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(The Class in the Attic)

PRESENTING THE COVER PICTURE - Bob Blake

The cover, which is the product of vacation painting, could be entitled "Autumn in the Blue Ridge." The color is the result of an experiment. It is the first time that color has ever been used in this way by the multilith process. Four different drawings were made on separate plates, one for each color including black. The colors were then printed separately in the order of yellow, blue, red, and black. Errors and slip-ups were not so severe as to prohibit the use of the picture for our cover.

In connection with our cover picture attention is called to the following poem, My Church, by Jessie Merle Franklin:

I want my Church to be a place
Where I can meet God face to face,
And meditate upon His grace.

I want each worship hour so sweet,
That I can think each time we meet
A Presence comes and takes His seat.

I want her doors to stand so wide
No hungry soul who waits outside
Will think that he has been denied.

I want My Church to be much more
Than stone and carpet, pew and door,
Or a carpet laid upon a floor.

But, oh, I know that it can be
No more than that is found in me.
So teach me, Lord, to show forth thee.

GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS TO HAVE ALTERNATING TEACHERS - Tobe Shaw

With the return of Charlie Vail to his professorial duties at Duke and Forrest Callahan who has so ably conducted our classes for more than a year, the George Matthis Class is now supplied with a teaching team composed of two of the best lay teachers to be found anywhere. At a recent meeting the class voted unanimously to alternate teachers each quarter. By alternating in this manner each teacher will be given an opportunity to complete the regular series of lessons as outlined on a quarterly basis.

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We have just completed a series of most interesting lessons on Christian Teachings on Human Relations taught by Forrest Callahan. On Sunday, October 7, we welcome back as teacher Charlie Vail; who, in his usual way, will bring to us a series of most interesting lessons for the next quarter.

We are most fortunate in having two members of our class so well qualified and so willing to share teaching as Charlie and Forrest are doing in our class.

THE MOST INTERESTING LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER - S. B. (Sam) Wilkins

All through September we have had very interesting lessons on Fellowship, but the most interesting in our opinion, was Fellowship in the Church. This topic should be the hub and all Christian teachings on Human Relations should spring out from this hub.

In this lesson presented on September 9 we were reminded that we hardly realize the important place our church holds in our lives; we have never been deprived of its services as have multitudes of our Christian brethren in other lands. This lesson provides an opportunity to think through the importance and value of the local Church in the development of Christian character and the promotion of Christian service. Our local Church is the place where we meet our fellow Christians as Christians. We contact them in social or business circles but not in the same way as at Church. We Christians come together on one common level only at Church. The Church is a fellowship of kindred hearts and minds that brings more enrichment to life than any other organization in the world. Fellowship is a word of rich content.

In Acts 4:31-37 we find how things were in the first Christian Church. It stands as a noble example for the local Church in any time or place. (1) It was a fellowship in the Holy Spirit. The Spirit works in the Church today as then. (2) It was a fellowship of faith. They accepted the teachings of the apostles as true and ordered their lives by their teachings. This basis of faith still binds. The New Testament teachings are strong bonds of Christian Fellowship. (3) It was a fellowship in ministering to need. Those who had material goods shared them with those in need. This was a beautiful Christian fellowship that should be emulated by all congregations on earth. As we read the record of the early Church we think of it as a group of people who love the Lord Jesus and who love one another.

Fellowship in the Church - a great topic to study and practice.

WHAT ABOUT ATTENDANCE.....??? - Frank Jarman

The goal for this fall as set by the Attendance Committee of the George Matthis Class is 80% before the first of the year with an enrollment of 75 members before the new year rolls around. Unless things pep up in the three remaining months of the year, we are going to fall far short of the goal, so let's get going.. what about it?

Here's how we stack up through the month of September. The highest percentage of attendance was 70% and that was reached on the last Sunday, or September 30th, which was Rally Day. The highest total enrollment was 50 and we held that for three Sundays, September 16th, 23rd, and 30th.

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We were glad to welcome Helen and Charlie Vail back to the roll but almost as soon as they were on, Helen was transferred to a teaching member. Helen and Ed Kraybill are back with us but Ed has not put in his attendance two Sundays in a row and that makes only one Kraybill on the roll, so far. We lost Dorothy Bersebach to the Sunday School teaching staff at the Cerebral Palsy Hospital and that is that for the moment.

Let's get busy fellows and girls and bring up the record of attendance and also the enrollment. We can hit the goal if we work and work hard.

