



CONCERNING THE COVER....."Pete" Hampton

February being the birth month of Lincoln, our artist, Bob Blake, decided to draw a copy of the Lincoln Statue by Henry Hering that stands in Indianapolis, Indiana.

This statue stands in University Park, a site originally set aside for a University. The University was never realized, but the Statue stands where Henry Clay Long, the donor, wished it erected. There is something peculiarly ingratiating about this "Lincoln". The bearded President sits erect in a massive chair. He looks with a steady gaze diagonally downward, his right elbow resting on the arm of the chair, the forearm raised, with the hand open and the fingers spread. The pose and gesture indicate, it seems to us, not argument but exposition. Hering himself explains his purpose, saying: "After reading the "Life Of Lincoln" and the troublesome times he went through, it occurred to me that he was getting little support, so I decided to depict him in an attitude of assuring the public that if they will only be calm and patient he will pull them through."

The same is true of we mortals; I fear that God does not always get proper response from us, but if we too will be patient and put our trust in Him, we will find that He is always with us and ready to help if we will only let him.

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NOTICE READERS: Our paper is nameless this month. There is an article following, telling where and why the name "Attic Antics" was given our paper; also telling why the name might now be changed. Everyone has their own opinion and the right to express it - so what do you think?

While you are thinking along that line, think also about a name IF the paper should be developed into a Church paper. Names already suggested are "Trinity Trinkets", or "Trinkets of Trinity", and "Trinity Avenue News", sponsored by George Matthis Class."

Please be thinking about these suggested changes and what you would like to do about it.

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FROM THE DESK OF OUR PRESIDENT. . . . . Ed Higgins

I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks and appreciation to the members of the George Matthis Class for the honor given me and the confidence placed in me by electing me to the office of president. I would also like to pay tribute to the officers of the George Matthis Class during the past year. Jack and his associates did a terrific job in leading the Class to another successful year.

During the coming year, I would like to make the following Committee appointments:

Membership and Attendance Committee:

Dick Fehler, Chairman  
Carlene Mays  
Elizabeth Ann Plyler  
Tessie Woods

Social Committee:

Kitty Sigmon, Chairman  
Betsy Bell  
Paul Kimes  
Frances Jarman

Attic Antics:

Mayme and Pete Hampton, Chairmen  
Maude and Mayton Betts  
Jack and Yvonne Crumpacker  
Mr. and Mrs. Alex Staples

Hospitality:

Frank Jarman, Chairman  
L. R. Shaw  
Gil Mays

The gals and guys listed above are good and true members of the George Matthis Class and I hope will feel free to call on any other class member in the performance of their duties.

I would like, also, to take just a line or two to express my appreciation, and I know the appreciation of the whole class, to our wonderful Teacher. Walter Benjamin has meant a lot to our Church and has brought

thought-stirring lessons to our Class Sunday after Sunday. Thank You, Walt!

Let's all resolve to make 1955 the best spiritual year ever for the George Matthis Class and the Trinity Avenue Sunday School as a whole.

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"FROM ATTIC TO ??". . . . .By Frances Jarman

"A rose called by any other name, would smell as sweet!" so said Shakespeare back in the sixteenth century. The problem now in this twentieth century lies in the name to call our class newspaper: "Bugle"? "Gazette"? "The Basement Bums"? What?

Editor Mayme questioned how "Attic Antics" was ever started. When? Why? and, did YOU know that was not the original name of the paper?

"Attic Antics" started ten years ago, when classrooms were more scarce at Trinity Avenue, than pupils...although our "pupils" often numbered FIVE! President Frances decided that if some sort of letter went out to members on roll, by calling attention to the fact that they were absent, perhaps almost shaming them into coming, things might pick up. They did. Also, believing that by laughing at an almost intolerable situation, something good might come of it. It did! This time people began to notice us. We found that church members were willing to dig into their pockets and lower the floor to one nice level, to install lighting, to purchase a fan, get a lectern for our teacher. People began to laugh and be proud of the fact that we were YOUNG enough to climb those long stairs to the "attic". (That is why I was and still am opposed to the basement room---I refuse to admit my age!) All this increased activity in the class seemed to stem from the fact that we began to know one another, and the so called "gossip" actually made us feel close to those we really so seldom see.

Bob Blake joined our class, his artistic ability was immediately used. The paper grew from one sheet, poorly typed and written, to a true magazine.

The first name "Attic ANNIE", changed to "Attic Antics", others took over the writing of articles, and our scope increased.

In later years, the paper has grown, including news of other activities of the Church in general. We like to have this news, but at times, feel that other classes have not attached enough importance to their complete cooperation, or adherence to deadlines, as all newspapers must have. We still like to have all classes reporting, using this medium to know one another.

