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LET'S GET IN STEP WITH THE CHURCH NEWS...

(Irene Robertson acted as reporter, calling the various departments, securing these news items.)

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT by P.P.Phillips

Last Sunday was Rally Day in the Sunday School and a day for checking up on our work for last year. It was somewhat disappointing to find out that with 343 names on our roll, we had an average attendance of only 178 -- about one-half. We also discovered that there were 245 members of our church who do not attend Sunday School. We believe that most of these are Adults and suggest that the Adult Classes find out who they are and try to get them to attend Sunday School.

Next Sunday, October 5, is the first Sunday of the new Sunday School Year. Many of the children have been promoted and are in new departments and will need the help of their parents in getting adjusted to new teachers and new lessons. Remember, the Sunday School has your child for only one hour each week; and to develop his Christian life, he must have the help and encouragement of his parents. What the child learns in the home overshadows anything that can be given to him at Sunday School.

You will be contributing much to the success of the Sunday School if you resolve to do the following:

(1) Read the Bible and have family prayers daily, with the children if there are any in the household.

(2) Study with the children. Read their papers and quarterlies when they bring them home. Have a regular time for studying the lesson for the following Sunday with them.

(3) Find out who is teaching your children and ask this teacher for suggestions on how you can help. Give the teacher all the help and encouragement you can. They need and appreciate your continued interest in their work.

(4) Bring your children to Sunday School by 9:30 A.M. Remember that children coming late disturb the Devotion and Study Periods and make the work of the teachers much more difficult.

(5) If you are qualified to teach Sunday School Classes, volunteer your services to the Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CHURCH SECRETARY by Mary McCormick

1. A Fall Retreat for the newly elected officers of the Senior Youth Fellowship was held at Camp Crabtree September 12 and 13. This idea of overnight camping proved to be an excellent way to pack into a week-end a lot of fun plus concentrated study, planning, and worship in preparation for the job of leading the Senior Young People in what we hope will be the most successful year we've had yet. Members of the Senior council are Betty Parks, Joe Vaughn, Ruth Myatt, Malissa Christie, Jane Chalmers, Jean Märkiye, James Lloyd, John C. Williams, Dallas Pickard, Virginia deVyver, Anne Noell, retiring president, was also with us on the Retreat, and we had our special guest, Miss Helen Knight of Roanoke Rapids, President of the Young People of Grnaville Presbytery. Dr. Chalmers led the Bible study periods for us.

Mrs. Chalmers and Mrs. Noell provided the wonderful meals we had there. Just ask them how you manage to cook in the dark on a huge coal range; also ask for their recipe for delicious peach-banana ice cream!

2. Sunday evening, September 28th, at the Vesper Service, the Pioneers also elected officers for the coming year. President, Jack Bowden; Vice-President, Marion Chalmers; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary M. Hassell. (We hope twin brother, Al, will take over the Treasurer's half of the job.) Trail Guide, Ann Williams. Pioneers reached high attendance mark of 15 for one Sunday in September and are eagerly looking forward to that hay ride. ...Dr. Jim Wilson has already spent several hours of his valuable time sorting medicine for China. We should soon get off a shipment.

3. Mr. Phillips probably has latest news on the workings of the Building Committee. Why not ask him about it?

4. Letters are being sent out to parents of 4 and 5 year olds in Trinity Avenue Church, informing them of the possibility of the Church sponsoring a Nursery School for two days a week. IF WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT, WE WANT TO KNOW JUST HOW MANY CHILDREN WE CAN COUNT ON. If you are interested in the Church having a Nursery School, please help the planning for it by sending in promptly your reply as to whether or not you would like to enroll your 4 or 5 year old.

5. Junior Choir started on Thursday, Sept. 25th with enrollment of 18.

#### DR. CHALMERS PHONES IN THAT:

1. During October our Church will study the CONFESSIO OF FAITH, his Sunday Sermons being based on this subject, and Wednesday Prayer Services will be an intensive study on this topic. If you desire a paper bound copy of THE CONFESSIO OF FAITH for only fifty cents per copy, Dr. Chalmers will be delighted to order a booklet for you.