DOT ATKINS UNABLE TO GOSSIP

We now know why Dot promises to get up some gossip and then leaves the receiver off the hook. The following signed statement was slipped under the door by a close friend with caution not to use the name. "As an item which should be included in the gossip column, we report the engagement of Dot Atkins. The lucky young man is A. S. Colvin of Vanderbilt Veterinary Hospital. (It is rumored that a dog started it all. Woof! Woof!). The big day is October 23. Many happy days and years, Dot."

CHARLIE VAIL RESUMES POSITION AT DUKE

Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Vail returned to Durham in September where Charlie has resumed his position as Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering. During the school year 1950-51 Charlie was on leave of absence taking advantage of a Fellowship from the General Education Board (affiliate of Rockefeller Foundation) studying toward the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Electrical Engineering at the University of Michigan. While there he completed the residence requirements, preliminary examinations, one language, and was elected to Eta Kappa Nu, honorary electrical engineering society. He has yet to complete only the desertation and one language examination. When asked upon his return if he were now Doctor Vail, he replied, "No, just Charlie."

Charlie is co-teacher of the George Matthis Class, Chairman of the Committee on Religious Education in this Church, and is soon to be ordained a Ruling Elder. Whoever said that science and religion don't mix, simply didn't know Charlie Vail or else was using that three letter word "mix" in a very restricted sense. They certainly do work together.

RALLY DAY AT TRINITY AVENUE A SUCCESS - P. P. Phillips

Rally Day 1951 was very successful - with an attendance of more than 205 and one of the largest collections we have ever taken for the Board of Education - more than \$60.00. The Church was almost filled to capacity - and since our attendance report was not too complete and we did not record our visitors, I believe we had about 230 present for our Rally Day program.

Our Rally Day program developed the theme "Why Sunday School", and very interesting talks were made by parents and children - telling us what Sunday School means to them and their families. Usually we have the pleasure of presenting one or more testaments to pupils in the Primary Department for learning the Child's Catechism; however, this year none of the children qualified. We hope that next

year many of the parents of children in the Primary Department will encourage their children to memorize this catechism - they might not understand all of it while they are in this department, but it will mean much to them later in life.

This Sunday was also promotion day in our Sunday School and many of the pupils will be in new classes and departments next year. We are hoping that the parents of all the pupils will assume the responsibility of helping their children learn their Sunday School assignments - the lesson will mean so much more to the child - and the teacher will be encouraged too. Ask your child who his or her teacher is - and then make a point of meeting the teacher to see how you can help your child to get his Christian Education.

Next Rally Day we will be in our new building - lets all work to increase our attendance to around the 300 mark. There are many members of our church who are not now attending our church school, and many children in our area who do not attend any Sunday School. Be a booster - bring your children - don't send them.

BASEMENT NEWS - Margaret McLeod

The boys and girls always look forward to Rally Day - and especially the ones to be promoted. Attendance was very good.

The Nursery Department has been busy during the month of September getting ready for their part on the Rally Day program.

The Beginners have been preparing themselves to be promoted to the Primary Department. There were eleven children promoted.

The Primary Department also had a part on the Rally Day program. The entire group sang a song. There were sixteen children promoted from the Primary to the Junior Department.

Awards were made in the Primary Department on September 30 to the children with perfect attendance and with only absence due to illness, during the months of July, August and September. We hope to have a larger number with perfect attendance during the next three months.

The Junior Department opened the Rally Day program with call to Worship - Psalm 24. Next Sunday the Juniors will see lots of new faces in their Department.

The Pioneer group received only four new members. The Pioneer boys assisted in receiving the Rally Day offering.

The Senior Group was represented by Mary Martin Hassell - "What Sunday School Means to Me."

A complete listing of promotions may be seen by reference to the Church Bulletin of September 30.

FROM THE GEORGE WATTS CLASS - George Oldham

For a number of years the George Watts Class has had an "Attendance Problem." We have a total of forty-three on roll, but from Sunday to Sunday have an attendance of between 16 and 22. The strange thing about this arrangement is the fact that

it is not the same "16 to 22" who attend every Sunday, nor does it seem that any particular group come to hear, - or stay away to avoid hearing - any particular teacher. We have three of the finest teachers in the Sunday School. Each has an appeal entirely different from the other two, and no one should ever be guilty of staying away to avoid hearing any of the three.

