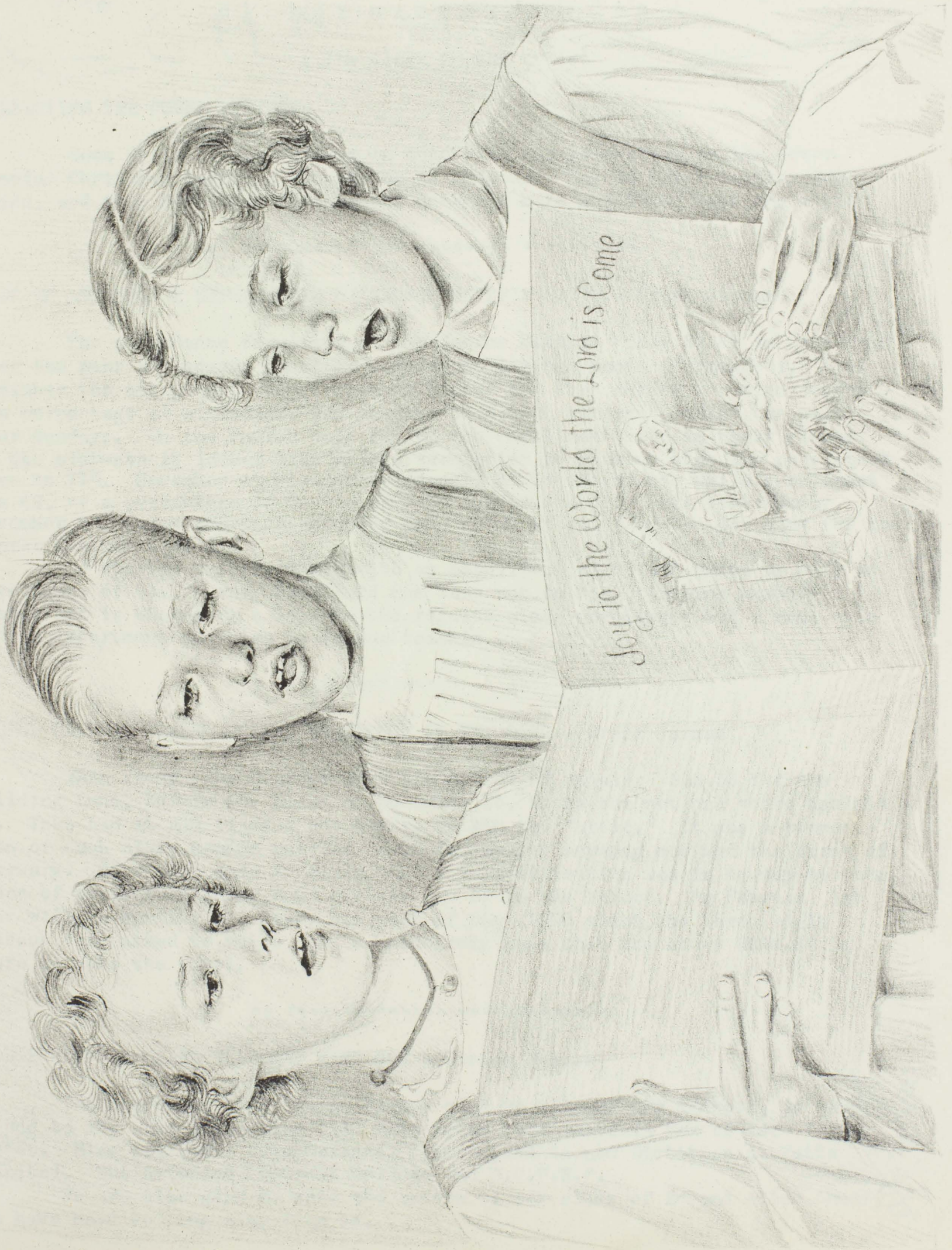


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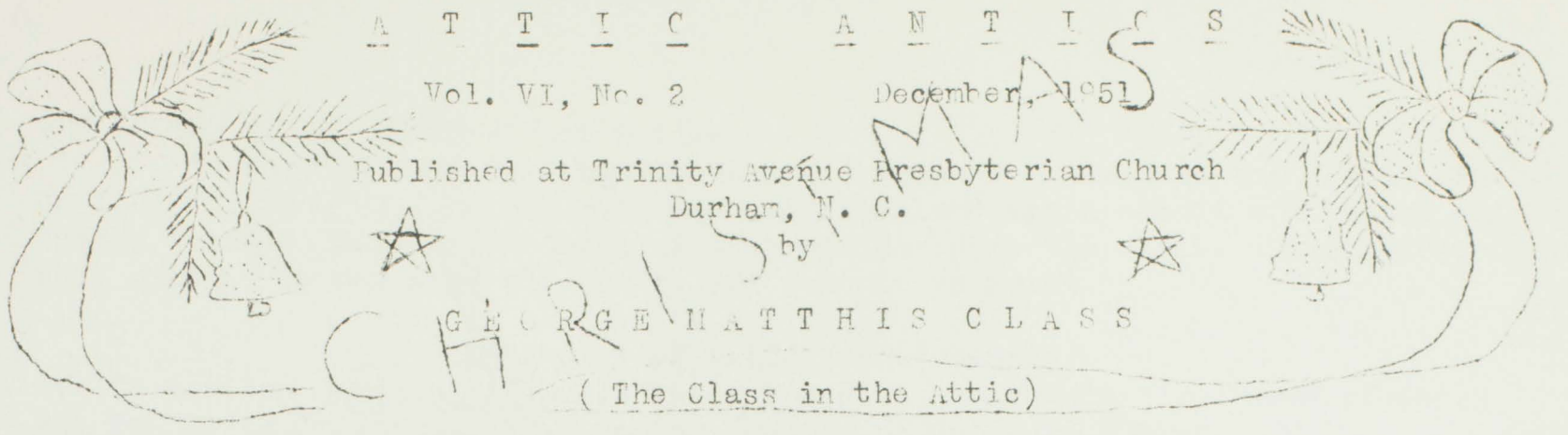


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GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS

(The Class in the Attic)



PRESENTING THE COVER PICTURE

Soon we'll all be falling in tune with our youngsters on the cover singing Christmas Carols. The season is upon us. May it bring lasting joy, peace, and true happiness to each and everyone here and throughout the world.

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DROP IN ATTENDANCE EXPERIENCED BY GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS - Frank Jarman

The attendance committee of the George Matthis Bible Class is concerned over the poor attendance by class members during the month of November. Last November the attendance record was much higher and even during vacation months the percentage of attendance was greater than that recorded during the past four Sundays. On the fourth only 53% of the enrollment were in their places. On the eleventh it looked like things were going to pick up when the percentage rose to 71%. November eighteenth found only 34 in attendance while enrollment was 62, or a percentage of 54 who came to Sunday School. This past Sunday, November 25, found the average up to 58%, which is still on the low side for the George Matthis Class.

