

# Attic Antics

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## CHURCH NIGHT QUIZ

Do you know if there is a prayer meeting held at Trinity Avenue Church every Wednesday night?

Do you know if there is a fellowship supper before prayer meeting?

Do you know how many laymen of your church can capably lead a prayer service?

Do you enjoy singing the old familiar hymns?

Would you like to know your Christian friends of the Church better?

Do you know if there is a nursery for children during prayer service?

Answers to the above questions can be found by bringing your sandwiches and being at the church on Wednesday evening at 6:15.

- - Pete Petrea

## FUN FOR ALL

The officers and teachers of the adult Sunday School Department met at Dr. Henry Carr's home Friday night April 16 to formulate and discuss plans to promote interest in the Sunday School. Several different ideas were discussed. The final decision was a series of socials with the George Matthis Class sponsoring the first one sometime next month. You will hear plenty about it in the next two or three weeks as plans are being made by the Class for a swell evening of entertainment and fun.

- - Mayton Betts

## STOP, LOOK AND LISTEN-- SOMETHING NEW IS ADDED

Mothers, fathers, parents all--if you have a child in our Sunday School, age 6-12, be sure that he, she or they see the last page of this issue and enter the exciting new contest that begins with this issue. This is the beginning of a new feature in the capable hands of Frances Jarman--a children's page. Please send us your comments and suggestions for future plans so that we can create the lively and active interest of our children in our paper. And let us know your child's reaction to this new feature--we want and urge all suggestions.



## CALLING ALL CHILDREN, AGES 6-12

For the months of May and June, ATTIC ANTICS PRESENTS an innovation--a CHILDREN'S PAGE. This page is to stimulate circulation and readership throughout the entire church. Basing its program upon the Primary and Junior Presbyterian lessons, it hopes to stimulate an interest in Sunday School lesson study. Simple, easy and within the capabilities of this age group, each child will be able to participate and do his best in this contest.

### THESE ARE THE RULES:

- (1) Any child enrolled in the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church, ages 6-12 (Primary through Junior Department) may enter.
- (2) Contest will appear on Children's page of ATTIC ANTICS during May and June.
- (3) All entries must be sent to the Editor of Attic Antics at 1700 West Markham Avenue, not later than midnight June 13.
- (4) Cut out and color characters presented in contest and fill in blanks in the story from Bible references.
- (5) Neatness and originality of presentation as well as completed series will be the basis of judging.
- (6) Judges are:  
Miss Mary Catherine McCormick  
Mr. P. P. Phillips  
Mr. R. L. Blake.
- (7) A first, second and honorable mention prizes will be awarded the three top winners.
- (8) Prizes will be awarded at the Morning Assembly on Sunday, June 20.

EVERY CHILD IN OUR PRIMARY AND JUNIOR DEPARTMENTS SHOULD ENTER  
THIS EXCITING CONTEST!!!!



## OUR CHOIR

Isn't it wonderful? Not because a member is writing this, but because it is true. Plenty of the members have been knocked out by colds lately. That was not a sob or sigh that was heard the morning of the 18th of April. It was our beloved Agnes Skillen (SNIFF to you.). Her Kleenex ran out. Mrs. Noell and Gurney Blanchard and--oh I don't know how many have been out! It has always been a plea, cry, or whatever you want to call it to get new members in the choir.

This Gal, Agnes, is really on the ball; she is the stuff, and besides that, she is good. She may run around the rostrum and stamp her feet and disturb anything else that is in progress at the time, but she usually gets what she wants out of the choir(at practice anyway.).

Once in awhile we all get together after practice for cake and cokes. Just a little time to get better acquainted and have a bull session.

On the night of April 15 we had a very distinguished visitor. Mrs. Daniels, the composer of several of our anthems, was with us. Some of the choir members were fortunate enough to get autographed copies of one of her latest editions. Now you see what some of you, who can sing and won't, are missing by not getting out for an hour or so on Thursday nights?

We are not professionals but just a group who get together and try to furnish one of the most important parts of the church service. What would it be like to enter church some Sunday morning and find that there was no choir, or anyone to help get the congregation in a worshipful mood through singing? This all important part must be carried by a few members who can and will give a little time. We know that there are members of our church who sit "out front" on Sunday morning, that really should be in the choir. It causes one to do a little extra thinking when you can point out as many as ten people that should be in the choir.