One factor that has been suggested as a cause for this attendance problem is the need for a better Fellowship Program. We feel that a step in the right direction was made on Friday, September 21, when the class, with the help of a number of the ladies had an evening of food and fun at Lin Collins' fish fry. (I say "Lin Collins' fish fry" simply because Lin suggested fish, and ate more than anyone else). He suggested some form of get-together in the summer, but was voted down at that time on account of the number of our members who would be away from town on vacations. We had - you guessed it - a total of 22 members present. No formal speeches were made, but several members were given a chance to get up and "get it off their chests." Lawrence Kirkland made an outstanding contribution to this part of the "program" with his remarks about loyalty to our "outfit." He said that the U. S. Army encourages the men of each "outfit" to believe that their outfit is the best of its kind in the entire Army, and that we should try to instill into our members the same type of loyalty and belief in our Class.

For those who are interested, we are planning another get-together of a slightly different type to be held in the near future.

SEPTEMBER HALLIE POPE CLASS MEETING - Mary Lou Carr

The "Hallie Pope-ers" seemed happy to meet again in September after having dispensed with the August meeting. Twenty-three jubilant souls met with Hazel Foster and Louise Bennett as co-hostess on September 18 at 7:45 P. M.

The meeting was called to order by the President Janie Baker, and led in prayer by Helen King. Lucille Barbour gave a very timely devotional which she termed as "Ramblings of an old woman" - but the class agreed that to be old and rambling would not be half bad if we could be as impressive as that! Her theme was based on "Johnny Appleseed" and how he brought happiness to the world by traveling the road of the loving heart and distributing the commonplace apple seed which has made his name famous. She brought out the need, in this season of apple time, of a revival of kind-heartedness and challenged every one to begin that revival now.

During the business session a report was given on the clothes which had been given to outfit our little blind girl who is now in the Raleigh School. The clothes were ample and had made the little girl and her mother very happy.

For recreation, a contest was engaged in, in which one had the name of some well known person pinned to their back and had to ascertain their identity by asking questions. This caused much fun because of such persons as Clark Gable, Walter Winchell, Ava Gardner and Margaret Truman being present.

The class was happy to welcome as actual guests, Minnie Black, Bertha Massengil, and Lena Bowden. We hope they will become actual members and join in our Bible study as well as in our fun.

The hostesses served home-made ice cream which Buster had "turned" for us - and home-made cake which Louise had "beat up" for us - So all Hazel had to do was dish it out to us - and my! How we loved it!

FROM THE MINISTER..... For October

THIS SUNDAY is World-Wide Communion Sunday, a day when Christians around the world unite in the celebration of our Lord's Last Supper, reminding us that all who profess their faith in Christ as Lord and Saviour are one. The Church has many expressions, but it is One Church the world over. As we take our part in our own local congregation, we should keep before us the vision of our great fellowship with those in many different lands. We do not work alone.

It is hoped that all the families of the Church will be present on this Communion day.

You will be interested in the following statistics on the Building Fund: Total Cash received to date - \$25,235.37. Balance Due on Pledges - 7,306.50. If these pledges are paid, we shall have a total of \$32,541.87 toward the estimated cost of the First Unit of the Sunday School Building of \$45,000.00 To date, \$1,558.00 has been disbursed for construction. We all rejoice that the long-awaited and much-needed building is actually under way. With dedication and sacrifice on the part of all, it can soon be paid for and the Second Unit begun!

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TO ALL PARENTS OF JUNIOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Starting this Sunday, we will have a Junior Fellowship Hour for all members of the Junior Department. The meeting will be from 5 to 6 each Sunday afternoon and will consist of worship and recreation.

Because it is impossible to crowd into the Sunday School hour everything we want to teach the children, we feel that this fellowship hour on Sunday afternoon will add much to the Christian training of your children. PLEASE INCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND !

Juniors are also invited to the Creative Activity Period from 3:30 to 4:30 each Monday afternoon. For the next two weeks this time will be spent in leather craft.

TO PARENTS OF PIONEERS AND SENIORS

So often our young people would gladly attend Sunday School, Youth Fellowship and other Church meetings if they just had a little push from home. That's when we need your help !

If your child is a pioneer, encourage him to attend Sunday School each Sunday morning, Pioneer Fellowship each Sunday evening and creative activity period each Monday afternoon.

If you are a Senior parent, help us to interest him in P.Y.F. which meets each Sunday evening at 6:30 at the Manse. This Sunday the discussion topic is "What is this religion all about?", led by Mr. Bennett.

TRINITY AVENUE WELCOMES THREE NEW MEMBERS - Gurney Blanchard

We welcome to Trinity Avenue this month two new members, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Holloway of 1801 Ruffin Street. Mr. Holloway is with Long Meadow Farms, and Mrs. Holloway is at Duke Hospital.

