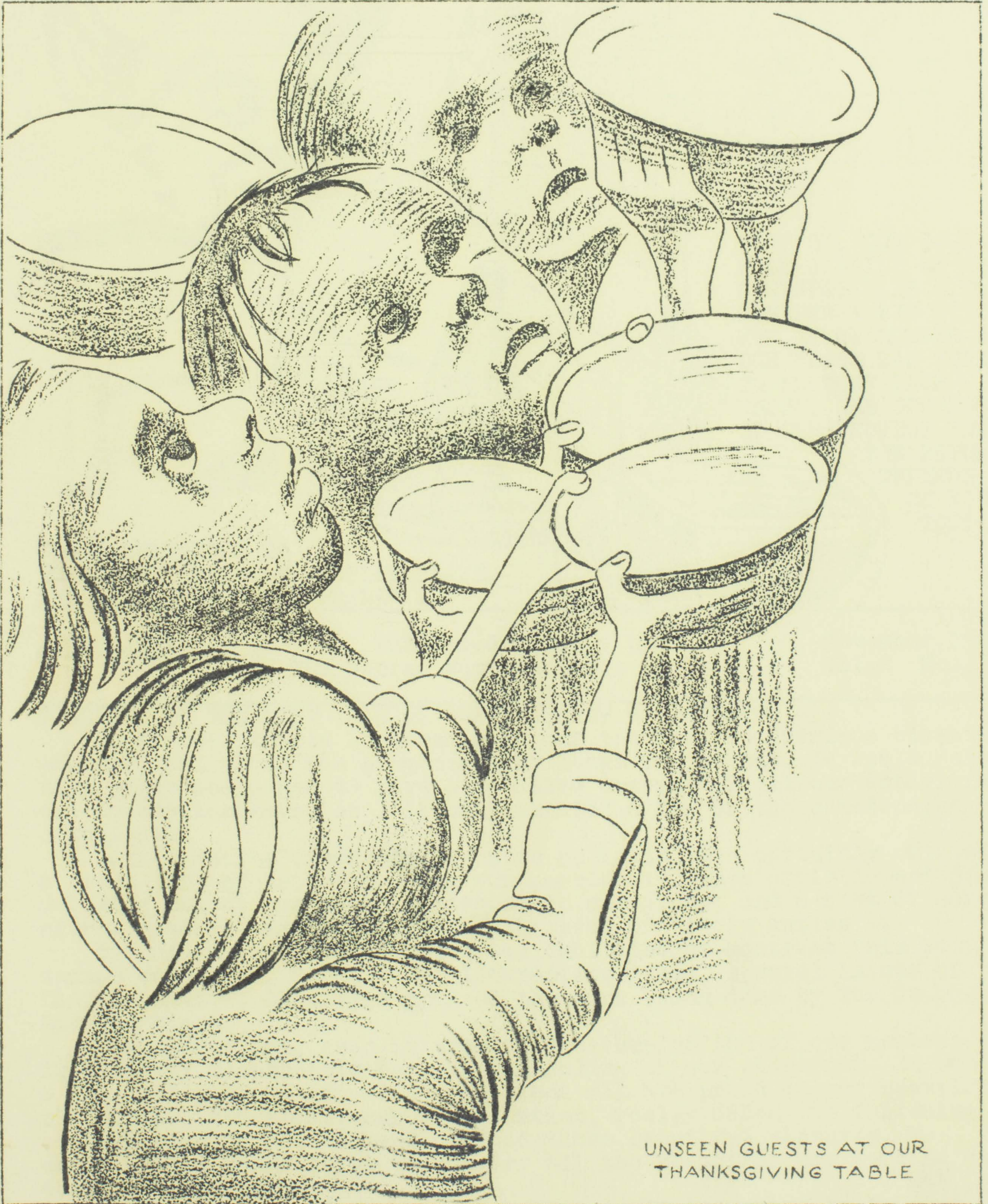


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UNSEEN GUESTS AT OUR
THANKSGIVING TABLE



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SELF A SLICE OF OUR
BIRTHDAY CAKE...YOU
DESERVE A BIG PIECE
FOR EVERY MEMBER OF
OUR CLASS HAS WORKED
TO RRODUCE EACH
ISSUE. THE SUCCESS
OF OUR PROJECT IN
THE FUTURE
DEPENDS
ON YOU
TOO!

CONGRATULATIONS TO
THOSE WHO WRITE, TO ARTIST BLAKE,
THOSE WHO "TURN THE CRANK" .

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PROGRESS IN THE PAST YEAR OF OUR CLASS by Grace Shaw

Under the capable leadership of our teacher, and various class members, our class has progressed by leaps and bounds. It would require pages and pages to give a detailed account of all our activities and accomplishments, so I'll only mention a few of the outstanding highlights.

"Attic Antics", our monthly news bulletin, has certainly created a great deal of interest among our membership. Much artistic and journalistic talent has been discovered in our group, and a host of our church members anxiously await each issue of "Attic Antics".

The class "Scrapbook" which was exhibited at Montreat this past summer contained, among other interesting items, several issues of "Attic Antics". Observers praised the work being done by The George Matthis Class.

