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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Time is rapidly winding up for our special emergency effort for Shaw University. Just as we have done in the past to rally the Baptist focus in times of crisis and emergency, we are faced at this time to bring Shaw through a time of uncertainty and embarrassment.

For our information, most of our private Christian Colleges are having to call for extra resources and increased giving to keep their doors open. Shaw, by no means, is an exception when she says to us that the century old school is in trouble. Shaw may be saying to the Baptists of North Carolina that we need to take into account our whole stewardship attitude.

The many things that we are called to do, such as the expansion of our church program; establishing a strong, meaningful and active witness in the world; building new church buildings and adequate facilities for Christian Education and community service; giving stronger support to the denominational program and such ecumenical movements that tend to unite us as Christians, mean that we are going to have to relax from the penny, nickel and dime program, not leaving out church dues (fifty cents for the men and a quarter for the women) and bring ourselves to God's plan for financing his church — that is faithful bringing the tithe into God's storehouse. Suppose we try this church members and see what the Lord will do with our obedience.

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A few weeks ago, a group of ministers from Rocky Mount moving under the banner of the Fundamental Ministerial Association converged on the Governor's office to protest the use of some books in the public schools that unfortunately contained approximately three damns in them. All of us will admit that many authors, television programs and other forms of communication have become very loose with obscene language. Some books and television programs employ so much more vulgarity than the

three damns referred to by the Fundamental Ministers. It was later brought out by the Fundamental Ministers that these books had some men in them who were Communist inspired and among them named were: Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Langston Hughes. Now, I am about to conclude that the Fundamental Ministers were not after the three damns, but rather some of the most outstanding Black American Leaders that we have known. It seems that some of the whites are trying to solve the race problems by discrediting black leaders.

There is another side to the story. In Rocky Mount there is the Rocky Mount Ministers Fellowship composed of pastors of the leading churches. This fellowship is strongly opposed to the action of the Fundamental Ministerial Association.

Instead of facing our problems and doing something about solving them, we are plagued with private schools, conservative and Fundamental Ministers, the John Birch Society and many others calling themselves the answer to our present dilemma. HOW DO YOU THINK?

**IMPORTANT MEETINGS
IN JANUARY**

On January 14, the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention, chaired by Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, held a most significant meeting at Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh. On the same day, the 125 member General Board of the General Baptist State Convention, J. Ray Butler of Winston-Salem, chairman, had a far reaching meeting in the Student Union on the campus of Shaw University.

The Mid-Winter Session of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Dr. J. H. Jackson, President, will be held January 19-21 in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Mid-Winter Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., Dr. E. L. Harrison, president, will be held January 19-21 in Memphis, Tenn.

**FROM THE DESK OF
THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**



O. L. Sherrill

Dear Christian Co-Workers:
With the beginning of a New Year it becomes an old fashioned custom with us to have the pleasure of thanking you for helping to make the previous year a successful one for the General Baptist State Convention.

Reviewing the past year, we realize that the progress we have made is directly due to the confidence, cooperation, dedication and hard work of our constituents, and we want you to know that your part has been graciously appreciated.

January, February, and March are always our most difficult months. Contributions come in rather slowly, while at the same time current expenses are mounting. Therefore, your increase in giving to the Unified Program is urgently needed.

May our pleasant relations of the past continue for many years to come. Please accept our best wishes for a happy, prosperous, and successful New Year.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 4 — One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention, West Durham Baptist Church, Durham
- June 21-27 — National Baptist S. S. Congress, Inc., Little Rock, Arkansas
- June 21-27 — Progressive National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, Los Angeles, California
- July 13-15 — Baptist State Ushers Convention, Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- Aug. 3-5 — State S. S. — B.T.U. Convention, University Park, Charlotte
- Aug. 9-13 — Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, Mt. Vernon, Durham
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 — Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, East Orange, New Jersey
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention of America, (place to be announced)
- Sept. 7-12 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas
- Nov. 1-4 — Laymen's League & General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh

JANUARY — 1971

C. R. EDWARDS, President

General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.



Now that we have been blessed to see the New Year — 1971, it is my prayer that the General Baptist family will renew its commitment to a program of progress.

We are grateful to the men and women of the past who made outstanding contributions and who built the solid foundation on which we stand to build today. We have an obligation to strive to build a bigger and better Convention. We must attempt great things for the Convention, and then expect great things from the Convention.

A forward step was made in this direction with the employment of Rev. Leo Williams to serve as our new director of Christian Education. Our present staff, headed by Dr. O. L. Sherrill still is not large enough to adequately cover the state for our cause. Our new Director, along with other staff members are eager to answer calls for service. They are trained and equipped to do the job.

Our Convention, including all its auxiliaries, must work together traveling toward the same goals if we are ever going to fulfill our purpose of our Convention. Many years ago, the leaders of our Convention adopted a motto which we still find very appropriate: "The multitude that does not reduce itself to unity is confusion."

**PREACHER - EDUCATOR -
AUTHOR LAID TO REST**

Dr. Miles Mark Fisher who pastored the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham for 32 years, departed this life December 14 in Richmond, Va. Dr. Fisher was 71 at his death. Funeral services were held in Durham in the B. N. Duke Auditorium of North Carolina Central University on Friday, December 18. Dr. Fisher's son, Miles Mark Fisher, IV, officiated at the funeral with the eulogy being delivered from recorded excerpts from Dr. Fisher's famous sermon on "The Old Time Religion".

FLASH!!!

As we go to press, we received the sad news of the passing of Dr. E. T. Browne, pastor, Mr. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham.



Front row, left to right: Mrs. Mabel Monroe, Mrs. Theresa Fields, 1969 Queen crowning Mrs. Mary Ellis, 1970 Queen, Mrs. Theodore Walker. Second row, left to right: Mrs. Gentle Ingram, Mrs. Creola Shropshire, Mrs. Susie Fleming, Mrs. Jessie L. Childers, Mrs. Cora Mitchell, Mrs. Mary Walker and Mrs. Cindy Collins. Not shown: Mrs. Wynola Hicks, Mrs. Mary Bradshaw, Mrs. Elizabeth Henderson, Mrs. Berliner Withers, Mrs. Selena McKinney, Mrs. Sarah Chunn, Mrs. Alma Steele, Mrs. Leslie Wellington, Mrs. Lula Henderson, Mrs. Mary Blair and Mrs. Hilda Robinson.

WOMAN'S DAY OBSERVED AT FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Salisbury, North Carolina

The First Calvary Baptist Church in Salisbury, North Carolina held its thirty-seventh Annual Women's Day, Sunday, October 25, 1970. It was indeed a memorable occasion with the women of the church in complete charge of all the activities for the day beginning with Sunday School. The Inspirational Address was given by Mrs. Mabel McLean, Professor of Education at Barber Scotia College, Concord.

The Evening Program featured the Black Youth Chorus of Salisbury, directed by Mr. William Robinson and Mrs. Esther Marioneaux. Miss Joneice Anderson, a senior music major from Winston-Salem State College was also featured on the program. The program was climaxed with the presentation of the Captains by Mrs. Helene Short and Miss Edith Cash. The Captains represented some of the Women of the Bible. The picture above represent some of the Captains.

The Woman's Day Program was under the leadership of Miss Augusta White and Mrs. Elizabeth Fields. Mrs. M. D. Trott and Mrs. Gentle Ingram were in charge of the finance. Rev. Theodore Walker is Pastor of First Calvary Baptist Church.

JOHNSTON TO SERVE ABC AS ACTING GENERAL SECRETARY

The Rev. Dr. Frank E. Johnston has been appointed by the General Council of the American Baptist Convention to serve as acting general secretary, starting January 1.

He will serve in the interim period following the effective resignation date of the general secretary, the Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Tuller, until such time as a new general secretary is elected.

The executive committee of the General Council, assisted by an advisory committee appointed by the convention president, the Rev. Dr. Roger Fredrikson, will bring in a nomination to be presented to the convention for action at an annual meeting.

Dr. Johnston has served since 1961 as associate general secretary for administration of the ABC. Prior to that he served as budget advisor. From 1941 to 1951, he was the national director of church school administration for the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication.

A graduate of Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa., in 1928, and of Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N. Y., in 1935, he has served Baptist Churches in Washington, D. C.; Middleton, Ohio; and Hartford, Conn. In 1962, Alderson-Broadus College, Phillippi, W. Va., conferred on Dr. Johnston the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

JOHNSTON COUNTY WOMAN'S UNION MEETS

By MRS. LUGENIA JONES

The Johnston County Woman's Union of the Johnston District Missionary Baptist Association continues to work hard under the leadership of Mrs. Clara Ballentine as President and Mrs. Salomi McClean, Vice President.

In September the Union met with the Johnston Piney Grove Church where the Reverend Luther Coppedge is pastor. This meeting was largely attended and every one seemed to be working on one accord, while the vice president, Mrs. McClean presided.

After devotions, and other business of importance, committees were appointed. Reports were made by special workers, ministers wives, and Deaconess Council and local presidents. Visitors were introduced and we were ready for a delicious dinner.

Following the afternoon devotional period, the president made her annual address. Some things she stressed were:

1. Improving our local circles
2. Trying to save more souls for Christ
3. Letting our lights shine brighter in our homes, churches and community
4. Doing more than ever for Shaw, the Central Orphanage, the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and the Camp site
5. Organizing more missionary groups

On Sunday morning a skit was given by the youth of Johnston Piney Grove Church. This skit showed different actions of people in the church. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell is president of the Youth Department, and is doing all she can to promote youth for Christ.

In November a banquet was held at the First Baptist Church, Smithfield, honoring the Golden Age Groups. Reverend J. B. Woodhouse is pastor of this Church. All Golden age people from the churches of the entire county were invited. Following the delicious dinner and program, the Golden Agers all received gifts. It was enjoyable to see these people so happy.

The Union held its final meeting for the year on the 2nd Saturday and Sunday in December at the Watts Chapel Church of which the Rev. F. B. Weaver is pastor. After the devotional service the officers of the Union for 1971 were installed by the Rev. W. E. Egerton, Moderator of the Johnston Co.

District Association. He left no stones unturned in directing each one to his job. Following this, all were asked to join hands while he prayed a fervent prayer and sang: Count On Me.

Reports of special workers, Ministers' wives, Deaconess Council, and local presidents were made. Special emphasis were stressed for Shaw University.

The evening sermon was delivered by Rev. Luther Coppedge. After greeting the group he began by saying "I see something and that something is co-operation, which branches out and means strength." As for me, I am not idling around for God and all of us should be busy working for the Master. He took for his Text — Rev. 3 - verses 14-16. Subject: A sick church is a diseased world.

Some points of interest were:

1. The Church is the salt of the earth
2. The Church is the light of the world
3. The Church is a city that setteth on a hill and is supposed to be seen
4. God breaks through everything to reach all individuals
5. If people would love each other like the Bible says, we would work and live together in peace
6. Some churches are infested with hatred, covetousness, disobedience and compromise. These are some symptoms which give rise to sick churches.
7. In the midst of sickness God still has the medicine that will cure all
8. Talk with God. Every day may not be sunny but the Lord will come to your aid. So make sure God is on your side and in your heart.

An offering was taken for Shaw. The youth and Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell were in charge of the Sunday Morning program.

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NEW BETHEL BREAKS GROUND FOR NEW APARTMENTS

The Pastor, Dr. Jerry Drayton, and members of New Bethel held ground breaking ceremonies Sunday afternoon, December 20 at 1:30 for the church apartments on New Walkertown Road facing Ferrell Street.

The ceremony was opened with a hymn by the audience, invocation by William McKinley Shivers, assistant chairman of the New Bethel Deacon Board.

Guests as follows were introduced by Attorney David H. Wagoner, legal advisor for the housing project: The Honorable Franklin R. Shirley, Mayor of Winston-Salem; Mr. Robert B. Barnwell, director of the Federal Housing Administration of Greensboro, N. C.; Mr. Carl H. Russell, Mayor Pro-Tem and member of the Board of Aldermen; Edward Jenkins, architect of Greensboro and John Eagan of the Winston-Salem Housing Foundation.

The church apartments will consist of 110 units with a mixture of townhouses and garden apartments ranging from one to four bedrooms at a cost of \$1,364,400, insured under section 236 of the National Housing Act with one fifth of the units approved for rent supplement.

New Bethel Apartments, Inc. is a non-profit corporation formed under the laws of the State of North Carolina for the exclusive purpose of providing for low and moderate income families. Directors of the corporation are members of New Bethel and serve without compensation.

The ground breaking was done by the directors: Dr. Jerry Drayton, president of the Corporation; David Tompkins, vice president; Mrs. Betty C. Williams, secretary; Thomas Thorton, assistant secretary; William McKinley Shivers; Mrs. Clara N. Hayes; Benjamin Ellis; Floyd Harper; J. R. Oliver, and Rober Shoaf.

BAPTIST LEADER PASSES

Mrs. Rosalie Wyatt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention and wife of the Reverend W. McKinley Wyatt, passed on Christmas Day in Rowan Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Monday, December 28 in the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Salisbury, of which her husband is pastor. Dr. J. B. Humphrey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte presided over the service and Dr. David R. Hedgley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem delivered the eulogy.

FREEDOM — OUR HERITAGE

The following essay was written and delivered by Miss Elaine Hunter, Smithfield, North Carolina. Miss Hunter is 16 years old, a junior at the Smithfield-Selma High School, a majorette, Vice President of S. C. A., a member of the National Honor Society and Choral Club. She is a very active member of the First Baptist Church, Smithfield; serving as a student teacher for the Intermediate Sunday School Class, President of the Junior Choir and Junior Missionary Circle.

Miss Hunter's essay was chosen as one of the top three from two English classes and she was the recipient of the second prize. The contest was sponsored by the Foreign Veterans Administration.

Freedom! Freedom! This word has echoed from the voices of countless Americans. Freedom! was shouted from the lips of the American Colonists. Freedom! was mourned from the soul of the slave. Freedom! is cried from the youth of today. Yes, Freedom has been the desire and aim of all men through the ages.

America is the birthplace and creator of freedom to its highest potential. America is founded upon freedom. As the human body needs blood for survival, so do the American people need freedom to survive. It has been said that the American believes so strongly in freedom that he would rather die on his feet than live on his knees. Surely freedom is a hereditary characteristic of all Americans. Freedom has made the American unique. As a mother conceives a child in her womb, so is freedom conceived in every American. As we grow, so grows our desire for freedom. It is as though God has implanted the desire of freedom into the embryo of life.

It has been said that freedom is a hard fought thing. "I believe this statement to be true." The lives of countless Americans have verified this statement. Americans — from the birth of our nation to the present day have shed blood or offered their lives for the sake of freedom.

Freedom! Why are your stakes so high? Why do we, as Americans, allow freedom to dominate us? The answers are the same as before. Freedom is an innate characteristic of the American soul. We sometimes judge the American people by the minority group. This minority group are those who cry for freedom only when it aids their own selfish satisfactions. These people are not concerned with the freedom of mankind.

I, personally, am grieved at this confused and hard, hearted minority. Yet we must not judge the American people by the minority. In general, we are a people who indulge in the practice of developing freedom to its ultimate degree.

Will there eventually come a generation who will lose the American concept of freedom? I cannot answer this question, because the answer lies in the future. To reinforce this idea let us compare our nation to the anatomy of a tree. The leaves represent the present generations. The limbs are the

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ONE DIVINE MOMENT

Asbury College in Kentucky Holds Testimony Service

So many of us plan and hope and wait for that certain moment in life when the Holy Spirit seems particularly close, a time when we can reach out and almost touch the Divine Presence with some spontaneous comprehension. This beautiful, eternal, elusive goal was suddenly come upon last winter by students and faculty of Asbury College in Kentucky and also simultaneously was reached by those on other campuses and communities across the nation — a tremendous revival of love and faith bursting upon a restless mundane scene. Now, you can read about this miraculous rebirth of Christian fellowship in a new book, ONE DIVINE MOMENT, edited by Robert E. Coleman, just published by Revell (\$3.95 cloth, \$1.95 paper).

On the morning of Tuesday, February 3, 1970, blustery and cold, the weekly chapel meeting convened at Asbury. Instead of his scheduled speech, the Dean felt led to have students participate in a testimony service by sharing his own experience with God, and then invited others to do the same. One after another, students began the stream to the altar, offering testimonies of great depth and love, of honest soul-searching, totally without cliches. Singly and in groups, the witnesses for Christ continued their pilgrimage, ignoring the end of the chapel period, through morning classes, past the lunch hour, into the afternoon and evening, with no abatement, and deep into the night. Students, teachers, townspeople, visitors, they continued their prayers and hymns, unmindful of scheduled activities, intent only on expressing their personal thoughts and seeking a closer commitment to God.

Classes were cancelled for the remainder of the week as the hearts and minds of all present became caught up in the feeling of revival and more intertwined with the Holy Spirit. As news of the revival reached the outer community, hundreds more poured into the auditorium, and gradually news of this spontaneous outpouring of faith reached the news media. From there, it quickly spread to other campuses, where similar events took place. Young people, the now generation, the supposed radicals and troublemakers, suddenly were imbued with a spirit of repentance and regeneration and poured out their love and hope before hundreds of other reborn Christians. As the hours passed, more and more came to the Altar of Christ, and stronger and deeper burned the fires of faith. At the week's end, thousands had personally testified, and tens of thousands had read and heard about the exciting revival on a modern college campus that lasted, non-stop, for 185 hours!

It was but a moment in God's eternity, but a week in the life of man, but a turning point in the direction of many. ONE DIVINE MOMENT elicits the complete story of this wondrous event, recounting the story of the revival and its repercussions in a heart-warming, absorbing manner. It is an unmatched pleasure to read of youth using today's campus as a step on the way to God.

TIPS ON APPLYING FOR S. S. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Are you getting ready to retire?

Robert A. Flynn, social security manager in Raleigh, has some tips that may help save you time and trouble when you apply for your social security benefits.

A telephone call to the social security office is a good first step. Someone there can answer your questions and tell you how to apply and when to do it.

When you apply, bring your social security card or a record of your social security number, proof of your age, and your last year's income tax withholding statement. (If you are self-employed, bring a copy of last year's income tax return and evidence of payment of the self-employment contribution.)

If your wife also is applying for benefits, she should bring evidence of her age and her social security card or a record of her number if she has one.

The best evidence of your age is a birth or baptismal certificate made within 5 years of your birth. However, if these are not available, other documents may be used. Generally, the older the document the better.

If you have children under 18 — or youngsters between 18 and 22 who are full-time students — bring their birth certificates and records of their social security numbers.

If you have a child who was severely disabled before age 18 and who continues to be disabled, you should also bring medical evidence of the child's disability and any other pertinent facts about his disability.

It's generally a good idea to apply about 3 months before you retire. Don't delay because you don't have any of the required documents or information. The people in the social security office will be glad to help you get the necessary information.

If you are housebound and unable to come to the office, arrangements can be made for taking your application by mail or, if necessary, someone can come to your home. Just let the social security office know.

"Remember," Flynn concluded, "the people in the social security office are there to help you."

FREEDOM — OUR HERITAGE

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past generations. The trunk is the symbolic of the few Americans who fought for freedom when our nation was young. The roots represent the desires of all Americans for freedom. The nutrients which flow within the roots to all parts of the tree represent freedom flowing through the souls of Americans of all generations. As long as the tree lives, leaves will continue to be produced. The new generations will be a part of the past generations. If something does intercept the flow of the nutrient, freedom, our American Nation will crumble, for the essence of life will have been taken away.

Let us unite and make the tree of American freedom a symbol of inner happiness and contentment. We must first place our souls on the trail of freedom. No matter how rugged the trail, we must go on. As we make our toilsome journey, we must remember that life is not judged by its quantity of years, but by the quality to which we live our years of life.

In the distance, I can hear the drums of freedom pounding within the souls of Americans. The rhythm is constant, and the sound grows more distinct. As the sound gets nearer, I see a vision of America from the past into the future. Intermingled among the drum beats of freedom, I hear the sound which accompany freedom, cries of anguish, the joys of laughter, and the shouts of determination.

Eventually, there is silence, and the only sound heard is the resonant ring of freedom. A sound that makes us proud of our heritage — FREEDOM.

Recipe For A Happy New Year

Take twelve, fine, full-grown months, see that these are thoroughly free from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy; cleanse them completely from every clinging spite; pick off all specks of pettiness and littleness; in short, see that these months are freed from all the past — have them as fresh and clean as when they first came from the great storehouse of Time.

Cut these months into thirty or thirty-one equal parts. This batch will keep for just one year. Do not attempt to make up the whole batch at one time (so many persons spoil the entire lot in this way), but prepare one day at a time, as follows:

Into each day put twelve parts of faith, eleven of patience, ten of courage, nine of work (some people omit this ingredient and so spoil the flavor of the rest), eight of hope, seven of fidelity, six of liberality, five of kindness, four of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of the salad — don't do it), three of prayer, two of meditation, and one well selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, put in about a teaspoonful of good spirits,

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SHAW UNIVERSITY GETS NEW PRESIDENT

The Shaw University Board of Trustees announced after a special meeting on January 31st, that Dr. J. Archie Hargraves has been selected to serve as 9th president of the 105-year-old liberal arts university.

Dr. Hargraves, a native North Carolinian (born in Greensboro) received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina A & T University in 1940 graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree (Magna Cum Laude).

He obtained his Bachelor of Divinity from Union Theological Seminary in New York City in 1948. Hargraves attended Columbia University from 1948-1951 where he did further graduate study and completed residence and matriculation requirements for his Doctor of Philosophy degree in Religion and Society. He attended The Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge and received Special Certification in Regional and City Planning in 1961. He received his Doctorate in Religion from the Chicago Theological Seminary in 1968.

Dr. Hargraves comes to Shaw University by way of Chicago, Illinois where he is presently Associate Professor of Urban Missions and Director of the Kenwood Project, Chicago Theological Seminary. He is also Chairman of The Black Center for Strategy and Community Development, a position which he has held since 1969. In addition to these duties Dr. Hargraves is Chairman and Developer, Chicago Center for Black Religious Studies, Association of Chicago Theological Schools.

During his earlier years, the 54-year-old educator, theologian and community organizer worked as a newspaper writer, and public relations practitioner. He served as an advertising representative and feature writer with the New York Amsterdam News;

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND GENERAL BOARD MEET

The Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention met in the regular meeting following the annual conventional session, Thursday, January 14 in the conference room at Baptist Headquarters. With Dr. Jerry Drayton, Chairman, presiding, the Executive Committee heard a glowing report from Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill. His report revealed that the convention had progressed more in the period from the Winston-Salem Convention meeting than of the same time in previous years. The Executive Secretary's report was warmly received and highly commended by the Executive Committee.

Dr. C. R. Edwards, recently elected president of the convention was presented. After remarks, President Edwards presented some thirteen recommendations that were accepted by the committee. He was highly commended for his leadership to this point.

The Editor of the Baptist Informer presented the idea of a Crash Program for the paper to the committee which was received. This program will include reaching every pastor to reach every member to become a subscriber to the Baptist Informer, official organ of the General Baptist State Convention.