Another new member who has not been officially welcomed by Attic Antics is Mrs. Helen Bell of 2300 Guess Road, who joined with us in June. Mrs. Bell is the wife of our own Bob Bell. This reporter offers his apology for the tardiness of this welcome to her.

CHOIR SCHOOL AND TEEN-TUNERS ON BEAT - Agnes Skillen

The Choir School and Teen-Tuners (the group composed of junior and senior high school boys and girls) have an enrollment of 36 members this Fall.

With such a large and enthusiastic group, the work planned for the year should add much to the Church program as a whole. You may expect to hear from these boys and girls at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and Commencement.

We will appreciate your expressions of encouragement, praise or criticism. Our aim is to understand what it means to worship through song. Help us attain our ambitions.

LOCAL WOMEN ATTEND MEETING GRANVILLE PRESBYTERY

District One of the Granville Presbytery met Tuesday, September 25, at Mebane Memorial Presbyterian Church in Roxboro with Mrs. J. F. Cheney of Durham, chairman, presiding. Other Durham women participating were Mrs. E. C. Bolmeier, who spoke on "Stewardship," Mrs. Irving Gray, who spoke on "World Missions," and Mrs. Hugh Jefferson, who gave a prayer for world peace. Mrs. L. J. Kirkland spoke on "Religious Education."

Luncheon was served by the hostess church to about 50 women from Oak Hill, Oxford, Roanoke Rapids, Durham, and Roxboro.

SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING OF THE WOMEN OF THE CHURCH - Mary Lou Carr

The September General Meeting of the Women of the Church, being a luncheon meeting, was held at the Church Monday, September 17, at twelve noon, with Circle No. 3, Mrs. R. M. Ricky, chairman, as hostess.

Mrs. C. Spears Hicks and Mrs. J. B. Ramsey were guest speakers. Mrs. Hicks spoke on "Higher Education and Church Loyalty." Mrs. Ramsey, who is now living at Barium, gave us a very informative and informal talk on our Presbyterian children's home, stressing the needs for personal service. The meeting was well attended.

We have heard that money talks but never gives itself away.

TRIP TO BARIUM SPRINGS - Mary Lou Carr

Mrs. B. D. Baker, our Barium Chairman, arranged a trip to Barium Springs Thursday, September 27. Mrs. Baker, Mrs. George White, Mrs. J. C. White, Miss Nina Berryhill, Mrs. Vernon Johnson, Mrs. Jack Crumpacker, Mrs. J. G. C. Lloyd, and Mrs. Dan Carr received a cordial welcome upon their arrival from the teachers and matrons and also from the children, and this made us feel right at home. Mrs J. B. Ramsey greeted us and she was very helpful in showing us the campus.

We ate lunch in the large dining hall with the 300 children. They were a group to be proud of, good mannered, well behaved, and happy.

The women of our church clothe two girls at Barium, and Circle No. 7, Mrs. Jimmie Lloyd, chairman, has taken for their project this year the clothing of a four year old boy who lives in the baby cottage.

We should all consider it a privilege to be able to contribute our funds to help in the supporting of this fine home.

BUSINESS WOMEN OF THE CHURCH HOLD MEETING AT TRINITY

The Business Womens District Conference of Granville Presbytery was held September 23, 2:30 P.M., at Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Dan Carr welcomed the visitors and members of Trinity Avenue. Rev. W. C. Bennett gave the invocation.

The conference theme was "Faith-Works." Mrs. Robert King, Jr. spoke on "Faith," and Mrs. David Worth from Raleigh, President of the Presbytery, spoke on "Works." Other members from Trinity appearing on the program were Mrs L. J. Kirkland and Mrs. Ernest Harrison.

Mrs. Gurney Blanchard, Mrs. Ed Kraybill, and Mrs. Claudius Jones were in charge of registration.

Supper was served in the assembly room at 6:00 P.M. with Mrs. Oscar Bowden, Mrs. L. L. Collins, Mrs. W. T. Farmer, Mrs. Swanne Lloyd, and Mrs. Gertrude White in charge. Assisting were Mrs. Bob Blake, Miss Dellia Copley, and Mrs. J. C. Simpson. Mrs. B. C. Bennett was pianist. The offering was taken by Mrs. Forest Callahan and Mrs. Henry Miller.

GREENSBORO CONVENTION OF PRESBYTERIAN MEN - Vernon Johnson

A convention of Presbyterian Men will be held at Greensboro on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 19, 20, and 21.

This year there will be four regional conventions of Presbyterian men instead of one Assembly-wide convention such as was held at Atlanta last year. The sites of the four conventions are Greensboro, Nashville, Jacksonville, and Dallas.

