mrs. Jack J. (Lucille Allen) Stout, Rt. 3, Ramseur, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur (Denzil Allen) Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. Marvin (Ruth Allen) Caviness, Rt. 1, Ramseur.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout were married Feb. 1, 1946 at the home of the officiating minister Rev. Charles L. Stout. Rev. Stout is the brother of Jack J. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Caviness were married June 8, 1946. The officiating minister was Rev. Allie Kemp. Rev. Kemp's wife was a cousin of Mrs. Caviness and the vows were spoken in the home of the bride's aunt, Mettie Craven, who was also the mother of Mrs. Kemp.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson were married June 29, 1946 also at the home of the Rev. Charles L. Stout, and the officiating minister, whose brother, Jack J. Stout is married to Mrs. Richardson's sister.

The anniversary occasion was a surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Stout. The other two couples knew about the Stout celebration but did not know they were included until the surprise to Mr. and Mrs. Stout was made known at the restaurant.

Hosting the meal and the other aspects of the celebration were Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stout's sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Stout, Greensboro and Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stout, Ramseur. Assisting them were Carol Akers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caviness.

Also present for the occasion were both officiating ministers, Rev. Stout and Rev. Kemp who heard the marriage vows over a period of four months in the year of 1946.

Besides Mrs. Stout, Mrs. Caviness and Mrs. Richardson, the three youngest children of the late Rufus and Lucy Craven Allen, there were eight other children born to their parents, four of whom are still living. Harvey and Casper Allen, both in nursing homes, Lillian Luther and Leocia Trotter who were both present at the anniversary celebrations of their three younger sisters.

Rufus and Lucy Craven Allen reared their children in the Holly Spring area. The husbands of Lucille, Denzil and Ruth were all reared in the Ramseur area.

Jack Stout is retired from Ramseur Building Supply Co. after 31 years of service; Marvin Caviness is retired from the Department of Transportation after 35 years of employment there. Arthur Richardson is employed at Amick Sales and Service near Franklinville.

Mr. and Mrs. Stout attend the Ramseur Wesleyan Church. Mrs. Stout has been a member of Holly Spring Friends Meeting since the earlier years of her life. Mr. and Mrs. Caviness are members of the First United Church of Christ in Ramseur. Mr. and Mrs. Richardson are members of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church.

### **Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Feb. 12, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Richardson Sr. of 732 Uwharrie St. celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 2.

Their four children, Mary Moran of Ramseur, Patricia Moody, Brenda Routh and Ernest L. Richardson Jr. of Asheboro hosted a reception at the parent's home, assisted by the 14 grandchildren. The couple also has two great-grandchildren.

The Richardson's were married Jan. 31, 1936, in Charleston, S. C. Mrs. Richardson, the former Vera Virginia Stillinger, is a native of Norway, S. C. Mr. Richardson was born in Montgomery County and served 22 years in the U. S. Army before retiring as a master sergeant.

For 30 years the Richardson's were in charge of the AA Fellowship Hall in Asheboro. Mrs. Richardson also worked for 15 years at Bost Neckwear Co.

Also attending the reception were Odell Stillinger of Kingstree, S. C., brother of Mrs. Richardson, and his daughter, Ruth Ann Proster of Lake City, S. C.

### **Derby race winners**

Feb. 23, 1986 – Cub Scout Pack 501 held a Pinewood Derby Race recently at Teachey School. Trophies were given in the following categories: Speed – Evan Jones (at left), first place; Evan Brown, second place; Adam Hulin, third place. Best Design – Bryan Waugh (not pictured), first place; Brad King, second place, Glenn Tarleton, third place:

Most Beautiful – Dwight Cranford, first place; Shane Barker, second place; Jason Blackwell, third place. The district Pinewood Derby Race will be held Mar. 1st Randolph Mall.

### **Scout honored**

Feb. 28, 1986 – A "God and Me Award" was presented Feb. 22 at the Blue and Gold Banquet held by Cub Pack 518 in the fellowship hall at Bethany United Methodist Church. Steven Underwood, 9, received the award which is the first phase of the God and Country Award. At left are Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence (Patricia) Underwood, Rt. 2, Randleman, Steven, Janice Hubbard, Webelos leader, and Gary Caudle, Clubmaster. Other den leaders are Patricia Underwood, Janet Henley, and Dawn Austin. Pack 518 is sponsored by the Bethany United Methodist Church.

### **Awards for firemen**

Feb. 28, 1986 – The annual Valentine supper was held Feb. 14 by the Ramseur Volunteer Fire Department in the fellowship hall at the First Christian Church. Five firemen were presented with plaques, shown from left, Johnny Hussey, fireman of the year, Terry Green, most improved fireman, Danny Shaw, Ronald Ritter and Gregg Cox, perfect attendance. Music was provided by Harold Holmes. Officers of the fire department are Danny Shaw, fire chief, Timothy Hussey, assistant chief, Ronald Ritter, Dennis Cooke, and Johnny Hussey, captains, the Rev. George Culbreth, chaplain.

### **Local lay minister honored for service**

Mar 2, 1986 – C. Dwight Ayers has often been mistaken as a preacher because of the ministries he performs in Asheboro and surrounding vicinities. In fact, he was asked at one time to help at the funeral service for one who he had ministered.

Perhaps his major contact has been teaching the Sunday school class at Brian Center of Nursing Care since it opened in 1976. During this time, he has missed only four Sundays. He has been assisted by Sherry Martin, pianist, both of whom come from Balfour Baptist Church.

Members of the class and other families honored Ayers Feb. 16, for his consistent service. He was completely surprised at the recognition.

Ayers received a plaque and a Bible concordance. He also received a letter of commendation from Kathy Groom Burgess, the center's director.

"I love the people at the rest home," said Ayers. "They are a part of my family," he said.

Ayers' wife, Brenda, was an unexpected guest at the program. The Ayers have a daughter, Angie, an 18-year-old senior at Eastern Randolph High School, and a son, Harold, a 16-year-old junior at Eastern Randolph. They live near Cedar Falls. Ayers works with his father at Asheboro Wholesale Grocery, Inc.

He is the minister of outreach at Balfour Baptist Church of which he has been a member for 14 years.

For approximately two years, he has presented a short devotional at 6 a. m. Monday through Friday on WKXR radio titled, "Happy Thoughts."

Each week on an individual basis, Ayers presented rose buds in vases to those patients at Randolph Hospital the staff deems most in need of cheer



**Couple celebrates 40th anniversary**

Mar. 2, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Stuart of Rt. 3, Ramseur, celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary today.

The couple has only one daughter, Mrs. John (Judy) Abernathy and one grandson, Glen Travis Stout of Randleman.

Mrs. Stuart, the former Susie Deaton, was raised in Staley. She is retired from Kellwood Hosiery in Siler City and employed part-time at Ramseur Elementary School. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Milo Deaton Sr. Her sisters are Beulah Wall of High Point and Rosa Lee Perry of Fayetteville. Her brothers are J. P. Deaton and Milo Deaton Jr., both of Ramseur.

Mr. Stuart was raised in Ramseur. He is a retired plumber and employed part-time with Weiman Furniture, Ramseur. He is the son of Flossie Luther and the late Henry Stuart. His sisters are Ruby Merritt of Asheboro and Ola Coward of Ramseur. His brother is Hurley Stuart of Ramseur.

The Stuarts attend Whites Chapel Church in Liberty.

**Local church holds celebration dinner**

Mar. 5, 1986 – A celebration dinner was held at Calvary United Methodist Church, located at 114 Francis Drive and North Fayetteville Street. The Rev. Ronald Mann welcomed the group and recognized new members of the congregation.

Following the meal, entertainment was provided by a female quartet, consisting of church members, Betty McNeill, Reba Dean, Dale Underwood, Rebecca Mann and Elaine Haigler, piano accompanist.

Phil Skeen, church lay leader, was in charge of the program. He introduced chairpersons of the various church committees; they highlighted events that happened in 1985 and honored the people who helped make them happen.

Those reporting were Boyce Asbill, trustees; Linda King, council of ministries; Evelyn Nickens, United Methodist Women; Russell Wallace, administrative board; Elaine Haigler, children's music; Gerri Payne, adult ministries; Haywood Raines, Sunday school; Craig Underwood, youth ministries.

Following the programs were remembered: a youth program organized for three-six-year-olds, with Dale and Craig Underwood serving as advisors; the UMYF was recognized under the leadership of Greg York; the first newsletter was printed; the driveway was paved, financed by pledges from church members; two children's programs presented by Elaine Haigler, and a Wednesday evening meal and Bible study was organized.

The evening was planned by Nancy York, chairperson, and Anne Howe, Elaine Haigler and the Rev. Ronald Mann.

**Firemen honored**

Mar. 13, 1986 – William J. "Bill" Black, left, chief of the West Side Volunteer Fire Department, presented plaques at the annual banquet and ladies night Mar. 1. Isaac Cox, center, received the Fireman of the Year award while Robert F. Smith, right, was named Most Advanced Fireman. In addition, five-year pins were presented to five firemen: Recil Williams, Ike Cox, Darrell Woodell, Larry Leams and Ron Smith.

**Church clears mortgage**

Mar. 16, 1986 – At Antioch Baptist Church, located off Hwy. 220 south, members held a note-burning ceremony recently in honor of clearing of the church's debts.

Those participating were the Rev. Lee Green, a former pastor and presently one of the supply pastors; the Rev. Rev. Griffin Bailey, supply pastor; James Allmond, Ronnie Thompson and Baxter Needham, deacons; Junior Bailey, Frances Williams and Mary Ann Green, teachers; Ella May Markwood, special events coordinator; Lillian Bailey, pianist, and Patsy Thompson, secretary and treasurer.

The Antioch Baptist Church began with approximately 50 members meeting for services in the present building in Sept. 1954. Additional Sunday school rooms have been constructed and additional land has been purchased.

Among those present for the ceremony was Mrs. Ollie (Jewell R. ) Brim, who attended the church throughout the years with her late husband who once served as pastor.

Other pastors included the Rev. Hubert Bennett; the Rev. G. F. Settlemyre, the Rev. Clyde Dawkins Jr., the Rev. Otis Robertson and the Rev. Lee Green.

The church holds Sunday school and worship services each Sunday morning. Evening services are held on the second and third Sunday with special singings on the second Saturday nights of each month.

**Church to build sanctuary**

Mar. 197, 1986 – Members of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Rt. 5, Asheboro, west of Pisgah, broke ground for a new sanctuary Mar. 2. Two days later the foundation was poured and the next day the masonry crew arrived.

In the worship service prior to the groundbreaking the Rev. Ernest Magnum, pastor, said "We are stepping out on faith." He also paraphrased scripture from Nehemiah, "For the people had a mind to work."

Participating in the ground breaking ceremony were Rev. Ernest Magnum, pastor of the church for the past 10 years, Alvin Shaw, chairman of deacons; Harold Strider and Larry Williams, co-chairmen of the building committee; Sampson "Samp" Luther; Linda Hurley, Paul Strider and Montese Strider, members of the committee.

Members of the congregation, although small in number, raised around \$100,000 to finance the construction. An additional \$95,000 will be received from the sale of bonds, to be sold at the end of Apr. or first of May. Pews, windows and other items are being purchased by families in honor or in memory of members.

The new sanctuary will be brick, inside and out, with exposed beams and decking. It will seat approximately 300. It will be on the same site as the previous building, directly in front of the educational building which was built several years ago.

The old sanctuary, built in 1892 following the organization of the church in 1890, was moved across the road and will be used as a fellowship building after the completion of the sanctuary.

The original building, a one-room structure when it was first built, has undergone several changes during its 94 years including the addition of wings on both sides and the construction of Sunday school rooms. When the building was moved, the original construction could be determined by the wooden pegs in the sills.

**Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Mar. 20, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Astor J. Delk of Rt. 2, Denton, lifelong residents of the Jackson Creek area, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Mar. 9.

A reception was held in the fellowship building of Piney Grove United Methodist Church of which the Delks have been members during their marriage and Astor has attended since birth.

Hosting the reception were their sons, Alton J. Delk and his wife Betty Sue Delk, of Rt. 2, Denton; Dempsey Lee Delk and his wife, Anna Delk, of Rt. 2, Asheboro; Henry Leaton Delk of Rt. 2, Denton and Barbara Langley; and Joe Richard Delk and his wife, Donna Delk, of Rt. 2 Denton.

Key Delk, their granddaughter, greeted the approximately 230 guests and presided over the register.

Other grandchildren assisted with the refreshments: Tonya Delk, Kenneth Delk, Junior Delk, David Delk, William Lee Delk, Derick Delk and Frank Delk and great grandchild, Chip Delk.

Others assisting were Amanda Gallimore, Tammy Campbell, Mrs. Ann Delk, Gina Delk, Cindy Delk and Susan Delk. Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. Parker Phillips and daughter Tillie Steed, Juanita and Worth Winslow.

The Delks were married Mar. 8, 1936 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Delk, the former Lyde Nance, was the twelfth child of 13 children born to the late Bennie and Elizabeth Hall Nance. Astor is the son of the late Frank and Essie Skeen Delk.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Delk were born within a short distance of the church. They attended Piney Grove School and transferred to Farmer School, where they began their courtship. Astor graduated while Lyde, four years younger, lacked only a year.

Astor has always lived in the house in which he was born except for a brief time after he and Lyde were married. A portion of their house is still a part of his original home.

In addition to his occupations as farmer, carpenter and dairy operator, Astor has participated in various church events, such as serving as chairman of the official board and community activities. Lyde however said she and their sons "managed the dairy."

Astor has been a Randolph County soil supervisor for 20 years. He has been a member of the Farmer School Board, registrar of the county election and held several positions with cattle organizations, including two life memberships.

### **Birthday Celebrated**

Mar. 21, 1986 – A birthday tea honored Mrs. Margaret Williams Everett of 515 Cross St. on her 65th birthday Mar. 1 at the Black and Decker Clubhouse.

The surprise occasion was hosted by Mrs. Beulah May Everett, daughter-in-law of Mrs. Everett.

All of her children were present; Noralene Pratt of Battle Creek, Mich.; Mary Jones of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Leslie "Les" Everett of Chicago, Ill.; Charles Robert Maurice and Paulette Everett, all of Asheboro, and Claudette Cross of Philadelphia, Pa. Claudette and Paulette are twins. Another son, Clemon, died a year ago.

Three of her 16 grandchildren also came from a distance; Beverly and Deborah Jones of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Margarita Pratt of Battle Creek, Mich. Mrs. Everett has five great-grandchildren.

Two cousins, Bertha Mae Hart and Charlie Bell, came from Durham. Locally guests included Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Trogdon Jr., for whom Mrs. Everett has been employed for

42 years, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Trogdon and their daughter, Sara Beth.

A native of Asheboro, Mrs. Everett has also worked for the Rev. and Mrs. R. Talmage Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Redding. She is a member of the Asheboro Church of God of Prophecy.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Mar. 24, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Ira Jack McGee Sr. of Ramseur celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Mar. 16 in the fellowship hall at First Baptist Church.

Hosting the reception was their children and their spouses: Mr. and Mrs. John William McGee, Norfolk, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wayne McGee and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Mac McGee, Rt. 1, Ramseur; Mr. and Mrs. Charles (Patty McGee) McGuire and Miss Frances A. McGee, Ramseur. Also assisting at the reception were Jewel Spivey, Rae English, Sue and Crystal Mabe and some of the 17 grandchildren. The couple also has four great-grandchildren.

Two of the McGee's children are deceased: Ira Jack McGee Jr. and Brenda Marie McGee Burks.

A photo album beginning with the McGee's marriage was displayed at the reception. A Valentine which Mrs. McGee gave to her husband just before their marriage (Mar. 15, 1936) was also displayed. The card was bought from Scott's Book Store in Asheboro for 25 cents.

The McGee's were married in Martinsville, Va., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. M. "Red" Fields and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Thomas, Mrs. McGee's sisters and brothers-in-law, although the Thomas's were not married at the time.

The sisters were at the reception as well as two other sisters; Mrs. W. M. Coward and Mrs. Condon Stout, Mrs. McGee was one of 12 children born to John W. York and Ednora Langley York and raised in Ramseur.

Ira Jack McGee Sr. is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. William A. McGee of Bryson City. He also lived in Robbinsville in the western part of North Carolina before joining the Civilian Conservation Corp in 1932. He served in Georgia and Southport before coming to Ramseur where he met Fleeta Louvina York.

McGee has worked in the furniture, hosiery and construction businesses. He worked at Ramseur Worsted Mill when it began, helping to train all three shifts. He was the first overseer at the mill. He is presently employed with Weiman Furniture where he has been 24 years.

The McGee's are members of the First Baptist Church in Ramseur.

### **Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Apr. 3, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Willie Webster Boone celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Apr. 3 at their home on 637 Dixon St., Asheboro.

They were married on the same date at the parsonage of the Asheboro Methodist Protestant Church, now known as Central United Methodist Church.

Willie Boone is a native of the Seagrove area, the son of the late Roby Sylvester Boone and Elizabeth Katurah Harper Boone.

Mrs. Boone, formerly Hazel Hughes, is a native of the western part of Randolph County. She came with her parents, the late Ernest and Effie Gaddis Hughes, to Asheboro when she was in her childhood.

The Boone's have three daughters, Joanne Brickhouse of Amarillo, Texas; Carolteen Boone of Madison and Dolores Booth of Mayodan.

They have three grandsons, Jeffrey and Brian Brickhouse and Steven Booth.

In 1949, the Boone's moved to Madison where Mr. Boone worked for 22 years at the Madison Throwing Co. as a supervisor, retiring from that company in 1971.

Before moving to Madison the couple had lived in Asheboro when Mr. Boone was employed for 20 years at the Cetwick Silk Mill.

The couple moved back to Asheboro in 1977 and built a new house at their present address.

"I liked Madison but not like I did Asheboro. It wasn't like home," said Mr. Boone.

The Boone's are members of the Central United Methodist Church.

### **Officers installed**

Apr. 10, 1986 – Weatherly Chapter No. 271, Order of the Eastern Star in Ramseur, installed officers Friday evening, Mar. 28, in the Masonic building. Shown are: first row, from left, Victor W. Reid, worthy patron; Ruby G. Reid, worthy matron; Gerry Brady, associate matron, Thursail Brady, second row from left, Sadie M. Cox, conductress; Ora Hardin, treasurer; Henrietta H. Dorsett, secretary; Vaughn H. Dorsett, associate patron. Other officer are William H. Cox, marshal; Margaret Caviness, Martha; Sally Brady, Ruth; Lorraine Allred, Ester; Margaret Lane, organist; Hilda B. Allen, chaplain; Gordon Brady, sentinel; Madge Kivett, Electa; Irene Saunders, Adah; Bill Allred, warden. A reception followed the installation.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Apr. 11, 1986 – Friends and relatives gathered in the fellowship hall of Franklinville Baptist Church to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Belvin Curtis who resides on Wagon Wheel Road.

Hosting the reception at 2:00 p. m. on Mar. 27 was the couple's son William Henry Curtis of Charlotte.

Approximately 75 guests were in attendance.

Registering the guests were Laura Burgess and Dianne Reeder, serving were Edith Kinney, Jewel Shane, Bitsy Kinney, Viola Beane, Lindsey Wilson, Geneva Tardy and Joy Parham. Among those in attendance were Elvin Curtis identical twin brother of Belvin Curtis and two of their sisters, Mattie Johnson and Maggie Moffitt, also Mrs. Curtis's brothers and sisters Sherman Brenner, John Brenner, Geneva Tardy and Loretta McMasters.

Mr. and Mrs. Belvin Curtis were married Mar. 28, 1935 at the Methodist parsonage in Ramseur. Rev. Wesley Will Horns pastor and uncle of the bride was the officiating minister.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Curtis came to Franklinville in their earlier years. Belvin is the son of the late Charlie and Hattie Beane Curtis. Dorothy's parents were the late Connie and Nelson Patterson Benard.

Belvin is a retired employee of Randolph Mills. Dorothy retired from Ramseur Interlock Knitting Co. after working previously at Randolph Mills also.

The couple is long time members of Franklinville Baptist Church.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Apr. 132, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Roy Earl Coble Sr. of Rt. 1, Coleridge Road, Asheboro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Mar. 23, in the fellowship hall at Shiloh Baptist Church formerly Shiloh Christian Church.