Take this note for what it is worth. If you can, come on out on Thursday nights and let's continue to have one of the best choirs in Durham.

Paul Kimes

Dear Class Members:

This is our first issue since Attic Annie decided to retire to the attic for a breathing spell, and it's up to each of us to carry on the grand job she did on ATTIC ANTICS for nearly two years. This project is our project--not the work of one, or even of several members, but the product of our class, and as such, it is up to each member to contribute his share to the publication of ATTIC ANTICS.

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It was disappointing at the onset of this publication to see how little interest many members showed in this month's plans, but it was gratifying to hear "Yes, I will," from some members when they were asked to contribute. It was even more gratifying when the zero hour was almost at hand to see how many of our folks came through with material.

This is a plea to each member of the class and to members of the church that you do your part to keep this paper the same ATTIC ANTICS to which we've looked forward for so many months. It's a tremendous job, and I need all the help and backing you folks will give me.

And I don't believe you will let me down.

Sincerely yours,

Attic Anxious.

#### VERNON JOHNSON REPORTS THAT:

In this series of articles about people in our church whom we all want to know better, we have chosen to write about our genial Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Preson P. Phillips, Sr.

Mr. Phillips was born on February 2, 1893 at Hampton, Virginia. After graduating from Hampton High School in 1910, he went to VPI where he received a B. S. Degree in Civil Engineering. Following a year surveying coal properties in Kentucky, he opened his own C. E. offices in Hampton. He entered the Army in 1916 and served on the Mexican Border and in Europe until 1918. Returning to the States, he worked with the Engineering Department of the City of Norfolk, Va. In 1922 he moved to Durham where he held the position of Designing Engineer with the Gilbert C. White Co., until 1933 when he went into the insurance business.

On December 22, 1921 Mr. Phillips was married to Miss Elizabeth Jones from near Oxford, N. C. They have one son, Preson, Jr. who is now assistant Pastor in the First Presbyterian Church of Florence, S.C.

The Phillips' make their home at 905 Dacian Avenue where they are always glad to have "company", particularly their fellow-members of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church.

#### A PLEA FROM THE CLASS LIBRARIAN

We would like very much to build up a small collection of selected books for the use of the adult members of the Sunday School. In order to do this, we need: first, books; second, a place to put said books; and third, people who will borrow these books.

A growing, not a static, collection is desired. Some old books, some new; some classics and some modern titles. We think it would be nice to have a varied selection. To have books not only in the field of religion, but in related fields. This writer feels that

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some titles dealing with these troubled times would not be out of order. Something pertaining to the economic, social, political, etc. worries of the world would certainly be of benefit to all of us. What do you think?

Now as to a place. The room where those medical samples are is the one in which the few books we have are shelved. We hope that the negotiations now in process to dispose of this material in a useful manner will be successful and that this room can be put in order for housing our collection.

There is no use in having these books if they are not going to be read. So it is urged that books be donated (a "want" list can be put in ATTIC ANTICS if you would like suggestions) and that the books be borrowed.

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CLASS MEETING - - by JIMMY MARTIN

Those of you who were not present here at the church on Wednesday night April 14 (and I might say there were only eighteen members of the George Matthis Class present) missed out three ways. First, the Fellowship Supper--those of us who have gone to any of these suppers know what we are missing when we don't attend. Then the prayer meeting - our own Bob Blake was in charge, and all of us present really did enjoy his talk. Aside from giving us something to think about in his talk, Bob's selection of songs just couldn't be beat. Tyree says he will have to stop calling Bob "Squire" and call him "reverend" from now on.

Then, of course, those absent missed our class meeting. Had you forgotten that it was the first class meeting at which our new president was to preside? We could tell from the first time that he's going to be a good one; but we knew that before we put him in office. Let's remember to back him up with attendance at our next meeting as well as at Sunday School each Sunday morning.

It seems that the class is having difficulty getting the medical supplies in the right hands. It was decided to write the Foreign Mission Board to see if they could help or suggest a way to dispose of them.

There were some duties which had to be assigned. Some volunteered for these duties, but not enough--so--President Blanchard just gave a few people jobs anyway.