The enthusiasm, keen interest and determination of our members, is directly responsible for the remodeling of our classroom. It was a job well planned and well done, and all are proud of our beautiful class home. Bob Blake, our class artist, really added the finishing touches when he painted and donated those beautiful pictures. We shall always be grateful to Bob for all the beautiful art work he has done for our church.

Another memorable occasion was the picnic sponsored by the Geo-

rges Matthis Class and held at Perry's Pond. Around eighty class and church members enjoyed good food and good fellowship. Thanks to Tyree and Tessie Woods for their part...presenting the "eats". Let's make this an annual affair!

The "Sear's Shopping Tour" , in which ten of our class members participated, was a real success. Each participant gave of his valuable time, but it was quite worthwhile. The manager of the Sears store commended the group for the efficient manner in which the shopping was done and the reports which were made. This project added fifty dollars to our class treasury.

Our class has been giving both spiritual and financial aid to the pioneers. Tyree and Tessie have done a great work with this group and deserve a great deal of praise.

One of our most recent undertakings is the Red and Blue Contest. The primary purpose of this contest is not only to increase our membership but also to increase our spirited interest in the work of our class, and the work of our church as a whole. The winning team will be entertained by the losing team at the conclusion of the contest. ("Come on Blues, or we'll lose!")

Yes, the George Matthis Class has progressed both materially and spiritually during the past year, but it has NOT reached the TOP yet! Let every member put his shoulder to the wheel and help to make the coming year the best year thus far.

LAST SUNDAY, MR. O.D. KIRKLAND APPEARED BEFORE OUR CLASS, TO THANK US AT THE REQUEST OF THE ELDERS, FOR THE SPLENDID PROGRESS WE HAVE MADE, AND TO ENCOURAGE US TO CONTINUE WORKING IN THE SAME FINE SPIRIT.

WANTED!! GIRLS 18-80 interested in real Christian fellowship in a wide awake association. The Women's Auxiliary of our church is a working organization who would welcome heartily any new assistants. The girls already participating are always busy. For instance, they have had at their last meeting a wonderful luncheon - ask anyone who attended. Circle No. 2 really went "all out" for the occasion. Then just one week later, the Bible Study on Matthew was given and who could be more capable of handling that than Mrs. Luther Barbour, Mrs. Fred Close, and Mrs. Bob King. Just to be sure there's never a dull moment, all the circles have pitched in and have given around twenty-five pocketbooks and bags, filled with lots of useful things to be sent to the churches overseas for Christmas. NO...I'm NOT through yet. To keep things rolling, they're planning on each member contributing to a special fund to help the College at Maxton, and to give \$25.00 toward furnishing fruits and candies for our children at Barium Springs this Christmas. Yes, girls, you do really miss a great deal of real Christian fellowship and fun when you don't attend. Watch our Church Bulletin for the announcement of the next meeting, and be sure YOU are there.

Harriet Maupin.

CHEERIO AND GREETINGS by Ruth Hodgkins

The George Matthis Bible Class wishes to say "Hurry and Get Well" to Hildur Blake's mother, Mrs. Brockhaus from Pennsylvania, who is ill at Duke Hospital.

Greetings to Dr. Henry Carr! We are so glad to have you out of the hospital and back at Sunday School and Church. "You got such

a friendly way aboutcha, makes it hard to do withoutcha!"

Glad Mama Irene came back last Sunday. Not only because we missed her from our class, but because little daughter Janet, had scarlet fever.

Last we heard was that young "Bo" Harris had the mumps. What was it, Homerzelle? The small fry at Sunday School missed Bo.

We are glad to hear that Paul Kimes is well on the way to recovery from the flu and back again at class. We miss Paul's lyric tenor, in the choir, as well as his friendly smiles.

Elizabeth Roger's mother is better and the class sends her many good wishes for a healthy and happy winter.

Agnes Skillen, our choir director, has been missed by both the choir and congregation. We are happy to report she is better and "Back on the job".

WELCOME, NEIGHBOR! by Marie Hollandsworth

It seems to me that just a little conceit shouldn't be too bad, provided it is really justifiable...and I believe in this case, you will agree that it is. We've had so many visitors to the George Matthis Class in the last few weeks, I think we can be boastful.

The UP AND DOING MEMBERS extend a cordial invitation, Frances gives a most hearty welcome and from there, Charlie takes over. He makes them glad they came, and want to come again. And in so many cases, if they are not "out of towners" they do come back and become good old George Mathis-ees.

Among our most recent visitors have been Dr. R.M. Wilson, of Richmond, who taught us a most interesting lesson, speaking on "Korea and the Leper Colonies". With him, his son, Mr. Thomas E. Wilson. "Ma" Wilson, visited the children's departments that day. Mr. and Mrs. Brockhaus of Philadelphia, Hildur Blake's mother and Daddy, Mrs. Stover, Agnes Skillen's guest from her old home town of Johnstown, Pa. Mrs. Tilson of Roanoke, Virginia, Harriet Maupin's aunt, and Mrs. Charles Lewis of Greensboro, who was visiting the Bill Hodgkins, really made our class bright with visitors. All in one Sunday. It was so nice having Katherine and Andy Oldham with us again, we've missed them, since they moved. Then from Durham, we have welcomed Mrs. J.C. Petrea, Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Duncan and Mrs. Henry C. Miller.