We started out the month with an enrollment of 62 and ended up with an enrollment of 63. Gurney Blanchard has been put on the "teaching member" roster and is therefore a loss to the regular class enrollment but a real gain to the department in which he is now teaching.

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GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS ACCEPTS CHALLENGE OF DR. CARR - Frank Jarman

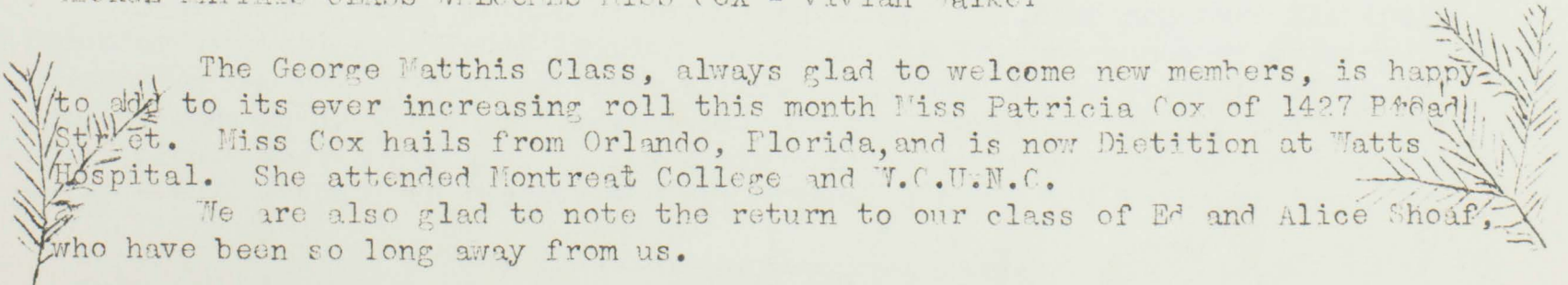
When Prexy Tobe Shaw brought the matter of raising \$333.33 for the building fund, before the class on November 25, there was not one voice against it. Tobe had it all figured out before he hit the "Attic." It was a proposition of each class member putting \$8.00 in the pot between now and the first of February. Tobe also made it plain that this contribution was in no way to take place of present Building Fund pledges now or in the future. On February 1st Tobe will be handing Dr. Henry his part of the \$1000 which the three adult classes were asked to raise, and we sincerely hope that the other \$666.66 is there to make the total.