When the treasurer's report was given, the members decided we had enough money to give another party. So, one of these days in June, we all may be headed out towards Perry's Pond. Each member will bring a picnic basket. Vernon Johnson is looking into the matter of getting the cabin. We'll hear more about this later.

I think this covers our class meeting, but let's try to run our attendance figure up real high next time. We enjoy these meetings, so mark your calendars now.



HAVE YOU HEARD THAT----- by Tyree Woods.

Buck and Helon Kirkland went to Florida last week? Helon carried her alarm clock, --said she was afraid the porter would forget to call them! ---- Tyree Woods, Perry Sloan, Dr. Dan Carr, and Dr. Kirkland went to Red Springs to hear a preacher the other Sunday--ask them what they did Sunday afternoon!! ----Buck Kirkland should have charge of the music at Sunday School - he came up with a fine quartet last Sunday morning.

Tobe Shaw is a big shot now...she is manager of the Fidelity Bank at North Durham. If you need any money, see Tobe....Mayton Betts is now sporting a new car...with all the extras! and Tyree's is not old by any means...

Will somebody PLEASE call Dot Atkins at 7 o'clock Sunday morning so she will be ready to go to S.S. on time... Wonder what has happened to Miss Long and Miss Rogers? They haven't been to S.S. in several weeks...are they boy-hunting on Sunday mornings now!!

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ANNOUNCING TRINITY AVENUE'S SUMMER BIBLE SCHOOL by Mary C. McCormick.

June 14 through 25th - Money through Friday mornings each week - 9:00 - 11:30 --ages 4 thorough 14.

Four Departments: Beginner, Primary, Junior and Pioneer.

Watch the Church bulletin for further announcements about courses, teachers, and other details of our School. Last year our total enrollment for ninety-six. We want the Bible School to be at least that well attended this year. PLAN NOW to keep open June 14-25 for Daily Vacation Bible School.

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Are you interested in some other activities our Young People will be enjoying this summer?

Seniors will go to Conference at Pease College June 14 - 19.

Pioneers will go to Camp at Crabtree State Park June 7 - 12.  
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CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK, MAY 2nd through 9th - by Mary C. McCormick.

Theme, "CHRIST, THE CENTER OF HOME LIFE"

Plans were started for observance of Family Week at Dept. Officer's meeting at Dr. Carr's. Following up the suggestions made there, Charlie has planned his S.S. lesson for May 2nd around this theme. It would be a wonderful "observance" to have every home in the class TRY to have family worship each day, May 2 - 9. Sunday the 9th could be time to share together experiences in trying with out. Even ask one another for practical help if you encountered any difficulties.

Could the June issue of Attic Antics carry the number of homes in our Church that do have Family Worship? If your home does not already have this custom, this is the time when your Church offers you special help in starting it. Watch Monday's mail for the pamphlet "Family Prayers", a copy is being mailed to every Trinity Ave. home....For practical help, use DAY BY DAY available in vestibule of Church, and books on display that are available either at Thomas' Book store or Pres. Book Store in Richmond.



THE PRIMARY DEPARTMENT by Mrs. Claudius P. Jones, Supt.

Spring is a wonderful season of the year, and everything is "buzzing" in our Department. We are making a book of stories, of the Life of Jesus. The children have enjoyed choosing the pictures and telling the stories we are going to write.

Through the month of May, we will study "My Family Needs My Help", planning a family worship service, suitable graces for use at the family table, some bedtime prayers, as well as a simple service for the whole family may be planned as the child's part in his family's devotions.

Regular attendance and cooperation between the home and church will make our teaching more effective.

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WINTER WONDERLAND by Tyree Woods.

At a joint meeting of the Elders and Deacons last week, it was voted to install a new oil furnace for the Sunday School. The cost of the furnace will be approximately \$2500.00. After some discussion it was voted to raise the money from the members of the Church. A committee was appointed from the Board of Deacons and Elders to solicit funds. Let's all have a part in installing this new furnace. Some of the members have already given, have you? Think it over and GIVE ALL YOU CAN for this project.

Work has already begun on the furnace so that the children of our Church will have a good warm Sunday School next winter. Let's all work together for a better Sunday School.

