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GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS
(The Class formerly in the Attic)

Concerning the Cover - Editor

The month of March suggested to our artist, gales and storms, but the cover has a far deeper meaning. The Light of God's Word shines out through the darkness, storm and wind, guiding the mariner to the harbor of Eternal Life.

George Matthis Class Attendance Report - Mayton Betts

The attendance for the month of February in the Class continues to be rather good in fact it averages around 80% each Sunday. A contributing factor to this good average is a perfect attendance record achieved by the following: Grace and Tobe Shaw, Agnes Skillen, Flora Woods, Joe and Kay Bell, E. G. and Sara Harrison and Lois or Douglas Johnson. Hats off to these and let's have many more next month.

George Matthis Class Welcomes New Members - Sara Harrison

Our Class is very proud of our six new members. We wish to welcome Mary and Dell Woods, 2330 Anglewood Ave.; Julia and Leonard Suitt, 2004 University Drive; Burt Gerritsen, 2310 Prince Street; and Gill Mayo. Mr. and Mrs. Woods come to us from Raleigh. Mr. and Mrs. Suitt are from Durham. Mr. Gerritsen's wife, Elizabeth, has been a member of our class for sometime. They come from Clensom College, S. C. and Mr. Gerritsen is with the Research Laboratory, Liggett & Myers. Mr. Mayo and family come from Raleigh. We feel sure these new members will add much to our class.

AU REVOIR - Frances Jarman

Arthur Godfrey once said, "I can kid the product as I do, only because it's GOOD!" Much kidding in the past two years has taken place between class members and our beloved Forrest. Slams and salaams, bouquets and brickbats, jeering and cheering have all meant that we realize Forrest is an excellent teacher, a swell guy and a good Christian.

It seems trite to say that we will miss Forrest and his family, Elaine, Patricia and Gaylor...but the day the "Man with a Tea Bag" told us of his decision to move to Winston, found all of us with a vacant feeling...found each one remembering this family of Trinity Avenue in our prayers.

As time goes by, that vacant-ness will increase, for Forrest was the "life" of our class parties, a hard worker, never shirking a task. No matter how tired he was, or how pressing other matters, when it came to affairs of the Class, Forrest was there with a helping hand.

We are sorry too, that our teacher for the past two years will not be able to share our new classroom and to use the handsome lectern, but we rejoice with the people of the church which they will join, for they truly are gaining a GOOD LEADER.

Perhaps it is selfish of us to hope and sincerely pray that the Callahans will return to Durham in the not too distant future. We do though wish them well in their new home, and know that Forrest will prosper in his new position. Our candle will be burning brightly in the window to guide our "prodigals" home to Trinity Avenue, and until they return, we wish them, "Godspeed!"

George Matthis Class Given New Lectern - Yvonne Crumpacker

The Class is happy to announce that it is the proud owner of a beautiful new lectern. For many years we have needed one badly and since moving into our new quarters, the need was even greater. We are very proud of it and especially so since one of our own class members made it. This new addition to our classroom was made for us by H. W. Zinger.

The new lectern is not only extremely useful, but it is also a lovely piece of furniture, and it certainly shows a great deal of skilled workmanship. May thanks to Harry for his time and efforts spend on this piece of work. Everyone is invited to come to our Classroom that they may see why we are so proud of this new and valuable addition.

News From Hallie Pope Class - Docia H. McIlwain

When the Hallie Pope Bible Class decided to entertain, they go all out in a big way; e.g. The valentine party which the members gave in honor of their husbands or vice versa. The men said they were invited, but found on their arrival that they had to pay for their dinner. However, one and all said that it was worth more than a dollar - with all the entertainment thrown in. The service was the best in town. Mr. Claude Goswich was the best looking maid complete with earrings, blonde wig and lipstick, while Dr. Henry Carr was serving as butler, in white coat and chef's cap. The dinner came up to the usual high standard set by the women of Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church. The tables, arranged by Mrs. A. J. Fargo, were lovely with floral arrangements of red camellias and flowering quince interspersed with red hearts.

Mrs. Robert King was M.C. and introduced the speakers. We enjoyed several debates, one of which was: should women use cosmetics. Mrs. George Haynew had the affirmative, Dr. Henry Carr the negative. Both brought out some good points! Another debate was resolved, "That a Woman's Love is Stronger than a Man's". Mrs. Goswick had the affirmative, Linwood Collins the negative. It was difficult here to determine which side won because Mr. Collins digressed and was talking about his love for chicken gizzards!