Lucille Petrea again becomes a member of our class (she taught for several years) , the Duncans joined the "Blues", and where is Mrs. Miller?

Mrs. O.D. Kirkland brought her new hubby (or should I STRESS the fact it was Mrs. O.D. Kirkland, JUNIOR, brought her new hubby to class last Sunday, and they joined. That's great! We are all so delighted to welcome not only the new members, but our visitors too.

MISS ANNIE TAIT JENKINS OF ATLANTA WILL HAVE A SPECIAL ARTICLE FOR OUR PAPER NEXT MONTH. SORRY WE WERE NOT ABLE TO PRESENT HER MESSAGE IN THIS, OUR BIRTHDAY ISSUE, BUT MISS JENKINS HAS A SPEAKING DATE THIS WEEK, AND MUCH OF HER TIME WILL BE TAKEN, PREPARING FOR THAT. SEND SENDS HER VERY BEST WISHES TO EVERY MEMBER OF OUR CLASS, AND PROMISES NOT TO FORGET US NEXT MONTH. WE WONDER IF SHE IS "MISS", "MRS." OR "DR."...I'VE A HUNCH THAT PLAIN "ANNIE" WOULD PLEASE HER...COULD SHE BE KIN TO "ATTIC ANNIE?"

"JUNIOR CHOIR" by Eleanor Boyd

Holding my breath and with fingers crossed, I awaited the "choir-minded" Juniors recently. It was Thursday afternoon, just three - thirty, and eighteen young fry accompanied by their parents appeared for the first meeting. A discussion was held and a few songs sung. Later Margaret Dickerson and Mary Mac served hot chocolate and wafers that had been provided by Mr. Phillips and the Sunday School.

The next few meetings found the group growing, and last Sunday morning, even though we know it was quite early for our first public appearance, our Trinity Avenue Junior Choir opened our Church Service. No one was happier nor more excited than I...but the children were so pleased over the praises heaped upon their shoulders by the church members, at the close of the service.

It was a delight to have the children sing over the air too, this month's services being broadcast over WTIK. We hope that once again, in the not too distant future, that our Junior Choir will be asked to participate in the morning worship service.

Are all eligible small-fry belonging to "Attic Annie" readers enrolled? Signed up so far are:

Gwen Dickerson
Billy Carr
Betty Wilson
Joan Jarman

Elizabeth Maupin
Mary G. Maupin
Bo Harris, Junior
Stephen Harris

Frank Dickerson says his speech....

Frances should have asked a newspaper person to write on the subject "WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE NEXT YEAR TO IMPROVE ATTIC ANTICS", HOWEVER, IT SEEMS THAT I HAVE NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE, so here goes!

From all corners I have heard many favorable comments during the past year on our publication and it is obvious that lots more interest is being shown by class members and others connected with the church since the first publication a year ago; however, there is always room for improvement in anything. In the first place we have a modern, sufficiently equipped Sunday School class room, staffed by alert, progressive officers and class members with a teacher who is outstanding, all who recognize, and I am sure that they are vitally interested in improving "Attic Antics" along with the class.

During the coming year I think Attic Antics could be improved upon by the following:

- (1) Full cooperation by all class members in assisting the officers and committees in every possible way.
- (2) Consideration should be given to publishing "Attic Antics" semi-monthly, soliciting paid advertisements, if need be, to help defray expenses.
- (3) Each class member to submit a write-up for each issue, expressing themselves as to what they think can be done to improve the class and our publication, along with other news that is of interest to the class members and the Church.

WHAT IS YOUR IDEA CONCERNING IMPROVEMENTS? I'M SURE YOUR EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO KNOW?

THERE WILL BE A REGULAR MONTHLY BUSINESS MEETING OF THE GEORGE M ATTHIS CLASS NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING PRAYER MEETING. ALL MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND. MUCH IMPORTANT BUSINESS WILL BE BROUGHT UP...SPARKLING ENTERTAINMENT THROUGH A TALENT SHOW

BY MEMBERS OF OUR CLASS, AND GOOD REFRESHMENTS WILL ROUND OUT A FINE EVENING. BE SURE TO ATTEND PRAYER SERVICES FIRST, AT SEVEN-THIRTY, THE MEETING AFTERWARDS...HERE IS THE CHANCE YOU NEW MEMBERS HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR...THE CHANCE TO KNOW EVERYONE BETTER. BE SURE AND MAKE A DATE WITH YOUR "BABY SITTER" TO BE ON HAND TO TAKE CARE OF "JUNIOR". WE WANT YOU THERE!