Hosting the reception was their four sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Earl Coble Jr. of Rt. 8, Asheboro; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Perry Coble of Virginia Beach, Va. ; Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Garfield Coble of Baton Rouge, La., and Mr. and Mrs. Warren Winfred Coble of Rt. 1, Asheboro.

Assisting with the reception were their eight grandchildren and ladies from the Faith Baptist Church of Rt. 1, Ramseur; Hilda Chloe Smith, niece of Earl Coble, presided at the guest register. Approximately 170 guests attended.

Prior to the reception the Coble's were guests of Mr. Coble's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Coble, at Little Texas Fish Camp and the guests of their sons, daughters-in-law, and other family members at the Golden Corral Family Steak House.

Anniversary gifts included a large arrangement of congratulatory cards, among which greeting came from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan and Congressman Bill Cobey.

A monetary gift to the couple coming from a "money tree" amounted to nearly a thousand dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble were married Mar. 27, 1936 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Coble is the former Sarah Ellen Spivey, daughter of the late Wesley and Ida Byrd Spivey.

She was born in Cameron, Moore County, and then moved to Guilford College, where she graduated from high school. She was living at the time of her marriage in the vicinity in which she and her husband now reside.

Earl Coble Sr. is the son of the late Jeremiah and Louise Moffitt Coble and was born and reared in the community in which he and his wife have spent their married life except for brief stays in Robbins, Chicago and Bynum. He is a retired employee of Walker Shoe Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Coble are long-time members of Shiloh Baptist Church where Mrs. Coble serves as the organist. Their son, Sydney is also a musician and serves in full time Christian service the same as his brother Roy did at another time. All of their sons are musically inclined.

Mrs. Coble has been a member of the home demonstration club. Among those present for the reception was Rose Badgett, formerly the county home demonstration agent.

### **Randolph Area Mission Society officers have been re-elected**

Apr. 14, 1986 – All of the officers of the Randolph Area Mission Society of the High Point District of the United Methodist Church were re-elected at a meeting held at Central United Methodist Church Sunday afternoon Apr. 6.

This election included E. Wayne Hughes, who began his 17th year as president; Earl Taylor, 1st vice president; Rev. Liston Sellers, 2nd vice president; Clarence Davis, treasurer; and Clyde Foust, Mrs. Olan Hubbard and Garland Allen, directors.

Financial allocations were approved for the following churches: Piney Ridge fellowship hall, \$1,000; Pisgah, new roof, parsonage, \$500; St. Mark, new church building, \$2,500; Seagrove, paint church and replace gutters,

\$1,000; Cox's Chapel, \$1,000; Shady Grove, new pews, \$300; Rehobeth, heating system, \$700.

Speaking for the meeting was Dr. George Fleetwood, superintendent of the Randolph County School System, who was introduced by Dr. Frances Jones, assistant superintendent of the Asheboro School System. Also speaking briefly was Dr. Walter McKelvey, superintendent of the High Point District.

Music was provided by Jon Hunter, director of Christian Education at Central United Methodist Church, soloist, accompanied by Rev. Timothy Shoaf, associate minister at First United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

### **Check donation**

Apr. 17, 1986 – Pete Craven, left, president of Asheboro Civitan Club, presents a \$500 check to Billie Vuncannon, director of Hospice of Randolph County. The presentation followed a program given by Mrs. Vuncannon at a meeting. This was the second check of that amount the club has given to Hospice.

### **Couple celebrates 50th Anniversary**

Apr. 18, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack R. Allred of Rt. 2, Randleman, observed their 50th anniversary Apr. 11. The next evening they were guests of their immediate family at Western Sizzlin Steak House. Hosting the dinner were their children; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allred of Rt. 2, Randleman, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Allred of Rt. 3, Randleman, and the Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. "Bobby" Allred of Canton. The Allred's grandchildren were also there: Larry Wayne Jr., Robin, Todd Karen, Melinda, Chris and Julie.

Following the dinner the family gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Allred for the anniversary cake. Their anniversary was further recognized the next morning by the minister at Midway Wesleyan Church and by flowers which were placed in the sanctuary.

Mr. Allred is a native of the Franklinville area, the son of the late Edgar and Alice Chriscoe Allred, Mrs. Allred, the former Dorothy Ludoria Messick, was born in Winston-Salem, the daughter of 36-year-old Velma Stonestreet Bowers of Rt. 2, Randleman, and the late Hobert Messick.

The Allred's were married Apr. 11, 1936, the day before the first church structure was occupied on Easter Sunday. Because of their marriage, they were unable to attend that first service.

They have been loyal to the church since its beginning 50 years ago. Mr. Allred was recognized for teaching Sunday school for 40 years and Mrs. Allred for teaching 35 years. They have also held other positions during their years as members.

Mrs. Allred and her mother, Mrs. Bowers are charter members of the church and were recognized at the beginning of the service. They were the only charter members present.

### **Church dedicated new school rooms**

Apr. 18, 1986 – Six Sunday school rooms at the Church of God of Prophecy, located on McPherson St. in The North Asheboro area, were dedicated Apr. 6 during the morning worship service.

Participating were Rev. Jack Kivett, pastor; Rev. Roby Ayers, district overseer, and Rev. Burton King, who served as the church pastor for five years.

A specific offering of \$1090.79 was received for the building project bringing the total offering to more than \$3000 in a recent solicitation.

There was also a record attendance of 90, exceeding the previous record of 82. Special music was presented by the Moore Family Singers of Rocky Mount. An outdoor meal was enjoyed at the conclusion of the service.

The pastor, Rev. Kivett, lives in Ramseur and is a native of the Liberty area. He formerly served as the state evangelist of the Church of God of Prophecy. The former pastor, Rev. King is now serving as the superintendent of the Sunday school at the McPherson St. church. He lives in Franklinville.

### **Eastern Star officers**

Apr. 20, 1986 – Installation of officers for Randolph Chapter 210, Order of the Eastern Star, occurred at the Masonic Temple, Sunset Avenue, Apr. 5. They are, from left, Hank Preslar, associate patron; "Dee" Preslar, associate matron; Delarius Harris, worthy matron; Terry Morris, worthy patron; second row, from left, Sarah McCain, secretary; Becky Boone, Martha; Lillian Brown, organist; Iris Clark Ruth; Linda Cox, associate conductress; Jimmy Cox, marshal; Melanie Hathaway, conductress; third row, Adelaide Iddings, chaplain; Ruth Powell, treasurer; Wanda Hathaway, esther; Guy Hathaway, sentinel. Officers not pictured are Gail Tutterow, adah; Ruth Robinson, electa; Ola Smith, warder. Installing officers were Henrietta Dorsett, past matron, Weatherly No. 271, Sarah McCain, past matron, Randolph No. 210; Vaughn Dorsett, past patron, Weatherly No. 271; Jessie Williamson, past matron, Randolph No. 210.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Apr. 24, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Maness, Rt. 7, Asheboro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Apr. 12 in the fellowship hall at Oakhurst Baptist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their daughters and sons-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. (Reba Maness) Cox of Asheboro. They were assisted by the grandchildren, Lillie and Emmette, daughter of Edwin and Reba; Jason and Jonathan, twin sons of John and Elaine.

The Manses' were married Apr. 17, 1936, in Chesterfield, S. C. Mrs. Maness, the former Sara Allen, is a native of Union County. Fred Maness is a native of Biscoe.

Mrs. Maness is one of 13 children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Allen. Of the 12 siblings living, all but one attended the anniversary party.

Fred Maness is one of 10 children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Maness.

The couple got acquainted when Mrs. Maness was visiting a relative in Polkton (Anson County), where Fred was serving as member of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). He later served in World War II and participated in the Normandy Invasion.

The Manses' came to this area three months after their marriage. Before their retirement, Fred worked 28 years at Union Carbide Corp. and Mrs. Maness was employed at Cetwick Silk Mill, Asheboro Hosiery Mill and Rampon Hosiery Mill. They are members of Oakhurst Baptist Church.

Approximately 200 people attended the anniversary reception. Out of town people came from Concord, Bessemer City, Norwood, Greensboro, Charlotte and Troy.

**Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

Apr. 25, 1986 – A renewal of marriage vows followed by a reception celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ollie J. Rich of Rt. 6, Asheboro, Apr. 13 at Central Falls United Methodist Church.

The ceremony was officiated by the Rev. Kay Gottula, pastor of the church which Mr. and Mrs. Rich have been long-time members. Karen Sykes was the pianist.

Hosting the reception were the couple's children, Mr. and Mrs. James (Joan Rich), Durham and Mr. and Mrs. David F. Rich, all of Asheboro, and their grandchildren, Becky Durham Rogers, Jim and Jan Durham and David C. Rich.

The couple has one great-grandson, Adam, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Rogers.

Mildred Williams and Thelma Browne registered approximately 100 guests. Among the guests were former ministers, the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Clough of Monroe, the Rev. and Mrs. Ervin Houser of Lexington and the Rev. Kenneth Cruise of Asheboro. Other out of town guests came from Graham, Burlington, High Point, Albemarle, Roanoke, Va., Alta-vista, Va., and Jackson, Mich.

The Riches were married Apr. 11, 1936 in York, S. C. accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith, now of Gastonia. Mrs. Rich is the former June Marie Freeman, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Freeman. Mr. Rich is the son of the late John W. and Ella Bulla Rich.

**Church celebrates 50th year**

Apr. 27, 1986 – Members at Midway Wesleyan Church, 209 Worthville Road, celebrated 50 years of worship Apr. 13. Large crowds attended Sunday school, the worship service and the picnic dinner beneath the shelter.

The Rev. Philip J. Birchall, present pastor, presided over the service which featured two denominational officials; Dr. Robert W. McIntyre of Marion, Ind., general superintendent of the Wesleyan Church, and the Rev. J. W. Phillips, superintendent of the N. C. West District of the Wesleyan Church.

A brief history of the church was compiled for the occasion by the Rev. Boyd C. Kistler, now an assistant pastor of the church after previously serving three different pastorates here. Several items pertaining to the church's half-century existence were mentioned. For example, the name Midway was derived because the church was located between Randleman and Worthville.

The present church was organized by seven people from the Randleman and Worthville communities who met at the home of the late C. C. Stevens on Monday night, Jan. 6, 1936.

Six days later two members of the official board of the North Carolina Conference of the Wesleyan Methodist Church met with the class and acting on instructions of the conference president declared the above class to be a Wesleyan Methodist Church and a member of the North Carolina conference.

Services were conducted in homes until a church building could be erected on land which was donated by Mr. and Mrs. John Slack. The first one-room wooden building, valued at \$800 was completed with a mortgage of \$225 so the first service in the building could be held on Easter Sunday, Apr. 12, 1936.

Despite an increase in membership it took the new church two years to pay off the debt. The present building,

estimated at \$350,000 was paid off in less than nine years, six years ahead of schedule. It was occupied Oct. 20, 1963.

In recent years, before the debt was paid off, various improvements have been made, including an overhead gas furnace in the fellowship hall, air conditioning in the church, the erection of a new parsonage, and new sound system, the addition of stained glass windows, wall-to-wall carpeting in the sanctuary and various other improvements.

The personnel at the church increased nearly a year ago by the addition of Miss Darlene Teague as minister of Christian Education and Music along with the ministry of young people in the congregation. Miss Teague is a graduate of Houghton College and Asbury Seminary.

Randleman Mayor Elizabeth Swaim was on hand to welcome the congregation. Ann Allred, soloist, sang "Holy Ground" a ladies ensemble sang "I Have Returned" and the choir sang "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Lead On O King Eternal."

Also participating was the Rev. J. Paul Hardin, a former pastor who served six years and the Rev. Robert W. Allred, a former resident of the community.

A display of photographs of former pastors, a memorial plaque and a commemorative plate attracted attention.

Other pastors of the church were the Rev. D. C. Stone, founder and supply pastor; assisted by the Rev. I. L. Sisk, Sr.; the Rev. John W. Simpson, the Rev. J. C. Reynolds, the Rev. J. E. Shaw, the Rev. W. Albert Oates, the Rev. Paul L. Whiteside, the Rev. H. T. Hilton, the Rev. Arthur S. Moorefield, the Rev. Charles E. Hedgepath, the Rev. John G. Harris, the Rev. G. K. Andrews and the Rev. John W. Moretz.

**Couple celebrates 58th anniversary**

Apr. 28, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Ira Ferree Ward of 108 Simpson Ave. were married 58 years ago on Apr. 14, 1928. They lived at their present home for more than 47 years. A large arrangement of flowers commemorating their anniversary was placed by their children and grandchildren in the Calvary United Methodist Church at which time they are charter members.

Their marriage took place in the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. A. O. Lindley, pastor of the Bethany and Grays Chapel Methodist churches. Bethany was the bridegroom's church. The bride went to Gray's Chapel.

They drove to the parsonage in a 1927 T-Model Ford which Ira purchased the day before their marriage. He traded a 1926 Ford Roadster for this car.

Ira and his wife, the former Bessie Nora Lineberry, lived near their churches. They became acquainted approximately four years before at a presentation of string music at the Bob Pugh home near Grays Chapel.

For four years after their marriage, the couple lived in Greensboro, where Ira learned to lay brick. He retired in 1971. Mrs. Ward retired in 1973 from Burlington Mills, where she had worked for 40 years. Both of them are 800 years old.

Their children are Louise Hopkins of Greensboro and the Rev. Russell Ward, pastor of a Baptist church in Panama City, Fla. Another daughter, Maxine Presnell, is deceased. They have seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Their parents were Michael "Mike" Ward and Utensia Belle "Tina" Pugh Ward and Will and Maud Foust Lineberry.

**Local man reaches age 90**

May 1, 1986 – Frank S. Perry, 1830 McDermott St. reached the age of 90 on Apr. 16. He was born and raised in Louisburg in Franklin County. Later he moved with his family to Henderson where he farmed and also worked in a department store.

He joined the Army in World War I, trained at Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. Thirty days after his enlistment he was crossing the ocean on his way to the battle front on the Rhine River, the border of France and Germany.

He was trained in heavy artillery but, fortunately for him the war ended the day before he would have taken his place on the front line. "The next day I would have had to fight," said Perry. He remained overseas for six months guarding prisoners after the war ended.

Perry came to Asheboro in 1927 to work in Jones Department Store and remained with the store for 24 years before his retiring. Later he went back to help when the store closed.

In 1933, he married the former Eula Morgan of Star. Later the couple became parents of a daughter, Elizabeth (now Elizabeth Nault) a resident of Harriman, Tenn. His daughter formerly lived in California and during that time he and his wife visited her 14 times.

Since his retirement Perry has spent time mowing the yard and planting an acre-sized garden. Last year he raised a 100 dozen ears of corn, 10 bushels of snap beans, 15 bushels of butter beans, 25 bushels of black eyed peas and 65 pumpkins along with other items.

This spring he said he would change to a smaller garden. However he said he might have more time to devote to a big garden because he did not renew his driver's license due to eye trouble. Fortunately his wife has a license.

Perry's daughter arrived unexpectedly on the afternoon of his birthday. Someone suggested the group go out to eat at Olde Town Deli on White Oak Street. (The restaurant is not open to the public in the evening hours.)

Upon entering, seeing birthday decorations and a group of people, Perry said, "Somebody must have had a birthday." It was only then he realized the birthday celebration was his and the guest was mostly family members.

Perry is a member of First United Methodist Church in Asheboro.

**Scout gets Eagle**

May 4, 1986 – Scott T. McNeill, a senior at Southwestern High School, received his Eagle Scout Award Apr. 20 during the worship service at Victory Baptist Church near Seagrove.

McNeill, 17, is the son of Farrell and Nancy McNeill, Rt. 8, Asheboro.

He is a member of the church and became the first Scout to receive the award in the newly finished facilities there.

He is a member of Seagrove Scout Troop 513 and has served as scribe, patrol leader and senior patrol leader. He is now serving as junior associate Scoutmaster.

In school, McNeill is a member of the French Club, Math Club and Pep Club. He plans to attend Sandhill Community College after graduation. After one year, he plans to transfer to North Carolina State University.

Participating in the presentation were Scoutmaster Donnie Edwards, Assistant Scoutmaster Leighton Venable and Shelia Allen, president of Seagrove Jaycees, the troop's sponsor.

**Church honors deceased member**

May 6, 1986 – The fifth annual Daisy Craven Day was held Apr. 20, exactly one week after the death of Mrs. Craven who died at the age of 92.

The event was held at Cox's Chapel United Methodist Church on Rt. 2, Ramseur. Mrs. Craven was buried in the church cemetery—and the flowers had not yet wilted on her grave. She was a dedicated Christian who had been a member at Cox's Chapel almost all of her life. She was buried beside her husband Ramon R. Craven who died Feb. 16, 1940.

The Rev. Helen McLaughlin of High Falls, speaker for the occasion said, "This is not a memorial service, it is a day of celebration." The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "Near the Cross." Other selections were furnished by Bessie Gales, pianist.

Mrs. Lois Cheek, president of Cox's Chapel United Methodist Church Women which sponsors Daisy Craven Day referred to Daisy as "beloved and the oldest member of our church." She said Daisy had requested the annual even be continued after her death.

At a previous service the love offering and azalea arrangement were presented to Daisy by the group. Mrs. Craven was reported as saying she would later return the money to the church treasurer, "The church needs it worse than I do."

The offering this year amounted to more than \$100 and will be placed in the building fund.

Her loyalty to the church was matched by her loyalty to her employer, Garland Allen, for whom she worked for approximately 60 years. She continued on her job during most of her illness, assisted by her daughter, Myrtle Goldston, who lived with her.

**Church honors member**

May 7, 1986 – The Rev. George Wesley Kivett was presented with a plaque from the Ramseur Wesleyan Church during the worship service Apr. 20.

The plaque was for "outstanding attendance and service to his church and his Lord for 82 years." A scripture verse was also inscribed: "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

The surprise presentation was made by the Rev. Ron Terry, church pastor, and Kivett's son, the Rev. Forbis Kivett. Many family members and friends from out of town were present for the service and the dinner which followed in the fellowship hall.

Kivett, pastor of the Liberty Wesleyan Church in Summerfield, was concluding a revival at the Ramseur church, his home church, in which he was preaching and supplying the special singing. He is also a retired barber, working for more than 50 years mostly in Asheboro but also briefly in Greensboro, Fayetteville and at an Army camp in Durham.

A native of the Ramseur area, Kivett was born June 29, 1904, two months after the Ramseur Wesleyan Church (formerly Pilgrim Holiness) was organized. A church building was built in the year he was born.

The son of the late John Wesley Kivett and Rosie Burgess Kivett, he spent most of his life in the vicinity of the church and at one time next to the church. His mother carried him to church as an infant. He has been going to the church longer than anyone living.



He said he could remember the first church structure, a one-room wooden building with curtain dividers for the interior. For approximately 50 years, except for brief periods, he served as choir director at the church. His daughter, Mary Stanley, has served as church organist for many years.

His minister son, Forbis, graduated from Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., and was ordained in 1961. Before his present pastorate, he served churches in Greensboro, Thomasville, Raleigh and Charlotte.

Other children beside Forbis and Mary are Martha Benson of Ramseur and Paul Wesley Kivett of Greensboro. Another son, Herman "Bill" Kivett, is deceased. He has 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. His wife is Selma T. Kivett.

### **Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

May 13, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. William M. Allred, Rt. 1, Ramseur, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 4, in the fellowship hall at Pleasant Ridge Christian Church.

Hosting the reception were their children, Alice Cook of Rt. 2, Franklinville; William Dannel Allred of Ramseur; Zilla Wallace of Franklinville; Doyle G. Allred of Rt. 1, Ramseur; Annette Kidd of Rt. 4, Siler City; Billy Madison Allred of Rt. 1, Staley and Joe Gaye Cain of near Coleridge. One son, Frankie Allred, is deceased.

Their family also included 14 grandchildren, one great-grandchild and one step great-grandchild.

The Allred's were married May 2, 1936, at the home of the officiating minister, the Rev. William Hancock, near Robbins.

Mrs. Allred, the former Mamie Louise Coker is a native of Greenville, S. C., but was living in Robbins, then known as Hemp, at the time of their marriage. Her parents were the late Henry Washington Coker and Hattie Jeanette Forester Coker.