Among the committee members present were: Jerry Drayton, Chairman; I. B. Horton, Vice Chairman; C. W. Ward, Secretary; J. C. Harris, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. Vera Slade, Mrs. M. A. Horne, J. A. White, Frank Marshall, Arthur Williams, E. B. Turner, C. R. Edwards, J. B. Humphrey, O. L. Sherrill, C. A. Hart, K. O. P. Goodwin, L. C. Riddick, J. A. Johnson, N. M. Avery, J. Ray Butler, C. R. Moseley, J. W. White, P. H. Johnson, J. R. Manley,

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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

In a few days, every pastor of the General Baptist Convention will hear from the *Baptist Informer*. You will receive promotional material to help put out Baptist paper in every Baptist family in North Carolina. We are making the effort to increase our subscription list to 5,000 by the One Day Session of the convention to be held in Durham on May 4. The subscription rate is only a meager \$2.00 per year. During this period we will allow the club, auxiliary or individual appointed by the pastor to keep 50¢ and send to the *Informer* office \$1.50.

We hope you will accept this incentive and encourage our people to read our paper and help us to appropriately increase our subscriptions. Brother Pastor, we are counting on you to come through.

SHAW UNIVERSITY GETS NEW PRESIDENT

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Information Specialist and editor-writer in the old federal Office of Price Administration in Washington, D. C. from 1941-1942. He was Director of Public Relations at North Carolina A & T State University and special writer for *The Greensboro Daily News* from 1938-1941. He also served as special correspondent for the *Norfolk Journal and Guide* from 1936-1941.

He is author of many articles for named publications throughout the United States, and has held lectureships from Colorado to New York City. He holds the Saslow Medal in Social Studies and is a member of Kappa Phi Kappa National Debating Sciences fraternity and Gamma Tau Social Sciences Honor Society.

Dr. Hargraves is married to the former Helen Inez Borger of Greensboro, N. C. They have one daughter, Jamet Delmanda (15 years old).

Dr. William H. Jones, Jr., newly elected chairman of Shaw University's Board of Trustees said that Dr. Hargraves will assume his duties fully on July 1, 1971, however according to Jones, "He (Har-

graves) will begin working with us as much as possible immediately."

Dr. Jones said that the Board's Executive Committee headed by Dr. Paul H. Johnson of Raleigh will meet again soon with Dr. Hargraves to determine how the institution would be handled on an interim basis.

Dr. King V. Cheek, Jr. who followed his brother, Dr. James E. Cheek as president of Shaw University a little more than one year ago will leave Shaw January 31st to assume his new duties as president of Morgan State College in Baltimore, Maryland.

PASTOR BROWNE PASSES

Dr. Emmett Taliaferro Browne, the beloved pastor for many years of Durham's Mount Vernon Baptist Church went to his reward on Sunday night, January 10. Funeral Services were held Thursday, January 14, from Mount Vernon Church with Dr. W. H. Fuller, president a glowing eulogy was delivered by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist Convention.

Timely expressions were made by Mrs. M. A. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. E. H. Whitley, Durham Minister's Alliance; T. R. Speight, The Durham Business and Professional chain and Mrs. B. P. Brent, president, Woman's Auxiliary, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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J. R. Burt, A. J. Ryans, D. R. Hedgley and George W. Dudley.

Following the Executive Committee meeting the General Board met on the campus of Shaw University with Dr. J. Ray Butler, chariman, presiding.

The Executive Committee report along with President Edward's recommendations were approved by the General Board.

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Dear Christian Workers:

It was my happy privilege to visit the following churches last month:

Date	Church	Pastor	Location
January 3	First Baptist	no pastor	Siler City
January 10	Edwards Grove	M. P. McCleave	Liberty
January 17	Indian Woods	C. M. Creecy	Windsor
January 24	Metropolitan	J. E. Arnette	Rocky Mount
January 31	First Baptist	A. M. Williams	Murfreesboro

These churches responded beautifully to the appeal which we made relative to our objectives. This type of response denotes good leadership and dedicated fellowship.

INTERRACIAL MEETINGS

January 12—Brookford Baptist Church—W. C. Laney—Hickory

January 12—Pritchard Memorial Church—Charlotte

We noticed a spirit of unity that existed among the pastors and members who participated in these two fellowship meetings.

We were in attendance at the recent mid-winter Board meeting of the National Baptist Convention in Hot Springs, Arkansas. The Baptists were there from all over the United States.

Dr. Jackson is still going strong. He gave us a challenging program which dealt with every phase of our denominational work.

I wish it were possible for us to visit all of our pastors and churches (especially those who need our service) in 1971. Since it is impossible, we solicit your support and hope to visit you in 1972.

A PARTIAL LIST OF FORTHCOMING ASSOCIATIONAL MASS MEETINGS

Date	Association	Church	Location
February 11	W. Roanoke-Beulah	Zion Grove	Aulander
February 18	County Line	Penn Avenue	Oxford
February 23	Deep River	First Baptist	Siler City
February 25	New Hope-E. Cedar Grove	West Durham	Durham
	New Home & Durham		
February 28	Lumber River	Hilly Branch	Robeson Co.
March 9	Neuse River	St. Stephens	Tarboro
April 25	Lane Creek	Antioch	Charlotte

The purpose of these meetings will be to emphasize our objectives to the people and to solicit the moral, spiritual, and financial support of each individual. Our plans are to visit all the associations

between now and May 4. To those moderators who have not responded to our letters, please let us hear from you immediately. We cannot succeed without your full cooperation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

By C. R. EDWARDS

President of General Baptist State Convention
Approved by Executive Committee
and General Board—January 14, 1971

I recommend the following committee appointments as provided for in the Constitution. It is understood that the President of the Convention and Executive Secretary is Ex-Officio of all Committees.

1. Committee on Program—L. C. Riddick, Chairman; O. L. Hairston, J. M. Kennedy, C. M. Creecy, J. C. Harris, W. B. Lewis, J. J. Johnson.
2. Committee on Interracial Fellowship—H. L. Mitchell, Chairman; Arthur Williams, A. J. Ryans, Nilous Avery, C. W. Kerry, I. B. Horton.
3. Committee on Finance—A. D. Logan, Mrs. Marjorie Dunn, C. C. Craig.

4. Committee on Evangelism—J. B. Humphrey, Chairman; C. W. Anderson, S. A. Raper, J. R. R. McRay, N. E. Kerry, J. H. Ferguson, W. H. D. Flowers, E. W. Wooten, J. G. Gaston.
5. That a Committee on Social Concern and Action be appointed to study current issues and problems affecting humanity and especially North Carolina and work cooperatively, if necessary, with other Christian bodies or individually and in its judgment speak to the same. The committee recommended: A. D. Moseley, Chairman; A. J. Johnson, O'Kelly Lawson, C. W. Ward, Jeremiah Webb, K. O. P. Goodwin.

6. That a Committee on Christian Higher Education be appointed to deal with the problems of Christian Higher Education especially the issue of Student Aid by the State which is to be dealt with in this session of the 1971 Legislature. The Committee recommended: Paul H.

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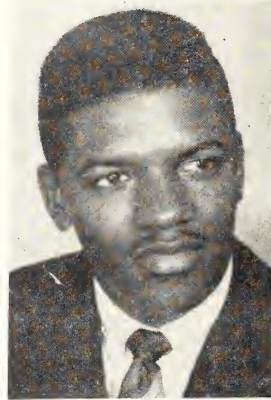
RECOMMENDATIONS

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- Johnson, Chairman; John R. Manley, Leon C. Riddick, Charles Coleman, J. W. White.
7. That an Administration Committee be appointed by the President to assist and encourage the Executive Secretary and his staff and to try to make helpful suggestions after hearing the monthly report of the Executive Secretary, his Assistant, the Director of Christian Education and the Editor of the Baptist Informer. This Committee to be responsible to the Executive Committee. The Committee recommended: D. R. Hedgley—First Vice President, Chairman; J. Ray Butler—Chairman of the General Board, Jerry Drayton, Chairman, Executive Committee, Charles W. Ward—Secretary, Executive Committee, E. B. Turner—Secretary, General Board.
 8. That we employ in cooperation with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina a Layman who will work full time - dividing his time with the Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist State Convention with both sharing the salary and expenses - working out of Baptist Headquarters. I recommend that a Committee be appointed to interview said person, work out details of employment and recommend the same to the Executive Committee. The Committee recommended: J. J. Johnson, Frank Marshall, John McQueen, J. B. Humphrey, R. N. Lockhart, J. W. White.
 9. That we make plans to meet in an all-Baptist Assembly in 1972 at a place to be decided by the Convention and its Auxiliaries. That a joint Committee be appointed later to work out place and program.
 10. That the General Baptist Convention approve the idea of the possibility of meeting in the same city with the Baptist State Convention in 1974 and holding some joint sessions together. That a Committee be appointed later to work out place and program.
 11. That we authorize the Executive Secretary to purchase at least two (2) cameras so that our field workers can take pictures of the work across the state, or on the field, from which slides can be made (State Missions) and that we ask our other major objectives - Shaw University, Central Orphanage and Foreign Missions to supply out state office with slides of their work. That we further purchase at least two (2) slide projectors for our workers to show the same on the field.
 12. That we adopt a Policy in this Convention that the Executive Committee will receive travel allowance when it meets in special or call session without the General Board. That the Ad-

ministration Committee will receive travel allowance for its work.

13. Committee on Political Action to study and speak for the Convention on Political Activity. The Committee: Jerry Drayton, Chairman; M. P. McCleave, S. G. Dunston, E. B. Felder, C. W. Ward, J. J. Johnson, Asa Bell, H. L. Moore, E. B. Turner, E. M. Butler, J. C. Harris, E. L. Kirby, C. W. Kerry.



EBENEZER CALLS PASTOR

The Reverend Thomas Lorenza Walker was elected pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount.

The young minister is a native of Rocky Mount and graduated from the George Washington Carver High School in Pinetops, N. C. He is currently enrolled in a three-year minister's course offered by the Religious Department of Shaw University.

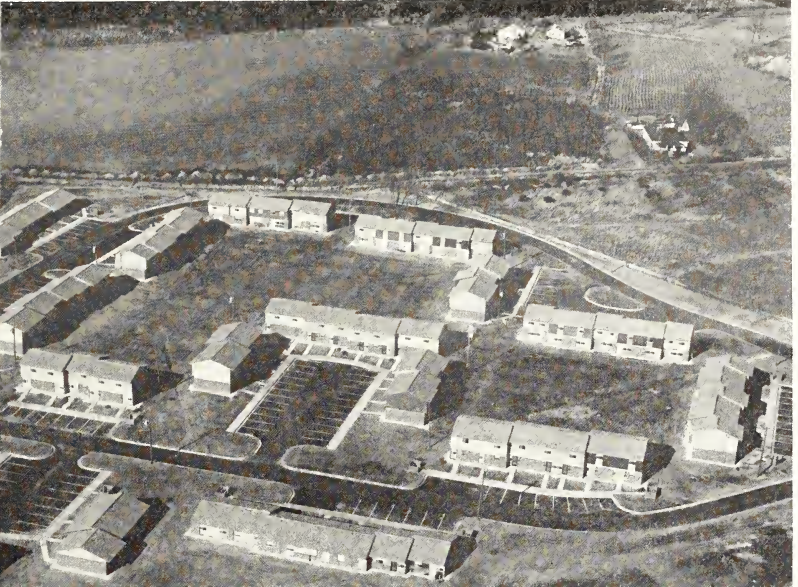
He served as the assistant pastor of Thornes Chapel Church, (his home church), before being called to Ebenezer.

Reverend Walker is the founder and organizer of the Youth Crusade Association of Rocky Mount. He organized this youth movement in the early summer of 1970, with the purpose of helping the youth to know the reality of serving a true and living God. According to those associated with this movement, this has proved to be an impact upon the young people of various communities in and around our city.

Reverend Walker is the husband of the former Joyce Norwood of Sharpsburg. They have two children, Timothy 4 and Teresa 2.

The Installation service was held Sunday, January 3, 1971. The service was well attended.

Reverend W. B. Burston was Master of Ceremony and also gave the charge to the pastor. Reverend Willie Taylor gave the charge to the church. The sermon was delivered by Reverend J. O. Thorne. Prayer was delivered by Reverend O. D. Williams.



THE LUMBER RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION — THE SPONSOR OF THE LUMBER RIVER HOUSING DEVELOPMENT, INC., Lumberton, N. C.

Dr. E. B. TURNER
Moderator—Lumber River Assn.

The Lumber River Association announced Formal Dedication Service for its **Parkview Terrace** (100 middle and low income housing units) located off Arnette Street, Lumberton, North Carolina on Sunday, January 31, 1971 at 3:00 P.M.

The speaker for the Dedication Service was the Honorable Robert W. Scott, Governor of North Carolina.

The Lumber River Baptist Association organized in 1877 is a fellowship of 40 Black Baptist Churches located in Robeson, Columbus and Bladen Counties with approximately 25,000 members. The purpose of the association is to promote Christian Education, Benevolences, Missions, Evangelism and Leadership Training among the member churches.

The Black Baptist Association formed the first Negro Educational Institution in Southeastern North Carolina (Thompson Institute). The association also formed the first Negro Education Corporation providing elementary and secondary education in North Carolina.

In 1967 the association formed the Lumber River Housing Development, Inc. in an effort to improve the housing condition in the counties and to provide environmental, social and religious rehabilitation for citizens of the counties.

Parkview Terrace, located in South Lumberton

off Arnette Street is the first completed project of this venture and is the result of coordination and dedicated work.

For this project, funds, a loan from Cameron Brown Company, Raleigh, a subsidiary of First Union National Bank of Charlotte, has been guaranteed by the Federal Housing Administration. (The project has been built at a cost of \$1,060,000.00).

The project of 100 units near the Lumberton Urban Renewal Project is expected to relieve the problem of relocating residents displaced from the Urban Renewal.

Situated on a 10.5 acre site the two story walkup project known as Parkview Terrace consists of 25 one bed room, 30 two bed room and 45 three bed room apartments in 17 semi-detached buildings.

Special feature in the brick veneer structures include ranges, refrigerators, kitchen exhaust fans, window shades, bath fans, all electric heat, all utilities except telephone included in rent, a coin operated laundry and 150 parking spaces. The project designed to ease the housing shortage in Lumberton will operate under the Federal Rent Supplement Program.

The project was designed by City Planning and Architectural Associates of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, with Robert Anderson serving as Chief Architect.

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Woman's Page----

AMIDST RAIN, SLEET, and ICE— THEY WERE THERE

A TREMENDOUS SESSION
By EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE

The mid-year session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina was held at the Washington Elementary School and the Washington Baptist Church, January 9th in Shelby, North Carolina. The Cleveland County Missionary Union was hostess to the convention, Mrs. Margaret L. Roberts, president and the Reverend P. B. Barnett, pastor of the Washington Baptist Church, host minister.

Chartered buses, cars and station wagons were there from almost every section of the state. More than 800 seniors, young adults, juniors, ministers and laymen filled the huge School Auditorium to an overflow crowd (assembly period).

It seemed that all came on "Business for the King", to learn the Convention program and to become involved as workers. Many were assigned to new duties. It is the purpose of the Woman's Convention to give every sister in the state something definite to do, and much of this purpose was accomplished in Shelby.

More than \$10,000.00 was received for objectives. We are grateful to our Lord Jesus and to the sisters and pastors of our state. We are grateful to the sisters that volunteered to bring \$25.00 each for State Missions. (\$768.20 received in this effort).

Cleveland County had the "Red Carpet" out. The Cleveland chorus under the direction of Mrs. Jettie M. Lucas was at its best, and the food was delicious and tasty.

Greetings were extended by Dr. C. R. Edwards, president of the GBSC as he visited each department, Reverend Barnett, Dr. T. A. Watkins, chairman of the Board of Trustees, GBSC and Reverend C. C. Craig of the GBSC. The presiding officers were Mrs. E. B. Turner, second vice president and our president, Mrs. Vera M. Slade.

The closing message was presented by the Reverend Benjamin F. Daniels, dean of the Missionary Baptist Fellowship in Forsyth County and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington. Reverend Daniels brought the sisters to their feet as he delivered a soul stirring message. This was indeed "Preaching At Its Best". He was ably assisted by the Reverend C. R. Moseley, pastor of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Belmont as he stirred the sisters again singing "Yield Not To Temptation" as only Reverend Moseley can do.

We are now looking forward to our Annual Session to be held with the Mount Vernon Baptist

Church, Durham, August 10-13, 1971.
To one and all a big "Thank You".

CHURCH WOMEN TO MEET IN ASHEBORO

Church Women United of North Carolina will hold their annual Assembly in Asheboro March 21-22, 1971, according to announcement by Mrs. Sam Dunn, Enfield, president. Theme for the meeting will be — **BREAKTHRU: Our Right, Our Responsibility as Women.**

A fellowship dinner will begin the session Sunday evening at 6:00 at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of West Walker and South Park Streets, where the evening session will also be held. Offering will go toward a chapel at Dobbs Farm State School.

Following a keynote address there will be discussion groups to clarify the meaning of the theme for North Carolina women.

The Monday session will be held in the Central Methodist Church, corner of South Main and East Academy Streets. Worship will be led by the vice presidents, Mrs. H. W. Dotson of Winston-Salem and Mrs. A. R. Craig of Rutherfordton. The president and area chairmen will make reports and denominational representatives will be introduced at the morning session.

It is anticipated that Dr. J. H. Lightbourne, Jr., president of the N. C. Council of Churches, will be the luncheon speaker.

Those responsible for various phases of the CWU work will share in the afternoon presentation. Following installation of officers, the Assembly will close with a service of Holy Communion led by Dr. Samuel S. Wiley, executive of the N. C. Council, Rev. Calvin Leonard, host pastor, and Dr. Lightbourne.

Registration fee of \$2.00 should be sent to the treasurer, Mrs. T. Fred Henry, 114 E. Miller St., Salisbury, N. C. 28144.

The Assembly is open to all church women, whether or not your denomination is a part of Church Women United.

Important Dates To Remember

Saturday, April 3 — 2nd Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop — Shaw University.

April — A Week Of Prayer For Foreign Mission.

June 14-18 — Missionary Leadership Training Conference - Youth Bible Camp — Shaw University.



TRI-COUNTY MINISTERS' WIVES ALLIANCE
Pre-Christmas Dinner

By **MRS. VIRGINIA HART, President**

The Tri-County Ministers' Wives entertained their husbands with a Pre-Christmas Dinner, December 14, 1970, 8:00 P.M., at the Barrys' Restaurant, Ahoskie, N. C., in the plush carpet dining room. A beautiful lighted Christmas tree, table decorations and soft music of Christmas Carols lent a marvelous atmosphere for the occasion.

Mrs. Maude Ramsey and Mrs. Amaza Davis led the group in singing Christmas Carols, Mrs. Ramsey read the scripture, Mrs. Essie Askew gave the prayer and Mrs. Rebecca Vaughan the grace. Words of welcome by Mrs. Virginia M. Hart, president. Mrs. Clementine Creecy served as Mistress of Ceremonies.

A delicious dinner that each person chose from the menu was served by special waitress.

The Culminating Financial Activity was a success. The president, Mrs. Virginia M. Hart, reported \$80.00, the highest amount but did not enter the Contest. Mrs. Amaza Davis reported \$31.00 and Mrs. Clementine Creecy reported \$30.00. Mrs. H. L. Mitchell made the presentations, Mrs. Davis first prize and Mrs. Creecy second prize. Thirteen members reported. Many of them \$25.00 the amount requested. The total amount realized \$360.50. This finance will be used to support the local, State, and National objectives.

The president in her remarks expressed gratitude and thanks to the Ministers' Wives and all others who co-operated so willingly in just five weeks to help support the efforts to reach the goal of \$300.00.

The Rev. Johnnie Stephenson, president of the Tri-County Ministers' Alliance made an appeal to the ministers for better attendance in the new year.

Each minister present made a brief personal expression which was very interesting. The Tri-County Ministers' Wives were happy to receive a new member, Mrs. Miller Boone.

TO THE STATE
JUNIOR-YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUPERVISORS
OF THE
WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN
MISSIONARY CONVENTION
OF NORTH CAROLINA

By **MRS. LAVINE E. MCGRIER**
State Supervisor

Dear Co-Worker:

I am grateful for this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for your continued interest and cooperation in helping to carry on our State Young People's Program.

It is to your dedicated loyal Advisors, Supervisors, Junior-Young People's, Officers and Junior-Young People who have worked long and hard to meet the objectives of our State Conventional Program.

Even though we have done well I would like to see more emphasis placed on our projects and activities. By all of us working and pulling together, we will not fall short of our Goals for 1971.

This year will offer unnumbered opportunities for Christian Youth to serve in a new world.

Our role as Junior-Young People as Missionaries in the world redemption is to share and develop our gifts to the utmost capacity.

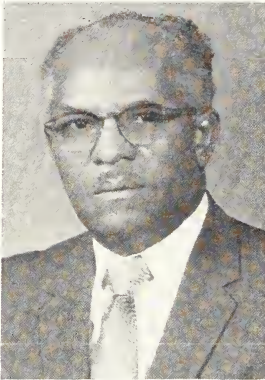
Christ challenges us not only to make our lives useful but to join in the struggles of the world. He is calling you as Youth to render loyal Christian service to the greatest cause to which youth can give his life. I am counting on you. Can the Junior-Young People of North Carolina count on you? What is your dream, your ambitions and your vision?

May we join hands Seniors, Junior-Young People and rededicate ourselves anew to our State Conventional Program.

- Our Ultimate Aim — Soul Saving
- Our Financial Goal for 1971 — \$5,000.00
- Our Activity Goal — A full graded Junior-Young People's Department in every Baptist Church in North Carolina
- Our State Projects:
 - Shaw University Contest
 - Heart Fund Drive
 - Bible Youth Camp
 - The J. J. Johnson Assembly Site

"Peace cannot be won. It has to be created by years of hard planned purpose work."

—Nannie H. Burroughs



REV. T. M. WALKER ACCEPTS CALL TO FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH OF GASTONIA

By H. L. MITCHELL

Rev. T. M. Walker, pastor of the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina was recently called as pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church of Gastonia, North Carolina.

He delivered his final sermon to the Olive Branch membership on Sunday, December 27, 1970 at 11:00 A.M. and officially assumed his pastoral duties the second Sunday in January, 1971.

Before his pastorate at Olive Branch Baptist Church of Elizabeth City, Rev. Walker had served several Baptist churches in the state. He came to Elizabeth City from the Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and closed out 6½ years of fruitful service at Olive Branch when he left for his new field of service.

Various fraternal and civic activities claimed the time and attention of Rev. T. M. Walker in every field where he has served, as well as regular ministerial and Associational duties.

In the Elizabeth City area, he served as President of Sunday School and T. T. U. Convention, Treasurer of Elizabeth City Ministerial Association, Secretary-Treasurer of Trustee Board of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, held membership in Love and Charity Lodge, active in United Eastern District Convention, member of NAACP and chairman of Church Committee; was chairman of First Congressional District; was active in Migrant Program, member of N-E-G-R-O and Pasquotank Credit Union, was chairman of The Precinct Ward 3B, was Co-ordinator of Summer Head Start and was currently a Counselor in New Careers. The Olive Branch membership honored him at a Special Appreciation Dinner, Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 P.M.