Our mailing list is large. Printing cost, paper and all actually runs into a good bit of money. Oftentimes, past members of the church or class or just interested friends, send checks to be used in helping along financially with this project. These are more than appreciated.

Now the time has come when we "older" folk have given the attic to mere youngsters of 25, we find that "Attic Antics" no longer is a suitable name for our paper. Should we be sedate? Or should this remain a really newsy, up-to-the-minute report, sparking with warm friendship? It's up to you.

The editors suggested that I name the paper, as it started from this same typewriter a decade ago. I feel now though, that this is a part of YOU. I would rather the Class make the selection. This paper is one of the nicest things our class does. It has won acclaim from Richmond and at Montreal.....when you are asked to help, do so!

Now get ready....think....what is the name you want to suggest?

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A CLASS PAPER OR A CHURCH PAPER?

Who reads our Class paper and who is interested in having a copy each month? Just the George Matthis Class or the Church as a whole?

Who is interested in keeping the paper within the George Matthis Class, and who is interested in having a real Church paper, a paper that would take in the news and activities of the Church School and the Church at large: Coming events- be what they may: parties - visiting speakers - circle meetings - hayrides - Communion Sundays - Bible School - General Meetings - etc - all things that are of interest to everyone, not just we of one class.

Dr. Bennett came into our class as we were discussing the paper and he believes that each family of the Church would appreciate a paper each month.

We are sure everyone would like to know of coming events so that they might be able to plan their time accordingly, and maybe more people would be able to be present at each gathering.

Of course this is not the only value of a Church paper, nor is it a decision for any one person to make, it is open for discussion and any comments pro or con would be greatly appreciated in order to make this a better paper - a "newsier" paper - a more interesting paper - and a more worthwhile project.

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GENERAL MEETING OF WOMEN OF CHURCH

MONDAY - FEB. 14 - 8:00 P.M. - GEO. WATTS  
CLASSROOM

This month is the World Mission season for the Women of the Church. Our ladies have been fortunate enough to have had a speaker on the subject last month. Those who had the opportunity to hear Rev. Mr. Grissett speak about his work in the Congo were treated to a talk that was interesting and inspirational. Rev. Mr. Grissett is with us in our congregation while he is spending his furlough in Durham.

The subject for our February meeting will again be Mission Work. The speaker will be Dr. Hervey Ross who will present his work in the mission field of Mexico. This is the chance for the Women of the night Circles to attend General Meeting and hear some of the very fine speakers that are available to you through the program of the Women of the Church. Do try to be present.

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YOUNG ADULTS:

New members...new officers...new plans...with these the Young Adults started the Church Year. Our new officers are: Peggy Mahaffee, President; Nancy Anderson, Vice-President; Bill and Joy Rolland, Secretariat; Ann Markley, Treasurer. These five stalwarts met with teacher Charlie Vail in January to study the results of our recent Class inventory, and they report that every phase of our class life was covered.

The new members mentioned above are Celia Spach and Margie Benjamin. Celia has officially joined the Class...Margie has been able to come only once so far but we hope our claim is good! It's grand to have these girls

with us. Actually we should consider Dr. Frank deVyver a permanent Attic dweller. He did another fine job of pinch-hitting for Charlie last Sunday and our thanks head his way.

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"WHAT WENT ON AND CAME OFF AT THE SCOUT HUT ON  
JANUARY 21st, 1955"

Has anybody seen, or does anybody know "Lilli Marlene"? She made a most charming appearance for about eight minutes on the night of January 21, and held forty George Matthis members spellbound. Whatever you do - those of you who couldn't attend our party - don't - please don't probe - don't ask Bill Bennett - just don't miss our next shindig, for she just might make another appearance, and she's really worth the price of a baby sitter!

Dottie Dicks very capably maneuvered the graceful and those less so endowed, through circles and squares; casting asunder then rummaging under; pledging with fists; bowing and scraping-- oh, what an undertaking--but she did it, and all had fun. Ask Yvonne if it was a "shin"-dig!

Bill McLeod and his Committee served delicious refreshments, and those who just "sat" around the fire reveled in the good fellowship that typifies all our get-togethers. Here, we have the opportunity to learn to know each other better. We have gained so many new and fine young members who have much to offer our Class. We missed you who couldn't attend- but we'll see you in Sunday School. Hope you'll make the next one.

A Reporter.

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NEWS FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL. . . . . Carlene Mays

The Cradle Roll, under the supervision of Mrs. Wayne Rambeau, continues to have good attendance. The children are especially enjoying the new toys made available through the Day Nursery.

Mrs. P. M. Bussell leads the Kindergarten Class and is ably assisted by Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Barbour. This month the children have been studying about God in Nature and how He cares for the little creatures. On January 30, little Beth Becker reviewed the lessons for the Class, "reading" from her Testament and "teaching" in Mrs. Bussell's style!