Bill Allred is a native of Ramseur. He is the son of the late James Causey Allred and Eliza Saphronia Bray Allred. He served in the U. S. Navy for seven months prior to the end of World War II.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Allred are retired employees of the Burlington Mills, Klopman Plant, at Ramseur. They are members of the Pleasant Ridge Christian Church in the vicinity of their home.

Approximately 100 guests, in addition to the couple's immediate family members, stopped by the reception to greet Mr. and Mrs. Allred.

### **Why Not reunion set**

May 16, 1986 – The 50th reunion of Why Not Memorial Association will be held May 18 in the old Fairgrove Methodist Church building at Why Not.

The event will feature the history of Why Not Academy and Business Institute, the old church and the community in general has compiled by Bill Auman, a member of the association. Copies of the book will be available for sale at the reunion.

In addition, trustees of the association have commissioned a pin and ink drawing of the "Old Fair Grove Methodist Church" by Tom Howard, and area artist. A limited number of matted prints of the old structure will also be for sale that day.

The program will begin at 11 a. m. followed by a covered dish meal and the presentation of the books and prints. The original print will be auctioned off.

Former students of the academy, members of Old Fair Grove Church, descendants of those people, plus the communities of Seagrove and Why Not are invited to attend.

### **Liberty chamber holds banquet**

May 21, 1986 – The 17th annual banquet of the Liberty Chamber of Commerce was held in the American Legion Hut Friday evening with 100 people, including guests, in attendance.

Featured for the occasion was a welcome address by Robert Hunter, president of Gregson Furniture Industries, Liberty. Music provided by Jamie Johnson, Miss Randolph County who is from Liberty, and the jazz ensemble at Eastern Randolph High School under the direction of Benji Springs.

Hunter, who purchased the local furniture plant in Dec., 1984 said, "the Chamber should have many programs to improve the health, comfort and well-being of all people who live in Liberty, Randolph County, and the state of North Carolina."

"The strong desire to be a good citizen is especially clear to me because I did not know of the tremendous benefits of living in North Carolina and of having a business in North Carolina," he said.

"I solicit every member of the Chamber to pen a letter to a board member expressing what you want the Chamber to do. Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Whatever really needs doing, needs doing now."

The 1986-87 board of directors included Terry Caviness, president; Wade Hardin, vice president, Bill Flowe, secretary; Robert Wilkie, treasurer, Jane Burgess, Joe Griffith Jr., John Curtis and Sandra McCoy.

The 1985-86 board of directors consisted of Avis Edwards, president; Terry Caviness, vice president; Sandra McCoy, secretary; Bill Flowe, treasurer; Carolyn Vickrey, Douglas Clark and Wade Hardin.

Standing ovations were extended to Miss Randolph County and the members of the jazz ensemble.

Officers said the Chamber has 25 new members.

### **Church centennial celebrated**

May 22, 1986 – One hundred years of Methodism was celebrated at Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur May 4.

Extra chairs were brought out to seat the crowd which filled the sanctuary to capacity for the special service: 256 people attended.

Bishop L. Bevel Jones III joined the church pastor, the Rev. T. Steven McLain, in conducting the service. Jones is resident bishop of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Also assisting in the service was Dr. Walker H. McKelvey, superintendent of the High Point District: the Rev., George B. Culbreth, former pastor; W. Harvey Burgess, chairman of the administrative board.

Ten people were present who have been members of Jordan Memorial for 60 years or more: Margaret Lane, Guy Lane, Evelyn Cox, Bill Watkins, Ashley Watkins, Verna Goldston, Madge Kivett, Charles Dorsett, Edna Trogdon and Fannie Cox. Other 60-year members still living but not



present are: Dixie Gant, Mary C. Lambert, Fletcher Cox, Alese Grimes, Ben Smith and Ruth Moffitt.

Former pastors in attendance were Ernest D. Page, Worth Sweet and George B. Culbreth. Culbreth still lives in Ramseur and retains his church membership.

Evelyn W. Cox, church historian and compiler of a booklet commemorating the anniversary, presented her historical sketches and Madge C. Kivett, a Sunday school teacher for more than 60 years, reminisced.

The history of Jordan Memorial began in 1886 when it was called Ramseur Methodist Episcopal Church, South, organized by the Rev. J. C. Thomas, resident pastor of Asheboro's church. The congregation met in an old log school building until a building could be built on Liberty Street. The building was a tall one-story, rectangular structure with a balcony across three sides and an open front porch.

The church moved to another site 10 years later when more space was needed. The original site could not be enlarged because of the surrounding rough terrain. The building was sold to Ramseur's Marietta Lodge No. 444 in 1896 and is still being used by that institution.

In 1897, the church moved into a new building on Main Street, their present site. Various changes, renovations and additions have been added to the church throughout the years. In 1982, the church retained an architect to draw renovations for the entire church. Phase one of the renovation has been completed at a cost of more than \$3 million. The entire cost is expected to be cleared by the end of 1986.

The church's name has also undergone considerable changes: Ramseur Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 1886-1939; Ramseur Methodist Church, 1939-1954; Jordan Memorial Methodist Church, 1954 until the church became Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church following a merger of denominations.

In earlier years of the church, ministers served from three to nine charges. The first three ministers on the Ramseur Circuit, the Rev. J. C. Thomas, the Rev. J. E. Woosley and the Rev. R. S. Abernathy, served: Ramseur, Franklinville, Concord, Rehobeth, Staley, Mt. Olivet, Mt. Zion and White's Chapel.

The concluding part of the anniversary was a carry-in lunch in the fellowship hall. The sale of Mrs. Cox's book (\$5) began at the conclusion of the celebration.

A heritage committee which planned the anniversary celebration consisted of the Rev. T. Steven McLain, Mrs. Evelyn W. Cox, Mrs. Toni G. Marley, Mrs. Carolyn Albright, the Rev. George B. Culbreth, Mrs. Madge C. Kivett, Bill Johnson and Bill Watkins.

## **50 years celebrated**

May 23, 1986 – Family members honored Mr. and Mrs. Hampton "Hamp" McBride of Rt. 6, Asheboro, on their 50th wedding anniversary May 9 at Herbert's Restaurant, Sir Robert Inn.

The McBride's were married May 9, 1936 in Asheboro. Mrs. McBride is the former Ruth Beck, a native of Catawba County. Her parents are Mrs. Margaret Campbell Beck of High Point and the late John Beck. Hamp McBride, a native of Sanford, is the son of the late Raymond and Lillie Crutchfield McBride.

Following their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. McBride lived in Asheboro and worked at Bossong Hosiery Mill before

moving to Ocean Isle where Hamp operated a saw mill and lumber yard. They lived in Ocean Isle for 16 years before returning to Asheboro and their employment at Bossong Hosiery Mill, where Mrs. McBride retired due to illness. Mr. McBride also worked at Champagne Dye works before his retirement and part-time thereafter.

The McBride's have two daughters, Gail Barth of Bay Town, Texas, and Sharon Yandle of Ocean Isle Beach; three grandsons, Jay and Matthew Barth and Jesse Cole Yandle.

Among those present at the dinner were their daughter, Mrs. Yandle; their grandson, Jesse Cole Yandle; Mrs. McBride's 89-year-old mother, Mrs. Beck; her sister, Faye Kirkman; and sisters and brother of Mr. McBride, Belma Allred, Louise Poole, Thurman and Willis McBride.

Just prior to their 50th wedding anniversary, the McBride's attended Hamp's army reunion at Virginia Beach, Va. He served three years in the army during World War II, two and one-half years of which were spent in the China-Burma Theater.

## **Victory Baptist dedicated building**

May 25, 1986 – A "Day of Dedication" at Victory Baptist Church near Seagrove occurred May 11. The congregation has occupied the new facilities for a month.

\*Following the usual Sunday school and worship periods, a picnic luncheon was held on church grounds. The dedication service was held in the afternoon and included a tour of the facilities and refreshments in the fellowship hall.

The Rev. Johnny Henderson, church pastor, delivered a dedication message. The actual dedication was performed by Dr. Don McIntyre, pastor of Cross Road Baptist Church near Asheboro.

The new house of worship was built on a 19-acre tract of wooded land north of Seagrove on Hwy. 220. The 11,500 square-foot structure houses a sanctuary which can seat 300.

The building also had educational, fellowship and dining space, provisions for a child day care center, a music rehearsal room and administrative offices. It is the first of a multi-phase plan which will include further development of a worship center, a multi-purpose family life center, a park and picnic area, a regulation softball field, an outdoor prayer garden, an archery range, a walking-jogging trail and an amphitheater.

The new facility cost \$360,000 and was financed through a bond program—which was completed in 90 hours.

Victory Baptist Church has only been organized since Dec. 18, 1983. Their pastor has been with them since Sept. of 1984. At first the congregation worshipped in private homes before occupying the Elaine Yow house in the Erect area at which they remained until their building was completed.

Farrell McNeill, chairman of the building planning and steering committees was recognized as well as members of the steering committee, Lovella Spivey, Nancy McNeill, Wyleen Boone, Ruth McNeill and Gary Moore.

Deacons of the church are Farrell McNeill, Roy McNeill, Stan Beck, Troy Summers, Carol Crotts and Richard Wright. Troy Summers is the Sunday school director. An extended musical program is directed by Bobby Maness.

## **Members honored**

May 25, 1986 – Four charter members of the Seagrove Lions Club were honored by club members for 40 years of continuous service. A dinner meeting was held May 22 at Captain Tom's Seafood, Rt. 1, Staley.

Chevron members were presented to the charter members, A. R. Auman Jr., Amos Farlow, Wade Harris and Grady Scott, by M. John Marko of Greensboro, district governor 31-D. Lions International.

Marko praised the members for dedicating more than half of their lifetime to club service. Another charter member of the club, Hubert Auman, died recently.

Presiding over the meeting was Robert E. "Bob" Neill, club president.

The wives of the honored members were also recognized at the annual dinner event, as well as the wives of the district governor and the club president.

The Seagrove Lions Club was constituted on Apr. 15, 1946 charter night installation followed in May of 1946.

Besides the honored charter members, other members who joined the club at the time of its constitution (many of whom are deceased), were James W. Bryant, Ivey Luck, H. C. Presnell, T. W. Parker, William Thomas, Hoyt Wright, Joseph Auman, A. L. Ashburn, W. C. Auman, Phil Graves, W. E. Graves, L. S. King, R. L. Macon, F. C. Richardson, S. G. Richardson, Clyde Russell, C. M. Strickland and Noah Williams.

### **Honeybee winners**

May 25, 1986 – Gamma Omicron Chapter of Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. held a Honeybee Banquet at their meeting at Captain Tom's Seafood, Rt. 1, Staley, May 14. The group raised money to benefit retarded children. Frandara Siler of High Point, left, was crowned "Little Miss Honeybee," after raising \$250; Tina Moore of Ramseur was first runner-up with \$205; Tammy Goldston of Asheboro was third runner-up with \$90. Not pictured is second runner-up Camela Graham of Asheboro who raised \$106. Members of the professional women's sorority are: Gwendolyn Keith, Geraldine Siler, Ethel Caviness, Pamela Graham, Charlotte Feaster, Anne Matthews, Marie Siler and Brenda Goldston. Each contestant was given a prize.

### **Cedar Grove seniors celebrate**

May 26, 1986 – West Cedar Gove Community Building came alive again May 17 when senior adults were honored again after a lapse of several years.

It was a lively gathering, plenty of talking, a sumptuous meal, fast music from the Saw Dust Band, and a little spontaneous dancing such as clogging.

Joining the band, consisting of Reid Thornburg, Tommy Walker, Jerry Talbert, Tommy Parker, Ray Betts and Mark Walker, was the venerable S. A. "Sam" Lowe, a 104-year-old former citizen of the community, and his roommate at Brian Center in Asheboro, 93-year-old Eugene Hutchins. Sam played the symbols and Eugene the sticks.

Other senior adults 75-years-old and older in attendance were Glen Lowe, 79; Ethel Jenkins, 81; Cleff Rush, 84; Edith Moody, 77; Bob Gallimore, 86; Van Lanier, 76, H. L. Jenkins, 84; Holton Thornburg, 75; Eva Gunter, 79 and Exie Lassiter, 76.

### **Why Not association celebrates 50th year**

May 29, 1986 – A large crowd attended the 50th anniversary of the Why Not Memorial Association near Seagrove May 18. The association included the former Why Not Academy and Business Institute, the Fair Grove Methodist Church and the cemetery.

Former students in attendance were three sisters, Harriet Smith King, 89 of Laurinburg; Lela Smith Lemonds, 86 of Greensboro; Eva Smith Hulin, 82, of Victoria, Texas, and Ralph Lawrence, 81, of Rt. 1, Seagrove.

The first class of Why Not Academy started Aug. 7, 1893. However, educational activity began in 1871 when the Fair Grove Methodist Church was completed. The last class of the academy was in 1915 when the building burned down. The church was discontinued in 1932 when Seagrove Methodist Church, a mild and a half away was built.

Soon thereafter, a group was organized for the purpose of keeping up the Fair Grove Church and cemetery; the Methodist Conference deeded the church property to the Why Not Memorial Association in 1952.

A substantial amount of money has accumulated through the years since a fund was started. This year the auction of an original print of the old church building (sold at \$650) adds to the fund. Other copies of the print will be sold along with copies of a book compiled by Bill Auman, relating the history of the academy and the institute, the church and the community. The interested can contact Mrs. Imogene King Bulla at 626-6004 or Mrs. Jerry King at 873-7074.

Former students who have died since the last meeting are Cleo Boone, Paul Hancock, Della Macon, Rev. W. L. Maness, Faye Lawrence Scott and Fleta Luck Parks.

Other members who have died since last year were Hubert Auman, Herman Garner, Harwood Graves, Edward Lilly, Orville Lowdermilk, Joe Owen, Dorothy Jeffreys Slack and Darrell Yow.

Elected to serve for 1987 were Tommy King, president; Paulanne Cagle, vice president; Imogene King Bulla, secretary; Jane A. King, treasurer; James King Jr., nominating committee; James King Sr. and Eric Cagle, chairmen; Joyce K. Scott, director; Della-Maie G. Cagle, and Martha G. Lucas, memorial committee; Vernon and Jane King, refreshment committee.

### **Club member gets plaque**

June 1, 1986 – Worth Oriindo Cox veteran member of the Coleridge Lions Club received a plaque from the club in appreciation for his dedication and work in Lionism community projects and church activities. The presentation was a complete surprise to the recipient.

Cox was described by John Lawrence, former superintendent of the Randolph County School System who presented the plaque, as an outstanding member of the club and community.

Cox served as advisory council at Coleridge School and, after consolidation, served in a similar position at Eastern Randolph High School. He also served as president of the PTA at both schools.

He has been a member of Coleridge Lions Club for 36 years. He served as president of the club and secretary for 10 years, a position which he still holds.

Cox has been a member of Parks Cross Roads Christian Church for practically all of his life. He is currently a member of the deacon board and he taught Sunday school class for several years.

He is a native of Coleridge; his parents were the late Ralph and Nannie Pope Cox. He is married to the former Martha Green, who has completed one year at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. The couple has three daughters, Annette Leslie, Deborah Hall and Candace Williams; a son, Andrew Worth Green; five grandchildren. Cox is employed at Richland Electric Company.

### **Class of '27**

June 1, 1986 – Trinity High School's Class of 1927 held a reunion May 17 at Quincy's Steakhouse on Hwy. 311 between Archdale and High Point. This was one of four or five reunions since their graduation 59 years ago. A guest at this reunion was Dr. Charles W. Stout, an Asheboro physician whose father, the late Howard Stout, was a member of the class. Howard Stout died when Dr. Stout was 11 months old. Members of the class who attended are, first row from left, Ruby Lee Elliott Lambeth, Rada Gray Martin, Lula Myers Kindley, Ruth Jones Farlow, Helen Wood Frazier, Annie Swiggett Stutts; second row, from left, Dr. Charles W. Stout, Aurelia Payne Phillips, Thomas Bouldin, Stanley Blair, William Bouldin, Louise Collett Easter, Hannah White Cummings, Florence Younts Frye. Thomas and William Bouldin are brothers.

### **Pinehurst Textiles retirees**

June 5, 1986 – The annual dinner for retired employees of Pinehurst Textiles, Inc., 120 E. Pritchard St., was held May 23. Those present, seated from left, were Lillie Hall, Rom Millikan, Kyle Powell, Bertine Coppedge, Marie Rich, Blanche Green, Mary Cox, Swanson Cox, Clyde Graves; standing from left, Erie Money, Lena Wilkes, Pauline Grice, Edna Anderson, Larue Brown, Ardell Bunting, Florence Cheek, Kathleen Shaw, Grace Stout, Elizabeth Hayes, Annie Lee Hodgin, Frances Messelrodt, Roxie Hill, Laurretta Thompson. Also present were 16 semi-retired employees.

### **First-year piano students perform in RTC recital**

June 5, 1986 – First-year students performed in the third piano recital at Randolph Technical College held May 27.

Shown are, seated from left, Peggy Sniezek, instructor; Inez Burrow, Catherine Thomas, Kay Rich, Janet L. Auman, standing from left, Josephine Hammond, David Coble, Annette Owens, Margaret Davis, Jennie Yamazzi, Paul Meier, Bill Burgess.

Others participating in the recital were Ruby Smith, Betty Foust, Nancy Clark, Gina Garner, Joan Durham, Doris Smith, Hilda Allen, Carrie Kearns, Melinda Grant, Mary Harrison, Sara Taul, Tony Garner, Roger Jordan, Decie Smith, Betty Joiner, Cordelia Hicks, Margaret Green, Frances Thompson, Louise Talbert, Estelle Cox, Giles Lamb, Bessie Jones, Don Kink, Joan Shackelford, Frances Paschal, Cleo Moore and Peggy King. The students' ages ranged from 24-82.

### **Couple celebrates anniversary**

June 12, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Guy Foust Lane of Ramseur celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary June 3 at Bill's Restaurant in Siler City.

The family dinner was hosted by their children, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. (Elizabeth Lane) Spencer of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. (Martha Lane) Bowers of Hamlet, Mr. and Mrs.

C. S. (Margean Lane) McDonald of Charlotte and Mr. and Mrs. William Guy Lane of Ramseur.

Also present at the dinner were Mrs. Eugenia Lane Johnson and Miss Margaret Lane, sisters of Mr. Lane, who attended the wedding. The Lanes' immediate family also includes 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Lanes were married June 3, 1926 in the parsonage of Ramseur Baptist Church. Officiating was the bride's father, the Rev. W. A. Elam, also pastor of Franklinville Baptist Church. Her mother was the former Georgia Parker. Following their morning wedding, the couple drove over mountainous dirt roads to Blowing Rock for a honeymoon in a 1921 Model Ford Roadster.

Mrs. Lane, the former Bryte Elam and a native of Cleveland County came to Ramseur with her parents in 1923 when she was a junior at Coker College in Hartsville, S. C. She started teaching in the Ramseur School the next year but later went back to college and received her degree. She taught in Ramseur for a period of 25 years.

Guy Foust Lane, a native of Ramseur, is the son of Captain William Dennis Lane, a conductor on the Atlantic and Yadkin Railroad for 47 years and Maggie Foust Lane. He graduated from Ramseur High School and attended N. C. State College receiving a mechanical engineering degree in 1925. He spent 30 years as a sales engineer with Johns Manville Corp. in Greensboro before retiring in 1968.

He has been a member of what is now known as Jordan Memorial United Methodist Church in Ramseur since 1916. He served on Randolph County's school board for eight years and is a Ramseur Lions Club member with 45 years of perfect attendance. He is a past president of the N. C. State College Alumni Association and a life-time member of the N. C. Society of Engineers.

Mrs. Lane moved her membership from Ramseur Baptist Church to the Methodist Church after the death of her father in 1951. She served four years as district president of the United Methodist Women and served on the statewide level of the Conference Council on Ministries in addition to helping with various activities for the Ramseur church.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

June 13, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Dale Yow of Rt. 8, Asheboro, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 8 at Why Not Wesleyan Church.

