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ABOUT THE COVER

Class artist, Bob Blake, inquiring of the newest addition to our ranks, came up this time, with a most timely cover featuring our new teacher's baby daughter, Barbara Anne Benjamin. Walt has already become one of us, and we can see that his plump and pretty baby also has her pappy's winning personality. Here is wishing each and everyone a very Happy and most Prosperous New Year!

DEACONS AND ELDERS ELECTED FOR NEW YEAR:

In accordance with the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of the U.S., Trinity Avenue held its elections during December.

Deacons elected for the regular term of three years are:
R.N.Barringer, V.E.Bell, R.G.Carr, L.R.Shaw and W.A.Kirkland.

Elders also elected for a three year period are:
Frank deVyver, J.Frank Jarman, Oscar Bowden, P.P.Phillips and C.R.Vail.

DO WE NEED ANY MONEY! YES! HELP WANTED!

As usual, our class is always wanted a little more men, women and money to put to work in various ways for further the work of our group. Jack Crumpacker came up with many ideas last year, and we did come forward with a good seventy-five dollars to swell the GM purse. Now we hear by the grapevine, that our class has been told they may pick up fifty very easy-to-make dollars during this month of January.

Several years ago, we had the goof fortune to act as special "shoppers" at Sears-Roebuck's and again, the good news has come that we are accepted for this for 1954. This will require about twenty volunteers to spent about fifteen minutes buying selected items throughout the store....and an additional five minutes filling out a simplified form concerning the store. (This is much simpler than Income Tax Form 1040, known as the "simplified" version). We know that everyone will enjoy spending Mr. Sears-Roebuck's money in his own store, and then receiving a big fat check for fifty dollars for our trouble!

LET'S GET THAT "GREENBOARD" ALL STRAIGHTENED OUT...NAMES IN PLACE AND SEE IF WE CAN ALL TURN IN SOME PERFECT ATTENDANCE SCORES AS HAVE TOBE, GRACE, FLORA, KAY, JOE, YVONNE AND JACK!

is now going into a New Year and I hope a very successful one, as has been the year just ended under our outgoing President, Frances Jarman.

Let us then continue to work together and to strive for greater things in the service of God and our church.

I pledge myself and my energies to further our class in a happy and prosperous New Year in Christ.

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Staff: Mayme Hampton
Mayton Betts
Pete Hampton
Tobe Shaw
Robert Crumpler
Gil Mays
Helen Higgins

Chairman: Ed Kraybill
Tom Bell
Paul Riggsbee
Dell Woods
Donald Lynch
Elizabeth Gerritsen
Dorothy Crumpler

Shaw Stephenson
W.B.Kirkland, Jr.
Ed Higgins

FELLOWSHIP:

Chairman: Tyree Woods
Marian Kimes
Flora Woods
Carlene Mays
Pearl Farabow
Kenneth Compton

NOMINATION:

Frances Jarman
Mayton Betts
Paul Kimes
Frank Jarman

SOCIAL:

SOCIETY:
Chairman: Kay Bell
Maude Betts
Faye Fehler

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TRAINING CIRCLE:

This year the Women of the Church have organized a new circle under the leadership of Mrs. Dan Carr. The purpose of this circle is to train the young women of our church who for one reason or another have never been active members of a circle. The young adults, who since finishing school, marrying or coming into church have not been participating in the Women of the Church. Mrs. Gurney Blanchard is co-chairman, Mrs. Nancy Parks Anderson has agreed to teach the Bible Study, but for the first two months, she will not be with us, and Mrs. Nina Berryhill Kirkland will teach.

Monday night, January eleventh, is the date of the first meeting of this Training Circle, meeting with Mrs. Blanchard. It is hoped that through this new circle, young women of our church will take their rightful places and become leaders in the Women of the Church.

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GEORGE MATTHIS CLASS VISITS COUNTY HOME TO SPREAD CHRISTMAS CHEER

Sunday, December twentieth, a nine-thirty in the morning, our regular class was held at the Durham County Home. About thirty members of our group was present for a most inspiring service led by Ed Higgins. With Paul Kimes as the song leader, Agnes Skillen, pianist, carols were sung by the group. It was a real thrill to hear our very own quartette of excellent singers, Paul Kimes, Jack Crumpacker, Laouise Kirkland and Yvonne Crumpacker. After Ed's excellent and different Christmas story, Tobe Shaw presented each inmate of the home with a Christmas card containing a new dollar bill. This is the fourth annual visit to the home, and already plans are being made for our 1954 visit.