His wife, Mrs. Ethel Mae Walker, is a native of

Freemont, N. C. in Wayne County. She is a graduate of Mary Potter High School of Oxford, N. C. She attended North Carolina College of Durham, N. C. She has taken courses at Virginia Union University and Shaw University in Church Leadership and special studies in Seminars for Minister's Wives.

She was Secretary of Elizabeth City Ministers Wives Alliance, Vice President of Woman's Educational & Missionary Union of Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association, and served as Director of Sun-Shine Band at Olive Branch Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, N. C. She is also active in other Church Auxiliaries and Civic Causes.

Rev. and Mrs. Walker have two sons, Melvin J. Walker of Norfolk, Virginia, who is a graduate of Norfolk State College. He is now a Social Service Worker in the City of Norfolk.

Jerry Lee Walker is a graduate of P. W. Moore High School of Elizabeth City, N. C. He is now a senior at North Carolina Central University, Durham, N. C. He is a Political Science Major and president of the Student Government.

LUMBER RIVER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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The project was built by Cisme and Associates of Charlotte and W. Osborne Lee of Lumberton has served as attorney for the project.

The Board of Directors of the Lumber River Housing Development, Inc. are: Dr. E. B. Turner, Moderator; Dr. J. J. Johnson, President; Mrs. C. B. Walters, Vice President; Roscoe Lennon, Chairman of the Board; Rev. A. G. Thompson; Rev. James E. Barber, Jr.; Mrs. Nora Crawford; Paul Gerald and Troy Simpson.

Wilson A. Lacy is Executive Director.

The Low Income Housing Development of Durham (LIHDC) provided the technical services for organization to operation.

Central Orphanage News

I would like to express to you and to all of the Baptist Family, both personally and in behalf of our Board of Directors, sincere thanks and appreciation for your interest and support of our work here at Central Orphanage.

We are pleased to state that through the support of the Unified Baptist Plan, many things have been done to help children across the state who were neglected and abused. Your response to our request for assistance has been generous. You have continued to show increasing interest in helping to carry out our purposes through the aid received under this plan. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

We pledge to you our continued efforts to provide for the children in our care the best of service.

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THE BAPTIST INFORMER IN EVERY HOME

These are days when practically everyone has some contact with newspapers. Some read them closely while others scan them. As we observe newspaper readers, we find that too few Christians read religious papers and magazines. This is the case with many of the families of the churches of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. With over 1,000 churches composed of some 350,000 members in our convention, we have only approximately 1,700 subscribers to the **Baptist Informer**. We should spend a little more time reading of the many things going on in our denomination. The way we can do this is by reading our Baptist paper. To this end, the **Baptist Informer** is conducting a special campaign among the churches to get every family on the mailing list. Correspondence about this campaign is going out to every pastor in the General Baptist Convention. The special campaign will end at the One Day Session of the convention to be held May 4 at the West Durham Baptist Church. Since the beginning of the campaign, the following are those who are subscribing for the first time:

Mrs. Myrtle Lancaster, Mrs. Corrie Braswell, Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, Mrs. Cherry Braswell, Mrs. Jocile Hinton, Mrs. Florence Rogers, Mrs. Lenora Lynch Wilkins, Mrs. Martha R. Grimes, Mrs. Naomi Brown, Mrs. Lucy Fennell.

Mr. and Mrs. William Alston, Mr. Edward McNeal, Mr. Turner Battle, Mr. Andrew Savage, Mr. J. E. Batts, Mrs. Martha Hardy, Mr. William Battle, Mr. Russell Battle, Mr. Joe Pittman, Mr. Billy S. Dowdy, Mr. J. W. Jones.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 4 — One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention, West Durham Baptist Church, Durham
- June 21-27 — National Baptist S.S. and B.T.U. Congress, Little Rock, Arkansas
- June 21-27 — Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Los Angeles, California
- July 13-15 — Baptist State Ushers Convention, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville
- Aug. 3-5 — State S.S. and B.T.U. Convention, University Park, Charlotte
- Aug. 9-13 — Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, Mt. Vernon, Durham
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 — Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, East Orange, New Jersey
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention of America, (place to be announced)
- Sept. 7-12 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas
- Nov. 1-4 — Laymen's League & General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh

A NEW BOOK

E. B. Turner of Lumberton has recently written a book for Deacons, Trustees, men and boys of Baptist churches entitled: "The New Laymen's League Guide and Hand Book". You may obtain a copy by sending \$2.00 to Dr. E. B. Turner, 504 W. 2nd St., Lumberton, N. C. 28358. The **Informer** highly recommends this book as a guide for men's work in the church.



Rev. T. W. Murray, Jr. Called To Philadelphia

The Rev. T. W. Murray, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Murray, Sr., of Scotts Hill, has been called to pastorate The Greater St. Matthew Baptist Church of South Philadelphia. The installation service was held in January, 1971.

Rev. Murray was educated in New Hanover County Public Schools and a graduate of Williston Senior High, Fayetteville State University and Milligan Barber College of S. C. He holds a Masters of Sacred Theology from Ohio Christian College. He was awarded honorary Doctor of Divinity Degrees from Ohio Christian and American Bible Institute. Further study was at the Florida State University, East Carolina University and Moody Bible College.

While in Wilmington, he pastored Bryant Swamp Baptist Church, Bladenboro and Newkirk Chapel Baptist Church in Willard. He resigned both churches in October, 1970. He was quite busy here. He taught at Bolivia High in Brunswick County. On the weekend he worked with his brothers at the Community Barber Shop at 1014 Orange Street. During the summer of 1970, he taught a Business Math class at Cape Fear Technical Institute.

He served nine years in the U. S. Air Force as a pharmacist. He is married to the former Miss Mable Clay of Ogden. They have three sons, Thomas, Dean, and Darrell. The family now resides at 808 W. Birch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE APRIL 26 TO HEAR MARNEY, HARGRAVES, AND BROWN

The Rev. George M. Webb, Chairman of the Program Committee for the 1971 Pastors' Conference of the N. C. Council of Churches on April 26 at Laurinburg, has announced that its theme will be "The Vocational Quandary of the Parish Minister." The speakers will be Dr. Carlyle Marney, Executive Director of Interpreters' House at Lake Junaluska, Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, Chairman of A Black Center for Strategy and Community Development, Inc., in Chicago and newly elected President at Shaw University at Raleigh and Dr. John S. Brown, Pastor of Ginter Park Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia.

The conference will be held on the campus of St. Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg, site also of the 34th annual Assembly of the Council. The college and Scotland County Ministers Fellowship are co-hosts.

The schedule of the Pastors' Conference calls for registration at 9:00 a.m., opening worship led by Dr. Brown at 9:30, and then two addresses by Dr. Marney, at 10:00 and 11:15 a.m. Dr. Brown will speak at the luncheon. In the afternoon Dr. Hargraves' two addresses will come at 2:00 and 3:15 p.m. The conference will conclude at 4:15.

Mr. Webb, who is Pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, will be director of the conference. He has been assisted in the programming by T. J. Youngblood, Jr. of Raleigh, Cecil Bishop of Greensboro, Henry Turlington of Chapel Hill, S. S. Wiley of Durham, and W. M. Wells, Jr. of Laurinburg who is in charge of local arrangements.

Program folders including registration forms will be mailed out to constituents later in the spring. The cost will be \$3.00 for registration, plus the luncheon and dinner for those who remain.

Dinner prior to the opening of the Assembly that evening will be at 6:00 p.m. on the St. Andrews campus. The evening meeting is to be at 8:00 p.m. at Franklin Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, 1103 Caledonia Road, Laurinburg. At this service, which will be open to the public as well as representatives to the Assembly, the preacher will be Bishop William R. Cannon. On April 27 at 11:00 a.m., during the Assembly, Dr. Thelma Arnote of the State Department of Social Services will speak on child care.

Woman's Page-----

GUIDELINES FOR LEADERS WHAT THEY SAY!!!

Dear Mrs. Horne:

There is a continuing need for fresh ideas, interests and plans in order to keep abreast of new knowledge and to relate the Scriptures to the current needs of the Missionary Baptist Church. Having read "Guidelines For Leaders", a revised publication in 1970 of The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina-Auxiliary to The General Baptist State Convention, Incorporated. I observed a remarkable book, outstanding for its freshness of approach, commanding scholarship, and liberating insights. It is the dream for Seniors, Young Adults, and Junior-Young People to organize and actuate the work of the Christian Church.

J. Ray Butler, Pastor
Shiloh Baptist Church
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27105

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Dear Mrs. Horne:

Thanks to you and your committee for the new publication of "Guidelines For Leaders". It is a very good book and it should be a great help to all the women who faithfully serve as Officers and Leaders of women's work in the Church and in the Convention.

(Mrs.) Roberta G. Ward
Raleigh, N. C.

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With the Will, Divine intuition and guidance, the "Guidelines and Procedures for Leaders", there is no legal excuse for poor leadership in The W. B. H & F Missionary program of North Carolina. This is the most comprehensive compilation of its kind, for the times. Congratulations to Executive Secretary Horne, President Slade and their committee.

(Mrs.) J. A. Little

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Dear Sister Horne:

God Bless you and your staff for this dynamic book "The Guidelines For Leaders." It is both interesting and to the point. God has truly blessed us through you, your Committee and this information. It is my prayer that this information will help leaders today to help save this Sin Sick world.

(Mrs.) Pearl Cooper

MT. VERNON BAPTIST CHURCH DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

February 23, 1971

Mrs. M. A. Horne
Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary
Convention of North Carolina
Raleigh, North Carolina
Dear Mrs. Horne:

The Mount Vernon Baptist Church in its church meeting on Monday, February 22, 1971 voted to reaffirm its invitation to the Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention. We look forward to your coming August 10-13.

Mrs. A. L. Filmore has accepted the responsibility for being the Church representative in this undertaking.

If there are any questions you want to ask or any information we can give you, please call on us.

Yours in Christ,
S. L. Fennell, Chairman
Deacon Board

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

April 3 — Second Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop — Shaw University
June 14-18 — Leaders' Missionary Training Conference - Youth Bible Camp — Shaw University

REIDSVILLE MINISTRY EXPRESSES GRATITUDE

We, the members of the Reidsville Ministerial Fellowship, wish to make known to all our deep sense of gratitude for the ministry of A. D. Logan, Sr., pastor of the First Baptist Church in Reidsville for 28 years.

The death of Rev. R. D. Logan marks the loss of an enlightened leader in our community. He was not only a man of piety, but a man of action. He was not only a man of love, but a man of service. He was a man of faith in all things. His bearing was one of quiet calm and openness which lived before others, both friends and strangers, the full meaning of Christian love.

In essence, he exemplified Saint Paul's affirmation, "It is not I who live, but Christ who lives in me." Those of us whom he graciously included in the circle of his love will miss his keen mind, his public service, and his forthright leadership. Thank God for his life.

Reidsville Ministerial Fellowship



News From Ebenezer Church

The Junior Missionaries of Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wadesboro, North Carolina reorganized for the year 1971. The new officers are as follows:

Chairman—Mr. Henry Sturdivant

Vice-Chairman—Mr. William Ellerbe

Secretary—Miss Fannie Powe

Treasurer—Mrs. Francis Crowder

Immediately following the meeting, refreshments were served in honor of the "Tots' Choir".

The Reverend W. G. Hall is pastor.

Above is a picture of the members of the Junior Missionaries and the "Tots' Choir". The pastor is in the foreground of the picture.

MT. PEACE BAPTIST ASSN.

A Time For Change

By PEARLIE CURETON, Reporter

A one day meeting of the Mt. Peace Baptist Association was held January 16, 1971 at the New Hope Baptist Church in Charlotte. The Moderator, Rev. J. A. White made very effective expressions concerning a changing world and the need for a growing and progressive church that will be ready to accept that change which will better strengthen the church and help carry out the missions set forth by Christ.

The Moderator recommended that a new constitution be written headed by Rev. M. B. McIlwain, and that a Group on Social Action be formed to take an active part in community affairs. These recommendations were accepted by the Association. The meeting was dismissed with those in attendance carrying with the many thought provoking ideas.

BISHOP CANNON TO OPEN ASSEMBLY; THELMA ARNOTE TO SPEAK

The 34th annual Assembly of the North Carolina Council of Churches will open in Laurinburg on the evening of Monday, April 26th. The dinner program at 6:00 o'clock will be on the campus of St. Andrews Presbyterian College. The service of worship at 8:00 p.m., will be in the sanctuary of Franklin Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church, at 1103 Caledonia Road in Laurinburg. The preacher for that occasion will be Bishop William Ragsdale Cannon, Presiding Bishop of the Raleigh and Richmond Areas of The United Methodist Church.

The Rev. T. H. Murphy is Pastor at Franklin Chapel. The Scotland County Ministers Fellowship and St. Andrews Presbyterian College are co-hosts to the Council's annual meeting which includes the Pastors' Conference and Assembly. Normally, Church Women United in North Carolina have their State Assembly just prior to the Council's Assembly but because of the CWU national Ecumenical Assembly in Wichita, Kansas, April 22-26, the Women's State Assembly will be held on March 21 and 22 at Asheboro.

The Rev. W. M. Wells, Jr., minister at Laurinburg's St. Luke United Methodist Church, is handling local arrangements with the other hosts.

Business sessions of the 34th Assembly of the Council will be conducted on the college campus beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, and conclude in late afternoon. A feature of the morning will be an address on "The Challenge to Churches for Child Care" to be given by Dr. Thelma Arnote, Supervisor of Consultation and Training, Day Care Unit, State Department of Social Services in Raleigh.

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., of Burlington, Conference Minister of the Southern Conference, United Church of Christ, will be completing his first year as Council President. Representatives to the Assembly are chosen by the Council's member judicatories on the basis of their communicant membership, though the evening worship and the business sessions are open to the public and to observers from church groups that do not yet belong to the Council.

Council membership include 39 judicatories of 16 different Protestant and Anglican denominations. These groups number about 6,700 congregations with a total communicant membership of 1,350,000.

Business at the Assembly will include reports from the three new commissions of the Council, on Christian Social Ministries, Christian Nurture, and Christian Unity. Plans for the future will be presented for approval, and there will be open discussions of issues confronting the churches. Budgetary matters will be of special concern in view of widening opportunities before the Council.

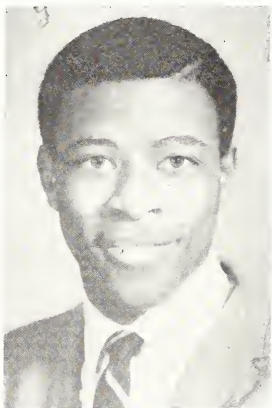


MIDDLE GROUND ASSN. HOLDS ANNUAL TRAINING SESSION

By **REV. G. E. BROWN**, Moderator

The Middle Ground Association held its annual Training Institute at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, North Carolina, January 11-22, 1971. There was a total enrollment of 352. Instructors for the week were: Dr. A. D. Mosley—Ministers; Mrs. Lucy Gray—Mission; Rev. G. E. Brown—Deacons; and Rev. E. M. Brown, Mrs. Carrie Alexander, Mrs. Rosa L. Purvis—Youth.

Classes were held each day for two hours and thirty minutes. Following classes, worship services were held with dynamic sermons and inspiring singing. Ministers delivering sermons were: Rev. G. E. Brown, Rev. S. A. Bennett, Rev. L. C. Spruill, Rev. Johnnie Bell, Rev. E. L. Powell, Rev. J. H. Chance, Dr. A. D. Mosley, Rev. J. C. Chance, Rev. J. H. Dixon and Rev. H. H. Moore.



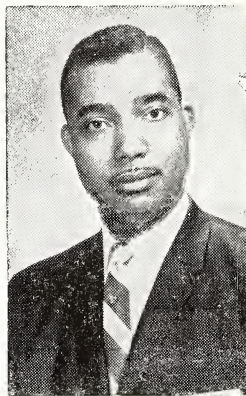
NEWS FROM SANFORD

REV. GREGORY T. HEADEN

The Rev. Gregory T. Headen accepted the position as pastor of Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church, Sanford, Sunday, February 28, 1971.

The new minister is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dorsett W. Headen of Goldston.

Rev. Headen is a student at Pembroke State University, Pembroke, N. C. He attended public school at the J. S. Waters and Chatham Central High at Goldston. He is a devoted member of Roberts Chapel Baptist Church, Goldston, where he served as pianist for the Junior Choir and Chairman of the Baptist Training Union Program Committee.



Dr. J. R. Manley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, was elected 2nd Vice President of The General Baptist State Convention in Winston-Salem.

Social Security For The Under-30 Set

Persons working for the first time, especially students planning on working during the summer months are reminded that they must have a social security number if their work is covered by the Social Security Law. This number is used for many purposes states Robert A. Flynn, District Manager, at Raleigh. You should show your card to your employer when you start to work.

You can get a social security card at your local social security office. You only need one card and if you ever get more than one number, you should contact your nearest social security office.



J. WALLACE JONES

NEWS FROM GOLDSTON

By D. W. HEADEN—Reporter

J. Wallace Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. Seldon D. Jones of Route 1, Goldston, North Carolina, recently received a certificate of award for 12 years of continuous service from 1958-1970. The certificate was presented by the church pastor, Rev. Sampson Buie, Jr.

Jones is a member of the Trustee Board and is church clerk. He is a graduate of A. & T. State University, Greensboro and is teaching at Horton High School, Pittsboro; a veteran of World War II and belongs to the local Masonic Lodge. He is married to the former Miss Mary E. Headen. They have three children and reside in Goldston.

Dr. E. B. Turner, well known minister of First Baptist, Lumberton was guest speaker in observing his 25th Anniversary as a gospel minister (a native son of Goldston Church) and received a certificate for same.

1971 CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Department of Religious Services at John Umstead Hospital announces the following clinical programs for pastors and theological students:

Spring Program—March 1-May 17. Twelve weeks
Part-time (Monday-Wednesday Noon)

This is an opportunity for pastors to gain, on a part-time basis at the hospital, basic clinical training directly applicable to their ministry in the community.

The program is based on the practice of pastoral care for patients. Group and individual supervision is provided. The pastor is included in interdisciplinary

nary staff meetings. The teaching resources of the hospital staff and other related specialists will be used for presenting material related to the clinical experience.

Enrollment is limited to a small group. Admission is by application form and interview. A tuition fee of \$30, (including \$5 with application) covers lodging. Meals are available at cost in the employee's cafeteria.

Summer Program—June 1-July 9. Six weeks. Full-time.

(Same program as above but scheduled with secondary students in mind.)

Clinical Pastoral Orientation—March 1-May 15.

12 Meetings. Mondays only, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This is an introductory course, meeting one day a week for 12 weeks, to acquaint pastors with mental health facilities at Butner and with current approaches to treatment and care of troubled persons within or without the institutions. Depression, suicide, alcoholism, drug addiction, and other expressions of life problems will be studied.

An introduction to clinical pastoral care will be given through the use of interviews with patients and group discussions.

There is no tuition charge.

For further information, application, or interview contact:

W. F. Askins, Chaplain Supervisor
John Umstead Hospital
Butner, North Carolina

American Baptist Church of the South in First Annual Meeting

The first annual meeting of the American Baptist churches of the south will be held in Richmond, Virginia, March 19-21, 1971. Delegates from most of the 120 member churches will be attending the convention. The sessions will be held in the 5th Street Baptist Church and at Virginia Union University.

This newly formed Region of the American Baptist Convention brings together Baptist churches from Maryland through Texas. It was organized following a meeting in Charlotte, N. C. in April of last year. Plans are being made for official introduction of the Region at the American Baptist Convention meeting in Minneapolis in May.

Dr. Leon C. Riddick, pastor, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte is Treasurer and George W. Dudley, pastor, Mt. Zion, First Baptist, Rocky Mount, N. C. is a member of the Executive Board.

The State Baptist S.S. and B.T.U. Congress Is Challenged To Implement A Three Point Program For 1971

Presidents of the county and district conventions met at the Baptist Headquarters on Saturday, February 6 and accepted the challenge to implement a three point Program which consists of:

1. A thorough acquaintance with the work of the General Baptist State Convention's Unified Plan.
2. Upgrade the teaching in the local Sunday School with the use of new methods in teaching and planning.
3. An effort on the part of the county and district presidents to lead the local Sunday Schools of their conventions to support the State Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress with delegates and representation fees according to membership.

C. C. Craig, Interim Director of the Department of Christian Education, in addition to showing a film on methods to be used in teaching, challenged the group that in the same way a church groups its members into groups to accomplish its goals and objectives, the General Baptist State Convention groups its auxiliaries of the State which are made up from the auxiliaries of the churches to accomplish its goals and objectives. The growth and development of the work of the General Baptist State Convention depend largely upon the knowledge that the leaders of the local church has of the work of the church, and the work of the General Baptist State Convention's Unified Plan which consists of four objectives:

1. Shaw University
2. Foreign Missions
3. Central Orphanage
4. State Missions

With a thorough knowledge of these objectives, the leaders of the auxiliaries of the local church can render a valuable service to the persons trusted to their care for leadership.

The Department of Christian Education proposed to conduct a clinic in each county and district convention in an effort to implement the accepted three Point Program for 1971 which is designed to help both the church and the convention to do a bigger and better job in their concern for people.

St. Phillips Baptist Church— Pollockville Centennial Anniversary

St. Phillips Missionary Baptist Church, has embarked upon its Centennial Anniversary, which began November, 1970, and will end November, 1971.

A schedule of programs and events is being planned and will be carried out during the year. The theme for the year is, "The Heavenly Highway". We, the members of the church, join our Pastor, Rev. William C. Goodwyn, in asking an interest in your prayers; and cordially invite you to attend as many of our programs as possible.

Our schedule for the second quarter is as follows:

March 14th—Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.

March 28th—Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Program sponsored by the Ushers

April 5th through the 9th—Holy Week—observed by some of the churches in the community. On Good Friday Night, the youth of our church will present an Easter Pageant based on the "Seven Last Words of Christ".

April 11th—Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Program sponsored by the Senior Choir

April 25th—Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.

Afternoon Guest Speaker will be Mr. Arthur Williams, President of the State Ushers Convention.

May 9th—Quarterly Meeting—Morning Worship—11:00 A.M.

May 15th—(Saturday)—A Bazaar will be sponsored by all of the auxiliaries of the church.

TESTIMONIAL GIVEN BY ROANOKE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

The Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association held a special Testimonial Service honoring Rev. T. M. Walker on Sunday, December 27, 1970 at 7:30 P.M. at which time people representing many of the organizations in this area paid tribute to Rev. Walker for his dedicated service. Those representing the various organizations were: Rev. Roger S. Steele, Rev. W. H. Trotman, Rev. S. L. Lawrence, Mr. I. F. Shannon, Rev. W. A. Davis, Rev. J. H. London, Rev. David Pharr, Dr. J. R. R. McRay, Moderator of the Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association—Presiding, Mrs. Mary Trotman, Mr. Calvin Griffin, Deacon W. H. Pattillo and Rev. H. L. Mitchell. The subject of Rev. Mitchell's address was "Rewards Of A Dedicated Life." Music was furnished by choirs in the vicinity.