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GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS WELCOMES MISS COX - Vivian Walker

The George Matthis Class, always glad to welcome new members, is happy to add to its ever increasing roll this month Miss Patricia Cox of 1427 Pfoad Street. Miss Cox hails from Orlando, Florida, and is now Dietitian at Watts Hospital. She attended Montreat College and W.C.U.N.C.

We are also glad to note the return to our class of Ed and Alice Shoaf, who have been so long away from us.



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THE LESSON OF THE MONTH - Marian Kimes

In varying from the regular lesson I think Charlie Vail has really given us food for thought. He has outlined and explained the needs of our Church and Sunday School. Here is the outline that was discussed in class. In studying this outline it makes us all think, and want to do more:

Objectives of Religious Education

1. To develop increasing knowledge of the Bible as the inspired word of God.
2. To foster fellowship with God as Creator, Ruler, and Father.
3. To develop appreciation understanding of and personal commitment to Jesus Christ.
4. To foster realization of the presence and saving power of the Holy Spirit.
5. To develop Christ like attitude in all human relations.
6. To encourage active participation in the life of the Church.
7. To develop recognition and acceptance of evangelistic and missionary responsibility.
8. To stimulate development of a Christian understanding of the Universe, the laws of which are being revealed by Science.
9. To develop a Christian family life.....

Through  
Study - Worship - Service - Recreation - Fellowship

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CHRISTMAS WISH BOX (not sanctioned by ye editor)

- Tyree Woods.....roller skates, that he can arrive on time to S.S.
- Forrest Callahan.....new set false teeth, that he can chew more Beech Nut Gum.
- Tobe Shaw.....larger money collection box, that the Building Fund can grow larger.
- Helen Kraybill.....wants a desk calendar, without Birthday dates.
- J. D. Shields.....any girl friend - one who resembles Lana Turner, Hedy Lamarr or even Marjorie Main will do.
- Charlie Vail.....wants an electrician to fix his front porch light and door bell.
- Petty Blanchard.....Will take anything she can get- proof: she took Gurney <sup>didn't</sup> she?
- Frank Jarman.....wants a diet he can follow which will cut on weight and still eat four squares a day.
- Agnes Skillen.....wants an organ which has no "stops" - ours stops at any old time, preferably at the conclusion of the sermon.
- Arlene Zinger.....wants a new automatic name caller to take away arduous task of reading long list of absentees each Sunday A.M.
- P. P. Phillips.....an insurance policy guaranteeing well prepared lessons in all departments.
- Bill Bennett.....a bottle of Stay-comb for unruly curls.
- Nina Berryhill.....an up-to-date book on birds.
- Johnny Greenback.....Eight dollars for membership in the Three-Three-Three Club.

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TRINITY AVENUE BIRTHDAY CALENDAR READY FOR DISTRIBUTION

Helen Kraybill, Vernon Johnson, and Elaine Callahan now have the 1952 Calendar with the picture of Trinity Avenue at the top and names of members printed on the proper date of their birth. They will begin delivery of these Sunday, Dec. 2, in the Church vestibule. If you signed up for one and haven't paid, please have 50¢ ready. A few extra copies are available, so get yours early - call 3-4862 and reserve a copy. Proceeds go to the building fund.