JAMES LLOYD

A present candidate for the Ministry under the care of Granville Presbytery is James Ronald Lloyd, the son of Mrs. Swannanoa Lloyd and the late James Green Carson Lloyd. James was born in Durham on December 22, 1931. Soon afterwards, he began attending the Church school and services of Trinity Avenue. James has served in many leadership capacities in our Church School and youth fellowships. During 1948-51 James served as vice-president, president, and a commission chairman on the Granville Presbytery's Youth Fellowship Council and as a member of Synod's Youth Council. In the summer of 1952 James was the Director of Youth Work at Trinity Avenue. He also has enjoyed summer counsellor experiences at our Presbytery's Pioneer camp. During his three years at Duke University James has been an active and interested participant in the Duke Westminster Fellowship and Kappa Chi pre-ministerial fraternity.

School days for James began at E. K. Powe Elementary and Junior High School in 1938. In the fifth grade he began studying the violoncello and has continued this activity as a favorite interest. Other favorite activities have been the Chorus, the band, literary societies, dramatics, and student council work. While in the ninth grade, James began playing the 'cello in the N. C. All-State Orchestra and the Duke Symphony.

Visitation programs, summer conferences, and Presbytery rallies have offered James fine opportunities for Christian Fellowship and growth in religious experience. Various Church conferences which have been high-lights in his experiences have been those at Peace College, Camp New Hope, Flora MacDonald College, Montreal, and the Fourth Quadrennial Youth Convention in 1951 at Auburn, Ala. James claims as very influential in his life work decision the lives of the ministers of Trinity Avenue, as well as many other persons who serve God and live in the knowledge, the fellowship, and the joy of our Lord. James is planning to enter Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia in September, 1954.

Our prayers, love, and wishes go with him as he prepares for the Gospel Ministry.

(This is the last in a series of articles prepared by Mrs. L. R. Shaw Mrs. Bennett and parents of the young people written about. It has been our hope to bring to our church members fuller appreciation of the young people in our own church who have made God's work their special careers.

THE DOG WHO FOLLOWED HIS TAIL.....Walter Benjamin

When I was a boy in Minnesota we had an old dog, a Chesapeake Bay, of which our family was very fond. Actually he wasn't good for much because he had never been trained to hunt ducks or pheasants. He spent ninety percent of his time sleeping in a blanket lined box on the porch. However, I always remember that when something unusual disturbed him - a stranger coming to the house or a blase from someone's car horn -- that he would lazily get up, walk slowly around his box, only to lie down again exactly in the same position on his blankets and return to sleep peacefully.

"The Dog Who Followed His Tail"continued('alter Benjamin)

An analysis of human nature leads me to believe that many of us are like this old dog in our habits. Complacently we go along day by day in the same old way, until perhaps at the turn of the year we momentarily awaken to resolve, in the form of New Year resolutions, that we will turn over a "new leaf". The tragedy is that far too often we settle down in the same old "groove" of live looking at the same old problems in the same old way, having only rearranged our prejudices for all our troubles.

In all events, it is apparent that the New Year will be filled with many new personal and worldly "distractions" -- problems which will demand, in the light of the Gospel, new interpretations and new solutions. The mind of the Christian is not static but to more closely conform his opinions, his habits, and his life to the pioneering life of Jesus Christ.

With courage we must go forth, knowing that "new occasions teach new duties."

JINGLE BELLS, GEORGE MATTHIS STYLE....

Christmas is over but the sound of Jingle Bells is still ringing in the ears of the members of the George Matthis Bible Class. That's because everyone had such a joyful good time at the Christmas Party held on December 11th.

First came the big dinner with a table of food fit for a King. The thanks for this portion of the party go to Mayme Hampton and Kay Bell plus those who worked on their committee.

Then came the presentation of gifts to the four teachers who taught the class during 1953. Class President Frances Jarman had a unique train with four cars and each car carried a necktie. The gifts went to teachers Forest Callahan, Ed Higgins, Walt Benjamin and Frank Jarman.

Following this everyone participated in a game arranged by Elizabeth Gerritsen and Tess Woods. This was a race to determine which team could tie the most attractive Christmas package using only the left hand in the operation.

Tobe Shaw had brought in a beautiful Christmas tree and the Deacons had provided funds with which to purchase the decorations for the tree. Everyone had a part in laying on tinsel, hanging baubles and spraying....the result was a lovely tree that served throughout the holidays including the Family Night Christmas Supper.