Hosting a reception honoring the couple were their four daughters, Grace Marie Thompson of Asheboro, Mary Jean Trent of Greensboro, Clara Jane Durham of Randleman and Neta Dale Kindley of Silver Valley (Davidson County). Other family members of the family include eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Yow's were married June 6, 1936 in Bennettsville, S. C. Accompanying them to their marriage site as witnesses were the late Joe Owen, well-known potter of the Seagrove area, and Ollie Bennett Owen died recently.

Malcolm Dale Yow, son of the late Hugh Burlie Yow and Cora McNeill Yow, is a native of the Yow's Mill area. He attended Cox School.

Mrs. Yow, the former Juanita Lockwood Presnell, was the daughter of the late Baxter and Annie Fox Presnell. She lived on the New Hope Road and attended Old Mountain School.

The couple met when Dale worked in a sawmill near her house. He worked in that profession for 24 years before becoming employed at Stedman Manufacturing Co. He is

now retired. Mrs. Yow worked for 17 years at Acme-McCrary Corp. and is now employed part-time at Stedman. They have spent most of their married life on New Hope Road.

The Yow's are members of Why Not Wesleyan Church. Their present pastor, the Rev. Hal Brown and two former pastors, the Rev. M. M. Holmes and the Rev. Charles Apple, joined other guests at the anniversary reception.

### **Class of '65**

June 13, 1986 – The 1965 graduating class at Ramsour High School held its third reunion June 7 at Dicksea Seafood Restaurant in Asheboro. Seated from left, Judy Stuart Abernathy, Marion Chriscoe Lyndon, Virginia Caviness Stout, Sandra Macon McGee, Rosa Lee Langley Allred, Karolyn Cox Carmac; standing from left, Phillip Brady, Jim Parker, Jeannie Wright Ferguson, Mike Dorsett, Sara Lowdermilk Carmac, Bill Allred, Donald Joyce, Jackie Carter, Jerry Leonard, Danny Wood, Not pictured, but present, was Lynn Lineberry.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

June 18, 1986 – In addition to being Father's Day, June 15 marked the 57th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Lee Thomas Sr. of Rt. 7, Asheboro. Neither was fully celebrated, however, because several of their 11 children were too far away to visit.

The Thomas's were married June 15, 1929, in Bennettsville, S. C. They were accompanied by Chesley's father, Lofton Thomas and their driver, France Morris.

Chesley, 78, is humorous and easy going as is Mrs. Thomas, 73. Chesley had a heart attack in recent years, but is still able to help his wife in the garden.

Speaking of her marriage vows 57 years ago, Mrs. Thomas said, "I am sticking to mine, hard times, good times, all goes through life together."

Chesley's mother was the former Fannie Lewis. His family lived near Norman in Richmond County and later in Troy.

Chesley got acquainted with his wife, the former Bertha Mae Williams while visiting near her home in Hemp (now Robbins) in Moore County. Her parents were Loranza and Julina Spivey Williams.

After the couple's marriage, they moved to Ophir in Montgomery County, near the Randolph County line. Chesley worked in a saw mill until moving to the Asheboro area 41 years ago when he began a night workman job at Acme-McCrary Corp. Mrs. Thomas was employed at Blue Gem Manufacturing Co, G & L Sewing Co., next their home in Ulah, and Sew Special. Both are now retired.

The Thomas's had 12 children; one Lonnie Lofton died in infancy.

The others are Mary Elizabeth Stanley of Thomasville; Sarah Frances Uklaha of Wallingford, Conn. ; James Alfred Thomas of Martinsville, Va. ; Bobby Gene Thomas of Tucson, Ariz. ; Lola Mae Hogan of Trenton, N. J. ; Leroy Thomas of Wallace, N. C. ; Chesley Lee Thomas, Jr. of Asheboro; Michael Ray Thomas in the Air Force in Panama; Carrie Julina Fugate of Rt. 1, Asheboro; Patricia Ann McNeill of Farmer and William Raymond "W. R." Thomas of the home.

The couple also has 23 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Mrs. Thomas and her son, W. R. attends First Baptist Church in Asheboro.

### **Fellowship building dedicated**

June 18, 1986 – The Brower-Langley Memorial Fellowship House was dedicated by the Staley Memorial Wesleyan Church in Staley on June 8.

The new fellowship house, valued at \$50,000, was fully paid for when dedicated; approximately \$1,000 remained after the building and its furnishings had been paid for.

The unusual debt-free status was attributed to Harold and Horace Brower, brothers of Crower Co., Rt. 1, Staley and to Floyd Langley, a Randolph County commissioner and chairman of the building committee. The Brower's donated materials while Langley donated land and supervised construction. Therefore, the building was named after them.

The Brower brothers said their contributions were made in memory of their late father, the Rev. O. L. Brower.

Langley praised members of the building committee, the congregation and the community for their assistance during the construction.

The actual cost of the building including furnishings was \$10,610. Money was accumulated from contributions made on the fourth Sunday of each month.

The building 36 x 48 feet has a brick exterior and features a kitchen (12 x 22 feet), two bathrooms, light hickory paneling against a background of sheetrock and wall-to-wall carpeting. It also has central air conditioning and electric baseboard heat.

The dedication service was led by the Rev. Evon Pullium, church pastor. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Don Ledbetter, N. C. Eastern District superintendent, who also led the dedication's responsive reading, Mrs. Teresa Whitehead, treasurer and church trustee also participated in the service.

Two former pastors attended the Rev. T. R. York and the Rev. Van Howard. Following the service of dedication the congregation were served a covered-dish lunch in the new fellowship hall.

### **Farmer's Class of 1935**

June 18, 1986 – The 1935 graduating class at Farmer High School held a reunion June 7 at Western Sizzlin Steak House in Asheboro. Front row left, Irene Cranford, Astor Delk, Florine Kearns Yates, Glee Nancy Arnold, Esther Garner David, Golden Delk Hunt, Oberla Ashworth Walker; back row from left, Inez Hussey (teacher), Martin Cranford, Henry C. Loflin, Allene Loflin McDowell, Alvin McDowell, Zeola Gallimore Trotter, Mitchell Delk.

### **Church recognizes 82-year old man**

June 25, 1986 – Clarence E. Baldwin Appreciation Day was held at Bethany United Methodist Church Rt. 1, Franklinville June 15. The service substituted for the worship period.

The 82-year-old Baldwin was presented with a plaque which read, "In appreciation for your many years of dedicated service to Bethany Methodist Church."

Baldwin, a native of Franklinville (he lives about a half of a mile from the church), joined the church in 1915 at the age of 11.

He served as church treasurer for 32 years, church trustee for 25 years, cemetery trustee for 11 years and Sunday school teacher from 1940-1985, with only one or two years off during that period.

The appreciation service was a complete surprise to him. Asked by the Rev. Carl E. McArn, church pastor, if he had any indication as to what was happening, Baldwin stoically answered, "I hadn't thought anything about it."

Special speakers for the occasion were Odell Routh, chairman of the administrative board; Wilma Thompson of Carthage, Baldwin's daughter; Swanna Baldwin, his sister and friends, Sonny McCorquodale and Nannie Bell Johnson.

Also present were the Rev. C. W. Thompson, a Baptist minister and Baldwin's grandson, Edward Baldwin, his son, Tommy Waugh, a friend who presented the plaque, and McArn who concluded the service.

In keeping with the occasion, the choir, directed by Penny Waugh Johnson, and the congregation sang old-fashioned and familiar hymns such as "Faith of Our Fathers," "Jesus Saves," "What a Friend," "Amazing Grace," "Life's Railway to Heaven," "We are Marching to Zion," and the church's anthem, "The Old Country Church."

Some of the songs were especially compiled for the occasion from "Ye Olde Methodist Songbook."

The service honoring Baldwin was initiated by Elmer Routh, member of the church and choir and chairman of the planning committee. Other members of the committee were Joe Caudill, Janet Routh, Nannie Belle Johnson and Tommy Waugh.

### **Eagle Scouts**

June 26, 1986 – Donald Harvey, left and Michael Smith of Scout Troop 525 were presented Eagle Scout Awards at a recent court-of-honor. Harvey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Donald Harvey Jr. of 425 Camelot Drive, Asheboro, and a member of the Church of the Good Shepherd. Smith is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie L. Smith Jr. of 1265 Thayer Drive, Asheboro, and is a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Dr. Bob Barham is scoutmaster of the troop, which is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church.

### **Jamieson brothers hold first reunion in America**

June 26, 1986 – The first Jamieson Family Reunion in America was held June 21 at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Jamieson Sr., 210 Cheddington Drive, Asheboro. Family members from other areas were present.

Lunch was served at Olde Town Deli, followed by an afternoon of recreation and visitation.

The reunion consisted of descendants of the Rev. James Jamieson who was born in Sandness, Shetland Islands, United Kingdom, and Alice Sophia Landgraff Jamieson of Brooklyn, N. Y., whom he married June 18, 1907.

The elder Jamieson was born Aug. 22, 1870. He came to the United States after serving two and a half years as a lay preacher in Ireland. He died in 1949. His wife died in 1932.

Four sons were born to the couple: James Charles "Jim", Robert Bashford, Herbert Morehouse and Ronald Sinclair. Jim, an assemblyman and minority leader in the New York state senate, died in 1957.

The three remaining brothers and their families constituted the first reunion in which 29 members attended.

Bob is a retired coach of a Greensboro high school for 42 years. Herb is a Retired United Methodist Church minister, now living in Asheboro. And Ron, a resident of Blairstown, N. J., is an insurance executive. Towns represented were

Asheboro, Greensboro, Blairstown, N. J., Green Cove Springs, Fla., Jacksonville, Fla., Columbia, Md., Wilmington, N. C., Durham, Tierra Verde, Fla., Hackettstown, N. J., Brooklyn, N. Y., and New York, N. Y.

### **Couple celebrates 50th anniversary**

June 27, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Cox, Rt. 5, Asheboro, were honored by their children and grandchildren on their 50th wedding anniversary, June 14, at Russell's Grove Baptist Church.

Hosting a reception in the fellowship building were their children, Mr. and Mrs. Lanson Cox of Cheraw, S. C., Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Ann Cox) Pope and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cox of Rt. 5, Asheboro.

Their grandchildren are Mark Cox, Melissa Pope, Dean Cox and Sharon Fox. Guests called from three until 5 p. m. Among those coming from a distance were friends from Memphis, Tennessee, Graham, Yanceyville, Madison and High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married June 12, 1936 in the parsonage at Balfour Baptist Church with the Rev. O. P. Dix officiating.

Cox son of the late George and Minnie Luck Cox, is a native of the Pisgah area. Mrs. Cox, the former Mae King, is the daughter of the late Rufus and Clara Williams King. She is a native of the Huldah Baptist Church area, north of Seagrove.

They attend Pisgah United Methodist Church.

### **Farmer Class of '41**

June 29, 1986 – The 1941 graduating class at Farmer High School held a reunion June 21 at Western Sizzlin Steak House in Asheboro. They are shown seated from left, Charles Allen, Lucille Johnson Vestal, Elsie McDowell Robbins, Ethel Gearren Gold, Charles Copple, Allene Luther Hall, Juanita Loflin Winslow, Bernice Hurley Hinshaw; standing from left, Dolan Surratt, Austin Shaw, Charles Elliott, Lacy Ledwell, Mary Edith Allred Walker, Jewell Cashatt Ridge, Vergie Gallimore Jackson, Helen Loflin Yates, Jacqueline Bingham May, Marjorie Spillman Adams, Esther Lowe Phillips.

### **Class of 1940**

July 1, 1986 – The 1940 graduating class of Farmer High School held a reunion June 21 at Western Sizzlin Steak House in Asheboro. Those who attended are shown from left, E. S. Albertson, Lillie Mae Sexton Scarborough, Clara Mae Johnson Johnson, and Oleta Kearnes Carter.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

July 1, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. John Martin Lambert of Rt. 2, Randleman, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 15 at Black & Decker Club House in Asheboro.

The reception was hosted by their daughter, Stephanie Robin, 19, a junior at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. The Lamberts also have two sons, John Andrew, 8, and Stephen Patrick, 5, who attended the reception.

Assisting in serving was Mrs. Ila Robbins Kivett, Mrs. Lambert's mother, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Miller, her sister and brother-in-law, and Mr. Lambert's sisters, Linda Byrd, Susan Davis and Cynthia Luck.

The Lambert's were married June 17, 1961 at Oaklawn Gospel Tabernacle; next to Oaklawn Cemetery by the Rev. Donald Draggoo, the pastor's first ceremony.

Mrs. Lambert, the former Bernice Rich, is also the daughter of the late Clyde Rich; Mr. Lambert's parents are Martin Walter and Ida Routh Lambert of Rt. 2, Randleman, who attended the reception as well as Mrs. Lambert's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Queen Robbins.

Mr. Lambert owns and operates John Lambert Body Shop.

### **Tabernacle Lions Club Presents Awards**

July 2, 1986 - Four citizenship awards were presented to students at Tabernacle School at a recent meeting of the Tabernacle Lions Club. Those receiving the awards from school principal Fred W. Hemric, are Melissa Gail Staker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Staker, Rt. 11, Lexington; Christopher David Connor, Rt. 2, Asheboro; Kelly Joseph Siler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Siler, Rt. 2, Asheboro; Charlotte Renee Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Rt. 7, Thomasville. The awards have been presented annually by the Lions Club since the school year 1956-57. The selection is made by faculty members at the school.

New officers were also installed for the club, following a supper meeting with wives in the club house. Terry Younts, president; Bill Younts, second vice-president; William Swaney, third vice-president; Jerry Bryant, secretary and treasurer; Venson Loflin, director and deputy zone chairman; Arthur Thomas, tail twister; Worth Cox, director. Officers not present were Wade Small, lion tamer and director; Terry Younts, lioness liaison. Receiving 30 year pins were Venson Loflin, Arthur Thomas, William Swaney, Wade Small, Bill Younts, all of whom were charter members. The retiring president, Worth Cox, was presented with the "Lion of the Year Award." Installing officer was Ralph Davis, secretary of the Asheboro Lions Club.

### **Couple Celebrates Anniversary**

July 2, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Shelly F. Hunsucker, 122 Liberty St., Asheboro, celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary June 15 in the fellowship hall of First Baptist Church. Approximately 200 guests called from 2 until 4p. m.

Hosting the reception in their honor were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. James Franklin Hunsucker, of Hampton, Va. And Mrs. Hunsucker's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harding Williams, of North Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

However Mr. and Mrs. Williams were unable to be present due to illness. Mr. Williams, former resident of Asheboro, was reared by Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker.

Other immediate family members in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker's grandchildren, James F. Hunsucker Jr., Charleston, W. Va., and Celia Hunsucker Hudgins, Hampton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Page Jr., greeted the anniversary guests upon their arrival. Also assisting at the reception were Louise Scarboro, Charlotte Lanier, Ruth Strohmeyer, Lillian Curtis Brown, Leslie Hunter, and Anita and Erika Hunsucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker were married June 10, 1926 at the home of the bride on Hoover Street in Asheboro, with the Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of Asheboro Baptist Church

officiating. Mrs. Hunsucker, the former Dora Lee Williams, is the daughter of the late William Thomas "Bud" and Priscilla Horner Williams, originally from Moore County.

Shelly Franklin Hunsucker, a native of Montgomery County, was also living in Asheboro at the time of their marriage. He is the son of the late William Franklin and Nettie Geneva Morton Hunsucker.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunsucker are retired from Acme-McCrary Corporation and Mrs. Hunsucker from various places.

They have been church members for longer than their married lives. Shelly at the First United Methodist Church and Mrs. Hunsucker at First Baptist Church. However, they join together in their attendance at both of these churches.

The couple have seen the city grow in various ways for more than 60 years. They have been supportive of the churches, the civic and recreational activities, particularly the senior citizens groups which they have joined in the declining years of their lives together.

Attending their anniversary reception were guests from Virginia, South Carolina, West Virginia, Raleigh, High Point, Charlotte, Archdale, Graham, and Winston-Salem.

### **Class Reunites After 37 Years**

July 2, 1986 - There was much reminiscing when the 1949 graduating class of Randolph County Training School in Asheboro held a reunion on the weekend of June 20. They had not been together in 37 years.

The class met at the home of member Wilson Brown, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Other class members in attendance were Mary Frances McDaniel Siler of Siler City; Max Harris Laughlin and Dennis Marshall Ferree, Bronx, N. Y. ; and Mildred Faye Coble Evans of Suitland, MD.

Absent was Albert Henry also of Bronx, N. Y. . Deceased members of the class are Lloyd Jiminez, Betrice Kenion Cheek and William Nicholson.

Graduates in attendance received recognition plaques with their names engraved. This was their first reunion since graduation.

While here they visited the zoo and attended local churches and visited former teacher, James D. Morgan at his home in Coleridge.

The school they graduated from was later named Central High School, it later merged with Asheboro High School.

The 1949 graduates served under two different principals, the late C. A. Barrett and J. N. Gill.

### **Church Breaks Ground For New Building**

July 4, 1986—A large crowd attended the June 22 ground breaking service for a new building at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Rt. 3, Asheboro, located in the Farmer community.

The structure will replace the original 90-year-old church building which has been declared unsuitable and not safe for worship.

Currently the congregation is worshipping in the United Community Building adjacent to the church site.

Leading the ground breaking ceremony was Dr. Walter H. Mckelvey, superintendent of the High Point District, assisted by St. Mark's minister, the Rev. Paul A. Bethel. Other Methodist ministers in attendance were the Rev. Liston Sellers, pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church



in Asheboro, and the Rev. Andrew Brown of High Point, former pastor of St. Luke's and St. Mark's.

Special music was provided by the United Community Choir, a local group, and St. Matthew's Gospel Choir from Greensboro.

Hazel Caviness has spearheaded efforts to acquire a new building through her position as building committee chairman

### **Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

July 8, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay Loflin of Rt. 2, Denton, were married 50 years ago on June 23, 1936, at the home of Mrs. Loflin's parents, Duke and Nora Kindley Hoover.

After their marriage ceremony, performed by the Rev. Troy Vaughn, pastor of the then Sawyersville Pilgrim Holiness Church, the couple attended a tent meeting at the church.

Mrs. Loflin, the former Edith Maie Hoover, recalled they got married on Saturday afternoon after her fiancé threshed wheat during the day. The next morning they attended the church again and the next day continue their routine by going back to work.

Approximately 200 guests attended an anniversary reception in the fellowship hall of Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church.

Among those in attendance were Rev. and Mrs. Vaughn of Thomasville.

Assisting their daughters and grandchildren at the reception were Wilma Patterson, sister of Mrs. Loflin, Iris Henson, Esther Shortsleeve, Beville Gallimore, Cleo Munn, Allene McDowell, sister of Mr. Loflin and Beulah Loflin, a sister-in-law.

The Loflins are still consistent church attendants, going to Hoover's Grove Wesleyan Church for morning services and Sawyersville for evening services. Mr. Loflin has had perfect attendance at Sunday School for the past 20 years. Occasionally, they attend services at First Assembly of God, which their grandson attends.

Mrs. Loflin was the oldest of 10 children born to her parents. Before her marriage, she worked at Asheboro Hosiery Mill and Cetwick Silk Mill, contributing to the upkeep of the family. Henry Loflin was the son of the late Dave and Ethel Smith Loflin. He has been a farmer of some distinction throughout the years of his marriage.

Two daughters were born to Mr. and Mrs. Loflin; Leona Creed of Rt. 2, Denton, and Gerline Powell of Rt. 8, Morganton. They have five grandchildren, Keith and Brian Sawyer, Allen Creed and Anthony "Andy" and Cynthia Creed, twins.

The couple received a card from President and Mrs. Ronald Reagan, congratulating them on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

### **Pastor Ends 68 Years Of Ministry**

July 9, 1986 - The Rev. James H. Hooker, pastor of Strieby Congregational United Church of Christ on Rt. 5, Asheboro, has ended a 25-year pastorate at the church and a total of 68 years of ministry.

Hooker plans to continue his preaching, however, "I am retiring from the pastorate but I will be preaching before long; I don't want to be guilty by not preaching."

The church honored Hooker upon his retirement before a packed sanctuary June 29. In the service Hooker was

commended for having driven approximately 87,000 miles during his 25 years of service to Strieby Church, through rain, snow, or sunshine without complaint and for challenging his members to build a new church which was completed in 1972. Hooker's home was 55 miles from Strieby, one way.