During the program, presentations were made to Rev. Walker by representatives of the Church, the Association and the Economic Improvement Council, Inc. Rev. Walker made an acceptance speech of appreciation in which he expressed thanks for the many gifts and words of appreciation that were given. Also he thanked his co-workers for the fine fellowship that he had experienced since being in this area and urged that the Association and community activities continue to go forward to meet the changes of our time.

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On To Durham For May 4th One Day Convention Session

BAPTIST INFORMER SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE ENDS AT ONE DAY SESSION

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will convene at the annual One Day Session, Tuesday, May 4 at the West Durham Baptist Church, Rev. F. D. Terry, pastor.

With the president, Dr. C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville, presiding, the One Day Session will be called to order promptly at 10:00 a.m. The devotional services will be conducted by Rev. Johnny White, Mrs. Wesley Grant and Rev. Wesley Grant.

Reports will be brought by Mrs. Vera Slade for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Mr. E. M. Butler for the State Sunday School Convention; Mr. J. T. Hawkins for the B.T.U. Convention; Mr. Arthur Williams for the Ushers' Convention, and Mr. Frank Marshall, Laymen League.

Highlighting the session will be the report from the Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill.

The Sermon of the day will be delivered by Rev. B. B. Felder, pastor of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville.

All pastors are urged to be present and to bring large contributions for the UNIFIED PROGRAM which includes the convention's objectives, namely: State Missions, Shaw University, Foreign Missions and Central Orphanage.

The special subscription campaign of the **Baptist Informer** will climax at this session.

The West Durham Baptist Church is located in the vicinity of North Carolina Central University on Nixon and Athens Streets. Follow Alston Avenue to Nixon Street, turn left and go one block.

All pastors and workers are urgently requested to send in the subscriptions of families in your churches before the One Day Session in Durham so you may receive the special 50¢ compensation. You may bring the subscriptions to Durham on May 4 and still receive the special compensation.

The churches and workers that have made strong reports are: First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, Dr. D. R. Hedgley, pastor; Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton, Rev. H. R. Cogdell, pastor - Mrs. Comey Bennett, worker; Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, George W. Dudley, pastor - Mrs. Martha R. Grimes and Mr. Joe Pittman, workers; First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. C. W. Ward, pastor; Rev. G. E. Brown, Williamston; Rev. C. A. Hart, Ahoskie; Mr. D. W. Headen, Goldston; Roanoke Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. C. C. Lawrence, pastor.

Following is a list of the new subscribers sent to us since last issue.

FIRST BAPTIST, WINSTON-SALEM. Dr. D. R. Hedgley, Pastor — Mr. H. E. Staplefoote, Mr. Carl Morris, Mrs. Arlean Gill, Miss Sandra Miles, Mr. G. H. Vaughn, Mrs. Sevy Powell, Mr. H. D. Haith, Dr. T. L. Clarke, Mrs. Catherine Humphrey, Mrs. Padie Walker, Mr. J. M. Cheek, Mr. W. E. Henderson, Mrs. A. P. Greene, Mr. Clarence Reynolds, Mrs. Mildred Pindexter, Mrs. Lottie Browning, Mrs. Mary Bonds, Mr. Virgil Simpson, Mr. J. D. Patterson, Mrs. Lula Jones, Miss Colestra Glenn, Mr. T. F. Poag, Mr. C. M. McCall, Mr. Jesse Scales, Mr. G. F. Ellis, Mr. L. E. Ervin and Mrs. Edna Revels

The Reverend G. E. Brown, Williamston, N. C. — Reverend Walter Gaynor, Mrs. Mary L. Slade, Mrs. Daisy Brown, Mr. George Wynn, Mr. Walter Cross, Mr. Columbus Cross, Mrs. Velma Howell, Mrs. Louisiana Matthew and Mrs. Gertrude Savage

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WHAT THEY SAY

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
Ninth and File Streets, Northeast
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
Dr. Kelly O. P. Goodwin, Pastor
March 11, 1971

Mrs. Berthenia D. Horne, Secretary-Treasurer
Woman's Baptist Home and
Foreign Missionary Convention
General Baptist Headquarters
603 South Wilmington St.
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601

Dear Mrs. Horne:

Let me offer my congratulations to the Woman's Convention, concerning the very excellent work that you are doing. Particularly as it is reflected in your latest revision of your Missionary Manual: "Guidelines For Leaders".

May the Lord continue to "bless your efforts" in this much needed area of service.

Yours in Christ,
K. O. P. Goodwin

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DISTRICT 7—GROUP 2 MRS. W. C. SOMERVILLE TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE

Mrs. W. C. Somerville of Washington, D. C., will address District 7 - Group 2 in its Conference meeting April 25th at the Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina. Miss E. M. Stanfield is District Conference Chairman.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

June 14-18 — Woman's Missionary Training Conference — Youth Bible Camp — Shaw University

THEME: "New Forms For Ministry"
Mark 2, 22 (RSV)

Room and Board \$22.00 per person
Registration \$5.00 per person
Thursday, June 17 — 8:00 P.M.

"WOMAN'S NIGHT"

Guest Speaker Dr. Susie C. Holly
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Music At Its Best First Baptist, Martin Street
and First Cosmopolitan Church Choirs

THE 82nd ANNUAL WOMAN'S MISSIONARY TRAINING CONFERENCE

NEW HOPE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NEWS

By Mrs. Joyce Baldwin

On February 28, 1971, the Junior Missionary Circle of the New Hope Baptist Church sponsored a program "This Is Your Life" in honor of Sister Daisy Jane Lassiter who is a long and faithful member of this church. Appearing on the program in her honor were representatives from various auxiliaries: Gloria Williams, expressions from the Union; Mrs. A. L. Filmore, Missionary Auxiliary and Rev. J. R. Burt of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Mrs. Lassiter received gifts from the different organizations of the church. She also received a telegram from her son in Baltimore, Maryland.

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THIS IS YOUR LIFE



DAISY JANE LASSITER

New Hope Baptist Church, Apex, N. C.
Dr. C. P. Briley, Pastor

In tribute for your faithful and loyal service, and the love this service has generated; for the many, many lives that have been touched through your kindness and understanding manner for seventy-three years, we want to sincerely thank you . . . as a token of our gratitude, Sister Daisy Jane Hackney Lassiter

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

Sister Daisy Lassiter is the daughter of the late Rev. Mack and Betty Hackney. She was born January 10, 1884. She joined the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in 1895, at the age of eleven and began

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COMPLIANCE INTERESTS NEW MEMBER

By DOROTHY BENJAMIN
Record Staff Writer

The newest member of the Greensboro City Board of Education is interested in the educational needs of all the children, but he is particularly interested in "somehow" getting the city desegregation guidelines of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The Rev. Otis L. Hairston said recently it is obvious that HEW is dissatisfied with the progress being made in Greensboro in the area of school desegregation.

"Because of delays (in desegregating) in the past an attitude has developed among many blacks that is creating more problems. If North Carolina and the South had worked out a plan for desegregation in the beginning we would not be having this trouble now. But they didn't and now we have more pressure coming. We find ourselves in a crisis situation.

"This is a real problem with the black separatist movement. Because of white resistance to desegregation they have assumed a different course," the Rev. Mr. Hairston said.

Construction of school buildings is another concern of the Rev. Mr. Hairston. He said he would like to see schools built in the future on sites "that would make it convenient for both races to attend them."

The Baptist minister, himself a product of all black schools, maintained "black education is not completely inferior" but he gave most of the credit for this to "dedicated teachers who made up for the deficiencies we had in equipment and theory."

He said his first task as a school board member will be to "assess the development of the total child and familiarize myself with the current situation and the purpose of the school for the child."

The Rev. Mr. Hairston said he believes there has been considerable exaggeration about clashes between white and black students in schools here and elsewhere.

"It is presented as a racial thing when this is not necessarily so. Kids have been fighting in schools for many years and they'll probably be doing it for years to come, not because they are black or white but because they are kids," he said.

Asked what he thought of a merger of Greensboro City and Guilford County school systems, which has been mentioned several times in the past, he said he had not thought much about it and would like to study the advantages and disadvantages of the matter before reaching any conclusions.

He emphasized his major goal is "to try to develop our schools so we will have the best possible school system for all children."

The Rev. Mr. Hairston began his four-year term on the school board April 1. He succeeds George E. Norman, Jr., who recently was elected board chairman and who will complete his third term on the board soon.

Board members presently are restricted to three terms or 10 years, whichever is less. The Rev. Mr. Hairston, appointed by the city council to serve on the school board, is the second Negro member of the board. The other is Walter T. Johnson, Jr., a lawyer.

The Rev. Mr. Hairston is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and a former president of the Greensboro Citizens Association, the Pulpit Forum and the Greensboro Ministers Fellowship.

His interest in public education is not new. He was president of the Raleigh PTA Council just after the 1954 Supreme Court decision on school desegregation and was selected by the all black PTA Council to debate the matter with the Raleigh superintendent of schools and the white PTA council president.

For five years he was a member of the group relations committee of the statewide black PTA council. His mother taught in public schools in Greensboro as does his wife. His stepmother also taught in the Greensboro schools.

COUNCIL TAPS REV. HAIRSTON

By JO SPIVEY
Record Staff Writer

The Rev. Otis L. Hairston, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, was named to the Greensboro Board of Education at a recent City Council meeting.

He succeeds George E. Norman, Jr., recently named chairman of the board, who is completing a third term on the board. He was initially appointed to the seven-member unit in 1959.

Mayor Jack Elam extended his appreciation to Norman for the "excellent job he has done on the school board" and expressed his regret that the council's policy prevents his re-appointment to another term.

The policy, adopted in 1958, limits terms of appointees to three terms or to 10 years, whichever is less.

A native of Greensboro, the Rev. Mr. Hairston is a former president of the Greensboro Citizens Association, the Pulpit Forum and the Greensboro Ministers Fellowship.

He founded the Citizens Emergency Committee, which dealt with a number of difficult racial problems of the 1960's. The committee has merged with the citizens association.

The minister was for five years a member of the

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CENTRAL ORPHANAGE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Dear Friend:

The time draws near when those of us here at the Central Orphanage of North Carolina must think of plans for the continuation of our Scholarship Fund.

No doubt you know of our efforts in this direction. Maybe you have aided us before in this worthy cause; or, maybe you have had contact with some of our former students who have benefitted from this effort. Many have completed work on the college level and are now rendering a service to society. Those who did not complete a specific course are better prepared as a result of the opportunity they did accept. At present we have three students enrolled in universities. Three young people from our orphanage family will graduate from high school this spring.

We feel that those who have been aided by the fund have proven the wisdom of our continuing to provide advanced training for those of our students who by character and scholastic achievement are worthy of additional opportunity. However, we will need the help of many good friends, like yourself.

Each year, on the fourth Sunday in April, we have a special program emphasizing our efforts in this direction and receive funds for this specific purpose. We invite you to join with us in this program. If you cannot be present, we will be grateful for your contribution.

Sincerely yours,
H. V. Bryant
Superintendent

Contributions to the Central Orphanage are an allowable income tax deduction.

THIS IS YOUR LIFE

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teaching Sunday School at age fourteen. She served in this capacity for a number of years.

On November 11, 1900, Sister Lassiter was married to the late Rev. Clarence L. Lassiter, who passed March 3, 1962. To the union there were seven children born. Sister Lassiter is the grandmother of eighteen children; the great grandmother of seven and the great-great grandmother of one.

In 1901 Sister Lassiter moved her membership from Mt. Zion Church to the Northeast Baptist Church. Here she continued to remain strong and faithful in the service of God.

This service and dedication was further manifested when she moved her membership to the New Hope Baptist Church in 1906.

Soon after her arrival at New Hope, she began what was to become one of her most concentered contributions, which was the work she did with the Fifth Bible Sunday School Class. She taught this class for forty-two years. This class was later named in her honor, which is now the Daisy Kindergarten.

Sister Lassiter joined and was active in many other auxiliaries of the church and the New Hope Association. She is a strong source of inspiration to all who know and love her.

NEWS FROM CLINTON

By MRS. FLOSSIE MARSHBURN
and MRS. MAMIE Mc L. FAISON

Those attending the One Day District Convention of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, held at New Christian Chapel Church, Rose Hill, North Carolina, Rev. W. E. Beaman, pastor:

This is District 6—Group 1, Miss C. E. Fennell, Chairman. From Clinton, Mrs. E. V. Robinson, Secretary; Mrs. Mamie McL. Faison, Second Vice President; Mrs. O. L. Bennett; Mrs. Thelma Holmes; Mrs. Annie L. Butler; Mrs. K. B. Faison and Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Ezzell. Mrs. Monk, Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Parker, Mrs. P. S. White, Mr. James Sampson, Mrs. Carrie Sampson and several young adults and juniors.

The session was well attended by people from the three counties. The theme: The Role of Mission in World Redemption: Matthew 28:19-20. Rev. L. A. Melvin delivered the morning sermon. It was truly great.

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On Sunday, March 7, the Gospel Chorus of the Lisbon Street Baptist Church celebrated its 25th Anniversary. The Gospel Chorus is one of the oldest in Sampson County. Many persons were present to help the chorus in its service. Words of praise were given. After the service, remarks were given by the Pastor, H. R. Cogdell and the president of the Gospel Chorus.

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THE CHURCH IN OUR TIMES

By ABRAHAM WALTON

Garysburg, North Carolina

Pastor, New Bethel Baptist Church
Enfield, North Carolina

We are living through a period of transition in the world. For the past decade or decade and a half, we have been confronted with change and more change. We have felt the impact of the change, and many of us have lived to reap the blessed benefit of the goodness along with the anxiety change has brought about. Those of us in the church during these times have become men of varied thoughts and opinions about the way the future of our church is to be directed. I am sure we can always expect the commotion of change to leave some without the proper sense of direction; therefore, they go anyway for a while and this is true of many church leaders of today.

The real thought I'm getting at is the present popular view of our rural and small town churches. The alarm has been sounded and the command given to consolidate them. If I have understood the expressers of this idea correctly, it means if you are in a section where there are two churches not too far apart they should come together and make one church. Example: Church A, four miles down U.S. 642 with 61 members, and Church B, 7 miles down N.C. 16 with 59 members, should come together and form a new Church C with 120 members. Now if my concept of the most recent popular concept is correct, I am not in favor, neither can I see what nor where consolidation will help the churches' situation.

I believe the change in public school, farming, and industries has bred this idea in the church leaders' minds. Well, let us look at the school situation. The real reason for the consolidation of the school is to supply sufficient room in many overcrowded three room schools; to cut down on the cost of operation; and to construct a plant to meet the demands of change at least cost as possible. So, a central school was essential and then they could bus the students.

The rising cost of equipment has forced man to do farming on a large scale. One thing the farmer has today is price support to back him up with his expensive cotton picker he is selling 20¢ cotton. My father didn't have price support but he and his family picked 34¢ cotton with their hands. So you see where the farmer is; it takes more to do the same thing now than 15 years ago. It takes more money to make money. Unions collective bargains and many other causes account for the spread of big business to meet the rising demands on the consumer market.

Going back to the church and the concept of consolidation, here is where I differ; in consolidation we are looking for numbers. We are led to believe that church is like big business of the (secular) world either big or you go broke. You go big or you have no profit and no profit means operating in the red and you are out of business soon. Well, in the church it is stressed upon the individual, personal soul winning. The idea of fellowship in Jesus Christ so no number is important, 59 or 61, Christ is there in the midst and you can faithfully do the job.

Consolidation is not the answer. Teaching and dedication, self denial, a willingness to follow the teachings of the master teacher is the key to the future of the small church. The believers in Jesus must be willing to accept the Bible way of giving to support the Christian cause. It has been made clear that the church of 100 or 60 members cannot support the minister but a membership this size can support the minister, if they are taught to give the Bible way and follow therein. By all means the Bible teaches tithing and then offering. Nevertheless, we never think of tithing in our churches, but we stress the collection or pledges very strong.

The church leaders seem to feel there is so much strength and security in numbers, but the strength is in the dedication of one's life to the master's cause. Five hundred people giving a \$700.00 collection on Sunday gives the church leaders courage and security that he can live, and this produces sloth and becomes the ground work for a complacent church. So, stewardship of giving is touched but not taught. And, we must remember that our commission is to go, be ever on the move to reach, teach and Christianize the lost world. In the large church the evangelization effort is quite likely to be minimized because they have a full house every Sunday. The leader will say we don't have or need a revival. The work is done on Sunday. Now this is true but the founder of the church said "daily follow and teach, plus reach."

As a whole our society is filled with big things. We want a mass of anything and everything. I'm not saying that 500 to 5,000 member churches are wrong. I'm saying that you have no Biblical grounds to say that churches with 59 to 61 members should consolidate because they shouldn't be. I'm not saying that the 59 to 61 member churches are more Bible centered than the 500 to 5,000 member churches. I'm saying all churches should go back to the Bible way of giving and supporting the cause. We can expect more to be given to the cause from the 500 to 5,000 member churches than the 59 to 61 member churches, but the point is that neither is giving the Bible way; therefore, the cause is suffering.

Now if the small church is made large through consolidation, this means that the 59 to 61 member

churches are seeking to save themselves by uniting themselves and we will be missing the purpose of the church. What, then, is the fate of these churches? To the 59 member church, the command is not consolidate, but to evangelize his area. There are people who will hear, if the message is preached. There are still hearts that will repent now, if they are touched by the spirit of God through the mission effort. Jesus didn't say to the shepherd that if you have a good number for a crowd; or if there are 500 there, be satisfied, but he said that as long as there is somebody lost, go searching.

NEWS FROM GOLDSTON

By D. W. HEADEN

The Deep River Ushers Union held their monthly meeting at Roberts Chapel Baptist Church Sunday, February 28, with the president, Mrs. Clara Kersey, presiding over the business session.

Music was rendered by the host church and Senior Choir. Plans were made for Easter program, also.

Mr. Billy Dowdy, new Director of the Roberts Chapel Sunday School is doing a good job. The enrollment has increased about 20% for the new year and he still finds time to visit and welcome new members to come and become a part of Sunday School. He is making plans for more recreation and Vacation Bible School this Spring-Summer.

KINSTON'S FIRST CHURCH IN 105th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

Around the theme: "Mutual Understanding and Togetherness: Basic Essentials for Solid Progress," the members and friends of the First Baptist Church, Kinston, pastored by Dr. R. Irving Boone, gathered in the Kinston High School on Friday, March 19 in observance of the church's 105th anniversary.

The Anniversary Celebration was highlighted with a moving address from Representative Joy J. Johnson, member of the General Assembly of North Carolina. Dr. Johnson is one of the leading pastors in the General Baptist Convention and the second black person to be elected to North Carolina Legislature.

Others paying tribute to the 105 year old church included: Kinston's Mayor, the Honorable Simon Sitterson; Lenoir County Commissioner, Richard Whaley; State Representatives, Harold Hardison and Dan Tilley; Attorney Harvey Beech; Rev. William C. Dortch; Professor G. S. Frazier; Mrs. J. J. Hannibal; Mr. W. N. Payton, Dr. A. A. Best and Mr. J. Strother.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNCIL OF CHURCHES TO MEET

Following a Pre-Assembly Pastor's Conference on the theme, "The Vocational Quandary of the Parish Minister," Bishop William R. Cannon, Presiding Bishop of the Raleigh and Richmond Episcopal Areas of the United Methodist Church, will be the speaker at the opening session of the 34th Assembly of the North Carolina Council of Churches in Laurinburg at 8:00 p.m. on the evening of April 26. His subject will be "The Future Outlook for the Ecumenical Movement."

Bishop Cannon was professor of Church History and then Dean at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, prior to coming to Raleigh in 1968. In 1952 he was delegate to the Ecumenical Conference of the Methodist Church at Oxford, England. In 1953 he represented the World Methodist Council at the World Council on Faith and Order at Lund, Sweden, and was an accredited visitor to the Second Assembly of the World Council of Churches at Evanston, Illinois. He was a delegate to the Third and Fourth Assemblies of the World Council of Churches, at New Delhi, India, in 1961 and at Uppsala, Sweden, in 1968. In 1965 he was an observer at the Second Vatican Council and is a representative from the World Methodist Council for conversations with the Roman Catholic Church on Christian Unity. He is a member of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Council of Churches.

BOONE SPEAKS IN DETROIT

Dr. R. Irving Boone, University Minister at Elizabeth City State University and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kinston and the Pleasant Plain Baptist Church, Ahoskie, recently delivered the Ninth Anniversary Sermon of Dr. Carnell E. Talley as pastor of the New Light Baptist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

LAYMEN LEAGUE ONE DAY SESSION

The Laymen League of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina headed by Mr. Frank Marshall of Asheville will meet in their annual One Day Session on Saturday, April 17 in the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. C. W. Ward, pastor. The session will begin at 10:00 a.m.

SHILOH CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY

The Shiloh Baptist Church of Purvis, Rev. R. L. Blue, pastor, recently observed the 74th Anniversary of the Church with a week long series of services that climaxed on Sunday, March 14.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

Social Security is not just a retirement program for "older folks." It offers disability insurance protection worth \$75,000 or \$100,000 or more to **young workers and their families** — and equally valuable survivors insurance protection for them.

SOCIAL SECURITY NEWS

A worker should apply for Social Security at least 3 months before his 65th birthday, whether he plans to retire or not. He should bring the oldest records he has showing his date of birth, his W-2 form for last year or, if self-employed, a copy of his tax return. The Social Security office will tell him if he needs any other "proof" and if necessary will help him get it.

COUNCIL TAPS

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bi-racial PTA Group Relations Committee, working to merge state PTA councils.

He is chairman of the Commission on Christian Social Ministries of the North Carolina Council of Churches, which has been working actively on prison problems.

He is a member of the executive committee of the General Baptist State Convention and serves on the board of the United Community Services and of the United Day Care Services.

He is a former member of the board of the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce and was a charter member of the Greensboro Human Relations Commission. He is a former editor of the "Baptist Informer", the state Baptist publication. He is a member of the Greensboro branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

His father, the late J. T. Hairston, was pastor of Shiloh Church for 52 years, prior to his son's taking over the pulpit. The church was the first in the city to assume sponsorship of a non-profit, rent-subsidy housing project for limited income families. The church also initiated an enrichment program for underprivileged youth.

The Rev. Mr. Hairston attended J. C. Price School, where both his mother and his stepmother were teachers, and was graduated from Dudley High School and from Shaw University.

DATES TO REMEMBER

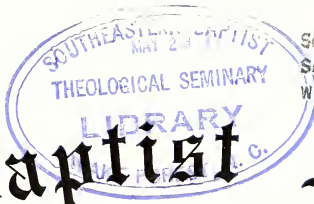
- May 4 — One Day Session, General Baptist State Convention, West Durham Baptist Church, Durham
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CONVENTION'S ONE DAY SESSION MAKES HISTORY

On Tuesday, May 4, pastors and laymen from every part of North Carolina gathered for the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention in Durham at the beautiful and spacious newly constructed West Durham Baptist Church where the strong, able, and dynamic F. D. Terry is pastor.