Last Sunday morning the Men's Bible Class voted to donate \$100.00 toward the furnace. Let's really make it a cooperative project and all contribute!

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THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL by Gurney R. Blanchard, Jr.

The Leadership Training School was held during the weeks of April 19th through the 23rd at Trinity Methodist Church. There were 250 students enrolled for the courses and 20 of those were from our Church.

All the subjects were very interesting, and everyone that attended feels that their time was well spent. There were 111 persons who received credit for having satisfactorily completed the work outlines in one of the six courses offered.

Those enrolled from Trinity Ave. were: Mrs. Frank H. Barbour, Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Blanchard, Mrs. Bob Blake, Mrs. H. C. Bowden, Mrs. Harry Boyd., Mrs. P. M. Bussell, Mrs. M. D. Clark, Mrs. A. L. Foster, Mr. Vernon Johnson, Mrs. Lela Jones, Mrs. Bob King, Mrs. Louis Metz, Mrs. Geo. Miller, Mary C. McCormick, P.P. Phillips, Mrs. Frank G. Satterfield, Sr., Mrs. George White, Mrs. E. D. Williams, and Mrs. C. L. Wooten.



## THE PATTY AND PETE CONTEST

Fill in the blanks of the story of "PATTY AND PETE". Then on the next page, cut out Patty and Pete and color them. Mount them on heavy cardboard, or dress as paper dolls, or paste in a notebook with the story.... Use in any way you wish. The winner of the contest will be the one with the most ORIGINAL AND NEATEST use of dolls and story. WIN ONE OF THE THREE BIG PRIZES! JOIN THE PATTY AND PETE CONTEST NOW!

Patty and Pete were brother and sister, who, with their mother and Daddy, attended the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. There, they learned songs, prayers and lessons. Often times though, they forgot that "Church things" could happen anywhere, anytime. They did not always recall that they could do the things that they had been taught.

Patty and Pete had learned memory verses. Pete was in the Junior Department, and he learned: \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 133:1), and Patty learned a verse that meant the same thing. It was \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 68:6a), and both the next Sunday had memorized \_\_\_\_\_ (Proverbs 20:11-12).

One bright Spring afternoon, Mrs. Presbyterian called Patty to please come set the table. Patty was playing happily in the back yard, and pretended that she didn't hear her mother call. Then, a little voice deep down inside Patty reminded her of the lessons she had learned. She knew her mother had called and remembered another memory verse, \_\_\_\_\_ (John 13:17), and just thinking about it made her jump up and rush to help her mother.

It seemed to Pete that everyone was doing his best to keep him from playing ball with the boys on the vacant lot. "Bring in the paper!" "Will you please bring me a bottle of milk?" "Go to the store for me, please, Pete!" It was always someone asking that he help. "GOSH!" he said in despair. Then it was Patty's turn to remind Pete of some mighty good lessons he had learned. She reminded him of many boys of the Bible who had helped their parents. "Why Jesus worked in his father's carpentry shop, and Paul helped his uncle...and David tended his father's sheep and did terribly HARD errands for such a small boy!" Pete grinned and tucked his head. "Yeah...and your memory verse for this next Sunday is \_\_\_\_\_ (Luke 2:52), guess I should think about that more. Huh...looks like what you do to help others, always seems to help you, yourself!" he said.