Hooker was originally from St. Peter's community north of Randleman, then lived in Julian in Guilford County before settling in Alamance County. In 1918 he was called to the military and also to the ministry, starting with the Methodist denomination and switching to the Christian denomination in 1928.

During his ministry he dedicated three new churches. His longest ministry was 42 years at McLeansville church. Other pastorates have included Parish Christian Chapel, Hawfield Christian, Burnett's Chapel Christian and Rock Spring United Church of Christ.

Several paid tributes to the veteran minister including church members Ruth Laughlin and Dr. George H. Jones. The principal speaker was the Rev. William E. Simmons, pastor of Mt. Zion United Church of Christ, Rockingham. Others participating were the Rev. Ervin E. Milton, associate conference minister, the Rev. Dora Atlas of First United Church of Christ, the Rev. Liston Sellers of St. Luke United Methodist Church and Reuben Gilliam, of Greater St. John Baptist Church.

Music was provided by the Mt. Zion United Church of Christ Choir and the Community Choir. Kate Jones was in charge of arrangements which included love offerings amounting to \$1,679.56, plaques and gifts. At the conclusion of the service the congregation assembled in the dining area for a carry-in meal.

Hooker and his wife, the former Mrs. Mozelle Rogers, live near Saxapahaw. He has seven children two sons of which are ministers.

### **Coleridge Receives Fire Truck**

July 9, 1986 - Larry McAlister, chief of the Coleridge Volunteer Fire Department and C. E. Teague, assistant chief, have announced the recent purchase of an additional brush truck for the department.

The department has two brush trucks, one for each station located in Coleridge and Erect. Purchase of the additional truck will relieve the use of a fire truck on medical calls and brush fires, the firefighter said.

The department is in the process of receiving a class 9 insurance rating which will reduce the fire insurance on property in the district.

Also, residents of the district will pay a smaller fire tax rate this year due to a reduction in the rate from 10 cents per \$100 valuation to 9 cents for the 1986 year.

The Randolph Board of Commissioners agreed to cut the district rate after hearing Emergency Services director Neil Allen recommend the lower rate.

Allen explained the cut by noting last year was the first year the district was on a taxed rate. He said the budget for the 1985-86 fiscal year was prepared on the basis of valuation of real estate alone.

But Allen said study showed the new \$35,268 budget could be financed out of an 8 cent rate. He said fire department officials kept another cent in the rate to begin a fund to replace a pumper leaving the new rate at 9 cents.

Fire officials felt there was no need to tax the people for more their budget needs, Allen explained.



Allen also said the district had a \$16,000 reserve it could use to replace and old pumper.

McAlister and Teague said they appreciate approval of the tax, "because of the tax, we are able to upgrade our equipment and buy some new turn-out gear for the firemen."

### **Family Reunion**

July 13, 1986 - Children and other descendants of the late Christopher and Rosa Sanderlin Upton of South Mills held their fourth reunion July 4 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Upton of Rt. 5, Asheboro, son and daughter-in-law of the late couple. Some 45 members attended from Tennessee, North Carolina, Florida, Massachusetts, and Virginia. Children of the Upton's are C. B. Upton, Jimmy Upton, Marjorie Bond, Marie Tuggey, Charles Upton. Charles and wife Carlotta hosted the reunion.

### **Family Reunion**

July 14, 1986 - The descendants of the late Benjamin Harrison and Florence Cheek Lutterlough held their 19<sup>th</sup> family reunion July 4 at the home of Lanie Lutterlough on Rt. 2, Seagrove. Twelve children were born to Benjamin and Florence; five survived, Ruby Maness, Golda Spencer, Clarence Lutterlough, Lanie Lutterlough and Sarah Leak. More than 200 relatives attended from New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Hickory and Southern Pines. Lanie Lutterlough is a well known farmer in the area near Community Baptist Church.

### **Couple Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

July 18, 1986 - The Rev. and Mrs. Judson Rotan, 300 Westbury Woods, Asheboro, celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary July 13 at First Baptist Church.

Rotan has been director of missions for Randolph Baptist Association for nine years. He also is serving as president of Asheboro Ministerial Association.

Hosting a reception for the couple were their son, Kenneth Rotan of Asheboro, and their daughter, Beverly Rotan of Raleigh.

The Rotan were married July 8, 1961, in the Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, Whiteville, where both families lived at the time of their marriage. The officiating minister was Rotan's father, the late Rev. Zemma W. Rotan, a minister for 42 years. At the time of Judson's birth the family was living in Albemarle. Mrs. Rotan is the former Gwendolyn Ezzell.

Present for the reception were Judson's mother, Mrs. Lela Caviness of Asheboro, and Gwendolyn's mother, Mrs. Vera Ezzell of Whiteville (Her father, Colon Ezzell, is deceased). Also present were Rotan's brother, William Rotan of Morganton; his sister, Gloria Keown of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. Rotan's brothers, Gene, Bobby, Billy and Jerry Ezzell, all of Whiteville.

Other out-of-town guests came from Monroe, Charlotte, Albemarle, Thomasville, and Carthage.

Judson Rotan attended Southeastern Baptist Seminary at Wake Forest and, before becoming director of missions here, he served Baptist pastorates at Union Valley in Whiteville; Gennies Branch in Shallotte; Park Place in Thomasville; Scott's Creek in Sylva and Grace Baptist Church in Albemarle. He was a pastor for 18 years.

Mrs. Rotan has been a teacher's aide at Balfour School for eight years. Formerly she was employed as a laboratory technician after training at Campbell College and Dell's Laboratory in Asheville.

### **Couple Celebrates Anniversary**

July 22, 1986 - A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Allen of Rt. 1, Ramseur, on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was held July 13 at the Holly Spring Friends Meetinghouse.

The couple's children hosted: Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Allen of Asheboro, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Allen of Rt. 1, Ramseur, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred (Nancy) Edinger of Hartsville, S. C.

Assisting at the reception were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Brown Jr. of Asheboro, brother and sister-in-law of Mrs. Allen; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore of Ramseur, sister and brother-in-law of Mr. Allen; and grandchildren, Michelle, Gina, Tony and Kelly Allen and Paul and April Edinger.

The Allen's were married July 3, 1936 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Cox, grandparents of Mrs. Allen, on Rt. 1, Ramseur. The officiating minister was the Rev. Paten Cox of Mount Gilead, Ohio, great-uncle of the bride.

Mrs. Allen, the former Virgie Brown, is the daughter of the late William Lacy and Phama Cox Brown. Mr. Allen is the son of the late Stanley S. and Laura Humble Allen.

They are graduates of Ramseur High School and active members of Holly Spring Friends Meeting. They have lived at their present home since their marriage.

The Allens, now retired, farmed and raised chickens from 1936-1956, then farmed and operated a dairy from 1956-1978.

### **Family Gives Party Honors 90 Year Old**

July 24, 1986 - Mrs. Sallie Lee, a resident of Cross Road Rest and Retirement Center, was honored on her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, July 20, at the home of her son, Kelly Lee on Rt. 4, Asheboro.

Her children, in addition to Kelly Lee, attended. They are: Ruby Johns, of Rt. 3, Supply; Margie Kinnie of Rt. 1, Asheboro; Nezzie Sings of Rt. 1, Cheraw, S. C.; E. B. "Shorty" Lee of Asheboro. Her husband, Benjamin Franklin Lee, and three of their children are deceased.

Mrs. Lee was a resident of Rt. 1, Cheraw, S. C. before coming to Cross Road Center more than two years ago. For approximately 25 years her children and other family members have gathered to celebrate her birthday. Her roommate at the center, Yvonda Floyd, also attended.

Featured this year at the party were five generations, Mrs. Lee, a great-great-grandmother; her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Jones; her grandson, Willie David Johns; her great-grandson, David Johns Tyner; and her great-great-granddaughter, Windy Tyner.

### **Hosiery Loopers Reunite**

July 27, 1986 - Former employees of the looping department at Acme Hosiery Mill ( now Acme-McCrary Corp. ) got together recently for the first time since the department was discontinued in the late sixties.

One hundred and twelve former loopers attended the supper meeting at First Baptist Church. There were also a few guests and two former supervisors, George Ledwell and Glenn Dawson.

The dining area reverberated with laughter as various associates arrived, many of whom had not seen each other

since they worked together at Acme. Some did not recognize their former colleagues.

Special recognition and gifts were extended to Beulah Hanner, who had looped the longest—40 years; Elva Rush, the oldest looper and Louise Elbersen, who came the greatest distance.

Four former loopers, Margie Sink, Eva Jay Farlow, Betty Short and Vivian Bryant, planned their first reunion since the end of their employment. Betty Short, who supervises the dining area at First Baptist Church, and her daughter, Pam, prepared the meal.

Music was provided by The Carolinians, composed of singers, J. B. Sink, Sandi Banister, Vernon Trogdon; musicians John and Marty Lyons and pianist, Patti Vernon.

Members of the looping department seemed to disperse reluctantly as their first reunion came to a close. There was discussions about holding another one.

The Acme Hosiery Mill is now known as Acme-McCrary Corp.

### **Outstanding Members Named**

July 31, 1986 - Two outstanding members of Asheboro Friends Meeting, Ed Smith and Virginia Macon, have been named man and woman of the year.

Macon was presented her award on Mother's Day, Smith received his Father's Day. Each was presented with a plaque in addition to having their names inscribed on a large plaque which contains the names of those who have preceded them.

Ed Smith has been a member of Asheboro Friends Meeting for 43 years. Mrs. Macon has been a member for 40 years. Each one of them is a member of the Friendly Friends Sunday School Class.

Smith is a member of the finance committee and for the past year has been the superintendent of the Sunday School. He also worked with Quaker Men and is the official photographer of the Meeting.

Macon is a former president of the United Society of Friends Women and as the head organist has spent many hours rehearsing with the choir. Jim Cavanaugh, church minister, said, "she is the key in the musical program."

Smith and his wife, Virginia, are the parents of two sons, Ricky and Randall, and they have four grandchildren. Ed, the son of Fannie Cox Smith and the late Harry Smith, is the animal control officer for Randolph County and a member of the Asheboro Civitan Club.

Macon, the former Virginia Hodgkin, is the wife of Raeford Macon. They are the parents of two children, Clarajo Pleasants and Dexter Macon. They have five grandchildren. Mrs. Macon is the daughter of the late Clara and John Hodgkin. She is a former employee of Bobbie's Florist and Gift Shop.

### **Anniversary Celebrated**

Aug. 3, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Joe Madison Farlow, Rt. 4, Asheboro, celebrated the 38<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage Sunday, July 27, at the Pinewood Country Club.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their son, Royce, and their daughters, Jeanette Sikes and Audrey Maness. Royce and Audrey live also on Rt. 4, Asheboro, Jeanette lives on Rt. 8, Asheboro.

Their immediate family also includes seven grandchildren, Shannon Farlow, Brant, Teresa, and Alexia Sikes; Amy, Christine, and Joshua Maness.

Mr. and Mrs. Farlow were married July 31, 1948 at the South Randolph Charge parsonage of the United Methodist Church with the Rev. Ray Hilliard officiating. Mrs. Farlow has been a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church since before her marriage, with Joe transferring his membership from Seagrove Christian Church to New Hope UMC following their marriage.

Joe is the son of Mrs. Ina Bean Farlow, Clearview St., Asheboro, and the late Junie Farlow. He was reared at the home of his parents on Highway 220, a mile from the Montgomery County line.

Mrs. Farlow, the former Margie King, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse King, Rt. 8, Asheboro. She was reared in the New Hope UMC area. The couple got acquainted at Seagrove High School where both were students, Joe graduated in 1941 and Mrs. Farlow in 1943.

Joe served in the army during World War II, after which he farmed for two years. He then worked at Burlington Mills, Central Falls Plant, before joining a uncle, Jim Farlow, in the real estate business. He worked for his uncle for 18 years and has pursued this type of work following the latter's death.

His business is now known as Joe Farlow and Son Builders, his son, Royce, coming into the firm in 1972. He has been active in the organization of Home Builders Association of Asheboro-Randolph County, serving as president, chairman of membership, and as a director locally, state and national.

Mrs. Farlow was employed at Larry Millberg Co. for 15 years and at Rose Garment Co. for 13 years until illness forced her into retirement.

Both Joe and Margie have actively associated themselves with the New Hope UMC. Joe served as chairman of the board and as Sunday School Superintendent. They have also been active in various other capacities.

A large crowd were in attendance for the reception from 3:30-5p. m. Among those present were the people who attended the wedding 38 years ago. Mrs. Ina Farlow, Joe's Mother; his brother, June Morris Farlow; his sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Boyd Hedrick; Margie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse King; her brother and sister-in-law; Mr. and Mrs. Paul King.

Rev. Ray Hilliard, the minister who performed the marriage ceremony, was also present along with Rev. Bill Thompson, another former pastor, and Rev. Michael Swofford, the present pastor.

Others in attendance were State Senator Wanda Hunt, of Moore County, and State Senator Russell Walker of Asheboro. Royce Farlow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Farlow, is currently serving as chairman of the Randolph County Democratic Party.

### **Beanes Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion**

Aug. 5, 1986 - A large anniversary cake marked the 50<sup>th</sup> observance of the Beane Reunion July 27 at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Rt. 1, Seagrove.

Wayne Beane of Knightdale, president of the organization, presided over the reunion session. Maxine Beane of Asheboro served as secretary. Karen Beane Stevens was soloist. The noon meal was served in the fellowship hall.

An estimated 100 family members attended; far below the attendance of previous years. When the reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. A. (Little Beane), Rt. 1, Seagrove, the attendance reached approximately 250.

In the second year the reunion was held at the Pleasant Hill Church and approximately 450 attended.

At this reunion there was a huge cake which stated, "Annual Beane Reunion 1937." More than 500 people attended the fourth year. He fifth reunion had 700 people, the largest number in the event's history.

The large increase in attendance during those years was thought to have been caused by watermelons, which were served at the close of the session, brought by family members from Laurinburg. The lack of watermelons at later sessions is supposed have something to do with the slack in attendance.

"Little Bean," at whose house the first reunion was held, was a well-known midget, merchant and member of the Beane clan. His wife was also a midget and between them they weighed only 100 pounds. This was in contrast to their cousin, Sidney Beane, the first president of the reunion, who tipped the scales at 250 pounds.

The first Beanes to settle in this part of North Carolina are believed to have come from Scotland or England in the 1700s. Proof of this will be ascertained through genealogical research being done by two couples who were present at this year's reunion, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald H. Beane of Summerville, S. C. and Mr. and Mrs. Odell Redding of Columbia, Md. Odell's mother was the late Mae Beane Redding.

Also attending the reunion from out of state was Ray Beane of Jacksonville, Fla., who received a prize for coming the farthest distance. Also present was Ray's father, Herbert Paul Beane of Laurinburg, and Linnie Beane Tucker of Troy, both of whom are stalwart members of the family.

### **Anniversary Celebrated**

Aug. 7, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Reid Burroughs were honored Aug. 3 at a reception for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at their home on Rt. 1, Star.

Hosting the event were their daughters and sons-in-law, Bobby and Betty Lax Carvin and Joyce Latham and sons and daughters-in-law, Kirby and Brenda Burroughs and Bobby and Peggy Burroughs.

They were married Aug. 1, 1936. Mrs. Burroughs is the former Mary Hall.

The Burroughs have 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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### **Man Celebrates 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

Aug. 20, 1986 - William Oscar Smith of Rt. 1, Asheboro, reached his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday Aug. 2. On the next day he was honored at an annual, large gathering of descendants.

At the latest count, Smith had 155 living descendants, many of which came to honor him.

Twelve of his 13 living children were present for the family get-together. Seventeen children were born to him and his late wife, Primmie Brower Smith; two children died in infancy, another one at the age of eight months; one, Myrtle Craven, died in 1975.

His living children, in the order of their births, are: Opal Kirkman, Mabel Burrow, Raymond, Paul, Harold, Roger, Virginia Cox, Bud, Elizabeth Gearren, Doris Henson, Barbara Davis, Betty Parks, and Faye York.

Smith has a large number of grandchildren and great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

Three ministers were present for the picnic dinner, the Rev. Clay Davis, Smith's son-in-law and pastor of Central Falls Baptist Church, the Rev. Maxton Craven, a grandson, and the Rev. Thomas H. Smith, pastor of Richland Baptist Church.

Oscar Smith says he is a devout Christian man; he speaks often of "going on to heaven." All of his children assist with his household duties, preparing his meals and doing other things which will help him keep comfortable.

Some of the guests at the party came from South Carolina and Florida.

### **Five Generations**

Aug. 21, 1986—Five generations of the family of Clyde and Hazel Snider family of Rt. 3, Denton came together recently. Hazel Snider and Clyde Snider, their great-great-grandson, Jonathan Massingale, Mrs. Paul (Willa Dean Snider) Cagle of Rt. 3, Denton, great-grandmother of Jonathan; Nathan Cagle of Rt. 2, Ramseur, Jonathan's grandfather, and Mrs. David (Vickie Cagle) Massingale of Asheboro, his mother.

### **Preacher Serves 50 Years**

Aug. 22, 1986 - The rev. Bennie Maness, veteran Baptist pastor of southern Randolph County and adjoining counties, reached his 50<sup>th</sup> year in the ministry Aug. 2.

The next day he was honored by Riverside Baptist Church.

The celebration was a surprise to the minister; he did not know what was going on until he ended his sermon and the deacons took over. However, he knew something was happening because of the number of outside people in attendance, including many from his former churches.

But that didn't bother Bennie Manes. As usual he preached a strong sermon without any notes. After Reading the text from the Bible he closed it and quoted the verse verbatim for the rest of the sermon.

At the conclusion of the sermon the deacons, Barry Brady, chairman, Ricky Hussey, and Gerald Hussey, took over the service and recognized visitors from other churches. A plaque presented by the Rev. Judson Rotan, director of missions for the Randolph Baptist Association; it read, "Riverside Baptist Church honors Rev. Bennie Maness for his dedication and faithful service in the ministry of the gospel of Jesus Christ for 50 years."

Rotan praised Maness for having "the spirit of God, determination and conviction and for being a man of sound doctrine." A floral bouquet of red roses were presented to the Manesses by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hussey and son, Ricky. In addition, a free-will offering was presented to them at the conclusion of the service.

Maness entered the ministry 50 years ago, before he graduated from high school. He had three churches in his first pastorate and four in his second pastorate, when he also worked in the mill.

He has served pastorates at Acorn Ridge, Red Branch (twice), Calvary, Flint Hill (twice), Garner's chapel, Macedonia, Bennett, Deep River, Union Grove, Beulah, Asbury, and Pine Grove (twice). Since his retirement two years ago he has also served as interim pastor at White's Memorial.

In addition to Maness long pastoral career, he has also held many revival meetings through-out the years. At one time he participated in revival meetings for 20 consecutive

weeks. He began another revival at Pleasant Grove Christian Church after the celebration at Riverside. He baptized 17 while at Riverside.

When God is through with me, "I want to go home," he said. The Manesses live at Rt. 1, Carthage.

### **Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Aug. 26, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Earl R. Davis of 803 Cliff Road celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Aug. 10 in the fellowship hall of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

Hosting a reception in their honor were their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Davis of Rt. 1, Staley, and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vance (Peggy) Lawson of Rt. 10, Asheboro.

Assisting with the reception were the couple's grandchildren, Angela Lawson, Randy and Alesia Lawson, Mark and Sharon Lawson, Steve Davis, Forest Davis and Mrs. Davis niece Mary Auman. There are also two Great-grandchildren Neta and Jenna Lawson.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis were married Aug. 8, 1936, in Bennettsville, S. C. The couple are natives of upper Montgomery County. Mr. Davis is the son of the late George and Laura Freeman Davis, Mrs. Davis, the former Madeline Maness, was a daughter of the late Kelley and Annie Maness Smith.

Earl Davis was working in Mooresville and Mrs. Davis in Asheboro at the time of their marriage. They continued to live in Mooresville until 1941, when they came to Asheboro.