DO YOU REMEMBER ???

by Dot Atkins

Do you remember ??? That's the way old friends spend hour after hour every time they get together. Well, it doesn't take much reminiscing to remember when the Devotional Period was that much time taken from the Sunday School lesson. It was the time for the men to get in another smoke, the women to pow-wow over high prices, sonny's cold and the length of skirts. Finally, someone would decide we'd sing a song...the men gradually filed in, and we had an impromptu program put together as best as possible. Most of us felt that this time was actually wasted, and we never seemed to know about time... the kiddies were due at 9:30, the adults at 9:45...WHY? No one seemed to know exactly. Folks meandered in and out and sat hither and yon in the Church auditorium Well, the Hallie Pope Bible Class and the George Matthis Class with their resourcefulness and vigor decided this was to be remedied. At several meetings of both classes the problem was discussed. Suggestions were made, and the Men's Bible Class called on for cooperation. Results? You've seen some already. We are gathering at 9:30 (it's true the Men's Class is usually late), preparing interesting devotional programs, sitting more as a body, and everyone feels more of an inner satisfaction as he goes to his respective class. But, it is not accomplished as a fact yet...we've only reached the first milestone, for there is still much to be done. We each one, have to be present at 9:30 sharp, do his part when called on for participation, and contribute to the utmost for individual share toward making it a REAL devotional period.

THE EDITOR WOULD LIKE TO ADD A NOTE: A GREAT DEAL MORE IN THE PAST DAY OR TWO HAS BEEN DONE, ADDING TO THE SCORE OF THIS GREAT UNDERTAKING. SINCE THIS MAGAZINE GOES TO PRESS BY MID-WEEK, THE MEETING SCHEDULED FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 7TH, WILL NOT BE REPORTED. BUT, WE KNOW THAT THE TEACHERS AND OFFICERS OF THE THREE ADULT CLASSES ARE MEETING WITH DR. HENRY CARR, OUR ADULT CLASS SUP'T. AND THAT PLANS ARE AFOOT TO STIR UP BETTER SINGING, AND EVEN MORE ENTHUSIASM FOR OUR ENTIRE DEVOTIONALS. THANK YOU, MRS. RAMSEY, FOR YOUR HELP, AS YOU HAVE BEEN ONE OF THE LEADERS IN PUSHING THIS EARLY MEETING TIME, AND BETTER PROGRAMMING.

BUSTIN' THE THERMOMETER.....by Betty Blanchard

The REDS and the BLUES are battling it out in the big game of the season. Thr first half is over and the Reds lead by a score of 3100 points to 2400 points scored by the BLUES. Coach Blanchard and her team are mighty satisfied...BUT, let's not count the BLUES out yet! This game isn't over until the whistle has blown. Coach Betts has his gang in the locker room giving them a good old pep talk, and they will come racing back into the game ready to roll, and many a game has been won in the last half.

The new members we have acquired, and the old ones that are

back will make the contest a success, and if we can keep our class coming, neither side will lose!

THE ADULT CLASSES
"Big Trees From Little Acorns"
Dr. H.C.Carr

It hasn't been so long since all of us in the Adult classes were little - both as individuals and as classes - and we might have been acorns, or nuts, at that! But we've sure done a lot of growing, bodily, so it is well to ask "What kind of trees are we making?"

Those of us who have been here since the beginning of our church, have seen these three classes be born and watched their growth with interest and enthusiasm. We have noted that as their aliveness is evidenced, the interest in the church proper is gaged. Therefore, we are a feeding station for the vacant pews in our church, and we should be a supply house for the various offices in the church and Sunday School. If we are not producing strong, sturdy and straight trees we are falling short of our spiritual commission.

Our roots are deep and well grounded - we have only to look at our three names and realize that we are branches of Big Trees. George Watts and George Matthis may be only names to some of you newer members. It is the duty of those who knew these great men to acquaint you with their Christian character so that we may grow, as classes, in a way that honors their memory. Hallie Dope, still living, is known to most of us, and is actually the chief link in holding our church together way back when it seemed impossible to carry on. With such a background as we possess and with the bright future that should be ahead, it is the privilege of these adult classes to become spreading oaks offering spiritual shade and sustenance to those who pass under the shadow of our branches. Are we as individuals doing our best to make our class the best class?

As vacation passes and winter approaches let us shed our summer apathy and put on coats of new zeal and interest that will awaken us to larger fields of service. Let us be mindful of "the stranger within our gates"; bid them a hearty welcome when they come. Let us go out together, and gather in from the four corners those who are hungering to hear God's word. Let us take inventory of our own lives and determine whether or not we are growing into Big Trees. We have the nucleus for advancing God's Kingdom. Let us be up and about our Master's Business while it is still day.

FOURTEEN! COUNT THEM!... FOURTEEN!...FOURTEEN NEW MEMBERS!

Yes, this contest is really going great. For members of our class are stepping out, visiting, calling, and bringing in friends and newcomers to Durham, as good members of our great class.

During this past month, fourteen members have been added to our class roster. May we introduce them?

Mr. and Mrs. William McCloud

Mrs. J.C.Petrea

Mr. and Mrs. O.D.Kirkland, Jr.