The theme of the convention at Greensboro is "Christ and You - Partners in Action." Several famous speakers are on the program. Among them are Senator James H. Duff of Pennsylvania, Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr., Dr. C. Darby Fulton, and Billy Graham. (Continued following page)

A number of men at Trinity Avenue may have already made plans to attend this convention. It is hoped that there will be others wanting to go along. If you do not feel that you can get away for all three days, plan to go for one day's session. Believe me, you will enjoy it as well as receive a rich spiritual uplift.

Any one desiring further information may get it from Paul Harrison.

CHURCH-HOUR NURSERY HAS NEW DIRECTOR THIS QUARTER - L. R. (Tobe) Shaw

During the quarter October through December Mrs. A. H. Hampton will have charge of the nursery which entertains our youngsters while parents attend morning worship. I am sure that Mrs. Hampton will appreciate the usual fine cooperation of both helpers and patrons.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the ladies of the George Matthis Bible Class and others for their kind and efficient help in promoting the services of the nursery during the past quarter.

RECENT HAPPENINGS OF SPECIAL INTEREST - Mrs. Lela Jones

ED KRAYBILL attended the Boy Scout District Camporee held at Camp New Hope Friday, September 21, through Sunday noon, September 23.

NINA BERRYHILL, our D. R. E., is with us again after a brief vacation at her home in Charlotte.

Our sincere sympathy goes to MRS. JACK CRUMPACKER (YVONNE) during the illness and death of her father, H. F. Carden, Sr.

Jack and Yvonne with their children, Carolyn and Kathie, spent Sunday, September 23, in Burlington and attended services at Beverly Hill Christian Church.

We miss Mrs. W. W. MORTON (LILLIAN) in the attic - she is teaching the second grade in the Primary Department.

Our deepest sympathy is extended MAYTON and MAUDE BETTS in the loss of Mayton's mother, who passed away at her home in Fuquay Springs Sunday afternoon, September 30. Mrs. Betts had been ill for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. ALEX ERWIN have been spending many of their week-ends in Charlotte with Mae's mother, Mrs. C. H. Kennedy, who has been ill. Mrs. Kennedy is now visiting Mae and Alex at their new home at 1412 Vickers Avenue.

ED KRAYBILL, Assistant Professor of Electrical Engineering at Duke, and Mrs. Kraybill have returned from Lancaster, Penn., where they combined vacation with Ed's summer position with Armstrong Cork Corp.

TOBE SHAW, the faithful President of George Matthis Class, was absent Sunday, Sept. 30, with "flu", but was aboe to be back in his bank on Monday.

FRANCES JARMAN, out with the "flu" for a few days, is carrying on her radio program from the bedroom. 10

We are sorry to report that the mother of MRS TYREE WOODS continues ill at her home in Pink Hill, which is near Kinston.

MRS CLAUDIUS P. JONES attended the Fourth Annual Conference of American HospitalWomens Hospital Auxiliaries as a representative of the Duke Hospital Auxiliary, September 17 - 20, in St. Louis, Mo.

CHURCH SCHOOL AT TRINITY TO HAVE REGULAR WORKERS CONFERENCES

The WORKERS CONFERENCE held on Thursday, September 6, was enjoyed by the twenty-seven representatives present. A film strip on religious education was studied and a lively discussion followed. The group is composed of officers and teachers in the various classes in the Church School here at Trinity Avenue. The Director of Religious Education and the Committee on Religious Education plan to make the conferences a regular monthly affair in the future. As yet the regular meeting dates have not been arranged.

THANKS TO THE SALT OF THE EARTH

We certainly d appreciate the kind and willing cooperation of all those who have offered suggestions as to news items and those who so willingly write them and get them to the correct place on time. Attic Antics is mailed out on the Wednesday following the last Sunday of the month. Naturally, it must be written and typed before that time. If you can not deliver an article to the church on Sunday morning (last Sunday of month), leave the article in the mailbox near the front basement door. It will be picked up from there at 9:00 o'clock P.M. In the future we just can not use articles turned in after that time. Typists have to have some time in which to do their work, after the editor has perused and arranged the material. Please indicate on the article the name of the person writing it. We would like to give credit where credit is due; however, if you choose to have the name omitted, request such and it shall be done. We do not intend to print any material which bears no author. Your editor can be reached at telephone 2-2102, or by mail at 1006 Monmouth Avenue.

Again, T-H-A-N-K-S, Ye are the SALT OF THE EARTH, and any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

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