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-The Cover-

Bob Blake this month has illustrated March by presenting the cover of Attic Antics with a kite torn in a tree. A little boy was no doubt flying a kite in the March winds, and the kite was blown in the tree, for a purpose. We as adults are caught in similar circumstances, but the loss is much greater than that of a kite, although this was probably great to the little boy. Many of our misfortunes thruout life are governed by the Upper Hand. All things perhaps have a purpose in life, whether they be bad or good, or they appear so at the time. Our hearts are torn like the kite at times, but it must all have a purpose. This is as much a mystery as the March Winds. Prayer will assist us in overcoming some of the misfortunes of life, and the consolation of knowing that all things have a purpose in life. The little boy was heart broken in the loss of his kite.....God has a purpose for the action.

Bob Crumpler

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"I KNOW SOMETHING GOOD ABOUT YOU"

Wouldn't this old world be better,
If the folks we meet would say:
"I know something good about you."
And then treat us just that way?

Wouldn't it be find and dandy,
If each hand-clasp warm and true,
Carried with it this assurance:
"I know something good about you."

Wouldn't things here be more pleasant
If the good things that's in us all
Were the only things about us
That folks bothered to recall!

Wouldn't life be lots more happy
If we'd praise the good we see
For there's such a lot of goodness
In the worst of you and me!

Wouldn't it be nice to practice
This fine way of thinking too-
"You know something good about me,
I know something good about you!"

The three great Reformers of the 16th century were Martin Luther, Huldreich Zwingli, and John Calvin. All good Presbyterians should know, of course, that their church derives its theological and church government positions largely from the monumental and pioneering work of John Calvin.

Actually, Calvin had little formal interest in Christianity until he was about twenty-three years of age. Obeying the wishes of his father, he pursued his course of study in law at the University of Paris with intense vigor. However, while there he was influenced by the humanistic and liberal spirit of professors and fellow students--a spirit which in turn led him to see the need for reform within the established church. Although there had not been an overt attempt to break with the Roman Church, Luther's works had penetrated into France and were read with increasing approval.

Sometime between 1532-33, Calvin experienced a religious conversion which completely changed his life. Although we know nothing about the circumstances, we can rightly assume that God spoke to him through the Bible, for from this time until his death, the end of his life was fulfilling the will of God.

It was dangerous, however, for men of "unorthodox sympathies" to live in France, and when his friend, Nicolas Cop (the rector of the University of Paris) pleaded for reform, he and Calvin had to flee for their lives. Ultimately Calvin took refuge in Geneva, Switzerland; a place which was to become his model city.

Upon reaching safety, Calvin heard reports that French Protestants were being slandered and called anarchists. In answering these unjust charges, Calvin set forth what to him was the normative Christian position, and published at the age of twenty-six years, "The Institutes of the Christian Religion." It is one of the great landmarks of Christian literature. Although he built his theology on the foundations laid by earlier reformers, especially Luther, his unique gifts of learning, logic, and style gave him the description of the "only international reformer."

Under his headship, Geneva became the ideal Christian community. Secular government and church worked hand in hand in the propagation and enforcement of the promises and demands of the Gospel. Men driven by religious persecution from France, England, Holland, Germany, etc., came by the hundreds to Geneva for the safety that that city provided them. There they fortified their religious convictions through Calvin's teaching and preaching. Consequently, Calvin's influence extended far beyond the confines of Switzerland. His system, as seen in France and England, was the only one that the Reformation produced which could organize itself powerfully in the face of government hostility. The doctrines of Calvin trained strong and fearless men, confident of their election as co-workers with God in the forwarding of His will, courageous to do battle, insistent upon high morals and character, and confident that God had given through the Bible the guide of all right conduct and proper worship.

Presbyterians are justly proud of John Calvin and to the significant insights which from him have come down to them.

It was good to hear our Secretary give such a nice report on the final Sunday in February. We'd like more of our members to take their Sunday School Attendance more seriously and then we would have an even better report. Why is it that it is easy to party at night and get up the next morning and go to work or do household chores, but come Sunday, it's not easy to attend Sunday School?

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We have a new Vice President and know that Kay Bell is going to do wonderful things for the class in this new position. We hated to lose Yvonne Crumpacker, who just resigned as Vice President, but she has gone to the noble calling of teaching in the Sunday School. Speaking of Sunday School teachers, we have a number of members who are called on to teach now and then, but who never let us know where they are ...so, they're marked absent. Make a note and tell some member of the class to report your presence when you are working elsewhere in the Sunday School.