Mr. Joe Bell

Mr. and Mrs. J.T.Crumpacker

Mr. & Mrs. Louis Metts

Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Duncan

Miss Jeanne Chow

Miss Ruth Lowe

WELCOME TO EACH OF YOU , AND WE MEAN IT! KEEP COMING BACK, PLEASE!

"WHAT CAN WE DO AT THANKSGIVING?"

by Mary Lou Carr

Thanksgiving is the one season of the year when we should put aside all the many unimportant things in our lives and take inventory of our "Thanks Meter". That's a new word to me, but I hope it fits here...We live such a hurly burly daily existence that we take God's Bounty as something He should give to us because we are His children and we do not stop to really be thankful. I hope each one offers thanks in his heart every day...but that is not enough. We have so many blessings and so much to thank God for that we should have a season of thankful prayer daily. When we look out our windows we see buildings standing untouched by bomb and shell; the earth is green and productive with no groping holes caused by warfare; our tables and pantrys are well stocked and laden with good things; the people we see do not have that haggard worn expression that comes first from devastation, then from stark hunger; our churches are standing and calling us to come and worship...we could go on indefinitely naming things for which to be thankful. Our "Thanks Meter" ticks all the time!

What can we do at Thanksgiving?

1. Thank God that you are privileged to live and have been given the faculties for praising Him
2. Thank God that you are a unit in a home, the most blessed institution given to mankind. Pray and make your home a place worthy of the Master's Presence by living lives following His example.
3. Thank God that you live in a free country. Let us maintain that freedom by not abusing its customs and privileges.
4. Thank God that you are permitted to worship Him without fear. Be glad of your church. Go to it on every occasion; enter into its work and GIVE OF YOURSELF. Then you will GIVE of your possessions unstintingly. Add your own Thank thoughts to this list and be thankful this year as you've never been before.

I HOPE THAT YOU'LL DISCOVER THAT "THANKSMETER" IS A THOUGHT PROVOKING WORD!

MANY OF YOU WILL NOTICE THE STRIKING COVER CREATED BY ARTIST BLAKE FOR THIS MONTH. IT IS TAKEN FROM A LITHOGRAPH THAT BOB THOUGHT WAS MOST THOUGHT PROVOKING. THE ORIGINAL WAS DONE BY KAETHE KOLLWITZ .

SIR BLAKE HAS NOW MADE THE NEWSPAPERS WITH HIS ART. THIS TIME, HE HAS DESIGNED A SPECIAL POSTER TO BE USED BY THE DURHAM COMMITTEE OF PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S CITIZENS FOOD COMMITTEE. THIS POSTER IS TO BE MADE INTO CAR CARDS AND POSTERS, TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT DURHAM, AND WILL ALSO BE MAILED TO WASHINGTON. BOB IS ONE PERSON WHO IS FREE WITH HIS TALENTS TO ALL CAUSES, A LIVING EXAMPLE OF WHAT CHARLIE HAS BEEN TEACHING...Speaking of Charlie Vail, he and his cute little family went up to Hampton-Sidney this past week end to see his sister, her hubby and their new month old baby. Glad you had a nice trip Charlie! While Charlie is away...yes, we had an elegant substitute....Frances Query. She is, on the distaff side, all that Charlie is as a teacher! Thanks for doing such a grand job, and on short notice too, my lady!...Saw the Maurice Holbrooks the day they left. All was well, and goodluck to them!

During the month of October, our class paid heed to the call of Mr. Phillips, and sent packages for overseas in time for Christmas. There were six "towel" bundles and four purses, all filled to the brim with the necessities and a few luxuries to gladden someone's heart this Yuletide Season. Thanks to those who helped. Many of the ladies of our class, participated through the Ladies Auxiliary and sent purses and bundles through them.

THE MAILS SEEM TO GO ASTRAY (SOME OF OUR BACHELOR GIRLS SAY THE MALES DO THE SAME!) BUT AT LEAST TWO LETTERS MAILED TO ATTIC ANNIE HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED! WOE IS ME! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

Your class prexy had a delightful time the other evening, when she attended the business meeting and social of the Hallie Pope Class. First, there was a dinner...(don't you know she would be there if there is something to EAT?) and was it good! Then, Marian Harris Edgerton (got it right this time!) presided over their business session. Was it eye opening to hear that over FORTY visits had been made to their class members?

Mrs. Ramsay suggested that a group of interested church workers form a visitation committee to meet at regular intervals with those members of our church, who are ill, or unable to attend services. Dr. Chalmers suggested that he and several of the Elders take Communion with them also. We believe this is one of the finest ideas ever brought forth in our church. Good luck to all you ladies and to your class.