The meeting was ably presided over by the recently elected convention's president, Dr. C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville. He set the tone for the day with a timely and moving address on "Where Do We Go From Here?" In well put words that moved to a terrific climax that set the whole convention on fire, president Edwards presented a great challenge for our conventional work. Among the far-reaching things he said: This Administration is committed—

- I. To bring Unity of Purpose and Action in the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc. The method will not be by Power or by might but by His Spirit. We must not be fragmented based on a desire for position or power. All of us must strive for Unity. We are a complex whole — a systematic totality. There must be agreement, sameness and harmony. A kind of Unity that is produced by a singleness of purpose.
- II. This Administration is committed to adequately support the objectives of the convention. We must support them with our money and also strive to bring the influence of the Church and Gospel on their activities.
- III. This Administration is committed to work to strengthen the work of the local Church. This is to be done basically through teaching and training.
- IV. This Administration is committed to cooperate with other denominations or communions through denominations and interdenominational alliances. Our job for the Lord is

too big for any small segment of His people. Even though we are willing to cooperate, we do not intend to be swallowed up.

- V. This Administration is committed to involving our Baptist youth in meaningful activity and dialogue that will mean the spiritual growth of both.
- VI. This Administration is committed to involving our Baptist Laymen in the total work of the Convention.
- VII. This Administration is committed to strive to influence the course of present day events by becoming intelligent on, by dealing with, by becoming involved in speaking on the issues (relevant) to our times. People will not listen simply because we are the Church but will listen if we have something to say.

President Edwards continued — This is the day the Lord hath made. This is a great day for the Church. This is, perhaps, her finest hour. We must enlarge the place of our tent. We have the power. We only need to assert ourselves. We are a sleeping giant. Under-achievement is killing the Church. We have tiny faith, dwarf hope and diluted love.

Following the message, Dr. Edwards presented a plaque on behalf of General Baptists to Dr. John W. White of Asheville, immediate past president, for his outstanding leadership and service to the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. as its Chieftain for five years.

The Convention's veteran Executive Secretary, Dr. O. L. Sherrill of Raleigh gave a detailed report of the convention's work and activities from September 1, 1970 - March 31, 1971. His report revealed that General Baptists had given during the seven month period, \$144,009.37.

Other reports were appropriately given for the Woman's Convention by Mrs. Vera Slade, president; The Sunday School Convention by the Rev. O. J. Rooks, who represented president E. M. Butler, who

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Woman's Page ----



DR. SUSIE HOLLEY GUEST SPEAKER

Dr. Susie C. Holly of Fort Lauderdale, Florida will be guest speaker, Thursday evening, June 17 (Woman's Night) during the Leadership Training Conference, the Ministers' Institute and the Youth Bible Camp convening at Shaw University.

Dr. Holly is president of the Florida Woman's State Convention and First Vice President of the National Woman's Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated. She is a lecturer, a national known leader and organizer.

Thursday evening is the "Dress Up" occasion. Come out and hear this great speaker.

THE SHAW UNIVERSITY

AND

THE 2ND ANNUAL STATE- WIDE LEADERS' WORKSHOP

By Executive Secretary Horne

The 2nd Annual Workshop sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina was held Saturday, April 3rd on the campus of the Shaw University. Approximately 900 leaders from the mountain to the seashore were there seeking information on "Leadership". It was a marvelous experience.

The Shaw University and Its Hospitality

Our school and campus extended unusual hospitality to the occasion. Every available space was filled to capacity. With this overflow crowd, we can truthfully say 'there were no problems encountered'. We wish to extend our sincere congratulations to

Dean Charles L. Coleman

Mr. Woodrow Anderson

Mr. Cleon F. Thompson

The instructors were at their best. The convention received more than \$1,600.00 from Registration Fees and sale of literature. Thanks to all leaders that came to get the "KNOW HOW" IN LEADERSHIP. The 3rd Annual Workshop will be held April, 1972.

956½ W. Chapel Road
Asheville, North Carolina
April 7, 1971

To: Executive Secretary Horne

Dear Sister:

First, I want you to know how much I enjoyed the State-Wide Leaders' Workshop last Saturday. It was my first time to see Shaw University. I found the campus and University real nice, the people real friendly, helpful and nice. The Instructors were well learned and informative. I did not get to visit your Bookstore, it was closed.

Yours in Christ,
(Mrs.) Dorothy H. Miller

Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina

Dear Co-Worker:

The time is here again for our:

36TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING CONFERENCE, June 14-18, 1971.
20TH ANNUAL YOUTH BIBLE CAMP AND CHARM CLINIC, June 14-18, 1971.

All to be held with Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. We trust you have been thinking and praying with and for us concerning this great program. The Lord has blessed us mightily in the past years and we are looking forward to one of

the greatest meetings we've ever had. The program looks that way.

Elect your delegates to Conference and Youth Bible Camp now. Begin sending in names, and Pre-Registration immediately.

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Yours in Christ,
Mrs. M. A. Horne
Conference Chairman

ONE-DAY DISTRICT CONFERENCE HOLDS ANNUAL SESSION

Sunday, April 25, 1971, was a memorable day for District 8, Group 1 of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C. The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Wilson, N. C., the Rev. W. I. Bowden, pastor, was our Host.

District Chairman P. V. Patterson of Rocky Mount seemed at her best as she so ably presided in her humble, Christ-like way, backed up by her efficient staff.

The meeting began at noon with the young people in charge, highlighted with a very spiritual devotion, a short business session, and wonderful dramatization of the "Ten Virgins." Michael Hart of Edgecombe County discussed the Theme: "The Role of Mission in World Redemption."

Wilson County churches served us a most delicious dinner during our break.

The Seniors were in charge of the afternoon session. Using the **Helper**, Sister Geneva Wimberley and her committee inspired us.

The First Baptist Church Senior Choir of Enfield, N. C., the Rev. K. P. Battle, pastor, lifted and thrilled us as they sang the hymns of Zion from our **Standard Hymn Book**.

By choice of the planning committee, our Chairman and Mrs. Thelma Harper, a young adult, spoke on the Theme for the Seniors. Again, we were reminded of our duties as true Missionaries in World Redemption.

Our beloved president, Sister Vera Slade of our State Convention brought us a dynamic message from Isaiah on "Here Am I, Send Me." She left nothing unsaid as to our duties to God and Man while here in this world as Christians. She took us on high and left everyone praising God in the highest. Truly, it was a message from God.

As usual, she gave us the State program and what was expected of us this year before the message was given.

This session was one of the best ever: Spiritually, Numerically, and Financially.

The Host Pastor gave the closing remarks and was tempted to repreach the President's message.

Our next session will be held in Nash County. The church to be named later. District Chairman Patterson thanks everyone for the prayers and cooperation given in every way.

At the close of the session we sang our Theme song "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus."

All of the counties were represented: Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, and Wilson.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENT-ELECT BEGINS NEW AREA

"STRESSES ECONOMY AND CONCERN FOR PEOPLE"

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves listed five (5) characteristics of his administration as he prepares to assume the new duties of his office on July 1st during Shaw University's 106th Commencement Convocation in Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium on Sunday, May 9, before 225 graduating students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the institution.

Hargraves listed the five main characteristics of his administration as follows:

1. A Deep Concern For People — Their Freedom And Growth
2. Holding Up An Intellectual And Spiritual Plumb Line
3. Programatic Radicalism
4. Fiscal Conservatism
5. And Developmental Dynamonism

He spoke to the graduating class, remaining students, faculty and staff, alumni and friends of Shaw.

He said that Shaw needed "cold hard cash" right away — in the amount of a half million dollars. Money that Hargraves said was needed to balance Shaw's ledger. He said Shaw was no different than any other private college or university in the country. Not enough money, inflation, the lack of honoring commitments, antiquated planning systems that were not prepared for the slow-down of incoming funds and loose management.

He said "Shaw had been knocked down, but not knocked out."

He spoke of the drastic steps being taken now and that would be taken in the future to meet this

crisis. He said the university's budget would be cut appreciable, which in his words meant a "studied reduction in faculty and staff. "We are sacrificing a few in behalf of the survival of many. We hope to make a budget out of income available rather than upon expenditures made in the past", Hargraves added.

He said majors may have to be cut back, "but we don't have to have majors in everything, especially when there are other colleges around with which we can make agreements as to which will emphasize what," he added.

The Educator-Urbanologist said Shaw has already invited St. Augustine's College, (located in the same city) to enter into a plan of radical cooperation with Shaw. If St. Augustine's agrees, he said, both of us (Shaw and St. Augustine's) will be able to do a high-quality and innovative job at less cost.

The eloquent bearded North Carolina native said that Shaw would not tolerate the use of dope on Shaw's campus, "nor will we lie flat while you walk over us," he said. He told students to act responsibly.

He told faculty and staff that "we teach here as an expression of love and freedom. We present and celebrate a beatific vision, a burning torch or a needed competence which we have to share."

He said students join Shaw in the pursuit of truth, vision and competence and ask what, why and how. He let it be known in no uncertain terms that his administration would not stand for faculty and staff to compensate for their own feelings of inadequacy by controlling or manipulating others. "There is no room for ego trips," he said.

"Titles don't mean a damn thing except as a flow of communication," he emphasized. It is performance at necessary tasks and contributions to this community's uplift which counts.

He said there would be no authoritarianism under his leadership. "Big Daddy is dead. He is neither wanted nor needed."

Hargraves said Shaw's emphasis in this decade will be less on facilities and more on services. "We will perceive education as a necessity and a right, rather than a luxury and a privilege," he added. He said this applied to all races and classes.

He proposed to the faculty that Shaw begin innovating and developing living-learning programs from the base of this human condition but leave the loose framework of the college Arts and Sciences, the School of Urban Sciences, the Division of General Studies, and the Center for Continuing Education.

He offered 12 points for consideration to faculty and staff. Among them were: To consider people of all ages and circumstances as possible candidates for admission; veterans, Black youth now in prison, people at work on jobs, adults on welfare rolls, retired people, and the general community which surrounds Shaw; allow the entire city and region to be the classroom; overcome rigidity of structure; to eliminate the outmoded and accentuate the relevant and to sensitize students and faculty through an Esalen type experience.

He talked about utilizing Cooperative Education as a means to bring representatives of corporate industry together across the state and region and involve them in tackling basic problems which affect their industry and the quality of life in the future of the state and region.

He proposed relating the educational role of Shaw to the need of Blacks to control their proportionate share of the large corporate industries, land, wealth, income and their share of social institutions and their share of the political process.

He suggested that Black colleges stop "slavishly" imitating the finishing schools for the advantaged and prove themselves real, and not paper revolutionaries by pushing to get such underprivileged youth turned over to Black institutions to complete their education.

He received a standing ovation from those in attendance.



Dr. J. Archie Hargraves accepts a check for \$1,000 from Dr. Wendell C. Sommerville, executive secretary. Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention to begin what resulted in money and pledges exceeding \$10,000 to Shaw University during the annual Alumni National Meeting at Shaw on Saturday, May 8th. Dr. Sommerville was responsible for obtaining the additional pledges.

THE MOUNT PEACE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B.T.U. CONVENES 21ST SPRING INSTITUTE

"LEARNING TO BE FAITHFUL STEWARDS IN EVERY AREA OF LIFE"

PEARLIE CURETON, Reporter

The Mount Peace Sunday School and Baptist Training Union held its 21st annual program of the Spring Institute March 29th through April 2nd at the Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Rev. J. Arthur White is the minister and moderator.

The theme, "Learning to be Faithful Stewards In Every Area of Life," was certainly an appropriate and relevant one, since as Christians our most urgent need is to continue to carry the timeless message of the church to a rapidly changing and sophisticated world. How then must we begin to do this? Of course the answer lies in the church's willingness and ability to supply religious training to its members. So is the purpose of the Spring Institute, to offer training that will better equip the church to come to grips with itself as an institution and to learn how to present a timeless church message to its people in a timely manner.

The religious courses offered were departmentalized and included a wide age range. The adult department included ministers, deacons and trustees, instructed by Dr. Leon C. Riddick; Missionaries and Sunday School workers, instructed by Dr. T. A. Watkins; Baptist Training Union (adult-youth), instructed by Mr. Wilch Caldwell; Ushers (youth-adults), instructed by Dr. H. S. Diggs. The Youth Department included intermediates and seniors (13-16), instructed by Rev. W. A. Rorie and Rev. C. E. Dewberry; Juniors (9-12), instructed by Mrs. Ruby Bradley and Rev. M. B. McIlwain; Primaries (4-8), instructed by Mrs. Betty Moore. The courses brought forth interest, enthusiasm and enjoyment from all who participated. The institute enjoyed an average of 230 members per night and was both proud and delighted to award 200 Religious Training Certificates to those who completed the course.

As the Spring Institute came to its closing night, the president of the Congress, Rev. J. F. Wingate and the dean, Dr. P. Pendergrass, must certainly have experienced a proud sense of accomplishment, for it was their devotion and thought along with many others that made this Spring Institute a success. The program was highlighted on Friday night, April 2nd, with an inspiring message delivered by Rev. R. W. Perry, College Minister, of Friendship College. As the program came to its climax, many left with a renewed and deeper understanding of their duties toward God's Church, and certainly it may be said that all who participated left this Spring Institute with a very high feeling of accomplishment.

DUAL ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

By MISS CYNTHIA EDMOND

On Sunday, April 11, 1971, the Union Baptist Church, 406 N. W. Boulevard, Winston-Salem, North Carolina, brought to a close the anniversary celebrating the 49th year of the church and the 38th anniversary of the pastor, Dr. A. H. McDaniel. This is Dr. McDaniel's first and only pastorate. (The history of he and the church is found in the 69 Souvenir Programme).

The anniversary sermon was preached by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary of The General Baptist State Convention. More than 780 people who worshipped in the 11:00 service heard one of the most challenging, helpful and heart-warming sermons preached on the death and resurrection of Christ. Dr. Sherrill proved in this sermon as he has in other messages, that he is not only a great Baptist leader, but he is also a profound preacher of the gospel.

Other preachers and churches who participated in the celebration were: Rev. William Owens and the Mt. Carmel Baptist Church; Rev. W. D. Browning and the St. John C. M. E. Church; Bishop S. M. Caesar and the Kimberly Park Holy Church; Bishop William Johnson and the Macedonia Holy Church; Dr. Jerry Drayton and the New Bethel Baptist Church.

The church has a 40-member Official Board. It has more than 45 auxiliaries, groups and clubs. The church promoted a seven-day-a-week program including a state licensed Child Development Day Care Program.



Shaw University Theological Alumni president-elect Rev. J. C. Harris from Statesville, N. C. (left) accepts the gavel from outgoing president Dr. E. B. Turner during Shaw University Theological Alumni Day, Wednesday, April 28th.

CONVENTION'S ONE DAY SESSION

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was unable to be present. The B.T.U. Convention was represented by Mr. J. T. Hawkins, president; The Usher's Convention was represented by Mr. Arthur Williams, president; The Laymen's Convention, in the absence of president Frank Marshall was represented by Rev. R. C. Wood. Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention brought greetings and gave a timely report on the convention's work. The Editor of the **Baptist Informer** spoke on the special subscription campaign and reported over 257 new subscriptions to our paper. The convention voted to continue the campaign for a month. The Rev. Corbin Cooper was present and reported for the Department of Interracial Cooperation. The Rev. J. M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Moderators, led the reports for the Associations. Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, the new president of Shaw University, in a glowing address, touched the hearts of the brethren for the University.

Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, Chairman of the Convention's Executive Committee and the newly appointed Policritical Action Committee chairman, forcefully presented plans for strong political action among General Baptists.

Music for the day was led by the Rev. Wesley Grant, Mrs. Wesley Grant at the piano and the Rev. Johnny White at the Organ. The Lord greatly used them to fill our souls with music along with a solo from Dr. J. Ray Butler of Winston-Salem.

As a fitting climax of the day, a powerful sermon was delivered by the Rev. B. B. Felder, pastor of the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, Greenville.

With an overflow crowd in attendance, the churches and pastors brought \$36,676.93 to the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C. During the month of April, the contributions were \$11,276.71. This should place us in good position to reach our budget of \$418,299.00 and over by August 31. We have only \$226,325.99 to go. Let us decide to make it.

NOTICE

The Reverend Charles Tyner will be working with the convention during the summer months. He will be helping with Vacation Bible Schools, Institutes, Youth Departments and other Church Activities. If you desire his service, please write Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina 27601. His work is jointly sponsored by the Baptist State Convention and the General Baptist State Convention.



Shaw University Theological Alumni pose for photographer in front of the University Church on Shaw's campus following the Theological Alumni Convocation, April 28th. From left (front row) are officers of the organization: Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Martin St. Baptist Church, Raleigh and chairman of the Divinity School's board of trustees; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, executive secretary, N. C. General Baptist State Convention; Rev. T. A. Watkins, vice president-

elect and pastor, University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. O. B. J. Burson, pastor, Holy Trinity Baptist Church, New York City and Convocation speaker; Rev. J. Z. Alexander, Dean of Shaw's School of Divinity; Rev. J. C. Harris, president-elect, Shaw Theological Alumni Association, Statesville, N. C.; Rev. E. B. Turner, outgoing president and a member of the executive committee, Shaw's Divinity School.

SHAW THEOLOGICAL ALUMNI DAY HELD

The Shaw University Theological Alumni Association held its 106th meeting on the campus of Shaw University Tuesday and Wednesday, April 27-28.

The two-day event opened Tuesday evening with a banquet at which The Reverend Dr. J. R. McRay of Elizabeth City, N. C., 'Class of '59' and The Reverend Dr. J. J. Johnson of Fairmont, N. C. 'Class of '45' received distinguished service awards presented by the outgoing president, The Reverend Dr. E. B. Turner of Lumberton, N. C., 'Class of '47'. Dr. Johnson is the second Black to be elected to the N. C. House of Representatives since the days of reconstruction.

Keynote speaker for the banquet was The Reverend Dr. Andrew W. Lawson of Durham, 'Class of '48'.

The Annual Theological Alumni Day Convocation was held in the University Church on Wednesday at 11:30 A.M. The Reverend Dr. O. B. J. Burson, Minister, Holy Trinity Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., was the convocation speaker.

Dr. Burson was born and reared in Shelby, N. C. and educated in the public schools of Cleveland County, received his B.A. and B.D. from Shaw Uni-

versity in 1951-52 respectively, spoke to fellow ministers, students and friends of Shaw delivering a fiery, soul searching message.

There were some 60 ministers, all of whom were graduates of Shaw University's School of Religion.

The University established a graduate School of Divinity last year (1970) with a separate Board of Trustees headed by The Reverend Dr. Paul H. Johnson, a 1940 Shaw University graduate.

These men all of whom hold pastorates in their community are devoted servants within their own community and also devoted supporters of Shaw. With their help and the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, North Carolina Baptists gave Shaw University an excess of \$100,000 last year and have pledged \$150,000 for the current year.

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CONVENTION HAVING A GREAT YEAR

From Executive Secretary Sherrill's office, word has come that the General Baptist State Convention is experiencing one of the greatest years in giving for all of its causes. Associations, churches and pastors are rallying to the cause as never before. To keep this pace until the close of the convention's fiscal year, August 31, it seems that we will reach our budget goal of \$418,299 and go over. To do this means that State Missions, Foreign Missions, Shaw University and Central Orphanage will receive larger support from the Baptists of North Carolina.

In this connection, we may well observe that Dr. O. L. Sherrill and his assistant, the Rev. C. C. Craig, along with The Rev. Corbin Cooper, have been extremely busy in the field. They have been highly successful in making many strong supporters and friends for the Cause. Our hats go off to them for the powerful leadership being given in all areas of our state.

A LOOK AT GENERAL BAPTIST SUMMER MEETINGS

Much activity will be going on among the auxiliaries of the General Baptist Convention.

The State Ushers' Convention under the leadership of President Arthur Williams of Louisburg will convene July 13-15 in the First Baptist Church, Rev. Leroy Pitts, pastor, Jacksonville. We are urged to encourage the Ushers of our churches to attend.

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The State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet in Charlotte at the University Park Baptist Church, August 3-5. Mr. E. M. Butler is president of the Sunday School department and Mr. J. T. Hawkins is president of the B.T.U. The Rev. C. C. Craig serves as co-ordinator

of the entire congress. Let us have our Sunday School and B.T.U. Workers in Charlotte.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention under the leadership of President Vera M. Slade of Ahoskie will convene, August 9-13 in the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham. Mrs. M. A. Horne is the Executive Secretary. All churches are urgently requested to send their Missionary Workers to Durham.

INFORMER'S SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

As we go to press, we are pleased that new subscriptions are coming in daily to swell the subscription roll of the **Baptist Informer**. We are making every effort to increase the subscription list to a number comparable to the number of Baptists in North Carolina. We are on our way.

We highly commend the pastors and churches for the outstanding work they are doing in our Special Subscription Drive. Many of them have reported more than once. Since the subscription rate is \$2.00 per year, we decided to offer an incentive to the churches whereby they keep 50¢ out of the \$2.00 for the church or any auxiliary within the church and send \$1.50 along with the name of the subscriber, address, city and zip code.

We are happy to announce that the special subscription drive will continue until August 31, 1971. This is the closing date of our convention's fiscal year. Let us stir our members to subscribe so that the **Baptist Informer** can be in every home of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Note: The names of all new subscribers that have come to us since we last published them, will appear in forthcoming issues.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES
1971-72 CALENDAR

Cleon F. Thompson, Shaw University Provost released the tentative calendar for Shaw University's 1971-72 academic year recently.

Shaw University will move to a trimester system in August when the fall semester begins for the 71-72 academic year. According to Thompson's announcement, faculty will report back to the university on August 16th. Faculty and staff workshops will begin on that date through the 20th. Residence halls open for new students on the 21st and orientation and registration for new students will take place on the 22nd-31st. Registration for returning students will be the 30th and 31st of August and first semester classes will begin on September 1st.

The 3rd semester will be broken into two sessions with the first session beginning on May 1st and running through June 22nd and the second session starting on June 23rd and running through August 19th (1972).

Commencement for the 1971-72 academic year will be held on April 30th.

NEW PASTORS INSTALLED

The Rev. T. M. Walker was recently installed as the pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention delivered the installation sermon. Rev. Walker went to Gastonia from the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Elizabeth City.

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The Rev. John D. Ellis, Sr. was installed May 2, as pastor of the Pilgrim Chapel Baptist Church, James City. Rev. Leo Williams delivered the installation sermon. Rev. Ellis formerly pastored the

First Baptist Church, Wilson and is currently Executive Director of the Wilson Human Relations Commission.

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The Rev. Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr. was recently installed as the pastor of the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Elizabeth City. The installation sermon was delivered by the Rev. William B. Moore.

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The **Informer** wishes for each of these pastors a powerful and progressive ministry in their new fields of service.



The Reverend W. E. Martin was recently honored on his first anniversary as pastor of the First Baptist Church, New Bern.

Woman's Page-----

1971 INFORMATION SHEET

87TH ANNUAL SESSION

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

To Be Held With

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Durham, North Carolina

AUGUST 10-13, 1971

The Women will meet at the St. Mark AME Zion Church (531 S. Roxboro Street).

The Young Adults and Junior-Young People will meet at Mount Vernon Baptist Church, 1000 S. Roxboro Street.

Meals

Breakfast	\$1.25
Dinner	1.50
Supper	1.25
Tuesday	Dinner, Supper
Wednesday	Breakfast, Dinner, Supper
Thursday	Breakfast, Dinner, Supper
Friday	Breakfast - Sandwiches
TOTAL MEALS	\$12.00
MEAL TICKET	11.25

Purchase Meal Tickets and save

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Breakfast will be served at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church.