2. Dr. Chalmers recently wrote an entire series of Sunday School lessons which will be used all over the General Assembly by the Seniors. We will have a special review of this quarterly next month.

3. Helen Chalmers and Frances Query begin this month, teaching the special Wednesday evening classes for the Nurses at Duke Hospital. The class is extremely informal, and has an excellent attendance. They are taking up where Mrs. Barbour and Mrs. King left off.

#### RUSH REDS -----RALLY AND RAISE THE ROOF!

**Rumors and Raging that the Blues are Racing  
to Reach their goal, but I'm Rooting for the  
REDS to Reign.**

The Real Reason for this Rally is to Reclaim  
old members and Recruit new ones, thereby  
Reenforcing our class.

You'll Receive such a Refreshing lesson from  
our Renown teacher that you'll Rush to arrive  
on time each Sunday.

COME ON REDS, LET'S RAMBLE!

by Betty Blanchard

THE BLUES WILL MAKE EVEN THE REDS BLUE! by Mayton Betts

The BLUES are out to make a record to increase our Sunday School and Church attendance, by seeking new members, and return the old members to our fold. The points are what count and the way to get them is to get to Sunday School ON TIME (9:30), Bring your Bibles, stay for Church, and attend mid-week Prayer Service. I am sure the ones on this team are going to credit the BLUES with enough points so the REDS will have to don their aprons, plan the entertainment and refreshments for the big party!

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REPORT ON PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR NEXT YEAR by Ted Wilson

No one on the Sunday School roll had perfect attendance last year! That looks BAD on the records. Some of our absences were excusable, but a large percent were due to laziness...we turned over, pulled the covers up, and took an extra few minutes sleep that made us too late to attempt to get to Sunday School. Remember when you were a child, and your mother cooked Sunday dinner on Saturday and got the whole family to Sunday School AND church! We can do that, TOO! Let's search out the reasons for not going to Sunday School and see if they are REAL excuses. Make a resolution NOW to have a perfect attendance next year and the results will be amazing. Let's set that alarm a few minutes early, leave the breakfast dishes in the sink, and go all the way out for a perfect attendance this new year!

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BLAKE CAN WRITE TOO!

Someone made the grave mistake of asking me to write about our next class meeting. It will be held immediately after Prayer Meeting, Wednesday October 8th. I hope everyone will be present, that is, EVERYONE ON THE RED TEAM. If anyone on the BLUE team has something else to do...I'd advise them doing it. By the way, Mayton, why don't you and a few others on your team offer yourselves as baby sitters that night? I understand it's rather fun and educational.

After Frances finished her "railroading" business, which is showing increased profits, we will have a social time with contests between the Reds and Blues. The team losing at the end of the evening, will have to serve refreshments to the others, and perform a few humiliating acts. That is why I suggest the members of the Blue team stay home unless you want to bow to the superior Red team and lose prestige. To the Red team, I give this little tip: There is a special publication (very small) that you people could look over and memorize. It would help greatly in walking off with the contest points. I refer to the "Encyclopaedia Britannica. That is one advantage the Red team has over its opponents...it can read.

Of course I'm not saying what team I'm on, that would be sticking my neck out!

Bob Blake

Ed. note: Blake will be seen furtively riding his bike at nights after the BLUES read this article.†

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SEVERAL ARTICLES HAD TO BE OMITTED THIS MONTH. DO NOT BLAME THE MAIL, MALE OR OTHER FEMALES...BLAME ATTIC ANNIE. SHE WASN'T "ON THE BEAM"...

did you ever heered of a woman who dont know no gossip well jone long said she aint heered anything bout no body at no time aint she ingorant myrtle jones and ted wilson went to raleigh shoppin tother day and mairan carrs husbin is in the horsepital with tae hiccups and dr. henry air been in the horsepital two(maybe them gals should buy a new carr ) so has littul parks jones an tessie went back to that there pink hill to take her maw home an maurice holbrook aint got up yet since that there big bird flew over his house last month.