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SOME OBSERVATIONS OF THE SUPERINTENDENT - Preson P. Phillips

Again the Sunday School is thankful for the class of nice folks that meet in the Attic, because just recently we have "borrowed" the following members of the class to be used as Sunday School Teachers and assistants until further notice: Helen Vail, Supt. Intermediate Dept., Gurney R. Blanchard, teacher Intermediate Department. Helen Krabill is also helping us out. We know of course that they will all be missed in the George Matthis Class, but one of the first duties of a Christian is to win others to Jesus Christ - and the children of the Sunday School need the guidance of the best teachers we can find.

The Sunday School is glad to have a very active Committee of Religious Education to help them with their problems - and Charlie Vail who heads up this committee is doing a good job - and this committee has been meeting frequently to work on the problems connected with all phases of Religious Education in our Church.

Our regular monthly Workers Conference was held at the church on Monday, Nov. 19th with a good attendance. We first saw slides having to do with certain phases of Sunday School Wrok and then divided up into groups for special study - Nina working with Primary and Kindergarten groups - Mrs. Beckner with the Juniors - and all of the adults meeting together to discuss the problems of the adult department. (Oh- and this turned out to be Nina's Birthday - and Hilda Blake baked her a birthday cake - it had all of eleven candles on it - such a very, very young D.R.E. to be so very efficient).

Our Sunday School attendance for the past three months has averaged more than 200 - and last sunday we had 225 present - the adult classes have been large and when they will come - they will bring the children - so we have good classes downstairs too. Am sorry to say that about the same percentage of pupils come late as heretofore - and very few of them come with their lessons prepared. One of our goals for the coming months will be the following:

1. All pupils on time - we start at 9:30 A.M.
2. All pupils come with lessons prepared.
3. All pupils bring their own Bible from home.

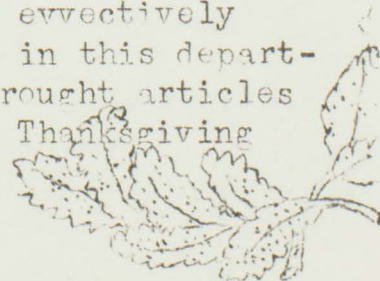
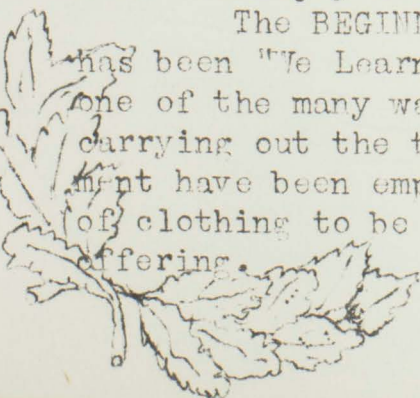
Our new building is going up fast - lets all boost the building fund - and we are going to need some furnishings too. We gave more than \$50.00 to Barium Springs Orphanage this month - but we can do even better next month - remember the collection is the second Sunday in each month - all goes to our orphanage - and you know what it takes to buy food and clothing for the number of children they have up there.

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NEWS FROM OUR YOUNGER SET IN THE BASEMENT - Lillian Morton

The NURSERY DEPARTMENT is pleased to report the addition of several new members and that attendance has been very good. A few changes have been made in this department, with the furniture being re-arranged so that the children could be more easily divided into groups. The "young fry" now carry on their play activities on one side of the room and the 3-year olds take over the other side of the room for stories and pictures carrying out the themes of the lessons. The teachers report that this arrangement has worked very well and that the children enjoy it too.

The BEGINNERS, as usual, have had a wonderful month. Their unit of study has been "We Learn How God Cares". The poster in the Beginners' room is just one of the many ways Mrs. Russell and her teaching staff have of evvectively carrying out the themes of the lessons. This month the teachers in this department have been emphasizing "sharing". One Sunday the children brought articles of clothing to be sent to Korea, and they also brought a special Thanksgiving offering.



The unit of study in the PRIMARY DEPARTMENT this month has been "The Loving-Kindness of the Lord". The children participated in the Church drive for clothing for Korea and they also brought books for Barium. Their Thanksgiving project was a special offering which was sent to Mrs. J. F. Ramsey at Barium Springs to buy a box of citrus fruit for the boys in her cottage. Attendance in this department has been good throughout the Fall.