Dinner and Supper at the St. Mark AME Zion Church.

Time Meals are Served:

Breakfast	6:45 a.m.-8:00 a.m.
Dinner	12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m.
Supper	5:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

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Note: **Registration** will begin Monday, August 9th, at 1:30 p.m., St. Mark AME Zion Church.

Pre-Registration will begin July 1 and end August 1. Write for Pre-Registration and Pre-Representation Blanks. Avoid standing in long lines.

Pre-Convention Musical: Monday night at Mount Vernon (8:00 p.m.)

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF REPRESENTATION FEE

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Union	50.00
Auxiliary	75.00
District Conference	20.00
Circle Presidents (for honoring service)	25.00

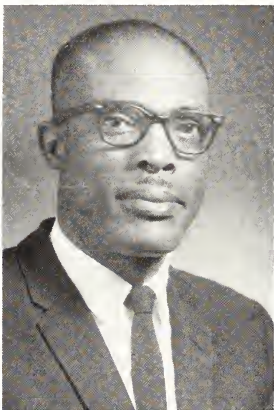
Young Adult Department

Local Young Adult Department	\$20.00
Local Young Adult Union	20.00

Junior-Young People's Department

Local Junior-Young People's Dept.	\$15.00
Local Junior-Young People's Union	20.00

SHAW UNIVERSITY'S COMMENCEMENT SERVICES FOR IN-SERVICE MINISTERS SCHEDULED



Dr. E. B. Turner, commencement speaker for In-Service Ministers at Shaw University.

Dr. E. B. Turner delivered the commencement sermon to the 1971 graduates of the In-Service Class for Ministers at Shaw University, Tuesday, June 8th at 8:00 P.M. in the University Church.

Dr. Turner is pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lumberton, N. C.; moderator of the Lumber River Association; and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. Turner has recently distinguished himself by leading the Lumber River Association to the completion of a \$1,060,000 federally subsidized housing project in Lumberton.

The In-Service Class for Ministers is designed to provide ministerial education and preparation for in-service ministers who have not received formal theological education. Three years of study, one night per week, is required for the completion of the program. The class meets at Shaw University each Tuesday evening, September through May. The Reverend James Z. Alexander, Dean of the Shaw Divinity School, directs the program.

The 1971 graduating class is comprised of fifteen ministers.

NEWS FROM BLADENBORO

By EARL A. CLARK
Chairman, Publicity Committee

The First Baptist Church of Bladenboro, North Carolina closed its Holy Week Friday, April 9, with a message by the Reverend Cleopatrik Lacy (Reverend Lacy is a student in the School of Religion at Shaw University). The message was followed by the Holy Communion Service held by candlelight.

The Reverend T. R. Singletary, pastor of the St. Thomas A.M.E. Zion Church, Roseboro, North Carolina, delivered the Sunrise Message at 6:00 a.m. Easter morning. The regular church services followed at 10:00 a.m. with the Reverend A. C. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bladenboro, delivering the Easter Message.

Easter services were concluded with a Resurrection Program given by the youth of the church.

NEWS FROM GOLDSTON

By D. W. HEADEN

THE ONE DAY SESSION OF THE DEEP RIVER ASSOCIATION was held at Roberts Chapel Baptist Church Saturday, April 24, with Moderator, A. T. Alston of Burlington, presiding. The host pastor, Rev. Sampson Buie, Jr. of Greensboro, gave words of welcome. Music was rendered by the choir and conventional singing. The young Rev. Gregory T. Headen was at the Organ. In spite of a light turnout, we had a wonderful session.

Moderator Allen outlined plans for the annual session which will convene at Edward Grove Baptist Church, Liberty, October 1-3, 1971, Dr. M. P. McCleave, pastor.

Remarks come from Rev. D. F. Brown, moderator of the Ministers-Deacons Union; Mrs. M. E. Singletary, president, Woman's Auxiliary Convention; Mrs. Clara Kersey, president, Ushers Union; Mrs. Ineese Wicker, president, Sunday School-B.T.U. Convention; (Mr. Wallace Matthews, president, B.T.U. was not present), and Mr. D. W. Headen who urged all Baptist families to subscribe for the **Baptist Informer**.

Dates to remember:

July 23-25 — Sunday School-B.T.U. Convention, Lamberts Chapel, Siler City

The New Bensalem Baptist Church, Robbins, North Carolina was the scene of the Deep River Baptist Ushers Union, April 25. Pastor David Jones expressed words of welcome to the body. Mrs. Clara Kersey of Jonesboro, presided over the business session. She brought greetings on behalf of the Ushers of the Deep River Bounds.

A talent program was presented and enjoyed by all. Music was rendered by the junior choir of host church. Dr. D. D. Siler, pastor of First Baptist Church, Pittsboro and Pine Ridge Baptist Church, Sanford praised the organization for its progress made through the years.

Mr. D. W. Headen urged all pastors and workers to send in subscriptions to the **Baptist Informer**.

REVEREND ALFRED L. DAYE CALLED TO MOUNT SHILOH AT WILLIAMSTON, N. C.

The Reverend Alfred L. Daye of Henderson, N. C. has been called to pastor the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church of Williamston, N. C.

Reverend Daye is a native of Vance County, Henderson, N. C.

He received his high school education in the Vance County School system; completed a three year course in Theology at Shaw University, and graduated from the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. He also holds a B.T. Degree from Ohio Christian College and is at work on his Masters in Sacred Theology.

For the past thirteen years, he pastored the Mount Level Baptist Church in Durham, N. C. At present, he is the Secretary of the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Association, President of the Deacon's Union and the Director of the Training Union of Vance County.

The Reverend Daye is very active in community and civic affairs. He is a former member of the Henderson Good Neighbor - Human Relations Council. He was the first Black man appointed to the Henderson Planning and Zoning Committee. At present he is a member of the Advisory Committee of Human Relations, a member of the N.A.A.C.P., Voter's League, President of the Citizen's Improvement Association and is a member of the Beacon Light Masonic Lodge 249. He is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Vance County Ministerial Alliance and a member of Vance County Ministerial Association.

He is married to the former Miss Carrie Lee Howard of Henderson, N. C. The Reverend and Mrs. Daye now reside at 504 West Academy Street, Williamston, N. C.

REV. M. B. McILWAIN CELEBRATES 12TH PASTORAL ANNIVERSARY — MANY FLOWERS RECEIVED

By PEARLIE CURETON, Reporter

Many flowers were received indeed through the warm words of gratitude and appreciation given to Rev. M. B. McIlwain as he celebrated his 12th pastoral anniversary at Mt. Olive Baptist Church. The celebration began April 14th and ended April 18th.

Through the leadership of Rev. McIlwain, Mt. Olive has received many blessings that it thought impossible to achieve 12 years ago. The members have seen the growth of their church in many areas due to the unceasing wisdom and guidance of their pastor. Not only has a very beautiful church been built under the leadership of Rev. McIlwain, but he has also effected the growth and enlightened the minds of many individual members of the church. He is more than a preacher, for it has often times been his scholarly teaching that has so greatly changed the paths and outlook of many lives.

The anniversary sermons were preached by four distinguished ministers. On Wednesday, April 14th, Rev. Carl Campbell, pastor of St. Phillips brought the message and urged Rev. McIlwain to continue "to hold fast to that which is good and hold on to God's unchanging hands," as he continues to bring people to God. On Thursday, April 15th, the message brought forth by Rev. R. M. Young encouraged Rev. McIlwain to continue to "seek the welfare of his people for God's man must be unselfish." On Friday, April 16th, Rev. J. C. Johnson delivered the message telling the people that "here indeed is a man sent from God." The Anniversary ended on Sunday, April 18th with the message of Rev. McKenzie as he told the people that, "God's man must be righteous," and as members of Mt. Olive, they most certainly have one as their pastor.

Many kind and wonderful things were said on behalf of Rev. McIlwain, and rightly so, for as a humanist he is good, kind and righteous, as a teacher, scholarly and dynamic, as a leader, he moves with intelligence, courage and patience, as a minister he is steadfast in his christian beliefs, uncompromising to that which is wrong and preaches God's word as he believes God would have him do. After all has been said, one thing stands out most, and that is the hope of Mt. Olive's members that Rev. M. B. McIlwain shall enjoy many more uncountable years as their pastor and leader.

LAKES CHAPEL CHURCH NEWS

By MRS. MARGARET MILLS

The Lakes Chapel Missionary Circle of Atkinson (Mrs. Myrtle Hayes, President), Rev. R. P. Farrior, Pastor, sponsored a Training and Study Week, May 17-21. Instructor and teacher, Mrs. Dorothy B. O'keke. Text Book used: A Dynamic Church. Mrs. O'keke did a marvelous job of teaching.

Ten young persons came as candidates for Baptism.

With a large attendance, it was believed to be a very successful week of study.

NEWS FROM JOHNSTON CO.

By MRS. LUGENIA JONES, Reporter

The Johnston Co. Missionary Union was held with the First Baptist Church, Clayton, Rev. L. E. Simpson, pastor. Informative remarks were given by the president, Mrs. Clara Ballentine.

Visitors were made welcome, after which a delicious dinner was served. The afternoon devotion was led by sisters from Galilee Union Baptist and Oak Grove.

Topics of interest were discussed by the following persons: Mrs. Mable Lambert, Mrs. Lenora Jeffries and Mrs. Ruth Revels.

Rev. W. E. Edgerton, Moderator, gave a summary of the topics discussed.

Note: Points of discussion were omitted due to the lack of space.

MT. ZION CHURCH NEWS

By CLIFTON STONE, Church Editor

The Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Chatham County, recently celebrated its pastor's birthday, with a Fellowship Dinner in the Church Dining Room. Many friends along with all the area ministers were present to enjoy this dinner.

Our pastor, Rev. J. R. Burt is beginning his 17th year with us and space will not allow us to list the improvements that have been made during his tenure. We have just completed an extensive building program, we renovated the original church building and added bricks and we constructed a modern educational building complete with a full basement. We have a full time ministry.

Rev. Burt was recently appointed the chairman of the Finance Committee of the General Baptist State Convention. He is also serving as president of the

Union Meeting of the New Hope Association as well as moderator of the association.

Revival services will be held at our church from June 28-July 2, with Rev. W. H. Burwell, evangelist.

KING, Epic Civil Rights Film Available For Community Showing

The monumental film **KING: A Filmed Record . . . Montgomery to Memphis**, which won extravagant acclaim in its premiere last spring, is now available in 16mm for community showings, through the Martin Luther King Foundation. Churches of all denominations are being urged by the Foundation to arrange showings, in rededication to Dr. King's goals of freedom, peace and justice.

More than a tribute to a fallen leader, **KING** is a three-hour chronicle of the civil rights movement, from the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott to the assassination. Without preaching or harangue, **KING** depicts the events as they occurred, using newsreel and television footage. The film has no narration and bridges the episodes with readings by renowned actors, such as Harry Belafonte, Burt Lancaster, James Earl Jones, Paul Newman, Ruby Dee, Anthony Quinn and others.

KING is a vivid representation of recent history during which millions of Black Americans emerged from spiritual imprisonment, fear, and apathy, and took to the streets to proclaim their freedom. In announcing the film's release, Mrs. Coretta Scott King, president of the Foundation, said that she hoped churches would use **KING** as an educational resource in the continuing struggle for equality and justice through nonviolent social change.

KING was conceived by the noted film producer Ely Landau, who enlisted the co-operation of the film industry and the religious community to produce and distribute the film as a non-commercial enterprise. After two years of preparation, **KING** had its premiere last March, when it was shown simultaneously in 300 cities to an audience of half a million. The audiences were inordinately enthusiastic, and, in a rare show unanimity, so were the critics. **KING** is probably the most acclaimed documentary ever made. It was nominated for an Academy Award as the Best Documentary of the Year.

The Foundation, which was established by Dr. King's family and close friends, distributes support to organizations that help to perpetuate the precepts and programs for which Dr. King gave his life.

Information on rental arrangements are available from the MLK Foundation, 140 West 57th Street, New York 10019. Telephone: (212) 247-7336.

EMPLOYMENT OF PARTIME WORKER



The Reverend James A. Raye of Fayetteville who now serves as Pastor of First Baptist, Lillington, and New Saint James of Roxboro, has been employed Partime Co-ordinator of Christian Education of the Union Baptist Association in the Fayetteville area. His responsibility will be to plan, co-ordinate and execute a program of Christian Education and Training among the Association and all of its auxiliaries. His responsibility, also, will be to relate the work of the local church and association to the General Baptist State Convention.

The Reverend Mr. Raye is a graduate of Fayetteville State University and the Shaw University Divinity School with A.B. and B.D. Degrees.

Dr. C. R. Edwards is Moderator of the Union Association.

REV. G. E. BROWN INSTALLED



Rev. G. E. Brown was installed as pastor of the Carven Corner Baptist Church, Havelock, N. C., on Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 P.M. Rev. E. W. Wooten, pastor of Sandy Run Baptist Church, Jacksonville, North Carolina delivered the installation sermon.

Carven Corner Baptist Church has a membership of 593. There are 279 enrolled in Church School. The following churches of which Rev. Brown is pastor attended the service: Willow Chapel Baptist Church, Gold Point, N. C.; Chapel Grove Baptist Church, Garysburg, N. C.; and Marks Chapel Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Rev. Brown is Moderator of the Middle Ground Association, Moderator of the Middle Ground Union, Vice President of the United District Convention, Member of the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention, member of the executive board of the Old Eastern Association, and teacher of the Ministers and Deacons Training Union.

Rev. Brown is married to the former Miss Mary E. Freer of Rocky Mount, N. C. Rev. and Mrs. Brown have six children: Rev. Earl M. Brown, pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Lewiston, N. C.; George and James of Stamford, Connecticut. Daughters are Christine, Roberta and Janice of the home.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 21-27 — National Baptist S.S. and B.T.U. Congress, Little Rock, Arkansas
- June 21-27 — Progressive National Congress of Christian Education, Los Angeles, California
- July 13-15 — Baptist State Ushers Convention, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville
- Aug. 3-5 — State S.S. and B.T.U. Convention, University Park, Charlotte
- Aug. 9-13 — Woman's Baptist Home & Foreign Missionary Convention, Mt. Vernon, Durham
- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 — Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, East Orange, New Jersey
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention of America, (place to be announced)
- Sept. 7-12 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas
- Nov. 1-4 — Laymen's League & General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh

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1971 JAMES F. WERTZ B.T.U. ORATORICAL CONTEST

SUBJECT AND RULES FOR CONTEST

Subjects to be used are:

- "STRENGTHENING OUR BELIEFS IN THE CHURCH"
- "NEW FRONTIERS OF SERVICE"
- "THE CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP"
- "WHEN DO WE WORSHIP?"
- "WHAT THE CHURCH MEANS TO ME"
- "NEW TASK FOR MISSION IN THE WORLD TODAY"
- "THE CHURCH MEETING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE SEVENTIES"
- "THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP"
- "MY RESPONSIBILITY AS A CHURCH MEMBER"
- "LIVING OUR BELIEFS"
- "MY RELATIONSHIPS: TO GOD AND MANKIND"

RULES FOR THE CONTEST:

1. Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.
2. Each contestant must compose his own speech. It is permissible to quote from materials gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for quoted material.
3. Each contestant will have six minutes.
4. Each contestant must learn his own speech. Reading from a paper is not permissible.
5. Each contestant will be judged on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25%, Composition 25%, and Delivery 50%, for a possible score of 100%.
6. The two top winners will receive scholarships to Shaw University, cash prizes if they do not wish to attend Shaw University.
7. Contestants must be certified by a local BTU Director. The contest is open to high school graduates, and college freshmen who are active BTU members.
8. Each female contestant should wear a white dress.
9. During the contest there should be no moving.
10. Names of the contestants will be given after report of judges.

11. Non-winning contestants will receive a Certificate of participation.
12. State BTU Song is to be sung before the Oratorical Contest.

Each year, young people are encouraged to enter the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest, sponsored as a part of the State BTU Convention. This not only is an opportunity, but a privilege.

Churches, Associations and District Conventions can do much to encourage and inspire young people to take advantage of this opportunity.

Local church contests, associational contests, county-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest and the winners of the local contests will compete at the state level. This would not only make it interesting but challenging as well.

The 1971 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest will be held during the annual meeting of the State Sunday School and BTU Conventions August 3-5 at the University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte.



The Rev. C. D. McNeill, 'Class of 51' at Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C. is the first Black to gain a seat on Conservative Dunn, N. C.'s City Council in Harnett County. Rev. McNeill pledged half of his annual salary in that position to Shaw University Saturday (May 8th) which was held in conjunction with Shaw University's 106th Commencement Exercises Sunday (May 9th). The pledge amounts to more than \$500.00. Rev. McNeill is active in the University's Theological Alumni Association.

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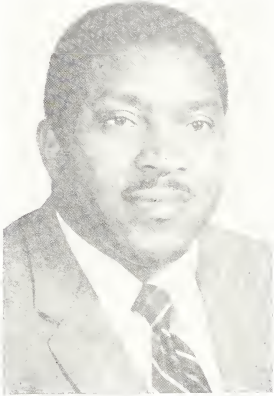
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Rev. Leo Williams, Jr.

F L A S H

As we go to press, we received the sad news of the homegoing of Dr. O. P. Foster of Laurinburg.

Dr. Foster was a stalwart supporter of the General Baptist Convention. He is the father of Mrs. Joy J. Johnson.

**SPECIAL INFORMER
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The **Baptist Informer** Special Subscription Campaign will close with the convention's fiscal year, August 31. We are looking for each church to make an all-out-effort in helping to get every family to subscribe to our Convention's paper. We are trying to get every Baptist to read what is going on in the denomination. Let us hear from you immediately. Send the **Informer** \$1.50, you keep 50c.

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- W. B. Lewis, *Historian*
- J. C. Harris, *Statistician*

**CONVENTION YEAR
 CLOSING SOON**

The fiscal year of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will end August 31, 1971. This means that we should hasten and get all reports for our associations, churches, conventions, etc. into Baptist Headquarters. This gives us the opportunity to make it possible for our convention to reach the budget goal of \$418,299.00. What we give, goes directly to the support of Shaw University, Foreign Missions, Central Orphanage and State Missions. Let us rally to the cause and have our reports in the office before the last of August. These reports will appear in the convention's year book.

MRS. MAE CLANTON GRIER



After many years of service, Mrs. Mae Clanton Grier of Belmont retired as a public school teacher. She is the sister of the Rev. Howard Mitchell and is an ardent worker in the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Convention where she serves as State-wide Junior Advisor. **The Informer** extends sincere congratulations to Mrs. Grier.

Woman's Page-----

FROM GOLDSBORO TO DURHAM

THE 87TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMEN'S CONVENTION

THEME: "NEW PATHS"
IN THESE SIGNIFICANT SEVENTIES

By Executive Secretary Horne

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will convene with the Mount Vernon Baptist Church and the St. Mark AME Zion Church, August 10-13, 1971.

Registration will begin Monday, August 9th at 1:30 P.M., at St. Mark AME Zion Church.

Highlights of Program

MUSIC

The Ladies Handbell Choir, First Baptist Church, High Point will ring music.

The Chancel Choir, First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro

The Mount Vernon Male Chorus, Durham

The Chancel Choir, First Calvary Baptist Church, Durham

The Woman's Convention Choir of North Carolina

The Mount Vernon Celestial Choir, Durham

Preaching At Its Best

The Reverend Isaac B. Horton, First African Baptist Church



Dr. Rose Butler Browne
Guest Speaker for 87th Annual Session
A Lecturer, Educator, Church Worker

The Reverend R. D. Lucas, First Baptist Church, Lawndale

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University

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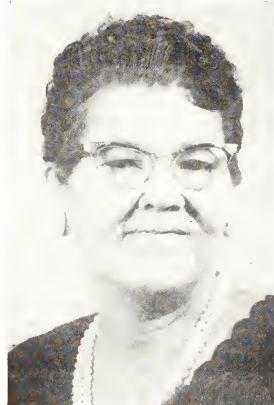
Dr. Rose Butler Browne, Guest Speaker

Mrs. Vera M. Slade, President

Miss Michelle Thompson, President-Jr.-Y. P.

YOUNG ADULT—SPECIAL FEATURE

Thursday Afternoon — President Bronnie H. Daniels takes a look at "SIX YEARS WITH THE YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENT" 1965-1971.



Mrs. Vera M. Slade

THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS TO THE SISTERHOOD OF NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Sisters:

Time draws near when we are to assemble once again for our Annual Woman's Convention. I can hardly wait to greet you coming from all parts of our state.

Last year in Goldsboro, N. C., God blessed our convention. There was never a dull moment. This year we anticipate a greater meeting in Durham. Our beloved sisters in Durham have been hard at

work for some time and they promise us a united all out effort to do everything possible to make this our most memorable convention.

As your humble servant, I cannot adequately express my profound gratitude to you for the very fine way in which you have supported our work this year. To each of you, whatever you have done to promote growth and progress we are eternally grateful.

Let us now prepare to meet in Durham. Department Heads, Vice President, and Committee Chairman, we are anticipating the best reports ever. Please be prepared to make your report promptly. This helps to make a smooth convention. It's still time to solicit another financial contribution, say another prayer and invite another person to attend.

Here are some "Ingredients" for a great convention. May I share them with you?

1. A clear and simple purpose.
2. The encouragement of participation and involvement of all present, no matter how varied their opinions.
3. Willingness on the part of leaders to listen and learn, to change their opinions if need be, inspiring the members of the convention to be flexible by their own flexibility.
4. A climate of acceptance of, and respect for each person in relation to her individual worth before God.
5. The entrusting of all in prayer to God for His guidance and Leadership.

The ingredients of a great Convention can be summed up by the 6 P's and I (quote): 1—Purpose; 2—Prayer; 3—Planning; 4—Program; 5—Participation; 6—Projection into action.

A development of growth from me, my, mine, into our, ours, together unto Christ.

Yours for a Great Convention,
Vera M. Slade

DR. C. C. CRAIG SPEAKS AT MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH A CONVEYOR OF A MESSAGE

PEARLIE CURETON, Reporter

The Mt. Olive Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., pastored by Rev. Max B. Mellwain, was both delighted and honored to have as guest speaker Dr. C. C. Craig, assistant to the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc. Dr. Craig spoke during the Sunday morning worship service, July 4th.

In a mannerly and articulate tone, Dr. Craig began by giving a very satisfying mental tour of the many places and worthwhile organizations that the Baptist movement is involved in as a helpful and supportive agent. As Dr. Craig took his text from St. Luke 5, there was an appropriate transition in mannerism. Now speaking emotional yet remaining clear and coherent, he spoke of being obedient to

Christ Jesus and not doubting him. Using a sometimes poetic tone, he quoted portions of the Biblical story of Jesus and the fishermen as a basis for his sermon. Mastering his words with ease, Dr. Craig conveyed a particular message to the people at Mt. Olive, one that surely destroyed all doubting hearts. His was a message of peace, of inner tranquility and a new trust in Jesus Christ.

NEW CHURCH ORGANIZED

The St. Mark Baptist Church of Charlotte was organized on Sunday, January 31, 1971 with a special organizational program.