Did you know that the attractive Jean Pegram, who recently joined our class, is the Home Agent for Durham County? Did you know that Walt Benjamine's wife is an organist? Did you know that Francis Jarman, so long a blond, is now a red head? Did you know that Faye Fehler is a native of Mount Olive, N. C. and that Dick Fehler is a native of the Blue Grass State?

Whispers of approval are heard throughout our class when Walt Benjamine's teaching is being discussed. Walt always has so much to tell us and does it in such a way that we go away from Sunday School with a lift and a determination to be better folks. We appreciate the time he spends in order to bring us such fine lessons every Sunday

When someone made the remark in class last Sunday that "you could go to heaven in a Ford or a Cadillac, it didn't make any difference which way, just so you got there..." Joe Bell whispered: "I'd prefer to go by Cadillac, it'd be more comfortable."

That little glass jar we placed in the class room for special contributions to the typewriter fund is certainly being neglected. It doesn't call for dollars or even halves so how about putting a nickle or dime in now and then...they'll add up to dollars if enough of us give a little each Sunday.

Springtime is just about here and we usually have a party of some kind in the Spring. Hope Jack points this out to our entertainment committee.

Ed Kraybill has done a very excellent job in helping arrange the Leadership Training School. We understand that attendance was good and that this year's school was better than those that have gone before.

Wish our new Secretary, Sam Wilkins would go over the roll and drop those members who have been absent as many as four Sundays. It would bring our enrollment down but it isn't fair to our percentage of attendance to carry disinterested members on the roll. Maybe we should first make an effort to get them back to class, but this failing, we should certainly drop some of our so called members from the roll.

We are proud of W. B. Kirkland Jr. for his interest in boy scout work and the formation of the new troop at our church. Yes and we are just as proud of the nice work that Louise Kirkland is doing in our choir. We now have so many GM members in the choir that we lose half our class at half past every Sunday.

Lets all be in our places next Sunday..... By Now.....

HOME COMING OF GEORGE WATTS BIBLE CLASS

Climax of a shower of postal cards and a lively campaign sparked by President Irvin Beavers, Lynwood Collins, and Fuller Walker, the Home-coming of the George Watts Bible Class on January 31, was a huge success. With all but two of the members of the class present and a total attendance of ninety-one, a most suitable audience was provided for the special program of the day. Mrs. Skillen and a group from the church choir added beautifully to the service with a well-selected anthem. Mr. Bennett, our pastor, offered an opening prayer, and Robert King, one of the trio of veteran teachers, closed the exercises with another. The Scripture lesson was read by Lawrence Kirkland, also a "regular" of the class teaching-staff. Dr. Henry Carr introduced the featured speaker for the occasion, Lawrence Dixon, former member of Trinity Avenue Church and now residing in Brevard, North Carolina. Mr. Dixon is a sterling example of Christian integrity and honest simplicity, and his dramatization and explanation of the Biblical text for the day admirably reflected his own personal qualities. Not only his forthright and interesting lesson but each and every element that went into the exercises appears to have been most cordially received by those present.

A pleasant aftermath was still to be observed on February 7, when Secretary Buck Kirkland announced the acquisition of two new members, Frank Dickerson and Hugh Holman, and a total attendance of forty-three.

We are soon to start preparing our physical chassis for the Easter Parade. Stores will overflow---people will be generally in a "trance" with eager eyes gleaning on beautiful Easter Costumes.

I wonder if our hearts should'nt undergo such a transition also. "Easter" defined by an old gentleman by the name of Mr. Webster is: "An Annual Church Celebration Commemorating Christ's Resurrection". On the next line of Mr. Webster's book is "Easter egg: An egg or, now often, a candy or other imitation of an egg, given as a present at Easter."

Please let's not be an "imitation egg" at Easter. Let's open our hearts with prayer, go to church and love and worship with our fellowmen. I grant you will feel better all Easter Sunday, and continue this on each Sunday, and be real true to earth "eggs" all season.

THINGS TO REMEMBER

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

THE NEW BOY SCOUT TROUP

WEDNESDAY NITE PRAYER MEETING

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SUNDAY

BOY SCOUT TROOP.....BILL KIRKLAND.....

Trinity Avenue has opened another door to fun and education for its young people (age 11-14). On February 21st a meeting was held to lay the foundations for a Boy Scout Troop with successful completion made for the beginning. The troop Committee appointed is composed of Dr. Henry Carr, Dr Dan Carr, Dr James Wilson, Messrs. William Bennett, John McBride, Jack Kirkland, Jack Crumpacker, Bob Blake, Gurn Blanchard, and Perry Sloan. Mr. W.H. Johnson was appointed advisor, with W.B. Kirkland, Jr. and Herman W. Johnson as Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster respectively.