The JUNIORS have been continuing their study of "Palestine - Land of Bible People." In connection with this study the group has been working with an activity map of Palestine. For their Thanksgiving project this department took up a special offering and arranged to send a bushel of oranges to Sally Corbitt at Barium Springs, to be shared with others who live with her at Howard House. A representative of the girls and a representative of the boys wrote a letter to Sally Corbitt at Barium Springs, telling her about the oranges that were being sent to her.

We are pleased to report that Mrs. Helen Compton, one of the teachers in this department is recuperating nicely following an operation. During her absence the department has had some very able substitutes: namely, Mr. Gurney Blanchard, Mrs. Lela Jones, and Mr. Forest Callahan. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimes have recently become adult advisers for the Sunday Evening Junior Fellowship.

The PIONEERS have a new teacher, Mr. Gurney Blanchard, and a new departmental secretary, Mrs. H. E. Christie. They are continuing with their unit on "Paul", and the teachers have made use of film strips and maps in this study.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Jarman and Mr. and Mrs. M. Higgins are new advisers to the Pioneer Group and will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Tyree Woods. They meet with this group every Sunday evening from 6 to 7:30 and they are making great plans. Once a month they hold a Fellowship supper. Their first Project is work in puppetry. The Pioneers themselves will write the stories, make the puppets and build the theater. Enthusiasm is high. Mrs. Jarman urges the parents of the girls and boys in this group to see that they get to the meetings on time. Also Mr. Bennett would like for as many as possible to stay for the movie which begins immediately after the meetings.

The YOUNG PEOPLE for the past several Sundays have been studying "History of the Protestant Church" and "History of the Presbyterian Church and What Presbyterians Believe". Mrs. Hassell is very proud of the fact that her class has doubled in size.

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ADMIT ONE ----50¢

F A M O U S F I S H F R Y

(plenty---this time)

GEORGE WATTS CLASS

Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church

Thursday, November 15th. 6:45 P.M.

If you were an active member of the George Watts Class during the early part of November, you were asked to buy two of the above tickets, one for yourself and one for a prospective member of our class. Our old friend from the Merchants' Association, Buck Kirkland was "Ticket Hawker" for this occasion - and what a job he did do!! Real credit for the occasion, however, should be shared with some others, who also did wonderful jobs. There was Fuller Walker and Irving Beavers in charge of program; Dan Carr in charge of fish. (He redeemed his reputation, this time!); and ladies of the church, who were on hand all day cooling fish, and making corn bread and cole slaw.

Note the by line "plenty this time". Brother, this is the understatement of the year! You have never seen as many fish in your life! They were prepared to a King's taste, too, (truth to tell, Carrs, Kirklands, Bells, and

about thirty five others were finding no fault with the taste either!). Our first fish fry this fall was a very enjoyable occasion, but Luther Parbour reported that after that supper he saw a number of our members eating at the Little Aeron. (Please note, he did not report how long after the supper he saw them, who they were, or what they were eating.) He did not bring back any such report after the supper of November 15th. We can place only one interpretation upon this fact: everyone, as the ticket announced, did have plenty.

At this supper we had a real treat in addition to the meal. Rev. D. D. Holt, whom Bill Bennett introduced as having been "born with a Doctor's Degree", spoke to us about the trip to Europe he and Rev. Millard Dunn made to attend the Ecumenical Conference at Geneva. (Note: you have to have a Doctor's Degree to spell it -- what must you have to go to it!!) His description of conditions in Europe, and the progress that the Methodists have made, made us feel very grateful to our Father that we are allowed to breathe the same air of Freedom which they do, and to have a small part in this re-building of the world which they have started. His description of the conference with General Eisenhower was particularly impressive. The work which this great man has undertaken must be carried on at any cost, since the re-birth of Europe, both economic and spiritual depends upon the success of S.H.A.P.E.

May we close this story with a brief reference to attendance. At our first fish fry, we had an attendance of twenty, at our second an attendance of forty. We are expecting to have eighty at our next supper meeting, and a corresponding improvement in attendance at our regular Sunday meetings.

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#### BRIEF ITEMS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

MRS. ARMETHA WILKINS was confined with "flu" about a week ago, but we're glad to report that she was able to be back in the attic Sunday, November 25.

We are grateful to generous TOBE SHAW for his contribution of the postage for one issue of Attic Antics. Who'll be next?