Some new talent came to light in the form of a quartet composed of Messrs. Haynes, Massengill, Beavers and Smith. Mr. P. P. Phillips gave us a short talk on "You Can't Slide Down my Cellar Door". It was unique....Another very interesting debate was "Which takes longer to dress, women or men?" Starring in this, were Ruby Kirkland and Robert Carr. One thing that had us all puzzled was a

beautiful hread head who was the guest of Linwood Collins, and who he said was his cousin from the country. She was very flirtatious, wore a diamond necklace and continuously freshened her face from her compact. When she spoke, she spoke in a deep bass voice. When supper was over someone asked Mrs. Walker where her husband was and she smiled an enigmatic smile. Will someone enlighten us pleas

Helen said she saved the best for the last, meaning Mr. Luther Barbour. He began by saying Presbyterians are too prim, but before he finished we said there's one who isn't. It was all clean fun and the women deserve a vote of thanks for such a delicious meal and such congenial fellowship.

News From Young Adults Class - Betty Parks

One of the most thought-provoking sessions we have had since the organization of our Class, was based on the Adult Uniform Lesson selection on "Christian Humility and Forgiveness". Pride became a much-debated quality for us, and with the help of the Adult Uniform Lesson, C. S. Lewis and our own thought, we continued our discussion into the next week.

Proudly we announce three new members of the Class: Laura and Jack Wilson and Jacquelyn Clbertson. Laura and Jack are old friends at Trinity Avenue, having been faithful Wednesday nighters since last summer. Jacquelyn comes to us from Texas.

The Pioneers Have Another Party - Jane Shaw

Haven't you heard about it? Well, here is the latest dope on it. We had a Valentine's Party at the Lyceum on Friday, Feb. 13th. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kimes and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dorsey were the chaperons. We square danced with the help of Mr. Kimes and the records. Then Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey let us try to figure some of their magic games. The sandwiches, coodies and cakes were delicious. All in all, we had a wonderful time.

From the Women of the Church - Mrs. C. C. White, Jr.

The Women of Trinity Ave. Presbyterian Church held its regular monthly meeting in the Ladies Parlor, Monday February 9th at 8:00. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. A. L. Foster and Miss Mary Ellen Estell gave the devotional message.

Mrs. H. C. Carr, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the following slate of officers for the year 1953:

- President - Mrs. A. L. Foster
- First Vice -President - Mrs. E. K. Kraybill
- Second " " - Mrs. Dan Carr
- Secretary - Mrs. C. C. White, Jr.
- Treasurer - Mrs. B. W. Harris, Jr.
- Historian - Mrs. L. E. Crabtree

Committee Chairmen

- Spiritual Growth Mrs. L. J. Kirkland
- World Missions Mrs. James H. Wilson
- Church Extension Mrs. Russell N. Barringer
- Annuities and Relief Mrs. Ernest Harrison

Stewardship	Mrs. Robert L. Blake
Assembly's Special Causes	Mrs. W. R. Patton
Education	Mrs. A. B. Umstead
Pastor's Aid	Mrs. H. C. Carr

Special Committee Chairmen

Music	Mrs. B. C. Bennett
Publicity	Mrs. C. C. White, Jr.
Flowers	Mrs. A. J. Fargo and Mrs. Marshall Brinkle
Social Activities	Mrs. Charles Knott
Wed. night suppers	Mrs. Tyree Woods

Circle Chairmen

Mrs. E. G. Harrison	Mrs. Perry Sloan, Jr.
Mrs. Geo. F. Kirkland, Sr.	Mrs. Oscar Bowden
Mrs. Wynda Woods	Mrs. James Martin
Mrs. Joe Bell	Mrs. W. S. Thrash
	Mrs. Douglas Johnson

Bible Leaders

Mrs. Lee Kirkland	Mrs. Robert King
Mrs. Frank deVyver	Mrs. Carlton Andrews
Mrs. Robert Blake	Mrs. Robert Kirkland
Miss Elizabeth Morris	Miss Mary Ellen Estell

Mrs. Robert Blake, Chairman of Stewardship was in charge of the program. She introduced a panel composed of Mesdames: Lucille Petrea, Kay Bell, Betty Blanchard and Mrs. Blake, who answered questions from the various members, on Christian Stewardship, after which a social hour followed with Circle 6 as hostesses.