WE ARE GLAD TO LEARN THAT LILLIAM MORTON'S LITTLE GIRL IS MUCH BETTER, AFTER HER ACCIDENT THE OTHER SATURDAY.DID YOU KNOW THAT HILDUR BLANKE'S FATHER IS QUITE AN EXPERT PIANIST, HAVING PLAYED FOR YEARS WITH MANY FAMOUS BANDS?....DID YOU KNOW THAT BUCK KIRKLAND, PRESIDENT OF THE MEN'S CLASS, TOLD WIFIE HELON, THAT HE WOULD GLADLY EAT DONUTS AND COFFEE FOR BREAKFAST, IF SHE WOULD COME TO OUR CLASS? THAT'S REAL COOPERATION FOR YOU! THANKS BUCK, AND IF YOU WILL REPEAT THE SAME THING NEXT SUNDAY, WE'LL BE GLAD TO SEND YOU ALL THE DONUTS YOU CAN EAT!...F.J. CAN TESTIFY TO THIS "MEATLESS TUESDAY" BIZ. THREE INCHES OFF YOUR HIPS, GIRLS! THAT'S WHAT IT WILL DO FOR YOU!...(NOW I KNOW THE CAMPAIGN WILL BE A SUCCESS!....HOW ABOUT EACH OF US PREPARING A BOX WITHIN A WEEK TO BE SENT TO THE NELSONS? LET'S SHOW THEM WE CAN SHARE CHRISTMAS ACROSS THE SEAS!...SPEAKING OF THE HOLBROOKS, YOU SHOULD SEE THE CUTE BABY DRESS THAT YOUNG DAUGHTER WILL BE CHRISTENED IN..ALL SHEER BATISTE AND LACE. YOU SEE, IT WAS MAURICE'S. DON'T YOU KNOW HE WAS A PRETTY BABY?....PETE PETREA HAS AGAIN BEEN ON ANOTHER JAUNT. THIS TIME TO CINCINNATI...DOT ATKINS WILL BE RATHER FREE AFTER THE EIGHTEENTH...THEY HAVE THEIR EXAMS AT U.N.C.THEN...ASK HELEN C. WHY THE DELEGATION LAST MONTH AT THE FIRST CHURCH WAS SHORT TWO LADIES ONE EVENING. IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH A CERTAIN MOVIE. SHAME ON YOU HELEN!....DID YOU KNOW THAT TESSIE AND TYREE ARE HAVING A NEW ADDITION?....ON THEIR STORE, I MEAN!....WHAT HAPPENED TO LIB ROGERS BOY FRIEND? DID THEIR ROMANCE GO PHPPT AND HE DROP OUT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL JUST TO SPITE HER?....MAYTON AND MAUDE HAD A NICE BUT SHORT AND VERY RAINY VACATION TO FLORIDA LAST WEEK END. MAYBE THEY GOT FLORIDA MIXED UP AND SAW CALIFORNIA INSTEAD...HERE IS A TIP FOR BOTH TEAMS. TRY CALLING DR. WATSON (WITH DR. LONDON) AS

BOTH HE AND HIS WIFE AND YOUNG DAUGHTER SHOULD ALL BE ENROLLED IN OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL. THANK MRS. RAMSEY FOR THE TIP. NOW, GET TO WORK! MORE INCENTIVE FOR OTHERS TO JOIN US ON PUBLICATION NIGHT...MARIAN KIMES DOESN'T KNOW IT YET, BUT PAUL SAID SHE WOULD PREPARE ANOTHER CAKE OR SOME TYPE OF GOOD REFRESHMENTS FOR THOSE WHO RUN THIS ISSUE OFF THE MIMEOGRAPH! AND CAN MARIAN COOK, FIRST THING WE KNOW, WE WILL ALL BE AS FAT AS PAUL!...WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THE SIMPSONS? THEY COME ONCE IN A WHILE, BUT RECENTLY THEY HAVE BEEN ABSENT...THANK HEAVENS THAT AGNES GOSWICK CAME BACK TO CLASS, WE BEGAN TO THINK THAT SHE DIDN'T LIKE US ANYMORE....CAN YOU IMAGINE DOT ATKINS NOT PAYING HER BILLS? WELL, SHE OWED MR. WHITE FIFTEEN CENTS FOR THREE WEEKS. HE FINALLY CAUGHT UP WITH HER....CAN ANYONE FIND ANY SMALL RED AND BLUE STICKERS? WE NEED THEM BADLY FOR OUR CHART SHOWING THE ATTENDANCE OF EACH CLASS MEMBER, AND WE CANNOT FIND ANY IN TOWN.....HAVE YOU NOTICED HOW MUCH MARY MAC HAS REDUCED? LOOKS GOOD, DOESN'T SHE? IONE LONG, MARGARET DICKERSON AND AT LEAST ONE OTHER PERSON, WHOSE NAME SLIPS YE EDITORS MIND AT PRESENT, HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO TYPE THE STENCILS FOR OUR CLASS PLAY TO BE GIVEN DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON. HERE'S A TIP FOR THE PARENTS AND THE KIDDIES TOO...THE REAL, OLD SURE ENOUGH SANTA CLAUS WILL BE PRESENT AT OUR "FAMILY NIGHT" PARTY. HE'LL HAVE PLENTY OF GOODIES FOR THE TOTS. MORE ABOUT THIS NEXT MONTH...IF THE MEN OF OUR CHURCH WERE AS PROUD OF THEIR NEW TIES AS THE LADIES ARE OF THEIR NEW FALL HATS, PERHAPS THE MEN WOULD FILL UP THE FRONT PEWS TOO.THIS IS ALL THE GOSSIP YOUR EDITOR KNOWS, ANYWAY LOUISE JOHNSON WAS SUPPOSED TO WRITE THIS CODUMN.