MARIAN KIMES lightened the burden of the stapling and mailing crew of last issue by supplying one of her delicious cakes. Following the labors, the crew of Bersebachs, Higgins, Johnsons, Kimes, Blakes, Shaws, Simpsons, and yours truly fed their faces on cake and coffee to their complete satisfaction.

We wish to thank a couple of our outside readers, REV. AND MRS. WILLIAM CROWDER of Dover, N. C., for the thoughtful contribution to the financial support of Attic Antics.

LINWOOD COLLINS returned home several days ago from Duke Hospital where he underwent a serious operation. He has so well progressed in his recovery that he and Mrs. Collins departed November 27 on a three week's business trip south that will carry them into Florida. While away Linwood expects to fish one day at Crystal River, Florida, and attend the meeting of the Florida League of Municipalities at Orlando.

VERNON JOHNSON was in with "flu" several days last week. We were glad to see him back in the attic Sunday.

THE HALLIE POPE CLASS is planning a class party for December 7 including a sumptuous dinner. Each member is urged to be present and bring a gift to exchange. The class had a very nice poem written of their doings. Attic Antics regrets that it cannot be included. We received it too late to type and get mimeographed. We just had this space left and were in the process of mimeographing at 7:00 Wed. P.M.

"What's in a name?" Shakespeare once asked, implying that actually very little was there. If Shakespeare had been a Jew, however, he would have reasoned otherwise, for the Hebrews always put a lot of thought into a name. To them, the name ought to signify the character and situation of the person who bore it. At times one name was made up of several words that formed a meaningful sentence. For instance Elijah's parents spoke their faith when they named their child, for Elijah means, "Jehovah is my God!" Israel means, "Prince of God." Nathaniel means, "God is my gift."

So it was that the angel told Joseph that the child born of Mary was to be named not only Jesus, which means "Saviour", but that "they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

What's in a name? A great deal is in this one! Had they called him Immanuish it would have meant "Man with us." But this baby was destined to be more than a man, more than a good man, more than the best man who ever lived, He was to be more than a teacher, even more than the best teacher who ever taught. He was God! That is the meaning of Christmas. That is the Christmas message. God is with us - to understand us. God is with us - to help us. God is with us - to save us! "Immanuel!"

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION - Nina Berryhill

Family Night and "Christmas by Candlelight"  
Trinity Avenue  
December 16th

December 16th is Christmas Family Night at Trinity Avenue. Following the supper, which is supervised by the Women of the Church, the children and youth of our Church will give a pageant entitled "Christmas by Candlelight".

A pageant requires much work by many people ! Committees are now planning costumes, decorations, etc. We need helpers with scenery, lighting, directing and properties. If you would enjoy working with the pageant in any way, please let me know.

The Christmas season is such a happy one - if we put first things first. Let's not rush about, worrying over trivial and worldly things during the next few weeks ! Instead, may we remember the true meaning of Christmas, allowing the Christ Child to enter again into our hearts, bringing peace on earth and good will toward men.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM STUDIED - Charles R. Vail

Under the Session, the Religious Education Committee of the Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church bears the responsibility for policy making, for over-all planning, and for administering the whole educational work of our church. Now that construction of our new Religious Education Building is well under way, the Committee has begun planning a strengthened and expanded program of religious education which will guarantee efficient and effective use of that building in furthering the work of our Lord.