The Pioneer Department - The age of decision - Preson P. Phillips

The Pioneer Department - formerly called the Intermediate Department of the Sunday School is for children between ages of 12 and 14 - usually to 7th to 9th grades in public schools. Until recently the superintendent of this department was Mrs. Helen Vail - but it is not in the very capable hands of Gurney R. Blanchard - who also sings tenor in the church choir and has been on the Session of the Church for one year now.

Gurney moved from Newport News, Virginia to Durham in 1946 and has lived at 904 Monmouth Avenue since October of that year with his wife Betty and children - now three - Roger, Donald and Jane. While in Newport News, Gurney was employed in the drafting office of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company - and he was educated in the public schools of that city and at the school that is operated by this company. He moved to Durham to go in the insurance business with his Uncle - Preson P. Phillips, and is now secretary of the Phillips Insurance Agency, Inc.

Gurney was raised in the Methodist Church - but when he moved to Durham, he transferred his membership to Trinity Ave. He started singing in the choir, was soon elected a Deacon and served as treasurer of the Church for several years, until he was elected an Elder.

The Pioneer Department - in addition to having Gurney as Superintendent - is fortunate to have a splendid corp of consecrated teachers. Mrs. H. B. Christie is serving as secretary of the department, and is doing a good job. Teachers in the department now include Miss Peggy Lucas, Miss Connie Castle, Mrs. Anne Noble and Mrs. Robert Byrd. The department has three class rooms in the New Sunday School Building, but the department has grown enough so that they must now use a class room in the basement of the Church building.

Your General Superintendent's wish for this department would be that each year at least one member of the department will decide to give his or her life for Mission work - either home or foreign; and that one person will decide to give his or her life full time to the Lord for preaching or as a Director of Religious Education. There fields need workers so much - and in this department is the time that this decision should be made.

Let our entire Church pray daily for the Lord's guidance in the lives of these young people - and that he will strengthen the teachers and officers of the department that they may help them find his will.

News from the Departments - Grace Shaw

Nursery - Mrs. Rambeau reports that there are about twelve members on the roll at present. The average attendance has been fairly good during this month. The children enjoyed singing, and listening to stories. They have also had lots of fun playing with the dolls and doll carriages that were donated to the department.

Beginners - The theme for the month of February is "Our Church Needs Many Helpers". To get acquainted with their minister, Mr. Bennett was invited to visit with the children - after a short introduction, Mr. Bennett accompanied the class and the teachers to the Church sanctuary - the cross over the organ was lighted, the use of the baptismal font was explained, the children sang "Jesus Loves Me" and Mr. Bennett had a short prayer. The children were impressed with the new carpet. On another Sunday Mr. Carden, our Sexton, spoke to the class and all went on a tour of the furnace rooms - he explained his many duties in keeping the Church warm in winter and clean at all times. The children brought dust cloths for Mr. Carden and furniture polish also. On next Sunday, we will have Mr. Phillips visit the class - also Mrs. Skillen who will present her duties as Church Organist.

Primary - The Primary Department has just finished reading the book, "Mpenge of the Congo" which has made everyone feel that he has been on a visit to the "Hidden Village" and the people who live there. Interest has been so keen, that the children are making a display in their assembly room of some of the things learned about from the book. Each class is making a contribution to the display. The first grade is working on a house typical of the Congo region. The second grade is making palm trees and banana trees, while the third grade is making pottery, dolls, drums etc. that are characteristic of the jungle life. The teachers feel that the children have learned to better understand our friends who live so far away and have developed a good feeling of wanting to share with and help those who are so eager to learn of our Christian way of life.

Juniors - The "Missions" study unit last month led the Juniors to send a special offering to Board of World Missions Presbyterian Church U.S. for Pictures of Christ to be sent to the Belguim Congo, Africa. One of the overall goals in the religious education of the Junior Department is to "guide the Junior to a knowledge of and faith in Jesus Christ as Redcemer and Lord which will give him the hope of eternal life and will bear fruit in Christlike living". The study this month has been based on this overall goal and is called "what it means to be a Christian". This study needs the interest and support of the home behind it, so parents are urged to follow each week with your Junior, the cooperative study and discussion paragraph in the Junior quarterly titled, "Something to do with your Parents". The quarterly message to Parents page too, cannot only enrich your own spiritual life, but gives suggestions for YOU to guide the spiritual growth of your child. The home and Church school working together these months can make this unit full of meaning for our Juniors as we relate it to their own lives and guide them in finding ways in which boys and girls may express the Christian Spirit in everyday living.

Pioneers - The news from this department is included in another news item written by Jane Shaw.