In the Primary Department, led by Mrs. J. C. Petrea, these children, all in the First Grade, have completed the year's requirement of memory work from the Child's Catechism. They have each received a book as a reward from their teacher, Mrs. Molony, :- Jimmy Edgerton, Mary King, Kenneth Mays, James Miller, Jimmy Petrea, Tommy Walker and Nancy Watkins. Also in the Primary Department, the following children have had perfect attendance for the month of January: Carolyn Crumpacker, Karen Joerg, David Mays, Kenneth Mays, Jimmy Miller, Mary King, Janis Blake, Dick Busse and Frances Molony. Teachers have perfect attendance too: Mrs. C. F. Molony, Mrs. J. T. Crumpacker and Mrs. Richard Barnes.

The Juniors have been studying about India and Pakistan during the month. This group is led by Bob Blake and he is assisted by Mrs. Compton, Mrs. Farmer, and Mrs. Barringer. Juniors having perfect attendance during January are: Fred Ropp, Barbara Busse, Ellen King, Doris Petrea, Don Blanchard, Robin Blake, Betty Ann Molony, Linda Bersebach, Kathy Haynes, Martha Haggerty and Alex Umstead.

From the Pioneer Department, under the leadership of Gurney Blanchard, the following have had perfect attendance: Janet Samonds, Wallace Gray, Nancy Gray, Stephen Haggerty, Jane Shaw, Stephen Harris, Roger Blanchard,

Paschal Boyd, and Franklin Knott.

We welcome any and all news from our Sunday School. We are especially proud of those who have been in Sunday School each Sunday during the month. Let's help this list grow and grow throughout the year!

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MEMBERS OF THE GEO. MATTHEWS CLASS

How many of you have tried to reach a member of your Class and didn't know the right telephone number, or on what street they lived? Here is a list of the members, we hope we haven't missed any, and we hope the list will also be a help to each of you.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>TELEPHONE</u>
Barr, Harriett	2017 Woodland Dr.	5-2515
Barr, Frank	" "	5-2515
Becker, Nancy	Powe Apts. #5, Watts St.	3-8413
Betts, Mayton	309 Edwards St.	3-4253
Betts, Maude	" "	3-4253
Bell, Kay	503 Bon Aire Ave.	3-8932
Bell, Joe	" "	3-8932
Bell, Betsy	2748 Guess Road	8-0902
Bell, Tom	" "	8-0902
Bennett, Mrs. Louise (Honorary Member)	1012 Green St.	8-4346
Benjamin, Walt	1838 Forest Road	8-9617
Boyd, Lib	916 Markham Ave.	8-2436
Bryant, Doris	1108 Burch Ave.	7-6442
Busse, Ewald	1423 Woodburn Rd.	7-7847
Busse, Ortrude	1423 Woodburn Rd.	7-7847
Clark, Ben )	40 Flemington Rd.	9-6231
Clark, Marie)	Chapel Hill, N.C.	9-6231
Colvin, Dorothy	Rt. 2, Hillsboro Rd.	8-0836 or
Colvin, Stan	" "	7-5198
Crumpker, Doroht	812 Green St. Apt. 2-B	8-5257
Crumpker, Robert	" "	8-5257
Crumpacker, Jack	1206 South Duke St.	7-6263
Compton, Kenneth	Cornwallis Ed.	7-9026
DeMaria, Glenn	1501 Woodburn Rd.	7-7349
Fehlert, Faye	2104 Sprunt St.	8-2539
Fehlert, Dick	" "	8-2539
Gerritsen, Bert	2310 Prince St.	7-7660
Gerritsen, Lib	" "	7-7660
Hobbs, Clara	218 W. Geer Street	3-5855
Higgins, Ed	212 Northwood Circle	2-3391
Higgins, Helen	" "	2-3891
Hampton, Mayme	112 W. Lynch St.	3-0914
Hampton "Pete" (.A.H.)	" "	3-0914