Davis is retired from Burlington Mills, Mrs. Davis formerly operated Madeline's Shoe Shop and also Madeline's Health Salon in the north Asheboro area. They are members of Fayetteville Street Baptist Church.

Approximately 150 guests attended the reception. Out of town guests came from Charlotte, Mooresville, Winston-Salem, Burlington, Ramseur and Star.

### **Civitan Club Gets Charter**

Aug. 27, 1986 - Charter night for the Community Action Civitan Club of Randolph County took place Aug. 7 at Worthville Community Center.

The new club, comprised of both men and women, has 33 charter members, 31 of whom were present for the ceremony.

Ken Austin is president of the new club. Other officers are James Allred, president-elect; Donna Brown, secretary; Judy Pugh, treasurer; George Joyce, chaplain; Lonnie Allred, sergeant-at-arms; Katherine Allred, Eldred Brown, Robert Haithcock, Tommy Julian and Clarence York, directors.

The club members represent an area including Franklinville, Grays Chapel, White's Memorial and Cedar Falls. Meetings will be held at 7:30 p. m. in the Cedar Falls Community Building, the former school site, the second and fourth Thursday nights.

Austin said members were concerned for the elderly and the youth and desired to build their own building which could be shared by the communities.

In addition to charter members, approximately 100 guests attended, including Civitan dignitaries and members of other clubs. The new club is sponsored by the Red Cross Civitan Club, of which members hosted the dinner.

Raymond Allen, president of the Red Cross Civitan Club, extended the official welcome. Allen Bullard, also a member of that club and lt. governor of Area 5 East, gave the

invocation. Other participants included Jim Ritchie, president of Civitan International; Pate Partridge, governor of N. C. District West; Keith Nelson of N. C. District West; Lou Lassiter, lt. governor of Area 5 East.

Dave York, a club builder and former Civitan official, served as toastmaster and recognized guests, Curtis Farlow, also a club builder and former Civitan officer, installed new club officials and introduced the speaker, Jim Ritchie. Special presentations were handled by Raymond Allen, Charles Barker and Larry Coble, members of the sponsoring Red Cross Civitan Club.

### **Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Year**

Aug. 28, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Aster A. Brady of 1812 Newell St. Celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary quietly Aug. 10 at the home of their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ray (Audrey Brady) Smith, 503 Jordan Ave.

Also present were their other daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas (Sarah Laverne) Karam of New Bern and their grandchildren, Kenneth Ray Smith, Regina Diane Smith and Tony Lynne Beane.

The Bradys were married Aug. 15, 1936, in Bennettsville, S. C. They were accompanied to the marriage site by Mrs. Brady's sisters and brothers-in-law, Bob and Vettie Walker and Howard and Evlas McDowell, all of whom are deceased except Mrs. McDowell.

Aster Brady, son of the late Bennie and Sarah Jane Beane Brady, is a native of Erect but has lived on Newell Street since he was a child. He worked for eight years at Standard Tie tape and for 37 years at Burlington Industries in Central Falls before retiring eight years ago.

Mrs. Brady, the former Lula Cox, is one of twelve children born to Jesse and Sarah Jane Jordan Cox. She has lived her entire life in the vicinity of their present home, which they have lived in for 47 years.

Mrs. Brady has been a housewife most of her married life; she worked for four years at Asheboro Hosiery Mill and four years at Commonwealth Hosiery Mill in Randleman.

While married, Mr. and Mrs. Brady have attended Neighbors Grove Wesleyan Church, of which Mrs. Brady has been a member most of her life.

### **Civitan Officers**

Sept. 1, 1986 - Asheboro Civitan Club observed its annual awards and installation banquet at Sir Robert Restaurant Aug. 26. New officers installed by Fred Mackie, past lt. governor, are Pete Craven, past president; John Cody, president; Walter Redding, president-elect; Chris Corsbie, secretary; Rick White, treasurer; Joe Farlow, Sankey Overton, Jim Jordan, directors. Bill Willett, chaplain; Hilton Carton, sergeant-at-arms; Michael Ayers, president. Various awards were given including citizen of the year to J. H. Allen; civitan of the year to Joe Auman and life membership to Willie Dildy.

### **Church Of Christ Gets Minister**

Sept. 2, 1986 - The Rev. John L. Dauernheim was installed as pastor of Asheboro United Church of Christ, 801 Sunset Avenue, Aug. 17.

A native of Louisiana, Dauernheim grew up in Pulaski, Va. He was commissioned as a minister in 1971. His first area of service was minister of education and youth at Hope Church in Rochester, N. Y., where he also attended

Colgate Divinity School and received a master of divinity degree, majoring in theology.

He was ordained May 8, 1977, while serving St. Stephens United Church of Christ in Clarence, N. Y., near Buffalo. Other pastorates have been in Abilene, Kansas and Attica, N. Y. He was also a chaplain in the U. S. Army, serving at Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Steward, Georgia. He remains in the Army Reserves. His combined service as minister and chaplain is 15 years, five years in New York, seven in Kansas and three in Georgia.

In Oct. Dauernheim will receive his doctorate degree from Drew University in Madison, N. J.

He and his wife, Linda, have two children, Steven and Cinci.

The installation sermon was delivered by Dr. Richard Cheek, associate conference minister, Western North Carolina Association of the United Church of Christ. Others participating in the installation were Rev. Marion Smith, association church and ministry comm.; the Rev. B. J. Willett, pastor of First Evangelical and Reformed Church in Asheboro, and Boyd Thomas, chairman of the board of deacons.

Other visiting ministers were Dr. F. C. Lester, former church pastor; the Rev. Avery Brown, the Rev. Dora Atlas and the Rev. Max Tussey.

At the conclusion of the service a reception honoring the minister and his family was held in the fellowship hall

### **Anniversary Celebrated**

Sept. 4, 1986 - A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. Elwood Cox of 2214 Gant St., Asheboro on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary was held Aug. 24 in the fellowship hall of Central Falls United Methodist Church.

The event was hosted by their daughter, Mrs. Annice Bunting of Asheboro, and their sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cox of Asheboro and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Cox of Havelock.

Assisting at the reception were Mrs. Gene Redding, sister of Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Roger Burrow, grandniece of Mr. Cox and granddaughters, Kristy Bunting, Rhonda Cox, and Mrs. Brandon Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox were married Aug. 22, 1936, at Balfour Baptist Church parsonage in Asheboro by the Rev. O. P. Dix.

Mrs. Cox, the former Gladys Underwood, is the daughter of the late C. H. and Lula Underwood. Mr. Cox is the son of the late F. T. and Annice Cox. They are both retired from Klopman Mills, Central Falls Plant. Mrs. Cox after 46 years and Mr. Cox after 43 years.

### **Couple Celebrates Anniversary**

Sept. 7, 1986—Mr. and Mrs. John Edd Hopkins celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Aug. 31 at Camp Mundo Vista.

It was a quiet family observance with carry-in meal, followed by blue grass music from a grandson, Herbert Hopkins, and his wife, Novella.

All of their children and in-laws were present for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hopkins of Pleasant Garden; Mr. and Mrs. James C. Hopkins of Ramseur; Mr. and Mrs. Clabie E. (Ruth) Smith, Rt. 3, Randleman; Mr. and Mrs. Claud (Iris) Hinshaw of Rt. 1, Climax; Mr. and Mrs. James W. (Elvin) Gregson of Ferram, Va. And Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Hopkins of Randleman.

Others in attendance included some of their 19 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. In addition, a great-great-grandchild was due to be born around their anniversary day.

The Hopkins were married Aug. 29, 1936, in Reidsville after courtship of 39 months. The couple both natives of Bassett, Va., grew up together, attended school together and lived three miles apart. Mrs. Hopkins is the former Easter Adline Foley.

They traveled to the site of their marriage in a Model T Roadster, accompanied by his brother, J. L. Hopkins, and her sister, Nannie Foley, who were married the following year.

Mr. Hopkins grew up with the furniture industry in Bassett. He later moved his family to Bennettsville, S. C. before coming to Randolph County, where he obtained a job with W. Clyde Lucas in an Asheboro plant. When he retired in 1969, he was working with Founders Furniture Co. in Pleasant Garden. Mrs. Hopkins retired early in 1962 after working at Commonwealth Hosiery Mill in Randleman.

Following his retirement, Mr. Hopkins occupied himself working in a large garden. He work awarded him two 12-foot freezers of food, which comes in handy when he and his wife need picnic dinners at Primitive Baptist Monthly meetings in Rock Hill, Mount Shepherd, Tom's Creek and Pierce's Chapel.

### **Couple Celebrates 25<sup>th</sup> Year**

Sept. 9, 1986 - A reception honoring Mr. and Mrs. Richard Canoy of Rt. 2, Ramseur on their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary was held at their home on Aug. 24.

The event was hosted by their daughter, Amy Canoy, and their sons, Ricky and Matt Canoy and their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Canoy.

Assisting at the reception were Pam Cockman, Larry Ward, Ann Chriscoe, Mae Rumbley, Nellie Canoy, Darlene Coble, Kathy Holt, and Lisa Coble.

The Canoy's were married Aug. 26 in Asheboro by W. C. Craven, justice of the peace.

Mrs. Canoy is the former Dot Coble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coble of Rt. 3, Ramseur. Mr. Canoy is the son of Mrs. Myrtle Canoy of Forest Park Drive, Asheboro and the late Roby L. Canoy.

Mr. and Mrs. Canoy operate a farm.

### **Church Celebrates Anniversary**

Sept. 29, 1986 - Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church, Rt. 1, Staley, commemorated the 125<sup>th</sup> founding anniversary Sept. 14 at both morning and afternoon services.

The morning service featured a sermon by the church's pastor, the Rev. Kenneth M. Brooks, who titled his remarks, "Let us go back to the old time church."

Going back for his members meant remembering their ancestors who first worshipped in a brush arbor in the town of Staley, not far from their present site.

The Right Rev. John H. Miller, bishop of the Central N. C. Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, delivered the anniversary message during the afternoon service, which followed a noon meal in the fellowship hall.

This history of the church was also presented by Mrs. Daisy Gray who said, "The church has come from a brush arbor to a brick edifice on a paved road."

People began worshipping in the brush arbor in 1861. At that time there was no name except "brush arbor" and there

was no preacher. But the people met on Sunday to sing, pray and testify in the arbor which was located on Edwards Street in downtown Staley. It has been said, "The spirit of the Lord could be felt and you could hear the believers rejoicing before you got to the arbor."

In 1900 one of the worshipers, Oliver Siler, gave two tracts of land outside Staley, one for a cemetery and another one for a church building. The first small structure was called Oliver's Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church and named in honor of the man who gave the land. It is believed the Oliver Siler, a member of the brush arbor group was inspired by the Lord to move the church close to the homes of the black community.

The first building at Oliver's Chapel was small and a portion of it was of log construction.

A second larger building was erected in 1921 but it was still not a desirable site because it was located on a dead end dirt road which became almost impassable when it rained. However, the area was quiet with shade from big oaks.

But in 1960, when the Rev. J. C. Gray became the pastor, he had a dream that the church should come out of the corner of the woods and get out on the road where they could be seen. He raised \$7,000 before he was moved to another church and the Rev. Ocie Brown, a member of the church and a resident of the community, continued raising money to build a new church on the paved road a third of a mile from the old church site.

C. E. Brooks of Cincinnati, Ohio, donated the land on which the new church building was erected. His mother, the late Agnes Brooks, reared 10 children in the old log house located on the one-acre tract.

A victory March for the old church to the present site was held by the Rev. Mrs. Brown and members of the congregation when the first service was held. In 1977 the Rev. Annie P. Hart became pastor and the mortgage was burned.

In 1980, Mrs. Hart was succeeded by the Rev. Kenneth M. Brooks who has served since that time. During his pastorate a church steeple has been erected, the yard landscaped, a fellowship hall renovated, a church bus purchased along with new church doors, signs, office furniture, lighting fixtures, improvement of heating and cooling, a new carpet and a P. A. system.

The anniversary committee consisted of Helen Headen, chairman; Vera Andrews, Ada Coble, Wanda McMaster, Sharon Brooks, Michael McMaster, Shirley Brooks, Ann Johnson, Annie Matthews, Betty Peoples, and Rev. Brooks.

The Junior Choir, the Young Adult Choir and the Gospel Choir participated in the celebration. Several members of the church, especially the older members, were presented awards.

Former pastors were present for the occasion: the Rev. J. C. Gray, the Rev. Ocie M. Brown, and the Rev. Annie P. Hart. Also present was the Rev. J. P. Godfrey, a A. M. E. Zion minister who lives near the church.

## **Retired Campers Gather For Reunion Held Here**

Oct. 1, 1986 - The third reunion of retired North Carolina members of the State Association of National Campers and Hikers was held Sept. 9-11 on the campgrounds of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Doss, Rt. 6, Asheboro.

Two previous reunions of the campers were also held on the Doss Campgrounds. This year 55 campers attended in mobile homes or trailers with more than 100 occupants, coming from all over North Carolina and one unit from Ohio.

The reunion was not restricted to the three days assigned to its schedule. Some of the campers came early while others remained afterwards.

Four different groups comprise the state organizations: Elite Beavers of which Doss is president, Carefree Tar Heels, Coastal Tar Heels, and Jolly Free Tar Heels.

Doss is also former president of the State Association of National Campers and Hikers and is currently chairman of the State Associational Camp Out in Carowinds. His campgrounds are also the site of a local organization, the Randolph Ramblers, of which he has also served as president.

On the last day of the reunion the entire group came together for a barbecue chicken dinner.

## **Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Oct. 5, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. John Earl Hamilton 509 N. Church St., were honored with a reception Sept. 20 on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary in the fellowship building at West Bend United Methodist Church.

Hosting the reception were their children, Norma Lewallen, David Hamilton, and Harrell Hamilton, all of Asheboro; Jerry Hamilton of McLeansville; Steven Hamilton of Kernersville, the Rev. Joe Hamilton of Rt. 1, Union Grove; Martha Lou Clark of Green Cove Spring, Fla. And Darrell Hamilton of High Point, Darrell and Harrell are twins.

They also have 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The Hamiltons were married Sept. 6, 1936 in Bennettsville, S. C. Mrs. Hamilton, the former Ila Mae Bunting, is an Asheboro native and the daughter of the late H. H. and Ora Briles Bunting. Mr. Hamilton is a native of Montgomery County, near Abner, and is the son of the late Nathan S. Hamilton and Lydia Callicutt Hamilton.

Mr. Hamilton worked for National Chair Co., Fox Cleaners, later known as Kizer Cleaners, and Klopman Mills prior to his retirement. Mrs. Hamilton worked at Tip Top and McLaurin hosiery mills and worked 27 and a half years at General Electric Co. before retiring.

Mr. Hamilton is a charter member of Ward Street Baptist Church, now known as Fayetteville Street Baptist Church. Mrs. Hamilton has been a member of this church for approximately 40 years.

Since their retiring the Hamiltons have been gardening and taking bus tours. They have also visited the Holy Land.

## **Lawrence Families Reunite**

Oct. 5, 1986—History abounded throughout the 14<sup>th</sup> reunion of the Lawrence Family Sept. 28 at the Fair Grove Methodist Church in Why Not.

The featured family was the descendants of the Rev. William Wesley Lawrence who was born July 23, 1838, and died Oct. 26, 1915.

Another visible family at the reunion was the descendants of the Rev. John S. Lawrence, a brother of William Lawrence. One of the leading genealogist at the reunion was Donna Lawrence Staley of Winston-Salem, great-great-granddaughter of John Lawrence.

J. P. and Mary Henderson of Woodstock, Ala., were early arrivals at the reunion, they arrived early on Saturday



afternoon before the meeting on Sunday. They joined Mrs. Staley in visiting the Lawrence Family Cemetery and the cemetery at Pleasant Hill, where both the ministers are buried.

The Lawrence Family Cemetery is difficult to get into because the site is not cleared. Inscriptions on the few tombstones which remain are hard to decipher. The stones were erected around 1800. M

Mary Henderson is a descendant of the Edward Lawrence family and John and Nancy Ann Needham Lawrence.

Others coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stack and family of Hyattsville, Md.; Mr. and Mrs. Sifford of Charlotte; Mrs. Alyce Lawrence, of Bryant, Ind., her daughter, Sharon Brown and son, Matthew, of Pennville, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lewallen of Hopewell, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Sharpe of Chapel Hill and some of their relatives from Virginia; and Mr. and Mrs. Bertie Lewallen of High Point.

William Wesley Lawrence was a charter member of Union Grove Christian Church which was organized Sept. 22, 1866. He was second pastor of Antioch Christian Church from 1886 to 1887, when he served the unexpired term of a pastor who died.

His brother, John, was the first pastor and organizer of New Center Christian Church. William Wesley was the second pastor and he was called back there for three additional terms of service. He helped furnish time, materials, and money for building Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church and he was on the first board of trustees.

He preached with his eyes closed. It was said he couldn't think with people looking at him.

The Silver cup, which has been handed down for many generations is still in the family group and was worn at the reunion by Mrs. Alyce Lawrence of Bryant, Ind.

### **Class of 1946 Holds Reunion**

Oct. 5, 1986—The 1946 graduating class at Nathaniel Greene High School has held a reunion almost every year since the time of graduation.

They were among the first classes to complete the 12<sup>th</sup> grade in school. The school, which is located a few miles north of the Randolph County line near Julian, is no longer a high school.

Those teachers and students present for the reunion Sept. 20 were, Teachers, J. T. Holt, Edith Causey Tate, Betty Lynch Bowman. Students: Margaret Hanner Giddens, Ruth Hemphill Capps, Margaret Needham Smith, Lyn Ferguson Allen, Betty Greeson Keck, Joe May, Banks Shepherd, Grover Jones, Bill Howser, Bertie Flinchum Kime, Ted Staley, Dorothy Coble Ferneybough, Mack Greene, Blanche Fogleman Norwood, J. C. Corsbie, Helen Moser Lambert, Ted Shepard, Mary Coble Layton, Gene Garrett. Pearl Routh Heath, John Shepard, Caddell Jobe, J. D. Lineberry, and Curtis Jenkins.

J. C. Corsbie of Asheboro served on the planning committee. Other members of the class are also presently residing in Randolph County. One member came from Denver, Colo., another came from Baltimore, Md.

### **Former Resident Returns For 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday Party**

Oct. 8, 1986 - Mrs. Edna Joyce Rice of Reidsville celebrated her 85<sup>th</sup> birthday in the fellowship hall of the

Union Grove United Church Of Christ, Rt. 1, Asheboro, Sept. 21.

Hosting the occasion were Mrs. Rice's sons and daughters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd M. Rice of Rt. 4, Asheboro, and Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene Rice of Raleigh. Also present were her five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Joining the occasion were Mrs. Rice's nine living brothers and sisters. Emma Joyce, Jack Joyce and Henry Joyce of Rt. 4, Siler City; Brooksie Higgins and Charlie W. Joyce of Franklinville; Marshall Joyce of Rt. 2, Ramseur; Martin Joyce of Rt. 1, Asheboro; Myrtle Craven of Rt. 1, Randleman, along with other family members.

A similar occasion, involving Mrs. Rice's immediate family and her brothers and sisters, was held five years ago at the same site on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs. Rice is the oldest of the 13 children born to Joe Hop Joyce and Hessie Price Joyce. Her youngest brother, C. L. died at the age of nine. The other two deceased members of the family, Hallie Joyce and Jeff Joyce, have died since the last birthday party.

Joe Hop Joyce died in 1958. His widow died eight years ago at the age of 96.

Her parents and other members of her family came to Randolph County in 1918, where they located in the southeast area near the Chatham County line. Before they had lived in Rockingham County, near Stoneville and the Virginia line.

Mrs. Rice lives in Reidsville but usually comes to stay with her sister, Emma, when cold weather sets in. Her husband, Eugene Rice, died 24 years ago.

### **Civitan Officers**

Oct. 15, 1986 - Hillsville Civitan Club awards night and installation of officers occurred Sept. 22 at the annual dinner meeting held in Hopewell United Methodist Church's fellowship hall. New officers are: Reid Harris, president; Sam Frazier, president-elect; Johnny Hayes, secretary; Frank Hill, treasurer and also recipient of Civitan of the Year Award; Ed Overcash, chaplain; and Floyd Dawkins, sergeant-at-arms. Directors included Jim Brewer, Bobby Iedbetter, Leroy Nelson, J. B. Kennedy, Ronald Kennedy, Dwight Walker, Floyd Dawkins, Dennis Farlow and Keith Nelson.