Young People - For the past few weeks, Mrs. Helen Kraybill has been substituting for Mrs. Hassell in this department. At present, this group of young people is studying a series of lessons based on Mr. Jones Meet the Master. They plan to begin a new unit as soon as the materials arrive.

News Items - Alice Shoaf

Mrs. Swannie Lloyd spent last weekend in Washington, D. C. visiting her son Kenneth. Ed Shoaf was stricken with flu this past weekend...Mrs. B. C. Bennett is now convalescing at the manse after spending sometime in the hospital fighting the flu and food poisoning....

Paul Kimes is now up and about after an operation at Watts Hospital...the exact nature of his illness has not been revealed, but it has been noticed that he sits down very carefully....

Bill Bennett promised Bob King that he would grow a beard if Bob Would! Now Bob has seven whiskers...Ed Kraybill looks a lot like a Bowery Bum since he started his beard...Ed Higgins and Tyree Woods are definitely "Brothers of the Brush"...

H. W. Zinger has done a wonderful job in buiadding a lectern for the George Matthis Class...Tessie Woods has just returned from Pink Hill - as usual!

Amerylis Barringer Costner is the proud mother of a strapping big boy---Elaine and Forrest Callahan are making plans to move to Winston Salem in June, since Forrest has been transferred there.

FROM THE MINISTER... For March

THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS for the next term is about to take place. As you know, officers are elected for a term of three years. They are then eligible for re-election for another three year period. At the end of this time, they must take one year as inactive before being eligible once again. This is called the rotary system, and has proved a good one in the various churches that have used it. The officers who go off the boards, however, remain officers, only on an inactive status.

The congregation will nominate 10 men for elders this Sunday, March 1st. From this number, 5 will be elected next Sunday. An identical procedure will be followed on the next two Sundays for the deacons. They will be ordained (those who are becoming officers for the first time) and installed (those who have been officers before), on the first Sunday in April, Easter Sunday, April 5th.

To be an officer in the Church of Jesus Christ is not to be thought of as an honor. It is to be thought of as a divine obligation. It is in no way an honorary position. It is rather a place of special service, absolutely requiring utmost sincerity of faith in Jesus Christ and a humble desire to serve His Kingdom. It is never to be thought of as a social position, but a divine calling.

God will guide us in the selection of the right men for the right place if we call on him and depend upon him to lead us to men of strong character and Christian spirit.

God forbid that we should enter into our choice of his Church's leaders lightly or thoughtlessly. We should not vote for a man only because he is our friend, but because he is a man of faith.

March 8th is CHURCH LOYALTY DAY... by that time we hope to have all our pledges in for the completion of our campaign to support the current expenses and the benevolences of the Church. We all want to be present at Church on that Sunday. What does it mean to be loyal to your Church?

1. Attend its services of common worship. Do you make a real effort to bring the children systematically to Sunday Church School? Do you come and stay yourself? Do you attend the Mid-Week Service for Worship and study?
2. Participate in the activities...The Women of the Church, the class activities, the social functions.
3. Serve when you are called upon to help. And do you volunteer your services? You might help with the music, visit the sick, assist in the nursery, the kitchen, help with the projects of various groups.
4. Witness to your faith in Christ...to the people you see at home and on the job. Do you invite others to come to your Church? Would you be willing to go and get them if they needed a way?

Chuckle Box - Editor

Marriage Certificate - a Certificate that give a woman the right to drive a man.....

Car Sickness - that feeling you get every month when the payment fall due....

Many a man marries a girl like a magazine cover and expects her to wear like a Bible.

No man goes before his time - unless the boss has left early!

It is easy to spot a person with personality - he always reminds you so much of you.....

Many thanks to Betty Blanchard for typing this issue. Maude Betts furnished mailing labels.

Residue Giving Is Not Enough to Offer God

As Christian people we must face vory frankly the fact that if it be but residue giving of our time, talents and money, then it is not enough. It is not enough to give God whatever is left over after we have satisfied our own selfish desires. We are strictly told in the Scriptures that it is the first fruits that are demanded. God has never been, and never will be, pleased or satisfied with residue giving.

We received an exceptionally gracious letter and a generous contribution recently from Dr. Allan Puppel who now lives in Columbus, Ohio. It is good to be remembered by old friends. Thank you Allan.

EDITORS NOTE--- The Article entitled "Au Revoir" was inserted in this issue without the knowledge of the editor and any opinions stated therein are not necessarily those of the editor or staff of this paper. After all, we know him.