Decorations for the occasion were arranged by Flora Woods and Maude Betts. The holiday motif was carried out to perfection and the entire room took on the spirit of the season.

There were others who contributed their efforts to the occasion and to one and all go the thanks of the entire class for this was one of the finest Christmas parties we ever had. There were 65 in attendance including guests.

The George Matthis Class extends deepest sympathy to Tess Woods, who lost her father December 12th.

RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW --- Stan and Dot Colvin

Ring out the old, ring in the new!
That's what we're about to do!

And we are about to ring out old editors and in with new ones for ATTIC ANTICS. This is the last issue of ATTIC ANTICS that we, Stan and Dot Colvin, act as editors. We've enjoyed it a lot (we really did) and we cussed some (we couldn't help it now and then), and we tried to bring you all the news and happenings that we could rake and scrap of doings of the George Matthis Class and of our Church. If we did bring any real news and pleasurable reading to our readers and class members, our mission was accomplished, and we are truly Glad. We hope that we did not "hound" too much some of our faithful helpers, but we had the whole sheebang on our shoulders, and we had to beg for help. To those of you who did so cooperatively help us when we cried out, to those of you who cut stencils, to the "cranks", and to the same faithful ones who came down nights when we ran off the paper, we say a genuine thank you, and when you folk are editors, we won't forget.

With this issue, too, we ring in something else new -- a new way of publishing our paper. In the past (as most all know) the editors decided what was to go in the paper, persuaded, begged, asked, wrote (as the case might be) member of the church and class to write them, and after all were assembled, managed (by hook or crook) to get the stencils out. Then on the last Thursday night of the month the few faithfuls gathered together at the church to run off the sheets on the mimeograph, put them together, prepare a few for mailing, and get the issue all set for members to have the first Sunday of the month. This month, we've gathered together a diverse group of class members, borrowed with Frank's permission, the offices at Radio Station WDNC, and we are putting out the whole works in one evening. As some of us write, others are typing what has already been written, while still others stand by at the mimeograph machine, and we hope all completed within a short period. In this manner, we hope to avoid all the unnecessary begging for articles, many trips for the editors, and provide far more fun and fellowship in issuing the paper than has been known since its beginning. Each then feels a real part of the paper, and we feel then that we truly have at last a Class Project in which all participates and enjoy the fellowship of others in so doing.

Again we say thanks to everyone who helped us, and urge you to join in with the group next month for some real enjoyment.

You know, I presume...

That the Kimes took off and went to Tennessee for the holidays. Good trip reported.

That Stan Colvin has opened up a new Veterinary Hospital on the Hillsboro road. Visitors are welcome, so ride out to see him.

That Walt Benjamin, Mrs. Benjamin, and daughter flew to Minnesota for the holidays-- or was it for the proud grandparents to get that first glimpse of the new member of the family.

That Mr. Oscar Bowden is in McPherson Hosital with a throat ailment.

The Hallie Pope Bible Class enjoyed a wonderful class meeting on Dec. 4th at the Church, with a Christmas banquet. The beauty of the decorations by Lillie Fargo, were very pleasing to the eye, and the tasty dinner of turkey with all the accompaniments, and the class members gathered around the table, give us pleasant memories of the year ending in 1953.

Much was accomplished during the year, for which we feel grateful to our Heavenly Father for having let all of our undertakings be achieved. Contributions of clothing, jewelry, and magazines were made to the Butner Institution. Further assistance to the little blind girl, adopted by our class years ago, added much joy, especially to those who have come in personal contact with her. The sick, the needy, the distressed, the poverty stricken, were remembered all during the year, and we rejoiced with the newly weds and two of our members who celebrated golden wedding anniversaries. I would not attempt to enumerate the acts of kindness and thoughtfulness sponsored by the Hallie Pope Bible Class, but it is a privilege and a pleasure to be counted as a member of that class, whose unmentioned motto has been to serve mankind. However, we must not overlook the greatest accomplishment of the year, financially - the purchasing of a Mehlin Baby Grand Piano, Queen Victorian style, with graceful carvings. At this time we thank each individual who contributed toward this project, whether it was a contribution of money or their time in helping us select it, and to the Women of the Church who also helped us. We look forward to having it in our parlor very soon. This handsome piece of equipment will add unspeakable beauty to our ladies' parlor which is attractively furnished. We are grateful for the lovely gold leaf mirror over the mantle, presented by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Bussell, the handsome rug by Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fargo, and the attractive brass candelabras by Dr. and Mrs. Dan Carr.