The ultimate hope for success now lies in the mothers and fathers of these boys. A Scout Troop's life blood is gaged by its members interest, by the proper age boy for the great Outdoors and cooperation in a stimulating way by the parents, is essential.

The First Meeting is slated for Thursday night March 11th at 7:00PM across from the Men's Bible Class here at Trinity Avenue. All Boys of proper age with the desire to join the largest organization in fun, adventure, and character development are urged to attend.

See You Thursday.....

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HALLIE POPE BIBLE CLASS MEETING

February 15, 1954

The Hallie Pope Bible Class of Trinity Avenue Presbyterian Church met with Mrs. Agnes Goswick on Guess Road on Monday Evening, February 15th, 1954 with 22 members present. Mrs Ruby Kirkland, class president, presided and gave a most inspiring devotional.

The treasurer's report was most encouraging, WE are only a few dollars short of the \$660.00 we are raising for the purchase of a baby grand piano for our class room. This will be subscribed by the time the piano is ready to be installed.

Mrs Annie Carr and Mrs Audrey Tunstall were named as a gift committee and it was voted that gifts would in the future be sent only to members of the class and that cards would be sent to sick members in lieu of flowers. It was also voted to take \$3.00 each month from the blessing box and send to Mrs Ramsey at Barium Springs to treat the boys in her cottage.

After discussion, it was voted that we would have regular class meetings, in the future, every other month. When business is needed to be transacted the president may call a special meeting.

A most enjoyable social hour concluded the evening's program. Mrs Lilly Fargo led the group in Valentine games. The Hostess served delicious refreshments of Russian Tea, Valentine cookies and nuts.

.....Mrs George White-Reporter.....
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Is your child old enough to be in the Communicants class that has just started, see Mr Bennett or Mr Benjamine about the arrangements, we can all help guide our children to find their rightful place in life by giving them the change early to find and know God by learning about the church and joining it.

By: Marian Williams

John and Sally McBryde returned from a restful vacation in Florida to find themselves Co-Presidents of our class and promptly took over the job in a big way.

First they called a meeting of officers at Charlie Vails' home where we planned a party for the whole class and discussed possible projects the class might undertake during the year, both to strengthen ourselves and to meet some real need within the Church.

The party was held on Friday, February 19th, and was literally a huge success. Although it was originally planned for John and Sally's home over thirty people signed up to come and we over-flowed into the Church basement. Our host and hostess directed a lively mixer followed by several strenuous relay races spurred on by the threat that the losers were the clean-up committee. After tracing each others' silhouettes as souvenirs, Florence and Bill Dickerson assisted by the Derseys served the all-important refreshments. I might add there are some mighty good cooks in the group of "beginners". We held a brief business meeting where Sally appointed a committee to select our project for the year and we adjourned by announcing another party for SATURDAY, APRIL 10.

A large number of our group have signed up to attend the Leadership Training School and those attending will be asked to present what they have learned to the whole group during coming class sessions when our regular teacher must be out of town. We hope in this way that each of us may learn a little of the material presented in all four classes.

We would like to say again that any new comers to the Church between the ages of 18 and 30 are earerly invited to come and share their ideas and energy with us. We will need all the help we can get in planning and carrying out our project for this year

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT-- -- -- -- --By: Lucille Petrea

We're happy that the attendance has picked up in our Primary Department. The following children had perfect attendance during January:

JOE BEAVERS, VERN BELL, JANIS BLAKE, DON BLANCHARD, CAROLYN CRUMPACKER, PEPPER HAYNES, ROBIN BLAKE, DAVID MAYES, CYNTHIA SATTERFIELD, AND TIGER TROXELL.

We hope that many of these will have a perfect record for the entire quarter.

Our unit of study this quarter is "JESUS AS A BOY", our related scripture is LUKE 2:52.

NURSERY DEPARTMENT

By: Mrs. Wayne Rambeau

Attendance has been about normal for the Nursery during February. Approximately 20 children are enrolled. We have a variety of equipment to interest the children. The nicest experience recently was the children helping to make valentines for their mothers'.

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT: ----- By: Mrs. R. L. Blake -----

The study for February - March is what Makes a Church? The boys and girls are learning the relationship between Jesus and His followers that is personal and yet carries responsibility with it for others.

We want to welcome to our department Ortie Sue Busse and Barbsie.