Dr. J. Arthur White, Moderator of the Mt. Peace Association presided.

The sermon was delivered by Dr. Preston Pendergrass, Pastor of the Antioch Baptist Church, Charlotte.

The Rev. James Heath, Jr. is Pastor.

CONVENTION CHARTERING BUS TO LOTT CAREY MEETING

Dear Christian Co-worker,

The forthcoming Annual Session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention will meet in East Orange, New Jersey, August 30-September 3, 1971.

The General Baptist State Convention is chartering a bus to East Orange. The bus will leave Baptist Headquarters on Monday evening, August 30 at 11:00 o'clock and will leave East Orange on Friday morning, September 3 at 11:00 o'clock. The round-trip fare will be \$30.00.

For your reservation, please send a check or money order (at least one-half of the fare) to Baptist Headquarters on or before August 15.

Please contact other interested persons in your area.

Sincerely yours,
O. L. Sherrill

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165 Enrolled In Vacation Bible School



Gatesville-Lebanon Grove and New Hope Baptist Churches held their Joint Vacation Bible School at New Hope Baptist Church the week of June 7-11, 1971. During the five days of the school, 165 persons were enrolled, making this the largest attendance during the years that VBS has been held at New Hope. The above picture shows some of the group gathered on the church lawn on Friday, June 11, just prior to the serving of refreshments.

The theme of the study for the week was "Jesus — Today's Answer". On Friday during the Decision Hour, 47 children accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. They indicated the following churches where they would seek membership: New Hope, Lebanon Grove, New Piney Grove, First Gates, First Roduco, Welches Chapel and Walton's Grove AMEZ. All of the churches except Walton's Grove are affiliated with the Roanoke Association. Many of the young people present rededicated themselves to the cause of Jesus Christ.

Serving as teachers were: Nursery Department

— Mrs. Jimmie R. Knight (Lebanon Grove); Beginner Department — Mrs. Fannie M. Spivey (New Hope) and Mrs. Fannie S. Melton (New Hope); Primary Department — Miss Brenda Armstrong (New Hope), Mrs. Pauline R. Roberts (Lebanon Grove, and Mrs. Margaret Figgs (New Hope); Junior Department — Mrs. Albert Lewis (Church of God in Christ), Mrs. Sandra Gatling (New Hope), Miss Vivian Rascoe (Lebanon Grove), Mrs. Vanzola Riddick (Lebanon Grove) and Mrs. H. L. Mitchell (New Hope); Young Teen Department — Mr. Alvin Ballard (New Hope). Assistants were: Mrs. T. H. Briscoe, Mrs. Mary S. Harvey, Mrs. Janie Briscoe, Mrs. J. T. Boone and Mrs. Esther Wiggins, all of New Hope.

Mrs. S. B. Mitchell of Lebanon Grove served as Music Director and Director of the Vacation Bible School was Mrs. H. L. Mitchell.

The Rev. Chester A. Hart is pastor of Lebanon Grove Church and the Rev. H. L. Mitchell is pastor of New Hope Church.

WEST DURHAM MINISTER RECEIVES APPOINTMENT

Rev. F. D. Terry, Minister of West Durham Baptist Church received an appointment from the Chief of Chaplain's of Washington, D. C. to join the Veterans General Hospital Staff, in Martinsburg, W. Va. Rev. Terry will be employed as chaplain in the hospital position.

At a called meeting by the minister, Rev. Terry informed the congregation about the appointment, and expressed, leaving was a difficult decision to make, because both the community and church had been kind to him and offered many opportunities. J. H. Markham, Chairman of the Board of Deacons expressed his regret over the minister submitting his resignation by saying, "Rev. Terry has been an unusual pastor, administrator, teacher and counse-

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YOUTH CAMP'S 20TH YEAR IS BEST

The 1971 session of the Annual Youth Bible Camp sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, and the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina will be remembered long in history as its best. Many new things were tried and proved to be successful. The camp paper, *The Echo* edited by Gail Crews of Durham and co-edited by Audrey Kee of Durham and Rosalind Turner of Lumberton, has given this year's campers a new look at present camp life. This year's paper has been dedicated to Mrs. Virginia Daye, one of the co-directors of this year's camp, and a member of the Union Baptist Church of Lexington.

This year's camp staff were: Director — Mrs. Eva M. Pratt of Durham; Co-Directors — Mrs. Virginia Daye and Rev. J. C. Harris, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Statesville; Teacher of the Charm Clinic — Mrs. Eva Johnson, wife of Rev. S. R. Johnson, Jr. of Concord; Arts and Crafts Teacher — Mrs. Alice Wilson of Durham; Camp Nurse — Mrs. Rosa Holloway of Durham; and our Counselors — Mrs. Terrell Walker of Reidsville, Ages 9-11, Mrs. Theodore Walker of Salisbury, Age 12, Mrs. Hattie Crews of Durham, Age 13, Mrs. Ethel Stanfield of Durham, Age 14, Miss Patsy Rice of Charlotte, Age 15, Rev. J. C. Harris, Miss Annie Dunigan of Durham, and Rev. W. B. Lewis, pastor of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church were Counselors for boys Ages 9-15. Miss Mildred Allen of Henderson was Financial Secretary for the Junior Convention.

This year was the first year for a round of basketball games between campers. The first game, on Tuesday night after vesper service, was between campers for the North and the South. Players in this game were no older than 15 years old. There were cheerleaders for both sides giving loud and spirit-filled cheers. The results were as follows: the North girls defeated the South girls by a score of 10 to 7; and the North boys defeated the South boys by a score of 16 to 10. So, by the results of this game, this camp was for the North. The older youth decided to have a ball game also. So they selected teams, the Rams and the Colts. This was just a girls' game and the Rams beat the Colts by a score of 20 to 3. High scorer in the game was Yvonne Perkins with fourteen points for the Rams.

For the first time in the history of the camp, a Bible Quiz was sponsored. Questions such as "What are the synoptic gospels?" and "What is an exodus?" were asked. The game was played in the form of a College Bowl game. There were two teams: girls and boys. The participants were: Girls — Vera Rhyne, Sandra Williamson, Lahoma Smith, Cheryl Stevenson, and Georgette Dixon. Boys were Harold

Cobb, Jr., Garry Lewter, Ricardo Smith, and Tony Carroll. The girls won by 100-95.

Usual activities, the talent show and the charm clinic were as always an asset to our campers. Many kinds of talent were given in two talent shows. There was an annual talent show sponsored by the camp, and charm talent show sponsored by members of the charm clinic. They presented skits showing personal hygiene, hairstyles for different faces, fashions and many other areas of charm.

On behalf of the staff of the *Echo*, we would like to apologize to Miss Emma Barr of the St. Monica Baptist Church in Grimesland who submitted a personal interview of Dr. F. G. Sampson and it was not published. Dr. Sampson was indeed a dynamic speaker at camp who stirred up many young people's hearts.

This year, with the help of our ministers — Rev. Harris and Rev. Lewis — we learned a lot from our theme "NEW FORMS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY". I hope all of the campers went back to their homes spreading the word of our Lord how he said "I came not to be ministered unto, but to minister." (Mark 10:45)

Rosalind Turner, Editor

ANTIOCH HONORS PASTOR WITH APPRECIATION DAY

By A. E. WATSON, Reporter

The Antioch Baptist Church of Charlotte observed the First Appreciation Day of their pastor, the Reverend Preston Pendergrass on Sunday, June 20, 1971.

Being without a pastor for sometime, Antioch went in prayer and the answer came with Rev. Pendergrass. He started his pastoral duties last June. Under his very capable leadership, the church has made rapid stride. Rev. Pendergrass' work has revealed that he is teacher, preacher, and minister. He has done a wonderful job of leading Antioch in a strong spiritual and far reaching building program.

The appreciation sermon was delivered by Rev. L. D. Parker, Pastor of St. Luke Baptist Church. Rev. Parker delivered a powerful sermon on "The Man Of God". He was accompanied by his choir that sang beautifully.

Reverend Pendergrass and his family were guests of honor at a dinner given by The Board of Deacons and Brotherhood Club. The dinner was prepared by the deaconesses. The financial response was tremendous and is still coming in.

The members of Antioch Baptist Church thank God for Rev. Pendergrass and his family and pray that God will keep him with us for many years to come.

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SHAW UNIVERSITY'S NEW ADMINISTRATION TAKES SHAPE

FIRST KEY APPOINTMENT A NATIONAL FIGURE

The Shaw University's president-elect, Dr. J. Archie Hargraves was appointed president of the 106 year old Baptist affiliated institution on February 1st this year. He assumed full time duties July 1, 1971.

The interim period has not been an idle one for the energetic educator-community planner. Hargraves has spent a part of each week since his appointment by Shaw's Board of Trustees at the liberal arts oriented institution of higher education learning as he put it, "the strengths and weaknesses of Shaw," so that he can easily move into the position of authority which his new position dictates.

Utilizing the many contacts that his past Chicago based position afforded, Hargraves has secured the services of a key figure in educational devel-

opment circles to assume the now vacant position of Vice-President for Development and University Relations. He announced that first key appointment when he named Phillip H. Mason to the important post.

Hargraves said in a statement released recently that Shaw was fortunate to acquire the services of a man like Mason with his (Mason's) wide and varied background of experiences in the development field.

The soft spoken 35 year old Mason comes to Shaw from The Center for Community Change based in the nation's Capital, where he served as Vice President for Special Projects, responsible for the de-



Mr. Phillip H. Mason

New Vice President for Development at Shaw

velopment, articulation, packaging and capitalization of ideas involving new minority institutions, capitol resources, government, foundations and churches on a local, regional and national level. In addition to the above duties, Mason was responsible for evaluating CCC's goals and objectives and developing an approach for Executive Leadership Development and Training.

Born in 1936 in Cleveland, Ohio, Mason was educated at Western Reserve University in Cleveland, graduating with a B.A. in 1961. He has done additional study at Western Reserve in the areas of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention and Control and Planning and Budget System Orientation at the School of Applied Sciences.

In addition to his current position, the 35 year old sociologist-development planner has served as Assistant Director, West Coast Region, National Urban Coalition. Organizing and servicing local Urban Coalitions in Washington State, Oregon, California, Wisconsin and Ohio. Before that he was Acting Director, Program Evaluation and Development

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— NUC. He also served as Program Development Officer, Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice, a Community Relations Specialist with the Community Relations Service, U. S. Department of Justice, working in Cleveland, Akron, Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, Orangeburg, S. C., Detroit, Mich., Milwaukee, Wis., Oakland, Calif., and Chicago, Ill. with minority community groups involving employment, police-community relations, employment discrimination, model cities disputes and citizen participation and decision making.

In a statement released by Hargraves, he said this is the first in a series of moves to strengthen Shaw University in the administrative and academic areas. The expertise that Mr. Mason brings to Shaw will carry the institution a long way toward one of its goals of providing ways of financing new methods of educating its students and providing services to the community to which it is committed.

"The entire University Community will be involved in this tremendous task," Hargraves continued, "however Mr. Mason will be charged with coordinating the Division of Development and University Relations and its integrated program of defining, popularizing and securing acceptance of the major goals and objectives of the institution. In addition to relating the objectives of the institution to its various publics, he will head publicity planning and development for Shaw.

Mason is married to the former Miss Joan Barnett of Cleveland, Ohio. They have four children: Yolanda Ann, 13; Phillip, Jr., 12; Neal Allen, 10; and Wendy, 2 months.

Mason assumed his duties officially July 1, 1971.

WEST DURHAM—(Continued from page 5)

lor for us and his leaving is hard for us to accept, we will be lost without him".

Rev. Terry has been pastor of the present congregation for the past six years, having pastored the Second Baptist Church, Hinton, W. Va., West End Baptist, Winston-Salem. Since being in Durham, Rev. Terry has sharply increased the membership and has led the church into community weekly tutoring, recreation activities and Sunday afternoon activities. His greatest accomplishment was leading the congregation in a building program with planning and completion in two years. The modern structure is located on a four acre site at Nixon and Athens Streets.

The minister also became active in community and civic activities. In addition to his pastoral duties, Rev. Terry is President of Durham Minister's Association, Moderator for East Cedar Grove Association with 40 churches, Chaplain with the rank of Major for 301st Armor Co., Winston-Salem, member of Edgemont Community Center, Mayor's Advisor Council, member of Durham County Mental Health Center, staff member of Boards of Directors for College Ministry at North Carolina Central University and Counselor for graduate Married students at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.

Rev. Terry is a native of Ellerbe, N. C. and a graduate of Shaw University with the A.B. Degree, and the Divinity School with the B.D. and studied at Oberlin Graduate School for the STM Degree. He also received clinical training at the Baptist Hospital and Bowman-Gray School of Medicine, Winston-Salem, N. C.



LUMBER RIVER BAPTIST ASSN. MINISTER INSTITUTE

This picture of ministers and pastors of the Lumber River Baptist Association was taken during the recent Ministers Institute sponsored by the association.

In the picture (front row) Rev. W. L. Edwards, Rev. J. A. Thompson, Rev. Taft Singletary, Rev. J. W. Walker, Rev. M. L. McCormick; (second row) C. R. Faulk, Rev. Frank Burns, Rev. D. T. Towns, Rev. C. B. Baker, Chauncey Singletary, Rev. E. R. Singletary; (back row) Rev. Harvey Gillis, Rev. McCauley Bridges, Rev. A. G. Thompson, Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. C. C. Baxter, Rev. P. R. Thompson. Dr. E. B. Turner, moderator of the association was teacher for the course.

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LOTT CAREY TO MEET LAST OF AUGUST

The Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention will meet August 30-September 3 in East Orange, New Jersey with the Union Baptist Church, Dr. J. Vance McIver, pastor.

Many delegates will attend this meeting from North Carolina. A special bus will carry many of these persons leaving from the Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh at 11:00 p.m., August 30. The rate for transportation is the nominal fee of \$30.00 round-trip. This delegation will be led by Dr. O. L. Sherrill, General Baptist's Executive Secretary. Dr. C. R. Edwards, President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is also First Vice President of the Lott Carey Convention.

In a recent letter from Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Convention, he states that this convention promises to be one of the best.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B.T.U. CONGRESS

With the University Park Baptist Church of Charlotte as host, the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress held a tremendous session August 3-5. Delegates representing Sunday Schools and Training Unions from over the state converged on the Queen City for the three-day session.

Officers elected to carry on the work of the Sunday School Congress were: E. M. Butler, President Emeritus; John W. Martin, President; Althornton Canada, First Vice President; U. S. Hamilton, 2nd Vice President; Miss Patsy Rice, 3rd Vice President; Miss Beatrice Martin, Recording Secretary; Miss Josephine Tyner, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. Eddy Fogle, Pianist and Mrs. J. Young Mims, Director of Music.

The B.T.U. Congress elected the following officers: J. T. Hawkins, President Emeritus; Clifton Stone, President; David G. Freeman, 1st Vice President; Weddie Gabriel, 2nd Vice President; Mrs. Ineaze Wicker, 3rd Vice President; Mrs. Beatrice D. Branch, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Brooksie Livingstone, Assistant Recording Secretary; Mrs. Emarretta Felton, Assistant Director of Oratorical Contest.

After long dedicated careers, Mr. E. M. Butler, President of the Sunday School and Mr. J. T. Hawkins, President of the B.T.U. were made President Emeritus.

The Rev. C. C. Craig did a mammoth job in coordinating the work of both groups.

THREE NATIONAL BAPTIST BODIES MEET SOON

The week of September 7-12, the three National Baptist Conventions will hold their annual sessions.

The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., will convene in Cleveland, Ohio under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Jackson, President, of Chicago, Illinois. Executive Secretary Sherrill and President C. R. Edwards will head the North Carolina delegation in Cleveland.

The Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., headed by Dr. E. L. Harrison, President, of Washington, D. C. will meet in Houston, Texas. Many of our North Carolina Pastors will be on hand to represent General Baptists including your Editor who is an Assistant Secretary and a member of the Executive Board.

The National Baptist Convention of America will hold its meeting in San Francisco, California. There is a large group of our pastors who will attend from our state. The Rev. Wesley Grant of Asheville serves as the representative from General Baptists.

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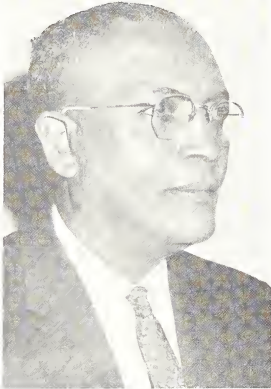
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DR. O. P. FOSTER
LAID TO REST

Dr. O. P. Foster, after a long and useful career as a preacher, pastor, organizer and Moderator, departed this life July 13, 1971.

At the funeral service held July 15, 1971 in the Solid Rock Baptist Church, Laurinburg and ably presided over by Pastor C. J. Cooper, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist Convention delivered a glowing eulogy on the life and work of Dr. Foster.

Others participating in the service were: Dr. E. B. Turner, Lumberton; The Rev. Lorenza A. Lynch, Durham; The Rev. G. B. Gilchrist, Laurinburg; Deacon Henry Robinson and the Rev. A. T. Alston.

His survivors are his wife, Mrs. P. L. Foster; two daughters, Mrs. Edith F. Stroud of Durham and Mrs. Omega F. Johnson of Fairmont; one granddaughter, Deborah C. Johnson; one sister, Mrs. Lillian Reinhardt of Goldsboro; two brothers, Mr.

John Foster and Rev. Onslow R. Foster of Iron Station, and two sons-in-law, Mr. Theodore R. Stroud and Dr. Joy J. Johnson, member of the North Carolina Legislature.

7TH ANNUAL SESSION

By ROSA L. PURVIS

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Middle Ground Association held its 7th Annual Session on June 19, 1971 at the Poplar Point Baptist Church, Williamsston. The Reverend Holt Hammond, pastor. The Theme: "A Live Christian in a Real World".

Mrs. Carrie Alexander, president of the Woman's Auxiliary did a splendid job on the Annual Address. The Reverend G. E. Brown is Moderator of the Middle Ground Association.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug. 30-Sept. 3 — Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, East Orange, New Jersey
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention, Inc., U.S.A., Inc., Cleveland, Ohio
- Sept. 7-12 — National Baptist Convention of America, San Francisco, California
- Sept. 7-12 — Progressive National Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas
- Nov. 1-4 — Laymen's League & General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc., First Cosmopolitan, Raleigh

Woman's Page-----



O. L. SHERRILL

VISIT AFRICA AND THE HOLY LAND

Pastors and laymen of the two Baptist state conventions in North Carolina are invited to participate in an exciting study and fellowship tour of Africa. The itinerary is filled with variety and offers worthwhile educational experiences. It involves a visit to Africa's oldest independent country (Liberia), fascinating museums in Uganda, Ethiopia, and Egypt, the world famous Amboseli Game Reserve, meeting missionaries, and the Pyramids of Giza and the Sphinx, just to mention some of the schedule. An alternate extension trip to the Holy Land is also available.



CORBIN COOPER

The trip is planned by O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention, and Corbin Cooper, Director of the Department of Interracial Cooperation.

Reservations and additional information can be secured by writing to O. L. Sherrill, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27601 or Corbin Cooper, Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611.

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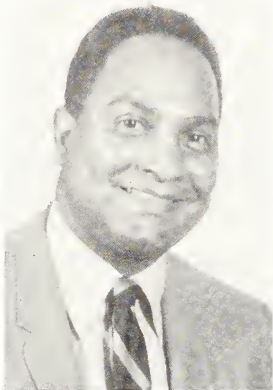
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THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL: NEW DIRECTIONS



JAMES Z. ALEXANDER, Dean

December 1, 1865 was a windy, fall day in Raleigh, North Carolina. But the weather was not the most notable occurrence in Raleigh that day but rather the gathering in the old Guion hotel of an ex-Union Army Chaplain and group of ex-slaves for a class in theology that was to develop into a chartered university just ten years later!

The ex-Union Army Chaplain was Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, a native of Monson, Massachusetts, who had arrived in Raleigh on October 10, 1865 with his wife Mrs. Sarah B. Turner Tupper. He was armed with the resolve to provide educational opportunity for slaves only recently emancipated from the shackles of slavery. The theological class gathered in the old Guion hotel was the beginning of the fulfillment of Dr. Tupper's resolve. The ex-slaves gathered with him were the nucleus of thousands sharing their plight who were to be the beneficiaries of Dr. Tupper's resolution.

The rapid growth of the theological class was Dr. Tupper's mandate to expand his activities. With \$500.00 he had saved while in the Army, he bought a lot on the corner of Blount and Cabarrus Streets. On this location Dr. Tupper and his adherents built a two story frame structure from the trees that they themselves had cut from the forests. Called the Raleigh Institute, it was one of the largest buildings in the city of Raleigh at that time. By mid-summer 1866 in this facility, seventy-five students were enrolled in classes for the preparation of ministers and teachers!

In 1870 the old Barringer estate was purchased and the Raleigh Institute was moved to this location, the site on which The Shaw University stands today. In 1871 the name of the school was changed to the Shaw Collegiate Institute, a name it retain-

ed until 1875 when it was chartered by the North Carolina Legislature as, "The Shaw University."

The Shaw University developed into a full-orbed university by the end of the nineteenth century, comprised of Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, Law, and Theology and a College of Liberal Arts. In 1918 the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Law were dissolved because of inadequate financial resources; only the College of Liberal Arts and the School of Theology remained.

Some form of ministerial preparation has had a continuous existence at The Shaw University since its inception. In 1900 the first Bachelor of Theology degrees were conferred upon four students by the theological department of the Shaw University. With the demise of the Schools of Medicine, Law, and Pharmacy in 1918, the University was reorganized into six departments for the 1919-20 academic year. In October of 1919 a Missionary Training School was established to prepare home and foreign missionaries, social service workers, pastors' assistants, and Sunday School leaders.

On April 15, 1933, the School of Religion as a graduate school for theological education was established by the Board of Trustees of the Shaw University. The School of Religion was empowered by the Board to confer the Bachelor of Divinity degree in combination with the Bachelor of Arts. Six years were required to complete the program and the combination A.B.-B.D. degrees were conferred concomitantly.

During the 1960-61 academic year the name of the theological school was changed to the Shaw Divinity School and began to function as a quasi-autonomous body under the direction of the Board of Trustees of The Shaw University. Full autonomy was not achieved until 1969 when four significant occurrences conjoined to set a new direction for the Shaw Divinity School.

The first significant event occurred in September 1969 when a board of six incorporators, with Dr. King V. Cheek, then president of Shaw University, serving as chief agent, applied for corporate status for the Shaw Divinity School with the Office of the Secretary of State of North Carolina. At 2:35 p.m. on October 21, 1969, a charter establishing The Shaw Divinity School as a Non-Stock, Non-Profit Corporation, was filed with the Secretary of State.

The second significant occurrence was the establishment of a Board of Trustees for the Shaw Divinity School. The six original incorporators constituted the first Board, but the Board has now been completely organized and is comprised of fourteen members; E. Burns Turner, Chairman; O. L. Sherrill, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. M. A. Horne, Secretary; John R. Larkins, Assistant Secretary; Howard L. Mitchell, Treasurer; O. B. J. Burson; Chauncey R. Edwards; J. W. Goodloe; Wendell R. Grigg; Paul H. Johnson; William H. Jones, Jr.; Sandy F. Ray; and Mrs. Vera Slade.