### **Class Of '36 Gathers For 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

Oct. 16, 1986 - Members of the 1936 graduating class of Asheboro High School celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> reunion Sept. 27 at Sir Robert Inn.

Following the meal, members visited in the parlor at Asheboro Friends Meeting. Mascots of the class are, Jerry Waggar and Barbara Kieswetter York.

Class members are, Catherine Crowell Hester, Bertha Brown, Wilma Miller Williamson, George Hughes, Mary Belle Staley Boling, Grace Stout Williams, Earlene Wood Tanner, Lloyd Milks, Sadie Bulla Dawson, Margaret Pearce Moody, Helen Styers Ragsdale, Ruth McDaniel Allen, Agnes Cox Woodley, Eugenia Tysor Stevens, Catherine Phillips Hamilton, Dot Henley Wall, Helen Rush Hill, Dick Steed, Carl Phillips, Mattie Green Reynolds, Sherman Craven, Cornelia Hedrick Wood, Annie Cheek Shaw, Ray Thomas, Bill Bulla.



Wagger, the mascot, came from Palo Alto, Calif., Wilma Williamson came from Miami, Fla. ; Catherine Hester came from Paragould, Ark. ; Bill Bulla came from Boulder, Colo.

### **Civitan Officers**

Oct. 16, 1986 - Level Cross Civitan Club held installation of officers, presentation of awards and ladies night meeting Sept. 23 in the community building. New officers are: George Stanton, president; Andy Andreoli, past president; Gary Taylor, president-elect; Eddie Sawyer, secretary; Ken Pittman, Treasurer; Directors: L. J. Small, Boyd Causey, Harvey Adams, Troy Parrish and Dave York. Officers were installed by Jim Ritchie, past international president. Also present was Lou Lassiter, lieutenant governor for Area Five East.

### **Class Of '44**

Oct. 16, 1986 - The class reunion of the 1944 graduating class of Farmer High School was held Sept. 27 at Western Sizzlin Steak House in Asheboro. Class Members present were: Edna Garner Britt, Cleo Loftin Munn, Ruth Kearns Lawrence ( Teacher), Mattie McDowell Swaney, Leona Loftin Shore, Lloyd Russell, Emma Jean Seabolt Smith, Dwight Nance, Faye Gallimore, Ruth Varner Byrd, Colleen Snider Apple, Austin Pierce and Milton Gallimore.

### **Couple Celebrates Anniversary**

Oct. 16, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Richard Moody Millikan celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Sept. 28 at their home on 200 E. Balfour Ave.

Hosting a reception were their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry (Sue) Tanner of 1111 Timberlane Road, assisted by their granddaughters, Karyn and Tiffany and Ila Presnell, sister of Mrs. Millikan. Approximately 130 people attended.

Another sister, Gladys Gray of Fountain Valley, Calif., called by telephone to extend her best wishes.

The Millikans were married Sept. 26, 1936, in Danville, Va. Accompanying them to their marriage site was Mrs. Presnell. The vows were exchanged at a Methodist church parsonage.

Richard Moody Millikan, named Moody by his mother after the famed evangelist Dwight L. Moody, is the son of the late Randolph County Sheriff Benjamin "Bennie" Millikan and Effie Jane Johnson Millikan.

Kitty Grace Caviness Millikan is the daughter of the late Artis Bascom "A. B." Caviness and Sankie Teague Caviness.

Richard is a retired employee of McCrary Hosiery Mill and Acme-McCrary Corp., with a little more than 40 years of employment. Grace worked at Stedman's Handkerchief Factory, McCrary Hosiery Mill and for the past 26 years, with L & L Cleaners.

The Millikans are charter members of Calvary United Methodist Church.

### **87-Year-Old Woman Celebrates Birthday**

Oct. 21, 1986 - Ida Holmes Smith, a woman well known in the Staley and Liberty areas, was honored Oct. 4 on her 87<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The party was held at Reitzel Center in Liberty's uptown area. Joining her for the occasion were longtime friends

and family, neighbors, fellow church members and some people of her political party.

Mrs. Smith is known for serving mankind, especially the people in Staley and Liberty where she has lived for 68 years. If there was illness she was always on hand. At the time of birth she was there; if there was hospitalization she usually went with them and if there was death (back in earlier days) she helped prepare for the burial. Often she took patients to the doctor and to Social Services—something she still does.

Sometimes she would be called to assist late at night, even after she had gone to bed. But she always went. She was present at many births, maybe 50 or so, during a period when births occurred at home. Prior to the birth the doctor would tell someone "to get Mrs. Smith."

She never received or took any money for the services she rendered.

Mrs. Smith also served 25 years as solicitor and member of the executive committee for Randolph County March of Dimes.

She was one of 10 children and next to the youngest of five boys and five girls born to Joseph Manley "Joe" Brown and Virginia Spinks Brown. She was born in the Erect area but since her father was a sawmill operator the family moved several times. She attended schools in Mount Olivet, Randleman, Union Grove, Antioch, Robbins, and Cedar Hill.

Although she has been long gone from Erect she still recalls the old Methodist church building which was torn down and the Spinks Cemetery which still exists.

Upon her marriage to H. A. "Bud" Holmes in 1918, she moved to Staley and joined the Methodist church there. Except for six years of membership at the Liberty United Methodist Church she has continued her membership at the Staley church. She taught classes at both of these churches and served as president of the missionary society at Staley for 12 years. During that time she helped pay off the mortgage on the new church building.

Mrs. Smith has served as election registrar at Staley and in south Liberty. Currently she is election judge at south Liberty precinct. For several years she has been partially employed at one of the laundries in Liberty.

Mrs. Smith and her first husband had four children, H. A. Jr., Carl Ray, William Ross and Vernell Leonard all of whom are deceased. Carl Ray died while serving in the Air Force in World War II. Several years after her first husband's death she married Willie Smith who is also deceased.

She has six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. She reared a great-niece, Nancy Howard, who hosted the birthday party assisted by a grandson, Lanny Leonard.

### **Civitan Officers**

Oct. 24, 1986—New officers for the Red Cross Civitan Club were recently installed. Porter Anderson, president; Terry Swaim, president-elect; Mike Hinshaw, secretary; Orlene Carroll, treasurer; Bill Holland, Director and Civitan of the Year; Claude Snider, Master-at-arms; Charles Willard, chaplain; Raymond Allen, director, past president, and President of the Year for Area Five East, District West.

### **Church Installs Minister**

Oct. 24, 1986 - The Rev. Anthony Elgin Farrar was installed as pastor of Salem United Church of Christ, Rt. 5, Asheboro, Oct. 5.

The 101-year-old church building was filled to capacity. The building was also used as a schoolhouse until 1929.

Many visiting ministers participated in the installation service, including the Rev. John Rudd, associate pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church in Brown Summit; Gerald Priest, chaplain of the National Guard and a professor of church history at Piedmont Bible College in Winston-Salem, the Rev. W. B. Foust, pastor of First Baptist Church in Graham, and the Rev. Douglas Hedrick, pastor of Reynolds Chapel, Guilford College.

Others participating were the Rev. John Walker, Bishop Jasper Dudley, the Rev. Dallas Baldwin, Jesse Cross, 80, a deacon and oldest member of the church, and Connie Cross Harley, sister of Cross.

Mrs. Harley, a member of the church for 63 years, recalls attending the one-teacher school in the church building from the first through the seventh grade. Her mother, Daisy Cross, was the teacher. Mrs. Harley also said T. Fletcher Bulla, superintendent of county schools, allowed her mother, Daisy to bring a baby daughter, Ruth, to school during the day. While her mother taught the other students Connie looked after the younger sister.

In the days of buggys and wagons, she said, much larger crowds came to the church.

Farrar and his wife, the former Jeanette Monteiro, live in Greensboro. They are the parents of three daughters, Jennie, Leah, Dreu and three sons, Paul, Kenny and Marc.

He is a graduate of Browns Summit High School. He attended Lutheran Emmanuel College and Northeast Bible institute. He joined the ministry in 1951 and was ordained later.

Farrar is a member of High Point Educational Missionary Baptist Association and is employed by Sears Roebuck and Co. He also serves as a chaplain assistant for the National Guard. He was associate pastor of Locust Grove Missionary Baptist Church for several years and was asked to serve Salem United Church of Christ in June of this year.

### **Family Holds First Reunion Since 1963**

Oct. 28, 1986 - The Bud Hinshaw family reunion was held Oct. 12 in the fellowship hall of New Salem United Methodist Church.

The reunion, including the descendants of Joseph Vance (Bud) Hinshaw and Luezia Gazile Branson Hinshaw, had not been held since 1963.

Hosting the reunion were Mr. and Mrs. John Wood and their three daughters, Carrol Rich, Sylvia McNeil and Johnnie Ingold. Mrs. Wood, the former Edith Hinshaw, is a granddaughter of the late Bud Hinshaw.

Four living children of the Hinshaws were present for the reunion, John "JJ", 90, and Maude Ellington, 88, both of High Point, Bill "W. R.", 85, of Durham and Grey Lewis, 80, of Charlotte. Six children are deceased: Clarence "C. W.", Clyde, "C. B.", Cliff, "E. C.", Kate Talley, Portia Mae Hinshaw, and Ila Hawks. All of the children were born in Level Cross except Grey Lewis, who was born after the family moved to Randleman across the river from Naomi.

Bud Hinshaw was a farmer and trader dealing with horses and cows. According to a member of the family, he retained his property in Level Cross after moving to Randleman.

Approximately 140 descendants and their in-laws attended the reunion which included many well-known Randleman citizens and others from the state. People came from as far as Texas, Florida, Georgia, Virginia and (three families) California. Among the locals was Mabel Hinshaw of New Salem, 93-year-old widow of the late Cliff Hinshaw.

### **Anniversary Noted**

Oct. 29, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Farley Voncannon of 1247 Sunset Drive have been married 50 years as of Oct. 16.

Mrs. Vaden Dorsett Voncannon, however, has been ill for five years and a patient at Clapp's Convalescent Nursing Home Inc. for 14 months. Because of her condition, she is not aware she and her husband have reached their golden wedding anniversary.

However, Farley Voncannon wanted to recognize their 50 years together. He spent the week of their anniversary with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bryce (Donna) Griffith and their grandson, Benjamin, at their home in Reno, Nev.

Ten years ago the Voncannons delayed celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary so that the Griffiths could be present for the event. It was held Dec. 26, 1976, at New Hope United Methodist Church, Rt. 8, Asheboro, where the Voncannons have been members for a greater part of their lives. Approximately 100 guests attended.

The Voncannons' other daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jake (Brenda) Outen, and their two daughters, Shannon and Kerri Outen were also present.

Mr. and Mrs. Voncannon were married in Danville, Va., and honeymooned in Washington, D. C.

They were both natives of the New Hope United Methodist Church area. They grew up in the area, they went to school and church together and lived a little more than one half of a mile from each other.

His parents were Arlie and Rodema Luther Voncannon and hers were Arthur and Elizabeth Smith Dorsett.

Farley is still working at B. B. Walker Shoe Co., where he has been employed for 29 years. Previously to that time he had worked at McCrary Hosiery Mill. Mrs. Voncannon retired after working many years with McCrary Hosiery Mill and Acme-McCrary Corp.

### **Anniversary Celebrated**

Oct. 30, 1986 - The Rev. and Mrs. Harold Clay Davis were honored on their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary by the congregation at Central Falls Baptist Church, of which Davis has been pastor for two and a half years.

The event featured a covered-dish meal in the fellowship hall at the end of the morning worship.

The couple's two children, Tami and Rodney, presented their parents with two dozen red roses. The congregation presented them with \$500 and individuals gave gifts.

Rev. and Mrs. Davis were married Oct. 21, 1961, in Bennettsville, S. C. Mr. Davis is the son of Mrs. Ethel Davis of Seagrove and the late Wesley Davis. Barbara Davis is the daughter of Oscar Smith, Rt. 6, Asheboro, and the late Primmie Smith. She is employed at Black and Decker.

Before becoming pastor of the Central Falls Baptist Church, Davis was pastor of Cross Road Baptist Church in Robbins for six years. He was ordained by his home church, Asbury Baptist.

**Pearce Family Holds Reunion**

Oct. 30, 1986 - Descendants of Windsor Pearce of Deep River gathered for several activities Oct. 11 and 12.

Windsor Pearce, born in 1740, was among the original Justices of the Peace for Randolph County. His birthplace has not been ascertained but by 1776 he dwelt along Deep River in what is now southeastern Randolph County. His home there was the scene of rendezvous between Loyalists and Revolutionaries during the American Revolution. He died in 1823.

On Oct. 11 his descendants traveled to Erect where they visited graves of ancestors in the old Mount Olivet Cemetery and the original Pearce land area, guided by Ernest Gatlin.

From there they went on the Carthage and Aberdeen where 34 people assembled for a Dutch lunch at a restaurant. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Ritter and daughters entertained the group at their home in Pinehurst.

More than 30 people attended worship service Sunday at Balfour Baptist Church in Asheboro. Approximately 40 more joined them for lunch. Attending were direct descendants of Sarah Frances Pearce Stewart: John Thomas Pearce, Mary Ann Pearce Johnson, Calvin Windsor Pearce, and Lydia Emily Pearce Staley.

Out of state relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Newby Dixon of South Bend, Ind., Todd Dorsett of Waynesboro, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. George Wedge and daughter, Janet, of Cross Point Woods, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. David Cole of McComick, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hedgecock of Richmond, Va.

Officers elected were Todd Dorsett, president; Mary Gilbert Cole, vice president; Charles Staley, secretary; Lucy Garner, treasurer; Susan Bradley Crouch, registrar; Randy Gauden, photographer and Ernest Gatlin, historian.

Gifts of Seagrove pottery were presented to those traveling from Michigan and Indiana and to Mrs. Mildred Ritter, the oldest family member present. Balfour Baptist Church was chosen as a meeting place, not only for its central location but because John Calvin Pearce was a charter member and long time resident of that community. He died in 1983 at the age of 95.

Interest in Pearce genealogy surfaced when Todd Dorsett, a law student at Wake Forest University, became interested in knowing more about the family of his grandmother, Sarah Emily Pearce Dorsett. He visited Randolph Court House where he discovered names of relatives from whom he got information. Many miles were traveled and many people were talked to for a book which will be compiled on the family.

**Former School Members**

Oct. 31, 1986 - Piney Grove School held its fourth reunion Oct. 18 in the fellowship building of Piney Grove United Methodist Church. Teachers who were present: Maude Auman, Bess Morgan Snyder, Lala Delk Piner, Lola Briles Gallimore. Reunion officers are: Astor Delk, president; the Rev. Richard Hoover, vice president; Juanita Winslow, secretary-treasurer. The School is no longer in operation.

**Couple Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Nov. 4, 1986 - Fifty years ago on Oct. 17, 1936, Joseph Wade Davis and Rosa Regina Hancock of Rt. 2, Seagrove, were married in Bennettsville, S. C.

Roy Williamson drove them to the marriage site in a 1936 Ford automobile.

On Oct. 19, 1986, Mr. and Mrs. Davis were honored by their children with a party in the fellowship hall of Asbury Baptist Church, attended by approximately 200 guests. Williamson was also present.

Their children are Peggy Ruth Hall of Matthews, Joseph Wade Davis Jr. of Asheboro. Brenda Langley, Regina Lee Williamson and Janice Anne Bullins of Rt. 2, Seagrove. They have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Three of their grandchildren and their in-laws assisted at the reception.

Both Wade and his wife, Rosa, were raised in an area which included Randolph, Moore, and Montgomery Counties. They lived a mile from each other before their marriage.

Wade's father, Willie Davis, died when Wade was 1 1/2. His mother, Maude McNeill later married Remus Hancock. Rosa's parents were Frank and Etta Page Hancock, not related to Remus.

Before their marriage Wade attended the five-teacher Ether School and Rosa attended Mount Zion School which had only two teachers. Wade has been a member of Asbury Baptist Church for almost all of his life. His wife joined the church after their marriage.

Wade served in the U. S. Navy for two years during World War II. He is a retired employee who worked 31 years with Milliken Manufacturing Co. in Robbins. Rosa is a retired employee of Pine Hosiery Mill in Ether, where she worked after raising her children.

**Double Winner**

Nov. 5, 1986 - Two awards were received by Ken Pittman at a recent installation of officers and presentation of awards in a Level Cross Civitan Club meeting. He received "Civitan of the Year" and "Citizen of the Year," Pittman is also club treasurer.

**Class of 1939**

Nov. 5, 1986 Coleridge High School's 1939 graduation class held a reunion Oct. 18 at the Apple House Cafeteria, Randolph Mall. Seated from left, Bonnie Boroughs Bazzell, Lonna Phillips Ward, Lucille Stout Rumley; standing from left, Broughton Hayes, Doris Spencer Albright, Jesse L. Albright Jr. and Charles Beane. Jesse Albright traveled from Siera Madre Calif.

**Class of 1951**

Nov. 6, 1986 - The 1951 graduating class of Coleridge High School held a reunion Oct. 18 at Apple House Cafeteria, Randolph Mall. From left are Hazel Moffitt, Viola Kidd Lambert, Gladys Cagle Henly; standing from left, William Fogleman, Margie Lawson Ritch, Wayne Coble and Robert Brooks.

**Couple Celebrates Anniversary**

Nov. 6, 1986 - Two milestones were celebrated recently by Mr. and Mrs. Elcannie (E. C.) Gray of Rt. 5, Asheboro, - their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and Mr. Gray's 89<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The couple, their six children and in-laws and a few friends got together Oct. 3 on the evening of the birthday. The anniversary came five days later. (They were married Oct. 8, 1916.)

Elcannie Gray, a native of Stuart, Va., and Nina Beatrice Young, who lived between Danbury and Lawsonville, N. C., were married on a Sunday before church, still steated in the buggy in which they rode to Danbury, the county seat of Stokes county. Mrs. Gray, now 87, was 17 years old at the time of her marriage.

After marriage vows were exchanged, the couple attended services at North View Primitive Baptist Church. Afterwards they had dinner with the bride's parents. Elcannie Gray recalled the buggy was borrowed from a friend while the mule which pulled the buggy was borrowed from a brother-in-law.

He farmed in Stokes County, Lawsonville and Danbury before buying a house and 250 acres of land in Randolph County in 1926. In 1927 the Grays moved their family to the house, which was a quarter of a mile from their current home, which they moved into in 1965.

Elcannie Gray didn't stop at the original purchase of land. He kept buying until he had accumulated 700 acres of land. Tobacco was his main crop but he also grew wheat, corn, oats, barley and hay. In addition, he raised cattle and pigs and operated trucks hauling produce.

"I came here because I wanted more land," he said of his move from Stokes to Randolph County. But Eleannie Gray does not farm any more due to his age and physical condition.

Children of the Grays are Curtis and Ivan Gray of Rt. 3, Asheboro; Marie Hudson of Randleman; Ernest Gray of Miami, Fla.; Allen Gray of Sophia; and Beatrice Winebarger of Ontario, Ore. They also have 18 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Gray have visited often their friends and relatives in Stokes County and adjoining areas and had "gone back to a lot of funerals."

They are Primitive Baptists and have visited the following churches in this area: Rock Hill, Sugg's Creek, Bunker Hill, Pierce's Chapel, Sandy Creek, Flint Knoll, Ellerbe and Sandy Level.

### **Baptist Association Convenes**

Nov. 7, 1986 - RAMSEUR - Randolph Baptist Association held it's 52<sup>nd</sup> annual session recently at Forest park Baptist Church and First Baptist Church of Ramseur.

Association members voted to send the Rev. Judson Rotan, director of missions for more than nine years, on an evangelistic crusade to Togo, West Africa. The crusade is a mission project of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention.

According to Rotan, the crusade will be held next Mar. or Apr. and will include 30 people from the state convention. He said he appreciates the opportunity to participate.

Thirty-five of the 43 churches in the association were represented in the annual meeting.

The night session at Forest Park brought in 250 people; 160 were present for the morning session at First Baptist, which was followed by a meal.