(*SOME MONTHS AGO, YOUR CLASS PRESIDENT FELT THE NEED OF ACQUAINTING THE MEMBERS OF OUR CLASS WITH THE MAN WHOSE IDEALS CREATED THE "YOUNG ADULT CLASS" AT TRINITY AVENUE. SO MANY OF US NEVER HAD THE JOY OF KNOWING HIM, AND OFTEN TIMES HAVE ASKED FOR WHOM THE CLASS IS NAMED. AT THAT TIME, ANDY OLDHAM WAS APPOINTED TO WRITE A STORY ON REVEREND MATTHIS. ANDY HAS SPENT MUCH TIME AND THOUGH, HAS DONE A GREAT DEAL OF RESEARCH, AND WE APPRECIATE THE FOLLOWING STORY, WHICH HE COMPLETED WHILE AT BUIE'S CREEK.)

GEORGE McINTOSH MATTHIS

George M. Matthis was noted for his own calm, even-tempered personality. Never was there an individual who could say the strongest things by the flash of an eye as easily as could he. On occasion he could be stern, yet in his stern-ness there was a quality of gentleness that upheld the right to command. He was a well-read man, and a fluent speaker. In his many years as minister to the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, one seldom saw him at a "loss for a word." He usually had the right word for every occasion, and every word had a purpose - he was not given to "vain repetitions and meaningless babblings." Mr. Matthis was sympathetic toward the sick and gentle and considerate of the bereaved. He had that uncanny gift of saying much by a look, a squeeze of the hand, and a nod. In his visits to the hospital, he could relate all the latest news of the day, or he could sit quietly by and not say a word. At the grave-side of a loyal member he uttered the simplest prayer and sent all those who mourned there on their way with a sense of calm and peace that destroyed all doubt and rebellion. At the marriage altar he expressed the highest hope and assurance of the couple standing before him.

George M. Matthis was born in Sampson County - near Clinton,

N.C. - on October 12, 1871 . He attended Davidson College and Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Virginia. He served pastorates in Culpepper, Va., and Texarkana, Texas. From the latter pastorate he was forced to resign because of ill-health and returned home - to Clinton, N.C. ...He was not content to remain idle, now was the church in Clinton content to permit him to do so. He soon accepted the call to the Clinton Presbyterian Church and served that congregation for approximately seventeen years.

In the summer of 1930 the Reverend George L. Cooper resigned as Minister of Trinity Avenue Church and in November of that same year, Mr. Matthis accepted the call which the church had extended him. From then onward the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church has known active and interested growth. It may truly be said that Rev. George Matthis awakened in this congregation a zeal for active work in the Master's Vineyard. Following his death on July 6, 1939, the question of someone to fill Mr. Matthis place was prominent. There was one statement made then that indicates the type of ministry his had been. Someone said "We can never find anyone to fill Mr. Matthis' place. We'll have to be satisfied with finding a successor to him."

The best description of the esteem in which Mr. Matthis was held by the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian congregation, is expressed in a memorial that was presented to Mrs. Matthis.

"GEORGE McINTOSH MATTHIS

- valiant apostle of a message of new life through Christ;
- willing servant of the ideals of the cross;
- anxious student of the time in which he lived;
- brilliant scholar of the revealed word of God;
- conscientious and courageous interpreter of the Truth;
- neighbor of the finest type to all men everywhere;
- citizen who realized his duties and his opportunities;
- socially minded laborer for the good of the whole society;
- ardent supporter of righteous causes in the community;
- active participant in worthy civic enterprises;
- warm-hearted friend to every man in need;
- understanding counsellor to those perplexed in life;
- sympathetic in grief and woe to those sorely stricken;
- epitome of the godliness of man living after Christ;
- noble under-shepherd of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church for nine years....."

WE ARE SORRY TO LEARN THAT MRS. OSCAR BOWDEN FELL MONDAY AFTERNOON AND BROKE HER WRIST. HOPERE'S HOPING THAT BY NOW, SHE FEELS MUCH BETTER, AND THAT HE ARM WILL SOON BE WELL.

ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SPECIAL ARTICLE INCLUDED IN OUR NEXT ISSUE OF "ATTIC ANTICS" PLEASE CONTACT THE EDITOR WITH THE NEXT WEEK. ANYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROJECT, AND WE PARTICULARLY DESIRE MORE NEWS FROM OTHER CLASSES OF OUR CHURCH.

DID YOU NOTICE IN THE DURHAM SUN, THE SHORT ARITCLE LAST MONDAY EVENING TO THE EFFECT THAT PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY. THE YOUNG PEOPLE, ARE BECOMMING MORE CHRISTIAN AND MORE SPIRITUALLY MINDED?

"THIRTY DAYS HATH SEPTEMBER..."