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#### NOTES FROM THE GM SECRETARY by Dot Atkins

Believe me, if you missed Bill Rittenhouse's talk at Prayer meeting, Wednesday September 17th, you missed an outstanding and delightful speaker, not to mention the tremendous items of class business, and the delicious food which brought things to a grand finale.

Bill, as we were introduced to him, served as pilot on a B 17 in the ETO. His plane was shot down after an attack on Roumanian oil fields, and the entire crew was captured. The stories Bill brings to us from his experiences there in the camp, his contact with the Roumanian people, and some of the apparent miracles which have been a part of his experience, are FACTS that every American and every Christian ought to know; and yet, we have been able to appreciate only part of the story. WE have only heard...to have seen and endured would have opened our eyes and hearts of each of us.

After Bills talk of a full hour (I didn't realize it was half that long), the regular business meeting of the George Matthis Class was taken up. Mary Mac recommended that a council be appointed to assimilate times for opening exercises of the young people and adults of the Sunday School. The class has been divided into two sides, the REDS headed by Betty Blanchard, the BLUES by Mayton Betts...to arouse interest, to perk up absentees, and to better the class in attendance, membership and class participation. The losing side must entertain the winning one after a race of two months. A visitation committee for Rally Day to aid Dr. Calmers was appointed, consisting of Curney Blanchard, Vernon Johnson, Margaret Dickerson, Al Skillen, Maude and Mayton Betts, Pete Petrea and Bob Blake.

Louise Johnson adsumed responsibility of the Nursery Problem, releiving Anne Rambeau of the job. Bea Lemen and Dot Atkins were appointed as class librarians.

ATTIC ANTICS will increase it's scope to include church news, and Frances Query will begin a brand new book review section beginning in November.

Business gave way to delicious refreshements of ice cream and coffee, served by Myrtle Jones, Agnes Skillen and Lib Rogers.

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#### AGNES SKILLEN REPORTS ON RALLY DAY

There was a ZIP to the Rally Day program held in our church Sept. 28th. A zest that was not only inspired by the weather, but because of an undercurrent of good fellowship, a fair attendance, a well planned and executed program and a sincerity that was felt by all.

The goal to increase Sunday School attendance by ten percent seems reasonable enough if every single one of us does his or her part. Mr. Phillips gave the statistics of our activities and one couldn't help but notice how some department heads and class presidents had the inclination to hang their heads. These people who are giving of their time, thought and effort should never have to be so embarrased. Let

each of us open our hearts and minds to that surge of enthusiasm which was present last Sunday and assume the responsibility of not only being there ourselves, but being on time and bringing an old member back, or a new candidate. The warm friendliness of our church is infectious, as I can attest, being a comparatively new member myself.

To "Spread The Light" is a theme we can think very seriously about in these uncertain times. There just isn't a happier service than that rendered to our church. If doubtful, try it sometime and prove it for yourselves. So let's all put forth every effort to make the church year of 1947 and '48 the very best one in the history of Trinity Avenue:

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LOOK NEXT MONTH FOR A BIGGER AND BETTER ISSUE OF "ATTIC ANTICS" AS THAT WILL BE OUR FIRST BIRTHDAY ISSUE! ANYONE IN THE CHURCH WHO HAS AN ARTICLE THEY WISH TO HAVE PRINTED IN THE NOVEMBER ISSUE, WILL YOU PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR. TELEPHONE 72162 .DO SO IMMEDIATELY, AS THIS ISSUE WILL SOON GO TO PRESS.

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THOSE OF YOU WHO DID NOT COME DOWN TO RUN OFF THIS ISSUE LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING , SURE MISSED A TREAT...A GREAT BIG AND OH SO DELICIOUS CHOCOLATE CAKE MADE WITH MARIAN KIMES OWN FOUR LITTLE HANDS!..WE COULDN'T WORK FOR EATING!

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