The Rev. Kenneth Warner, pastor of Center Cross Baptist Church, was named moderator of the association. He succeeds the Rev. Vernon McDaniel, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheboro.

Other new officials include the Rev. Bill Barnes, vice moderator, and Mrs. Dorothy "Dottie" Cross, clerk-treasurer. Barnes is pastor of Sophia Baptist Church. Mrs. Cross is a member of First Baptist Church, Randleman, for which she has served as secretary for many years.

### **Couple Celebrates 50 years of marriage**

Nov. 9, 1986 - Mr. and Mrs. Carl Calvin Hayes of Rt. 1 Seagrove, were honored on their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Oct. 26, in the fellowship hall of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church.

Hosting the reseption were their children, Mabel Sykes, Paul Hayes, Bonnie Lambe, Martha Moore and Franklin Hayes of Asheboro, Carlene Lucas of Rt. 9, Asheboro and Louise McNeil of Rt. 1 Ramseur.

One child died in infancy. The Hayes also have 14 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Approximately 150 guests were present for the reception.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were married Sept. 26, 1936, in Danville, Va. Mrs. Hayes is the former Gracie Mae "Grace" Hicks. They were accompanied to their marriage site by Mrs. Hayes' sister, Lillie Hicks, and Clell Davis who themselves were married a year later.

Mrs. Hayes is the daughter of the late James Arthur Hicks and Bertha Lee Asbil Hicks, Carl Calvin Hayes is the son of the late Eber Franklin Hayes and Martitia Bray Hayes.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hayes were born and raised in the same area in which they still live. The Hayes went to church together but attended separate schools, he went to Oak Glade and she went to Antioch School.

Besides farming, Carl worked at Asheboro Braid Co. and Walker Shoe Co. Mrs. Hayes was also employed at Walker. For a short while after their marriage, they lived in High Point.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes are members of the Antioch Christian Church. However, some family members attend the Pleasant Hill Church, where the anniversary reception was held.

### **School Reunion**

Nov. 9, 1986 - The second annual reunion of the old Charlotte School was held in the fellowship building of Charlotte United Methodist Church Oct. 26. Former students and two teachers are seated from left, Roy Poole, Worth Bulla, Julia Poole, teachers Lillian Myers Walker and Nell Spencer Jackson, Fred McCain; second row from left, Kurney Poole, Mary Ellen Bulla Parrish, Janette Bulla Gordon, Edith Rich Hunt, Kate Routh Hollingsworth, Jewel McCain Wiggins, Mabel Routh Staley; third row from left, Calvin Henley, Allen Routh, Jessie Rough Massey, Gladys H. Miller, Virgie Routh Cox, Metta Robbins Hall, Milton Henley, Gordon A. Poole.

### **Local minister honored for 25 years of service**

Nov. 21, 1986 - Panther Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 4, Asheboro, honored their pastor, the Rev. John B. Beane, Oct. 26 for 25 years of service.

The special observance coincided with "old-fashioned day" which is held annually. Dinner was served in the fellowship hall.

The congregation congratulated the pastor and presented him with a gift of \$500. He first came to the church in 1959 for three years, left and came back.

The present church was organized in 1942. However, an old cemetery at the site dates back to the late 1700s when the Quakers worshipped there. This was a forerunner of the present Holly Spring Friends Meeting which is located some distance away. The original log building has been gone for many years.

The present building has seen many improvements during Bean's pastorate; the sanctuary has been renovated, the floors carpeted, the pews padded and heat, air conditioning and a telephone installed. A paved road provides an entrance to the church and a fellowship hall has been built adjacent to the church building.

Beane, the son of Ernest and Eva Burrow Beane, was raised in the general vicinity of the church. He is married to the former Cora Hurley. They have six children and four grandchildren.

### **Anniversary celebrated**

Nov. 23, 1986 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Smith, of 1916 Dover St. were honored recently on the 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

A covered-dish meal was held in the fellowship hall after a morning worship service at Central Falls Baptist Church, hosted by their four sons and daughter-in-law and the church family.

The children, Harris, Tammy, Mark, Rodney and Andy, presented their parents with a silver tray which had their names engraved on the back.

The Smiths were married Nov. 4, 1961, at Unity Grove Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Carthage. Jay Smith is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jay H. Smith Sr., of Carthage, and Doris Smith is the daughter of Mrs. Rena Brown, of Montgomery Nursing Home in Biscoe, and the late Curtis Brown of Robbins.

Mr. Smith works for Eveready Battery Corp. Plant 2, and Mrs. Smith works at Randolph Technical College.

### **Local man reaches 91<sup>st</sup> year**

Nov. 23, 1986 – Horace Poole of Rt. 8, Asheboro, reached his 91<sup>st</sup> birthday Nov. 11.

Sunday before his birthday the veteran sawmill operator was honored with a party hosted by his wife, Dorothy Faye Everhart Poole, and Mona Miller, a friend of the couple. Other family members and friends were in attendance.

Poole has worked in sawmills in Randolph and Montgomery counties. He was born in Montgomery County to the late David Zebedee Poole and Charlotte Ann Poole. He has lived for brief periods in Pennsylvania and Lexington, N. C., where his wife is from.

On Nov. 23 the Pooles celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Poole's children by his first wife, the late Minnie Harries Poole, are: Verta Mae Coltrane, Ethel Voncannon and Alma Craven of Asheboro and Roy Pool of Rt. 2, Asheboro. He also has a step-daughter, Doris McCulloch of Lexington.

Other family members include 13 grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

The party was recorded on a video. There was also music and refreshments.

### **Class of '36**

Nov. 27, 1986 – The 50<sup>th</sup> reunion of the 1936 graduating class of Randleman High School was held Nov. 1 in the fellowship hall of Marlboro Friends Meetinghouse. Seated from left: Jewell Bristow Hall, Dorothy Pearce Bowles, Helen Lassiter, Hazel Farlow Braun, Doris Moser Talley; standing from left: Bernice Farlow Lemons, Pearl White Edwards, James W. "Bill" Robbins, Dixie Helms Reynolds, Loyd Pearce, Edith Vickrey Welborn, H. L. Hutcheson. Those not present were Hal Bell, Evola Cashatt Wilkerson, Mary Alice Davis Allred, Tulla Davis Jupp, Cecelia Farlow Cagle, Dorothy Henley Bulla, Louise Loflin Smith, Linda Kidd, C. B. Wise, Ruth Cooper Sink, Nannie Reece Robbins, Iris Spencer Farlow

### **Anniversary Celebrated**

An Asheboro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Baird, 303 Ross Street, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Nov. 23. They were married Oct. 24, 1936.

A reception was given in the fellowship hall of Asheboro Friends Meeting house by their children, Rev. and Mrs. Bill Baird, 1457 Harper Road and Mr. and Mrs. Lexie Lee (Nancy Jane Baird) Lednum, Rt. 11, Lexington. Assisting were their grandchildren, Michele Baird, Christy Lednum and Lexie Lee Lednum Jr.

Three years previous to the anniversary reception, Mrs. Baird was honored by the Asheboro Friends Meeting, commemorating her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and 60 years of service as organist.

She first played for the Asheboro Baptist Church, now First Baptist Church using a pump organ. But she switched over to Asheboro Friends Meeting because the latter congregation didn't have an organist and her mother was a member of that congregation.

Mrs. Baird, the former Kate Smith, is the daughter of the late Captain William Van Smith, a railroad employee and Cora Belle Nance Smith. She is a life-long resident of Asheboro, and a 1930 graduate of the Woman's College in Greensboro, where she received a B. S. degree in music with a major in piano.

Lloyd William Baird is a native of Lenoir, but was living in High Point when he met Kate.

For his visits with Kate he came by bus from High Point to Asheboro. They still reminisce and laugh about one Saturday night when Lloyd missed the midnight bus, the last one to go back to High Point. He had to walk the entire distance home, wearing a new pair of shoes.

Before their marriage, he got a job with McCrary Hosiery Mill, where he remained for 34 years before becoming a taxidermist.

Lloyd enjoys taxidermy but he is the first say that he only beauties and makes lifelike the animals which have been killed by someone else. He does not accept for mounting any animals which are prohibited by the authorities.

He also enjoys visits from students who come to view his exhibits.

### **Life members**

Nov. 30, 1986 – Life memberships in Asheboro Masonic Lodge 699 AF&AM have increased to three with the addition of W. Kirby Threadgill, left, and Ike Robinson who received certificates of life memberships at a Nov. 20 meeting. Both are former masters of the lodge. Gene Bulla is the only other person to receive a life membership in the lodge which was organized in 1954.

**100-year-old attends grandchild's wedding**

Dec. 9, 1986 – Byron Otwell, a 100-year old resident at Lamb's Nursing Home in High Point, attended his granddaughter's wedding Nov. 23.

Otwell, who just celebrated his birthday Nov. 17 saw his granddaughter, Tammy Otwell, marry Jeff Batchelor at Full Gospel Church in Franklinville. Other family members there were his sons, Robert Otwell, (father of Tammy) and Elbridge Otwell, and Lucille Stewart, his daughter, Denis Otwell was unable to attend the wedding.

Byron Otwell was married to the late Mary Maiden Otwell. They had one son, Byron Otwell Jr. who was killed in the Korean War. Otwell has 10 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren.

Otwell was born and raised along the Randolph-Guilford county line, near Centre community and Julian. He remembers working at the Contrane and Rockett farms in that area.

Otwell has been living in the nursing home for 10 years. His wife also lived there with him until her death three years ago.

Performing the marriage was the Rev. Herman Kivett, stepfather of the bridegroom and pastor of Full Gospel Baptist Church of God. A reception was held at Franklinville Fire Department.

**Masons with seniority**

Dec. 10, 1986 – Asheboro Masonic Lodge 699 A. F. & A. M. has members with 25 years of service in the organization who were presented with certificates at the meeting Nov. 29. First row, from left, Leonard Hathaway, Howard Lemonds, Bobby Hinshaw, John Dean; second row, from left, Harvey Horner, Smith Langdon, Roland Yow. Others not pictured are Edsel Cox, Jesse Moffitt, Everett Morris, Grady Norris, Bobby Wheless. The lodge was organized in 1955.

**Church members break ground for Family Center**

Dec. 12, 1986 – First Christian Church in Ramseur had an attendance of 365 on the Sunday before Thanksgiving—the day of groundbreaking for the Family Center.

The groundbreaking was held on a newly purchased tract of land which adjoins the existing property.

Participating in the groundbreaking service were the adult and children's choirs: the Rev. Adrian Pugh, pastor; the Rev. Dwayne Pugh, assistant pastor; Jimmy York, deacon chairman, and deacons, Cecil Gardner, Doug Wright, Elvin Cox, Roy Smith, Danny Burgess, Bruce Burgess, and Bob Stout; trustees, Lynn Fields and Junior Poe. Roy Smith a deacon for more than 40 years, shoveled the first dirt.

The new building, a two-level structure of brick and metal, will be 135 feet long and 85 feet wide. Estimated cost is \$250,000-\$300,000. Already \$77,000 has been raised. Construction is planned to begin in Apr. .

"The building will meet the needs of the entire family," said Pugh, adding the center will have an Annual Program for ages 3-19, a gymnasium, an indoor tennis court, a roller skating area, shower facilities downstairs and weight lifting equipment. There will be space for senior citizen members

to use their God-given wisdom and talents to enrich younger members in various fields and crafts.

Since Pugh became pastor of First Christian Church, formerly Ramseur Christian Church, on Jan. 1, 1980, the church has steadily moved forward, from approximately 100 people to the present 265 in Sunday School and 300 in the worship service. During Pugh's first year a bus ministry was started.

In 1981 the old church sanctuary was torn down and a new church sanctuary, with balcony classrooms, fellowship hall and prophet's chamber, was completed in 1982. The weekly offering grew from approximately \$100 to \$3,000.

The church has provided space and transportation for senior adults of the church and community for programs sponsored by the Senior Adult Association. In addition, the church has established a Manna Ministry which provides groceries to needy people in the community.

"The First Christian Church membership is composed of warm and friendly Christian people, looking forward to new growth as the lost are reached for Christ," said Pugh.

**WOW awards**

Dec. 17, 1986 – Four awards were presented at Woodman of the World's-annual awards banquet held Nov. 20 at the Carl C. Stout Jr. Lodge 921 building. Mrs. Russell Kirkman, left, a musician, received Woman of Woodcraft; George R. Miller, former lodge president, received Mr. Woodman Award; Arlie Culp, former district conservationists with Soil Conservation Service, got the Conservation Award; Blease Garner, North Carolina jurisdictional secretary and secretary of the local lodge, received the Honor Award. Master of Ceremonies were Charles Maxwell of Ellenboro, state jurisdictional president, and Willie Shaver of Salisbury, past jurisdictional president. The conservation award was presented by Margaret Dula, past president of Lodge 921. The lodged is located between Central Falls and Worthville.

**Senior luncheon**

Dec. 22, 1986 – Sixty-nine senior citizens of Bethany United Methodist Church community and those who live elsewhere attended the annual luncheon in the church fellowship hall Dec. 7. Some of those who attended were seated from left, Alene Ward, Clarence Baldwin, Laura Baldwin, Swana Baldwin, Bessie Baldwin; standing from left, Dorothy Cartland, Cecil Baldwin, Florence Baldwin Williams, Lillian Routh, Susan Inman. The luncheon was sponsored by United Methodist Women of which Janet Routh is president.

**Senior choir acts out old-fashioned Christmas**

Dec. 23, 1986 – The Senior Saints Choir of Balfour Baptist Church presented the musical, "Christmas in the Good Old Days," Dec. 7 to a capacity crowd in the church fellowship hall.

The stage was set for the musical long before the program began at 7:30 p. m.

When guests arrived at 7 they were greeted at the door by some of the choir dressed up in old-fashioned duds. They were then escorted to their tables and served hot apple cider, homemade cookies, cakes and candies. The tables were decorated with fresh magnolia, holly and spruce candle arrangements and kerosene oil lamps.

A 14-foot cedar, decorated with handmade ornaments and popcorn strings made by the choir, stood at one end of the fellowship hall. At the other end was the stage, complete with a beautifully decorated Victorian mantle, another Christmas tree and many poinsettias.

The true highlights of the evening was when the Senior Saints Choir took everyone for a trip down memory lane to experience "Christmas in the Good Old Days."

### **Disabled American Veterans pay off loan**

Dec. 24, 1986 – After more than nine years of tireless effort, Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 22 has paid off the mortgage on the building located adjacent to Hwy. 220 South.

The noteburning ceremony for the DAV Service Center was held Dec. 7 at 2:30 p. m. with Cmdr. Ferman Woodell, Makes C."Curt" Moore, past commander, and Earl Shanabrook, adjutant and treasurer, officiating.

The meeting also included the annual Christmas dinner and the observance of the attack on Pearl Harbor 45-years ago. A salute to the flag concluded the ceremony which was followed by dinner and gospel singing.

The chapter was organized in Mar. 1973 with 21 members. Groundbreaking for the building was held in the spring of 1977.

The 2½ - acre tract of land was donated by the late Vance and Maxine Branson Newman in honor of Newman's father, the late Lum C. Newman, 85, once oldest member of the local chapter, and in appreciation for kindness shown the older Newman by other members of the chapter.

Members of the woman's auxiliary helped pay off the loan by holding projects such as yard sales, bake sales, a pinto bean supper and barbecue suppers. After the building was completed, bingo games were held to raise money.

Among those present for the ceremony were state officials Allen C. Edens Jr., chaplain of N. C. DAV Department, and Walter Kiser, senior vice-commander, both of Fayetteville; Charles Poteat, of Charlotte; past department commander chairman of the national convention and ex-prisoner of war; and Joe Tolar of Greensboro, first junior vice commander.

### **Seniors hold Christmas party**

Dec. 26, 1986 – Each Christmas 10 residents of Randolph Rest Home are invited for a special Christmas luncheon at White's Memorial Baptist Church, Rt. 1, Franklinville.

The annual event began in 1979. Church members had begun a monthly luncheon for their senior adults in May of that year. Because the fellowship hall was completed by Christmas, the senior adults initiated a Christmas luncheon to invite the 10 guests.

Santa Claus presented gifts this year during the party Dec. 9. Also in attendance was the Rev. Otis Goins, newly installed church pastor, who spoke to the group.

Mrs. Eula Cook has presided over the luncheons since their inception seven years ago. One senior adult, Dallie Welborn, 83, has not missed a meeting even though it snowed during one of them. When others learned Mrs. Welborn planned to come despite the snow, they came also.

Another member, 84-year-old Clay Allred, is a consistent member of the group, having served as a Sunday School teacher and choir director. During the time the church was without a pastor, Allred substituted in several capacities, especially the worship period at the senior adult gatherings.

The senior adults receive a contribution of money four times a year with an extra donation at Christmas.

### **Shriner officers**

Dec. 31, 1986 – Randolph Shrine Club held its annual banquet and ladies night meeting Dec. 10 at Pinewood Country Club. New officers were installed by the Rev. Harvey Koonts of Lexington, former pastor of 10 years for what is now known as First Evangelical and Reformed United Church of Christ in Asheboro. Ike Robinson, retiring president, left, with the incoming officers: Bill Westfield, president; Bobby Hinshaw, president-elect; Larry Luck, first vice president; Ray Bryant, second vice president; Jack Burton, secretary; Bill Allred, treasurer.

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### **Senior attendants**

Jan. 2, 1987 – Jackson Creek Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Denton, held its fifth consecutive dinner honoring senior adults of the church and community Dec. 13. Older members of the group are seated from left, David Snider, Algene Snider; Grace Grubb, 86, the oldest person in attendance; Hilda Gallimore; Tura Pierce; standing from left, Vance Kindly; Leaster Conrad; Jessie Leonard; Gladys Lewis, Jessie Cody, and Howard Small.

### **81-year-old woman celebrates birthday**

Jan. 5, 1987 – Jessie McDaniel, whose 81<sup>st</sup> birthday occurred Dec. 13, received two big surprises the next day. First she got a telephone call from her son, Charles, who lives in Washington, D. C. saying that he might visit her that day. Then, after arriving at Harshaw Grove Baptist Church, she learned the congregation would honor her during the morning worship service.

Her son arrived shortly after his telephone call on a 35-minute flight. The church cited her achievements with the theme, "Give me my flowers while I yet live."

Tributes were paid to her by the Rev. W. D. Roseman, present pastor, and the Rev. Joseph Evans, who served as pastor of the church for many years. All four choirs participated along with church members who shared special reflections. A carry-in dinner was held in the fellowship area.

Jessie McDaniel lives on Stout Street (Rt. 2, Randleman), an area in which she has lived since her birth. As to her church affiliation, she said, "I have been a member since I was a little tot."

Several guests attended the special event such as Mrs. Weaver Lineberry by whom Mrs. McDanel was employed for several years. Others she worked for attended as well as some relatives from Greensboro.

Besides her son, who deals in real estate and restaurants, she has seven grandchildren. Her son has lived away from Randleman for the past 46 years.

### **80-year-old honored with party**

Jan. 13, 1987 – Mrs. Nellie Ruth Hall Davis of Rt. 6, Asheboro, was honored on her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday Dec. 14 with a surprise party in the new fellowship hall at Faith Temple Baptist Church.

Born Dec. 15, 1906, in Damascus, Ohio, Mrs. Davis is the wife of Gurney E. Davis. He was present as well as their



four daughters, Eloise Wright and Kathy Bonkmeyer, Rt. 2, Randleman, and Nelda Luck and Juanita Sheron of Asheboro.

Mrs. Davis and her husband are the parents of a son, Floyd Everette Davis, who died Feb. 17, 1969. They also have nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Jason and Echo Staley, children of Kenneth and Krista Staley.

Mrs. Davis' parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hall brought their family to Randolph County from their native state of Ohio in 1928. The size of their family was so large that two automobiles were required for the three-day trip – and some members came by train.

The Hall family decided to move here after friends in Ohio who were conservative Quakers, moved to the Holly Spring area here and joined Friendsville Meeting.

Fifty family members attended the party including brothers, Henry Hall, Walter Hall, Wilmer Hall, Harry Hall and Ezra Hall, and one sister Elsie Waynick. Two members of the family, Oscar and Oliver Hall, are deceased.