The average attendance of 35 is about 75% of our enrollment. The Junior who comes on time with Bible and Quarterly counts 4 points in his class towards winning the banner each Sunday.

KINDERGARTEN ----- By: Mrs. D. J. Smith, Sr -----

"G O D H E L P S U S T H R O U G H M A N Y W O R K E R S"

The life of a child is dependent upon people who care for him. At the same time young children enjoy helping others. We have used these two sides of a child's experience in our sessions this month.

Sometimes the work of helpers has gone unnoticed. We have tried to bring some of these people to their attention: Doctors and Nurses, Farmers and Storekeepers, Mothers and Fathers.

Mrs. Hampton and her little daughter Mayne Kay, paid us a visit last Sunday. Mayne Kay was dressed in a Nurses' uniform just like her Mothers'. Mrs. Hampton told the children many things that Nurses and Doctors do to make people well. She also told them how to keep well by eating the right food and getting lots of rest and by doing this they could be helpers too.

We made Nurses' caps for the girls and Doctors' arm bands for the boys.

The children enjoyed playing the song game of "Helping."

The leaflets the children carry home are very valuable and may we call your attention to page four by saying "Parents this page is for you." Please read it.

PIONEERS - FELLOWSHIP 6:00 By: Charles Dorsey -----

For the past month we have enjoyed having our Fellowship Meetings in some of our homes.

In general, our programs have been discussions of current teen-age problems and Bible Interpretations.

Dr. Wilson, returned Medical Missionary from Korea, presented an interesting program about his experiences. Dr. Wilson showed us colored slides taken in Korea, and these pictures made the Korean People seem less "foreign" to us.

Miss Mary Brewer, a student nurse at Duke, gave us some fine ideas as to how we can carry Christianity into a vacation. We are planning a social event in the near future. We wish all pioneers would join us at our Fellowship meetings at 6:00.

.....AND A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

By: Laurie T. Haynes

How pretty the decorations are - was our first thought as we entered the banquet room of the Cupboard Cafeteria. The room was lit by numerous red and white candles placed on the head table and the three other tables. Along with the candlelight, and adding a note of real festivity, were valentines and greenery, which showed up beautifully on the white cloths covering the tables. And, of course, we had Mrs. Lily Fargo to thank for such a lovely scene.

A Party? Not exactly, but this was Friday evening, February 12th. The occasion was a meeting of District No. 2 of our Church. This meeting, in the form of a Dutch supper, was planned in order that those who live in that district might become acquainted, or better acquainted, with each other.

Uncle John Kirkland so ably asked the blessing.

Mrs. Henry Carr, in her own very gracious manner, welcomed everyone, after which she called on each of the church officers present to make a (pre-arranged) speech, offering suggestions, announcements, or whatever they wanted to talk about. We were quite honored to hear Charlie Vail, Gurney Blanchard, Ed Kraybill, Paul Kimes, and Helen Kraybill, who, as we all know, is President of the Women of the Church. (Please forgive me if I left out any names).

Mrs. Carr went through a list of the people who make up District No. 2, introducing those present, and asking for volunteers to either telephone or visit those unable to attend. You who were absent please look for a visitor or at least a telephone call!

Stating that she had been "saving the best for the last" Mrs. Carr then presented Mr. Bennett, whom we quickly learned is as adept at after-dinner speaking as he is at preaching. It would consume too much space to try to tell you everything interesting that he said. However, I do want to point out that each of should be careful about when we punch where during what part of the Sunday morning sermon. Just remember that he stands both above and before you each Sunday morning!

He invited us all to attend the covered dish supper, followed by prayer meeting on each Wednesday evening. This, Mr. Bennett said, is the time he teaches rather than preaches. Let us all try to go - and regularly. He assured us that we would all learn more about our Presbyterian faith at these meetings. Then we all were asked to attend the Study Course to be held at our Church again this year for all of the Durham Presbyterian Churches. Mr. Bennett stated that there would be a course suited in some way to each individual, whether or not you are an officer or teacher.

We were all asked to visit Mr. Bennett, and his mother and father, at the Manse. He said that he always had time for visitors. (That was really a statement as we all know he is hard at work on his dissertation - but we understand that has to be in real soon now.) So let's all go visit them.

A suggestion was made that we have a district meeting twice a year. However, after the meeting several others suggested that we meet more often. That sort of speaks for itself as to what a good time we all had. SO, WATCH YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 2. Our sincere thanks are extended to Mrs. Carr and to everyone who had a part in the arrangements. We all had a wonderful time together.