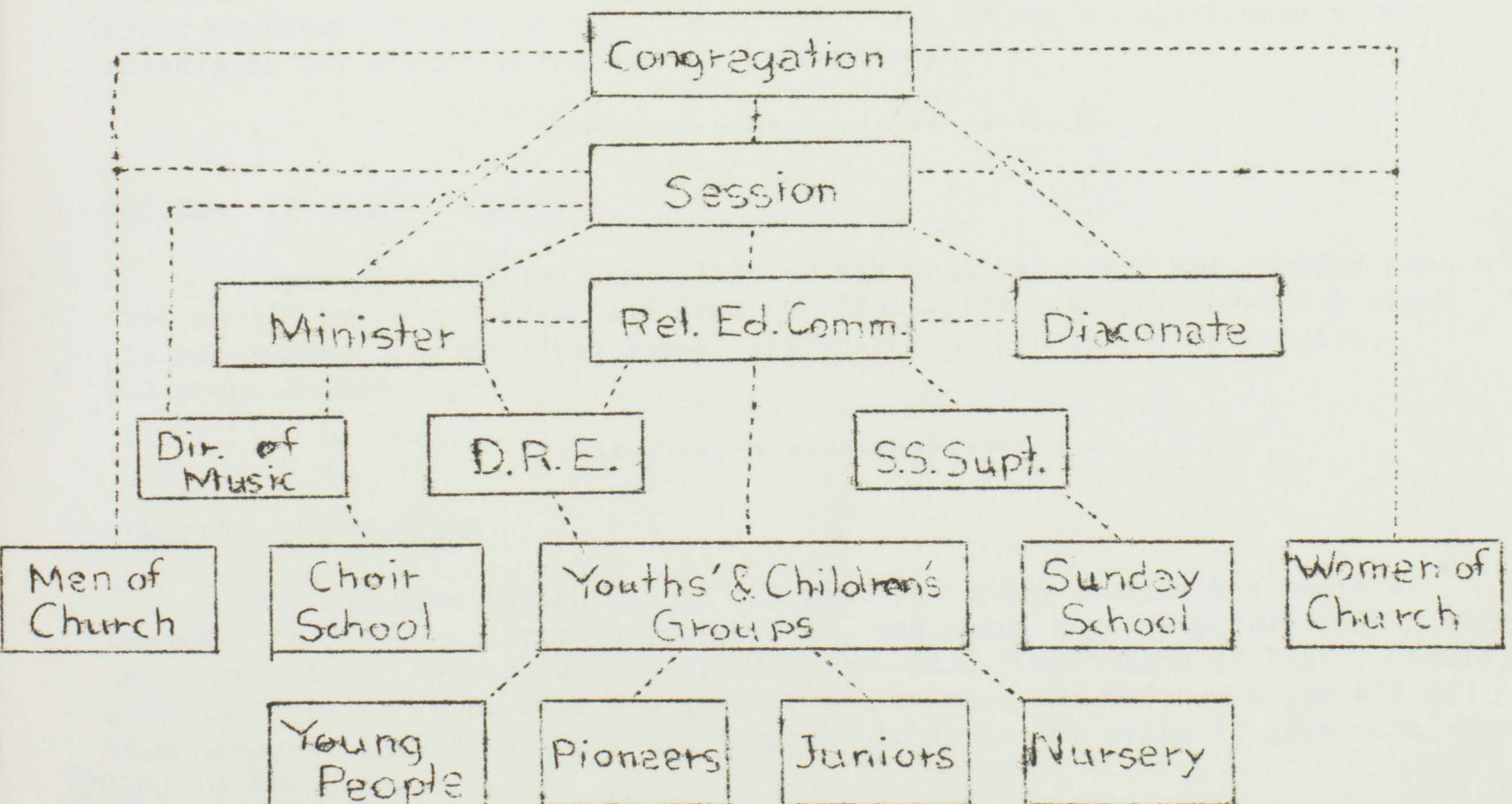
The Committee plans, as it engages in this work, to present a series of informative articles in Attic Antics so that the congregation may thus be kept posted on the progress of this important work.

The organization chart which appears below is the first such presentation. It shows the major lines of responsibility that interconnect key individuals and groups within the church. The proper functions and duties of these individuals and groups emerge from a study of this chart.

Next month's article will deal with the office of Director of Religious Education and will include a brief "sketch" of Miss Nina C. Berryhill, who so capably fills that office in our church.

The membership of the Religious Education Committee follows:  
Mr. W. C. Bennett; Miss Nina Berryhill; Miss Mary M. Hassell;  
Mrs. Helen Kraybill; Mrs. Lucille Petrea; Mr. P. P. Phillips;  
Mr. L. R. Shaw; Mr. C. R. Vail, Chairman.

### ORGANIZATION CHART - TRINITY AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH





YOUTH SUNDAY WELL CARRIED OUT THIRD SUNDAY NOVEMBER

Youth Sunday on November 13 was most successfully carried out by the youth of our church. The morning service was, with the exception of the duties of the minister and organist, performed by our younger set.

The music was supplied by the combined Youth Choir (Choir School and Teen-Tuners). A most impressive rendition was the singing of "Away in a Manger" during the christening of the two infants, Swenson and Watkins. The responsive reading was led by Russel Barringer. Francis Elkins explained the meaning of Youth Sunday. Serving as ushers and collectors of the offering were: Donnie Haithcock, Bo Harris, Stevie Harris, Bobby Jones, Mac McLeod, and Richard Wilkins.