Members-Geo. Matthis Class- Cont'd-

Name	Address	Telephone
Hagerty, Mary	310 Oakwood Ave.	3-4891
Jarman, Frank	2610 Stuart Dr.	7-2162
Jarman, Frances	" "	7-2162
Kimes, Paul	110 Second Ave.	3-5293
Kimes, Mariam	" "	3-5293
Kraybill, Ed	2726 Circle Drive	7-6750
Kraybill, Helen	" "	7-6750
Kirkland, Louise	Rt. 5, Box 523	4-7501
Kirkland, W. B.	" "	4-7501
McLeod, Margaret	1508 Glendale Ave.	9-5730
McLeod, W. L.	" "	9-5730
Mays, Carlene	913 W. Trinity Ave.	4-7575
Mays, Gil	" "	4-7575
Miller, Hamilton	2331 Haron St.	7-7796
Miller, Marie	" "	7-7796
Plyler, Elizabeth Ann	1710 James St.	7-9968
Rigsbee, Paul	2610 Lowndale	8-3927
Sigmon, Kitty	3417 Chapel Hill Rd.	7-6516
Sigmon, McDewey	" "	7-6516
Shaw, Grace	1014 Southwood Drive	7-6467
Shaw, Tobe (L. R.)	" "	7-6467
Skillen, Agnes	106 Charlotte St.	8-7548
Shields, J. D.	1006 Monmouth Ave.	9-7284
Suitt, Julia	2004 University Drive	7-6188
Suitt, Leonard	" "	7-6188
Shoaf, Alice	617 Ruby St.	3-1671
Staples, Harriett	1402 Norton St.	8-5460
Staples, Jack	" "	8-5460
Tucker, Hilda	Ryan St.	5-0503
Umstead, Ione	210 Atlas St.	8-0825
Umstead, Bernice	" "	8-0825
Walker, Vivian	920 Lamond Ave.	9-6861
Woods, Flora	2011 Wilson St.	8-5221
Woods, Tyree	1017 Eighth St.	8-1108
Woods, Tess	" "	8-1108
Woods, Dell	2330 Englewood Ave.	8-3721
Woods, Mary	" "	8-3721
Ward, Allan	1107 First Avenue	2-1990
Zinger, Arlene	207 Cornwallis Rd.	7-6538
Zinger, Harry	" "	7-6538

TEACHING MEMBERS FROM GEO. MATTHIS CLASS

Blanchard, Betty	904 Monmouth Ave.	4-8392
Blanchard, Gurney	" "	4-8392
Barnes, Ruby Clair	2210 Woodrow St.	8-5778
Blake, Robert	609 Ruby St.	4-0553
Benjamin, Walter	1838 Forest Rd.	8-9617
Crumpacker, Yvonne	1206 S. Duke St.	7-6263
Molony, Sara	102 Forestwood Dr.	7-9566
Shoaf, Ed	617 Ruby St.	3-1671
Vail, Charlie	2730 Circle Drive	7-9329

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CLASS      COMMENTS

Nancy Beeker is one of our newest members and we are really glad to have her. She has two lovely children: BETH, who is in the Beginners' Dept., and ANN, who is a little small for Sunday School, and a husband, ED who we would like very much to have as a Class member also- What about ED??

Doris Bryant is our other new member; she has two handsome sons, BOB and Dick. (Both have been quite ill, we hope they will soon be on the up and up). BOB is in Ed Shoaf's group of Young People, while Dick is in the Pioneer Group. Doris also has an older son, BRUCE, who is in the Air Force. His address is:

AFC  
A S 16415939  
5015 Th. Radar Evaluation  
E F M Flight  
APO 942  
Seattle Washington

Am sure both he and his mother would appreciate any letters anyone in the Class might care to write. Doris is a nurse, doing 11-7 night duty in psychiatry at Duke Hospital, and we are all proud of her efforts to come to Sunday School and Church after a night's work.

Robert and Hilda Blake have a new son - Kennard - we are all very glad with them. To you new members that don't know all the old members, "Bob" is the artist in our Class and always draws the cover for our class paper. We are very grateful to him for being so generous with both his time and talent.

We are always grateful for kind words in our effort to issue this paper and letters like the following do help:

"Enclosed is a dollar to help with the cost of mailing "Attic Antics" to me. I look forward to receiving it each month."

This is a paragraph from a letter from Elizabeth Williams Sparney to any of you that remember her and would like to write her. The address is: 8385 N. Woodington Rd. (29), Baltimore, Maryland.

How many of the Geo. Matthis Class looked at Love Charade, WUNC-TV to see our "own Frances" perform? She was really good, so don't forget to tune in next Thursday at 9:00 P.M. It isn't every class that has a FRANCES!

Harry Zinger has had pneumonia; we have missed him in class; hope he will soon be well and back with us.

The L. C. Couch's of 1518 Glendale Ave., visiting the Geo. Matthis Class, are old friends of the Sigmons- went to church together in Greensboro -- maybe Kitty and McDewey can help us get them interested in being members of our Church School and Church.

Class Comments, cont'd-

We, "Pete" and Mayme, are not newspaper wise, so we do not promise you the best paper ever, but we do promise to do the best we can; we are most willing to try and with Maude and Mayben, Jack and Yvonne, and Jack and Harriett, as "side kicks" the situation should be well in hand, but we will appreciate any help you feel that you can give us, be it - "writing" - "typing" - "Walking 'round the table" - "stapling" - "Stamping" - or suggestions of any kind. OR, if you don't feel like any of that type of work, just bring yourself on to our Class room on Thursday night before the first Sunday of each month, we will appreciate your "moral support" and you will enjoy yourself anyway. We ALWAYS have fun!

See you Thursday night, March 3. ?????!!!!