Entertainment at our Christmas party this year was unlike other years of having a light form of Christmas readings, for we were more serious in the selections and each reading presented by Mrs. Henry Carr and Mrs. Lawrence Craftree portrayed Christ in Christmas. How wonderful it would be if Christ were put back sacredly into the spirit of Christmas, instead of being celebrated as a holiday for commercial benefits. Mrs. Louise Bennett performed at the piano in her usual graceful manner, and we enjoyed carol singing, and her renditions.

Mr. Bennett and Mr. Barbour were the only men present. Fortunately for Bill he had to leave as soon as the dinner was over for another appointment, and since he was nearest the door, he made his escape unnoticed. However, as much as probably Mr. Barbour would like to have left with Bill, he was so seated in the midst and surrounded with the ladies, also guarded on the end by Mrs. Barbour that he had to sit it out with all us women. There is a saying that if one lives with a person long enough, they will acquire his or her ways, and this might well be said about Mr. Barbour, for he stayed with us so long that evening that he finally became feminine and let his hair down. The life and fun that he added to the party will always be remembered. We all think so much of Mr. Barbour for his teaching our class, and now that he actually became one of us that night, and offered so much entertainment for us, we feel doubly grateful to him. We think he is mighty sweet too, for he brings us candy on special occasions. We regret that Mr. Massengill could not be present with us.

"Peace With God" by Billy Graham was presented to our three teachers, Mrs. Helen King, Mr. R. J. Massengill, and Mr. Luther Barbour, also to Mrs. Gertrude White, our retiring president, as a memento of our appreciation of their services during the year.

Officers elected for the year 1954 are:

Mrs. Ruby Kirkland,	President
Mrs. Gertrude White,	V. President
Mrs. Agnes Goswick,	Secretary
Mrs. Audrey Tunstall,	Treasurer

Bob and Mrs. Crumpler take off this week end for a day at Bob's home in Clinton....that is where a certain member of our class almost was arrested one hot summer day, but knowing the Chief of Police's son, a Durham dentist, she was forgiven all! Down east of Durham seems to be a favorite place for GM members. Dick and Faye Fehler visited Mount Olive, where Faye comes from! She's the purtiest pickle ever to come from thar! Did you know Dick is a city slicker? Louisville, KY. No less! Terrible things almost happened at Stan and Dot's new Vet hospital. Dot, doing the family ironing (in the back room) picked up a cocker spaniel's ears in place of Stan's sport shirt!

Holiday time found Pete and Mayme also taking a Sunday off for a homeward visit. Everyone fainted the other Sunday when Jim Martin came back to class. Now get Irene back and the class will really boom!

What GM member, breezing along a Fla. highway, saw a stop sign...spotted a sheriff waiting right beside it, for those who failed to heed it's warning, then got so excited, she passed, sign, road, sheriff and all at a neat 70 per? Sheriff toted his guns across the road, decided she wasn't worth arresting, and said "watch it, next time, lady!" Meets more sheriffs and police chiefs that way!

Mr. Bennett is rumored to be in Richmond finishing up work on that thesis. Hooray and congratulations!

Paul and Marian also visited family during the holidays, turning into Tennessee hillbillies and going all the way over them thar hills into Chattanooga!

Christmas time was wonderful for many papas in our group...new toys to play with. As soon as they break them, the kids will get to play with them and have fun too!

During the preChristmas season, several intrepid members of the class turned up to aid the Salvation Army by ringing the bell on the street. Like the postmen...they came out, never minding the rain and freezing weather. Needless to say they truly enjoyed a most unusual experience. Jack Crumpacker said he never dreamed he would be ringing a bell, asking for money one day, but he turned out to be one of the best ones ther. One young boy, spotting a class member in her new fur coat, was overheard to say! Spot the dame in the fur coa The take must be pretty good!"

During the busy season, Leonard Suitt sold many class members ties, shirts and other men's wear, as he was assisting a certain Durham department store for the "duration". If you have had trouble with the "Tie that blinds" see Leonard. Anyone gets hungry? Just pay a visit to the Bennetts...they received a dozen fruit cakes...all delicious too! Ty spent several evenings and one morning helping the boys at Camp Butner Youth Center to have a brighter holiday...we think this is great! Keep it up, even though it kept you from class, Ty!

It took some powerful campaigning to get that husband and wife team as president and vice president of the class.

That the Jarmans went to Florida for the holidays -- so Frank could get some rest, Frances said, but we noted how pleased she was that they were going -- took the whole family for Frank to get rest.

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