These young people and their advisors, Miss Berryhill and Mrs. Skillen, are deserving of the highest praise for the poise, maturity, and excellence of performance shown throughout the program.

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YOUTH CHOIRS NOT COMPLETELY ROBED



A good example of how things get done around here was seen in supplying the robes needed to fully occupy Mrs. Skillen's expanding choir groups. It is much easier said than done, but Mrs. Paul Yimes with her little scissors just whacked them out and the following mothers stitched them right up: Mesdames R. I. Beavers, R. J. Bell, Dorothy Bersebach, Lloyd Fletcher, W. R. Gray, V. C. Jones, Jr., E. E. Haithcock, Lillian Morton, J. C. Petrea, J. C. Simpson.

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..... A NOTE OF APPRECIATION - Agnes Skillen

To the mothers of the members of our choir groups who gave of their time and efforts so generously in procuring robes, dressing children for the performance, and transporting to and from practice; and to Mr. Carden for constructing an extra platform and moving numerous chairs; all of which contributed to the success of our recent performance, I thank you.

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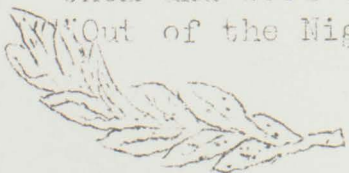
NOTICE: TO WHOM CONCERNED

Mrs. Agnes Skillen would like to ask that the party who carried home a "too small" pyrex casserole lid from the Thanksgiving supper Wednesday night please exchange for the "too large" lid which she has in her possession. Telephone 8-7548.

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QUESTION OF THE MONTH

The question "which one of the pictures shown during the month of November do you consider most impressive", was asked several people Sunday night and a variety of answers was received. Some said "Conversion of Paul", others said that all of them were too good to select one. Of those who saw all of them and were enthusiastic enough about their choice to write it down more chose "Out of the Night."





Mrs. P. P. Phillips - "Out of the Night". I like this picture because it really proves to us what Christ will do for us if we will let him. It shows the difference between the beautiful life of a Christian and the ugly life of the unsaved.

Mrs. Dorothy Bersebach - "A Job for Boy". It showed how hard it is for many of us to accept the small things in life as being essential. In trying to attain the heights we are likely to tread upon the toes of those who make the heights attainable.

Mrs. Bob King - "Out of the Night", was best of all the five pictures this month in my opinion because it presented the present day problems of drink and dope and a soul without Christ and in a dynamic manner in a real life situation showed what a change can be made by Christ's entering a heart and life.

(Editors comment: The difficulty in getting answers to the question is indicative of the high opinion the audience has had of each film. The projection room has been almost filled each Sunday night. Come out and make them take to the auditorium. This phase of the church program is being sponsored by the men of the church and is a very helpful part of the total program, presenting in action and expression things that cannot be told by word alone.)

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WHY I DON'T ATTEND MOVIES (Lifted from News Week by C. R. Vail)

The following reasons for not attending movies in satirical invitation of church going excuses were jokingly compiled principally by two Methodist ministers. Publishing them in the church bulletin in Crystal, Minn., was followed by about a 15 per cent increase in church attendance. Could it be that Presbyterians oppose movies for these reasons?

1. The manager of the theater never called on me.
2. I did go a few times, but no one spoke to me. Those who go there aren't very friendly.
3. Every time I go they ask me for money.
4. Not all folks live up to the high moral standards of the films.
5. I went so much as a child, I've decided I've had all the entertainment I need.
6. The performance lasts too long. I can't sit still.
7. I don't care for some of the people I see and meet at the theater.
8. I don't always agree with what I see and hear.
9. I don't think they have very good music at the theater.
10. These shows are held in the evening and that's the only time I am able to be home with the family.

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PRESBYTERIAN MEN MEET IN RALEIGH

Paul Harrison, Robert King, and Ed Higgins represented Trinity Avenue at the Fall Rally of the Granville Presbytery Men of the Church held Sunday, November 25 at the First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh.

Dr. LeRoy P. Burney and Mr. Clarence Johnson highlighted the Rally which attracted approximately 250 men of the Presbytery.

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