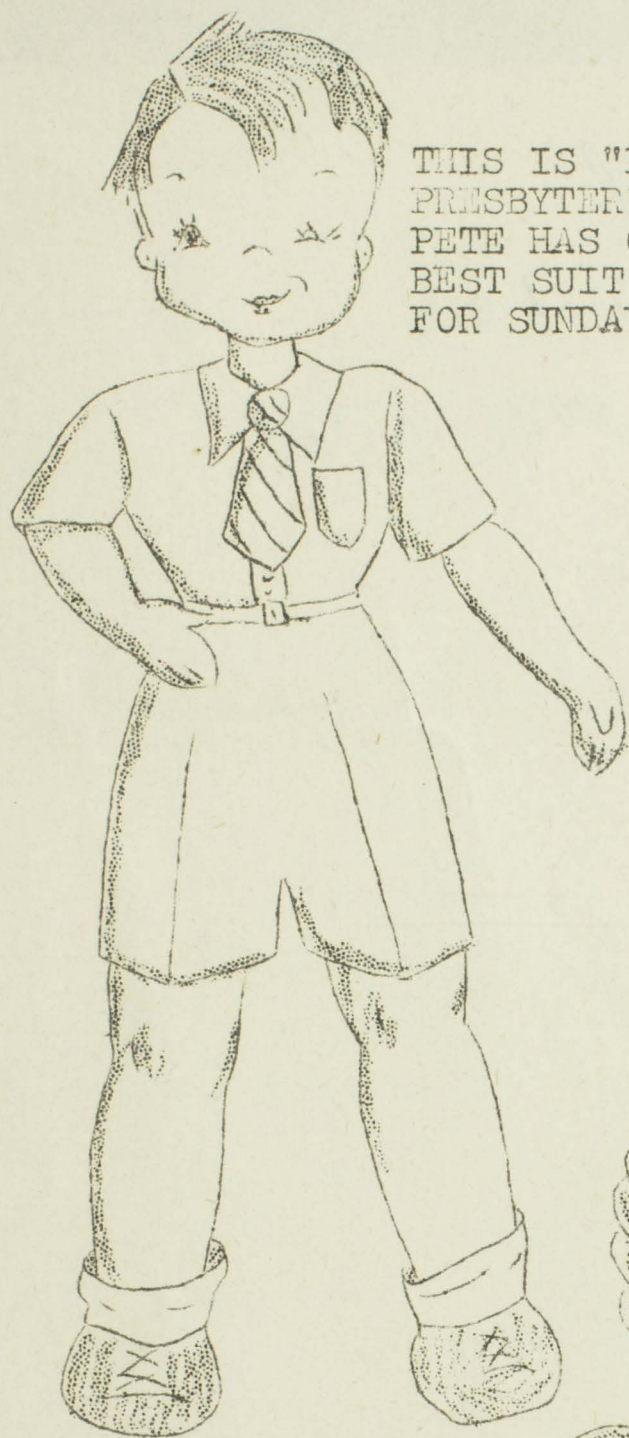
"Of course it does, silly!" responded Patty, "So let's get all our chores done, get our Sunday School lessons and..."

Pete broke in on Patty's last words with, "And then we'll have more time to play!"

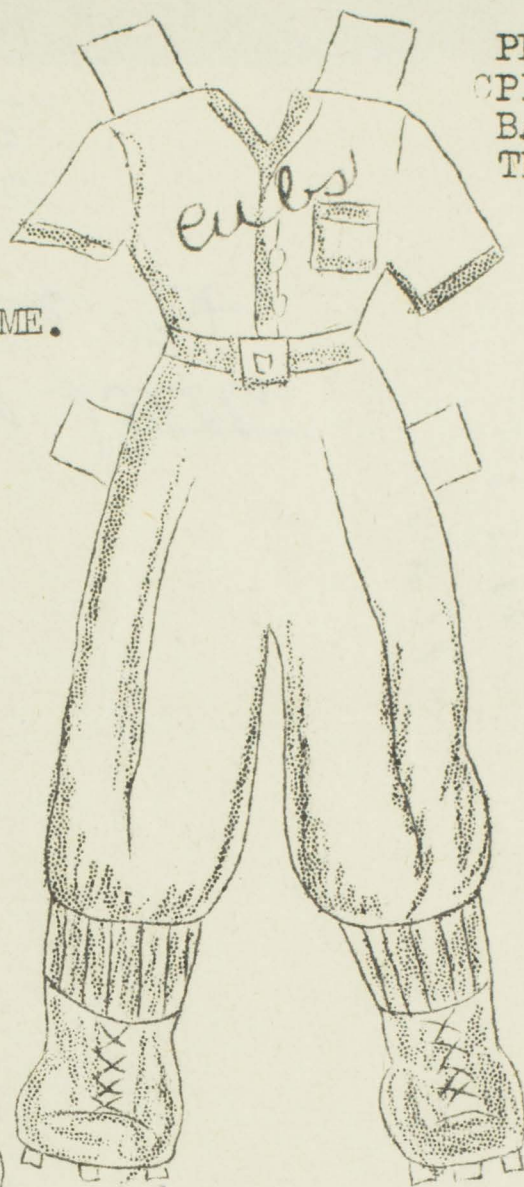
That night when Mr. and Mrs. Presbyterian, Patty and Pete had gathered for their Family Worship, Mrs. Presbyterian recalled the many things that they had learned, and they were all so glad that they had actually DONE the things they learned in Sunday School and church..... and they had done them even during the week days!