Dear Attic Annie:

The other day some one asked me, "What does a minister do all day long? Since I keep a sort of diary of each day's activities, it isn't difficult to tabulate that part of the job which can be expressed in statistics. For example, a summary of September's work reveals that during the month your minister made seventy hospital visits; seventy-one visits to homes and offices; held thirty office conferences on special problems; conducted two funerals; NO weddings (something WRONG here!!!), attended meetings of Synod, Presbytery, and Granville's Committee on Religious Education, as well as regular church meetings, such as Elders, Deacons, Auxiliary and Sunday School teachers.

Every hour I could spare was spent in the study in preparation for the four Sunday morning sermons, three Sunday School lessons, and in the mid-week Bible studies.

There was a two day retreat with the Young People's Council at Crabtree Park, a vesper talk to Duke Nurses, a talk to the women of Orange Presbyterial, and one to the Directors of Religious Education of the Synod of North Carolina. The Senior and Pioneer groups of our church were entertained at the Manse, and also the Presbyterian freshmen of Duke.

I did get in one movie and cheered for Duke at the State game.

I wish I could have done more...but, there are only 30 days in September! and besides, I have already run over the Editor's limit on space in this Anniversary Issue.

With every good wish and prayer for you and the class as you enter a new year, I am,

Yours in Christian Service,
Dwight M. Chalmers

Mrs. Bob King Reports for the
Hallie Pope Class

On Thursday, October 17th, the Hallie Pope Bible Class held a delightful supper meeting at the church. The simple menu was pleasingly planned and deliciously prepared. The committee in charge was made up of Mrs. A.J.Fargo, Mrs. C.L.Wooten, Mrs. C.F.Carty, Mrs. J.B.Ramsay and Mrs. George Kirkland.

During the supper hour a time of fellowsip was enjoyed by the class with their guests; Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Chalmers, and their guest from Charlottesville, Miss Thompson; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Carr, Mr. P.P.Phillips and Mrs. Frank Jarman.

A business meeting followed, during which a discussion was entertained concerning the Adult S.S.Devotional Hour. Frances Jarman gave us several constructive ideas (we made her sing for her supper) ...Mrs. Ramsay made a plea for help with the Christmas toys for the Crossnore Orphanage. Groups are now meeting at the Lyceum to cut and sew these toys. If you have any spare time, please call me, and we can put you to work. Also, any scraps of material will be put to good use. It was also urged that the class contribute children's garments and attractively filled pocketbooks for Christmas gifts for the European needy.

An active interest has been exhibited by the class as a whole in our Bible study emphasis; it was stressed that each member keep up the good work and interest others in it. A total of fifty or more calls in connection with Rally Day was reported. Due to this wholesome response to the needs of the Sunday School, Dr. Chalmers and Mrs. Ramsay requested the class take over the home visitation program of the Sunday School. The class enthusiastically agreed to accept this challenge. Mrs. Godfrey is to be the new secretary for this work. Her telephone number is J-2212 in case any of you might wish to contact her about visitation work.

A social hour followed, during which a program of games quizzing us on our Biblical knowledge was presented by Marian Harris, (pardon me, she is now Mrs. Jimmy Edgerton)...There were some outstanding records made in these games. Top honors went to Mrs. Godfrey, with Mrs. Chalmers running her a close second.

The meeting was adjourned with the singing of "Abide With Me" and with repetition of the Mizpah Benediction.

Tuesday evening at the opera "Madama Butterfly", the Rev. Kelsey Regen of the First Presbyterian Church met Frank Jarman outside. Both recalled the star of the opera, Jon Crain (remembered as John Crowe) had sung in the choir of the First Church, and also several times, appeared as soloist at our own Trinity Avenue Church. So... Mr. Regen and Mr. J. meandered around backstage and had a nice chat with John. He asked to be remembered to all of his friends here at Trinity Avenue.

COMING SOON! ! * ONE DAY ONLY * DECEMBER 14TH
REUNION AT CHRISTMAS

BY

ADA GARDNER

Presented by The George Matthis Bible Class

STARRING : AGNES SKILLEN, GURNEY BLANCHARD, ROBERT BLAKE, DOROTHY ATKINS, ELIZABETH ROGERS, PAUL KIMES, BETTY BLANCHARD AND BEE LEMEN

DIRECTOR : BEE LEMEN

TECHNICAL DIRECTOR: BOB BLAKE

SANTA CLAUS WILL ALSO COME IN THAT NIGHT IN A COLORFUL PRESENTATION OF "THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS".

COME EARLY IN ORDER TO BE SURE OF A SEAT.

Do you know what I've enjoyed most about "Attic Antics"? The fun of a group of folks WORKING TOGETHER. And it has been fun because each person has enjoyed his or her work, and has worked with enthusiasm. I hope that in the year ahead more and more of the same spirit may pervade more and more of the activities of our church. And I think I came across something in my reading the other day that is the secret of an-even-better year ahead for all:

"THE GLAD ANSWER OF THE HEART TO THE FACT OF GOD'S LOVE OUGHT TO BEGET IN US THAT STEADY ENTHUSIASM WHICH IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS IN CHRISTIAN WORK..."

This was taken from "The Christian's Religion" by

Rickard L. Ownbey.

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