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU COULD BE PATTY OR PETE ? TRY IT!





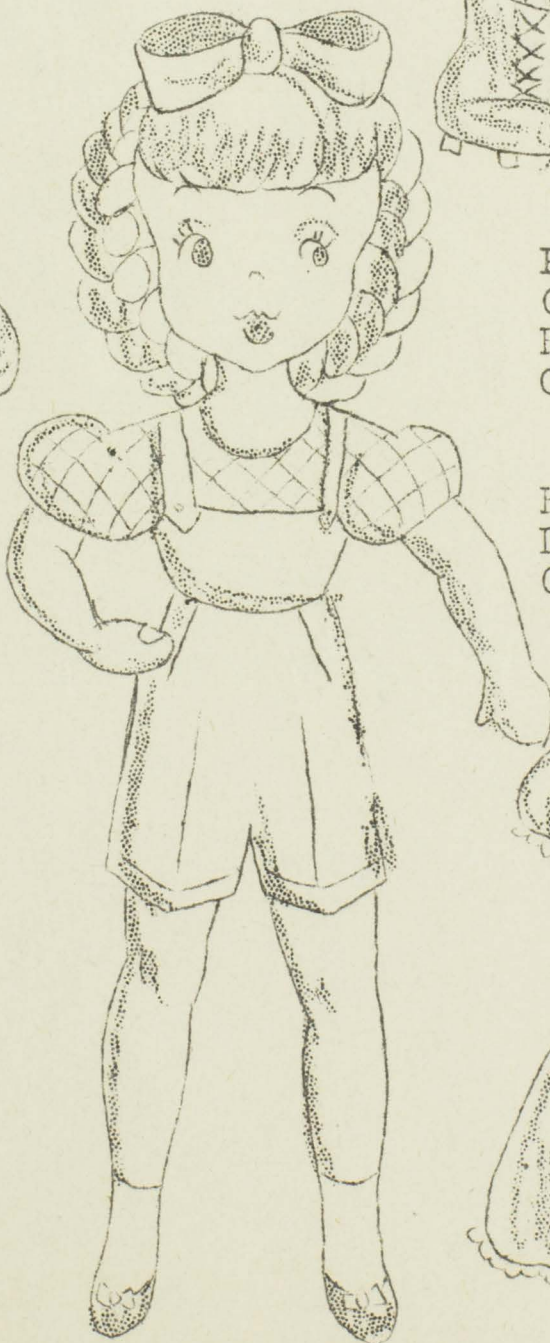
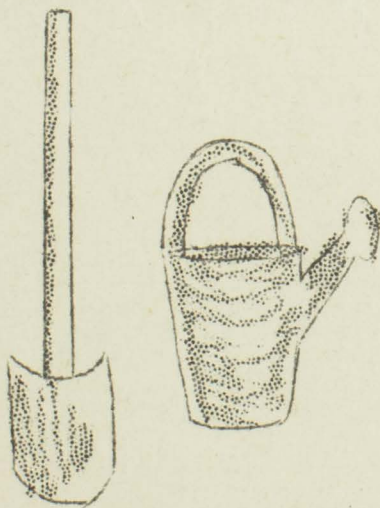
THIS IS "PETE  
PRESBYTERIAN."  
PETE HAS ON HIS  
BEST SUIT AND IS READY  
FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL ON TIME.



PETE  
PLAYS  
BALL WITH  
THE CUBS.



HERE IS THE SHOVEL  
AND WATERING POT THAT  
PATTY USES IN THE  
GARDEN .



PATTY IS WEARING HER  
OVERALLS , AND WILL HELP  
HER MOTHER WEED THE  
GARDEN.

HERE IS PATTY'S SUNDAY  
DRESS, SHE HAS DONE HER  
CONTEST AND WILL SAVE IT  
UNTIL NEXT MONTH, AND  
THEN SEND IT IN...



PATTY AND  
PETE  
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