With the creation of the I. Master of Divinity, II. Master of Religion, and III. Bachelor of Theology degree programs for the Shaw Divinity School the third decisive step was taken.

I. The Master of Divinity Degree

The Master of Divinity degree (M. Div.) replaces the old Bachelor of Divinity. It is normally a three year course of study necessitating the satisfactory completion of ninety semester hours of academic credit.

There are three plans of study leading to the Master of Divinity degree:

(A) **Plan A is the regular three year program.** Possession of the Bachelor of Arts degree or its equivalent is required for admission to the program and the completion of 90 semester hours of academic credit is required for its consummation.

A special feature of the Master of Divinity program permits Shaw University students who have completed requirements for their Third Year in the undergraduate school to enroll in the Shaw Divinity School for their Fourth Year of study. Upon satisfactory completion of one year of study in the Divinity School, the Bachelor of Arts degree is conferred by the Shaw University. After receiving the Bachelor of Arts degree the student has the option of terminating his studies or proceeding in two more years of study in the Divinity School to secure the Master of Divinity degree. If the student selects the latter option he could complete studies for the Bachelor of Arts and the Master of Divinity degrees in six years.

(B) **Plan B** of the Master of Divinity degree program is designed exclusively for Bachelor of Divinity degree graduates of the School of Religion of the Shaw University or the Shaw Divinity School.

Candidates for this program must comply with the following requirements and guidelines:

1. Candidates must submit to the Dean of the Shaw Divinity School a biography incorporating significant accomplishments since graduating from the School of Religion or The Shaw Divinity School and an essay indicating changes in the candidate's conception of the role of the Church and the ministry since graduation from the School of Religion or The Shaw Divinity School. (The appropriate forms for these requirements may be secured by writing: The Dean, The Shaw Divinity School, The Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.)
2. The Dean and faculty of the Shaw Divinity School will study the applicant's biography and essay and recommend conferees.
3. Candidates must pay a fee of \$200.00 to The Shaw Divinity School. Checks should be earmarked, "Master of Divinity Degree, Plan B."
4. When the requirements of numbers 1, 2 and 3 are met satisfactorily the Master of Divinity degree will be conferred at a special convocation to be held during the observance of the

Annual Theological Alumni Day that follows satisfaction of all requirements.

5. The Annual Theological Day in 1972 will be the first effective date for the special convocation for the conferring of the Master of Divinity degree on Shaw Divinity School or School of Religion graduates. Candidates, however, may qualify in subsequent years upon satisfaction of all requirements.

(C) **Plan C** for the Master of Divinity degree is designed for Bachelor of Divinity graduates of all other theological schools who desire to change the nomenclature of their degree.

Plan C is basically an In-Parish program of study. Under this plan the candidate remains in his parish and/or other employment while engaged in a project, study and/or research.

In order to be admitted to this program the candidate must submit to the Dean of The Shaw Divinity School a transcript of his record from the theological school of which he is a graduate; complete an application form (available from The Dean, The Shaw Divinity School, The Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C.); and submit to the Dean, for subsequent approval by the Shaw Divinity School faculty, a proposal delineating the type of project he wishes to pursue, or the nature of the study and research in which he wishes to engage.

Upon faculty approval of the candidate's proposal, a faculty advisor will be appointed to serve in a consultative capacity until the candidate's program is consummated. The candidate's advisor will also visit him on the field periodically.

The candidate will also be required to participate in seminars and symposia conducted annually by the Shaw Divinity School on the campus of The Shaw University. The candidate may also use these visits for consultation with his advisor.

Upon successful completion of his project, study and/or research and upon recommendation by his advisor and the approval of the faculty, the Master of Divinity degree will be conferred upon the candidate at a special convocation during the Annual Theological Day that follows satisfaction of all requirements.

The cost of the program is \$840.00 per semester.

II. The Master of Religion Degree

Although the Master of Divinity degree is the basic graduate degree of the Shaw Divinity School, the Master of Religion degree has been created for candidates whose special circumstances dictate an accelerated program of theological education.

The Master of Religion degree is normally a two year course of study necessitating the completion of sixty semester hours of academic credit. Possession of the Bachelor of Arts degree is prerequisite for admission to the program.

Candidates desiring to matriculate in this program must submit to the Dean of the Divinity School a written statement enumerating the reasons he wishes to pursue this program. The writ-

ten statement will be presented to the theological faculty for their consideration. If approved by the faculty, the candidate will be assigned an advisor to assist him in the development of his course of study.

The curriculum for the Master of Religion degree has no prescribed structure, but will consist of a creative combination of courses and educational experiences in the Shaw Divinity School and the Shaw University, as well as field and clinical experiences away from the Divinity School.

III. The Bachelor of Theology Degree

The Bachelor of Theology degree program is designed for students who possess at least a high school diploma or its equivalent but who have not achieved the requisite educational level for admission to the Master of Divinity or Master of Religion degree programs. It is normally a three year course of study requiring the satisfactory completion of 90 semester hours of credit.

The first year of the B.T.H. candidate's study will be concentrated in the College of Liberal Arts of Shaw University and will encompass courses in remedial English and Reading (if these are necessary), Collegiate English, Psychology and Sociology, Religion in the Black Community and Community Organization.

Seminary studies during the first year will consist mainly of a Seminar on Theological Education conducted by the Theological faculty and designed to acquaint the student with the disciplines of the theological education and to orient him to the broad sweep of the theological enterprise.

Some flexibility in curricula offerings both in the college and Seminary may be anticipated, however.

To complete requirements for the B.T.H. degree, candidates must complete 19 three hour courses in the Shaw Divinity School. Electives will complete the 90 hours prescribed for the degree.

The Testing Program

Beginning with the 1971-72 academic year all students enrolled in The Shaw Divinity School will be required to take the battery of diagnostic tests administered by Shaw University, including achievement tests in English and Reading.

Students whose achievement tests reveal deficiencies in these basic learning functions will be placed in the Division of General Studies of Shaw University for the remediation of deficiencies.

These tests do not determine whether a student is admitted to the Divinity School. They are administered solely for the purpose of determining a student's achievement level and for placing him in the Division of General Studies if deficiencies are revealed by the tests.

The Clinical Education Program

Contacts for Clinical Education for Shaw Divinity School students have been established with the Central Prison and Dorothea Dix Hospital of Raleigh and the Butner Hospital of Butner. During the first semester of the 1971-72 academic year some of our students will be engaged in Clinical Training at

Central Prison; Clinical experiences for the second semester will be conducted at Dorothea Dix Hospital.

Additional educational opportunities through the Shaw Divinity School include the following:

1. The Night Class For Ministers

The Night Class For Ministers of The Shaw Divinity School is designed for ministers who lack the formal education for matriculation in either college or theological school.

The Class meets each Tuesday evening, September through May, on the campus of Shaw University.

Ministers enrolling in the night class receive annually a Certificate of Progress indicating courses completed during that year. Twelve units of credit are required for graduation, two per semester. At the end of three years a Graduation Certificate is awarded.

2. The Ministers' Institute

The Shaw Divinity School in cooperation with the Department of Religious Promotion of the Shaw University sponsors annually in the month of June a Ministers' Institute which lasts for one week. Room and board are available on the Shaw University campus.

3. A Series of Symposia

The Shaw Divinity School will sponsor a series of symposia during the 1971-72 academic year. Issues to be explored are:

1. The Church's Mission in The World Today

A Master of Divinity Thesis presented to the Faculty of The Shaw Divinity School by John D. Ellis.

Mr. Ellis will present the major accents of his thesis. Tentatively set for October 11, 1971.

2. Models for Ministry

Five outstanding Black pastors in North Carolina will present the organization, administration and programs of their respective churches. Represented will be a pastor of a large urban church; a pastor of a small urban church; a pastor of a large rural church; a pastor of a small rural church; and a pastor with a strong community oriented program. Tentatively set for November 8, 1971.

3. Youth View The Black Church

Shaw University students of varying viewpoints will critically evaluate the Black Church and offer constructive suggestions for increasing the effectiveness of the Black Church's ministry, especially to young people and to the Black Community. Tentatively set for January 10, 1972.

4. The Role of the Black Minister in the Economic Development of North Carolina

An exploration of the role of the Black minister in influencing the economic development of North Carolina in an effort to

achieve maximum economic benefit for the Black Community. Tentatively set for February 14, 1972.

5. The Communications Media

An exploration of the Church's utilization of the communications media (T.V., Radio, Press) in the development of a more effective and extensive ministry.

FORMAT FOR SYMPOSIA

- 12:00 Noon—Lunch
 1:00 p.m. —The Featured Presentation
 2:00 p.m. —Reaction and Discussion
 3:00 p.m. —Worship

The seasons of worship during the Symposia will be varied, but designed throughout the series to include preaching, special music, and new, creative expressions of worship.

The fourth step in new directions for the Shaw Divinity School is a continuing dialogue between Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School administrators and faculty, students and alumni designed to discover and develop new and substantive programs and processes for the Shaw Divinity School that will increase the quality and capacity of our service to church and community.

Programs now in the discussion stage include the following:

1. Exploration of working relationships between the Shaw Divinity School and the New York Theological Seminary, The Duke University School, Durham, N. C. and Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C. that will lead to the offering of Master of Sacred Theology and Doctor of Ministry degrees.
2. Development of a Seminary Without Walls concept. This concept allows the student maximum opportunity in availing himself of those educational experiences consistent with his ministerial aspirations **wherever** and **whenever** they may be secured. Consequently, the student's educational experiences are no longer confined to the "walls" of a seminary in a specific locality.
3. Development of a program Lay education. Designed to develop among the lay constituency of the church a deeper understanding of the Christian Faith and the Christian Church and to increase their capacity to relate insights gained to the work and witness of the Church and to the concerns and problems of contemporary life.
4. Development of a Night Schedule of Studies leading to the Bachelor of Theology, Master of Religion and Master of Divinity degrees.
5. Development of a Church-Community Program. The objectives of this program will be to develop competence in research and survey techniques; urban training for effective ministries in large metropolitan centers as well as

small urban and rural areas; and the development of skills and competence in community organization.

The continuing progress of theological education at Shaw University since its beginning manifests an attempt to adapt its programs and processes to the changing demands of ministry, incorporating the best features of theological education occurring in the most creative seminaries in the country; and an innovative spirit that seeks to service the varied needs of church and community.

The basic objectives of theological education at Shaw has always been the preparation of persons for varied Christian ministries who were conversant with the great issues of their time; equipped to deal intelligently and creatively with the problems and perplexities, the needs and the aspirations of men in their era; and deeply committed to the ministry of the Great Galilean who opened His public ministry, according to Saint Luke, with a declaration from the prophet Isaiah:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Luke 4:18-19

THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL GENERAL INFORMATION

A. Admission

Students seeking admission to the Shaw Divinity School may secure the appropriate application forms by writing or contacting:

The Office of the Dean
 The Shaw Divinity School
 The Shaw University
 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602

Applications should be in by August 15 for students desiring to enroll for the first semester; by December 15 for those desiring to enroll for the second semester.

B. Costs for 1971-72

1. Tuition

Tuition cost for matriculation in the Shaw Divinity School is \$840.00 per semester or \$1,680.00 per year.

2. Room and Board

Students desiring living accommodations in Shaw University dormitories **must** also board on the campus at the following rates:

Room —Per Semester	\$165.00
Board—Per Semester	270.00

Total per semester \$435.00

C. Facilities

The Shaw Divinity School has access to the facilities of the Shaw University, including the use of the University Library which contains the

library holdings and acquisitions of the Shaw Divinity School.

The Shaw Divinity School classrooms are located in the Shaw Divinity School facility at 816 South Wilmington Street on the Shaw University campus. This facility also contains the Offices of the Dean and his secretary, an office for faculty members, and a kitchen.

Shaw Divinity School students, however, may avail themselves of course offerings and educational experiences encompassing the total university community.

D. Class Scheduling

Classes are conducted in the Shaw Divinity School proper on Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Students may take a full course of study on these days, however. Limiting our class scheduling to two full days per week enables our students to spend most of the week in their parishes or other employment.

E. If you desire or know someone who desires to receive application forms for admission to the Shaw Divinity School, please enter the name and address below and mail to: The Dean, The Shaw Divinity School, The Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

Please send application for admission form for The Shaw Divinity School to:

Name

Address

City and State

Zip Code

F. If you desire or know someone who desires information about other educational opportunities available through The Shaw Divinity School, please enter name and address below and check the program for which information is desired and mail to: The Dean, The Shaw Divinity School, The Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C. 27602.

The following person desires information about the program checked below:

Name

Address

City and State

Zip Code

Night Class For Ministers

Annual Ministers' Institute

Symposia for 1971-72

SHAW UNIVERSITY RECEIVES \$5,000 GRANT FROM KELLOG FOUNDATION

Shaw University Provost, Cleon F. Thompson, announced that the W. K. Kellogg Foundation has approved a grant of \$5,000 to Shaw under the College Resource for Environmental Studies Program.

Thompson said the grant would be used to increase holdings with the University's Learning Resources Center for students in Natural and Physical Sciences. He said, "the expenditures will be made according to the greatest need and according to the relationship of these media to environmental studies. Priority requests will be made directly to the Director, Learning Resources Center and subject to the approval of this selection committee."

Dr. Robert E. Kinsinger, Kellogg Foundation Vice President, explained that the grant to Shaw is one of approximately 300 similar grants being made to small private liberal arts colleges throughout the United States as part of the Foundation's continuing program of support for activities arrived at finding solutions to environmental problems throughout the nation."

Kinsinger said, "the realization that man is faced with unprecedented crises precipitated by rapid and profound population growth, environmental deterioration, and depletion of the planet's natural resources has evoked a growing concern. The Foundation believes that the nation's small, private, liberal arts college can make a substantial contribution toward solving these problems by strengthening their programs of environmental studies".

The selection committee consists of:

- Dr. Kaylan Ghosh, Chairman of Natural Sciences
- Dr. Aaron Favors, Dean of the School of Communications
- Eddie LeFrancois, Director of Learning Resources Center
- Dr. Abdul-Hafez Elkordy, Professor - Coordinator Urban Politics, School of Urban Sciences
- Dr. Patrick F. Elliott, Professor and Head of English Department

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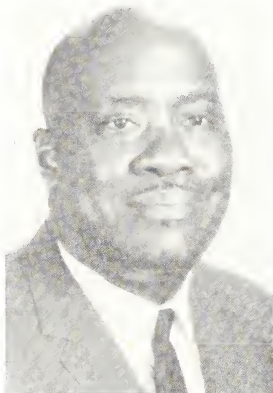
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ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH,
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18TH ANNIVERSARY

The members of St. Luke Baptist Church, Charlotte observed the 18th Anniversary of Pastor, L. D. Parker on August 24-29.

The Reverend Parker was called to pastor the St. Luke Baptist Church in July, 1953. He preached his first sermon as pastor on the 2nd of August, 1953. At this time services were conducted in a tent. A year later, Rev. Parker and the Congregation marched from the tent into the present structure. Through much prayer and hard work, the Lord has blessed St. Luke. Under the leadership of Rev. Parker, the membership has outgrown the present structure. Plans are underway to enlarge the present edifice.

We know the Lord gave Rev. Parker to us. His work has revealed that he is our leader, teacher,

preacher and minister. He has done a wonderful job of leading us in a strong spiritual way. His wife also has been a religious and humble person that everyone loves.

The guest speakers were: Reverend J. C. Robinson, Subject: "The Cares and the Don't Care"; Rev. R. M. Young, "Standing Alone and Standing by Yourself"; Rev. C. E. Dewberry, "God's Fearless Servant"; Rev. W. McKissick, "A Good Man"; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, "The Shallow Christian", and Rev. F. G. Lowery, "The Plow Boy".

The members of St. Luke Baptist Church thank God for Rev. Parker and his family and pray that God will keep him with us for many years to come.

FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

INFORMER SPECIAL
DRIVE CLOSES

The Special Subscription Drive of our **Baptist Informer** went over in a big way. Many of our churches across the state rallied to this special effort. It is our hope that the churches will continue to get subscriptions, even though, we will not be able to allow the 50¢ commission. We would like for you to get \$2.00 for a year's subscription and send this amount to the **Informer**.

We are indeed grateful for the keen interest manifested in the special drive and we sincerely thank all who were so concerned with its promotion. Let us join hands and make the **Informer** continue to grow. Our goal is — the **Baptist Informer** in every Baptist family.

Woman's Page-----

THE LAYMEN'S LEAGUE

The Laymen's League of the St. Luke Baptist Church held its Annual Men's Day Program on September 5 at 3:00 p.m.

The Sermon was delivered by the Rev. Nathaniel Workman. It was an honor to have Rev. Workman speak to the Laymen.

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The Usher's of St. Luke Baptist Church will observe their 21st Anniversary on Sunday evening, September 19th at 3:00 p.m. The speaker of the evening will be the Rev. J. A. Covington of New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Usher's prayer: Together we stand, together we fall, without God we are nothing at all.

DRIPPINGS FROM THE PEN OF PRESIDENT SLADE

Dear Friend and Co-Worker:

I take this means to thank you again for your very fine contribution and leadership in helping to make the eighty-seventh annual session of our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention held at the Mount Vernon Baptist Church, and Saint Mark AME Zion Church in Durham, North Carolina go down in history as a cherished memory that ages cannot destroy nor time erase. We were royally entertained by the members of Mount Vernon Baptist Church and Saint Mark AME Zion Church.

We know that you will readily agree that we experienced a great and glorious meeting. Your dynamic contribution, participation, prayers and smiles were felt throughout the entire session. The Lord blessed our efforts, we thank God and thank you.

As a band of Christian women, we are labourers together with God. May we strive to do our Lord's bidding, and hold high the torch that His word may be a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path, to guide us and those who follow as we travel "New Paths" In These Significant Seventies.

Again thanks for your volunteer service. You were great! May we continue to work together and make our 1972 session even greater. God is able, and He will give us the Victory if we will walk new paths together and serve Him faithfully.

We are looking forward to our One-Day Session with great anticipation to be held at the New Ahoskie Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, January 8, 1972.

JONES CHAPEL CHURCH, MOORESVILLE, OBSERVES 86TH ANNIVERSARY

PASTOR — J. E. PALMER

The Jones Chapel Church of Mooresville and its pastor are making plans for the 86th Anniversary of the church.

It was noted by the board and members that the church has grown more in the last four years, under the leadership of Rev. J. E. Palmer, than all the other years of history.

These are some of the achievements that will make our church anniversary a success. The church has moved into a total program. 1) We have built an Educational Department to our church, and air-conditioned the church. 2) Rev. Palmer has a program for all ages. For the very young, there is a child care center, known as Candy Land Play School. For the teenagers, there is a Canteen across the street from the church. This canteen is controlled by the young people. For those who need educational opportunities, there is a Basic Adult Education class taught at the church on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Anyone who meets the requirements can complete his high school work from this class.

Our church has grown in all ways — Membership has increased 26% - Regular attendance, 44% - finance, 160%.

Rev. Palmer is a member of the Mooresville Jaycees, Mayor's Human Relations Council, Boy Scout Committee, (Rev. Palmer started the Scouting program in our city), Mooresville Ministerial Alliance, and vice-moderator of the Mt. and Catawba Association, and other activities which we will not mention at this time.

Reverend Palmer is married to the former Miss Lonnie Crawford. They have one daughter, Katrina, age 7 - a third grader. Mrs. Palmer is employed in the office of the Superintendent of Mooresville School. Rev. Palmer is also teaching in Iredell County and C. V. T. I. He holds B.S. and B.D. degrees.

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**NEWS FROM NEW MT. ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH, ROXBORO
REV. C. L. COLEMAN, PASTOR**

By **REV. J. M. NICHOLS**

Assistant Pastor

The public is cordially invited to attend Revival services at New Mount Zion Baptist Church on September 13-17, 1971 at 7:30 P.M. each night. The guest speaker for the week will be Evangelist Rev. W. E. Mills, Pelham, N. C. Host pastor, Rev. C. L. Coleman.

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The public is also invited to attend a Special Service held at the New Mount Zion Church on September 19 at 7:30 p.m.

The guest speaker for this service will be Dr. N. M. McMillian, Pastor of the Baptist Grove Church, Raleigh.

His entire Jr. Church will have complete charge of this service. Please don't fail to hear, see and greet these Juniors from Baptist Grove.

This service is sponsored by the Deacon Board of New Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

KEY APPOINTMENTS AND PROMOTIONS ANNOUNCED AT SHAW UNIVERSITY

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, calling himself "the freshman president" at Shaw University, released new appointments and promotions at the 106 year old liberal arts institution recently.

Among the top appointments are Dr. Ross W. Adams, who has assumed acting deanship of The School of Urban Sciences. Adams comes to Shaw from Booz, Allen and Hamilton Applied Research, Inc., Chicago, Ill. He holds a Ph.D. in Endocrinology Statistics from Iowa State University.

Adams has worked as a consultant with Westinghouse Information Systems Laboratory, Consad Research Corporation and Columbia Computer Corporation. He has also served with the Departments of Health and Planning, State of Ohio. His academic work has included, The Urban Education Center-Chicago City College System; The National College of Education; the evening division of American University and Iowa State University.

Dr. Adams will replace Dr. Dorothy Williams who has left Shaw for a year's leave of absence.

Kenneth Bazzell and Dr. Abdul Elkordy will serve as area coordinators in the School of Urban Sciences.

James R. Gambrell has replaced John V. Parham as University Business Manager. Gambrell came

to Shaw three years ago as Director of Purchasing from Winston-Salem State Teachers College (now Winston-Salem State University) where he served as Business Manager. He holds an A.B. Degree from Morehouse College in Business Administration and Mathematics and a certificate in College Business Management from the University of Omaha.

Parham resigned to accept the position of Vice President-Treasurer at the Mississippi Valley State College.

Charles Spellman has been appointed to head Shaw's Radio Teaching Laboratory WSHA-FM, and Associate Professor of Mass Communications. Spellman is a 1966 graduate of Shaw University. He received his M.A. in Journalism-Broadcasting and Communications Research from the University of Iowa. Spellman will replace Mrs. Elizabeth Czech, who will spend the greater part of her time in the classroom at Shaw this year, and also assist Spellman with WSHA administration.

Returning to the Development and University Relations Division as Coordinator of Publications and Communications is Miss Johnnie M. Douthis. Miss Douthis just completed a successful year of internship with The New School For Social Research and Sarah Lawrence College in their offices of Development and University Relations.

Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, another Shaw University graduate, has been appointed Director of Educational Development, a new position which encompasses all of the old functions of her past position dealing with educational research, in addition to the responsibility of periodic evaluation and assessment of the effectiveness of the Shaw Plan of Education. In this position she will be responsible to the president for all institutional research activities for the University.

Mrs. Carolyn Johnson was appointed Acting Director of The Learning Resources Center. Mrs. Johnson did her undergraduate work at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh. She received her M.L.S. from North Carolina Central University and has done further graduate study toward a Ph.D. in Audio Visual Instruction at the University of Wisconsin, Virginia State College and North Carolina Central University. Before coming to Shaw Mrs. Johnson was head librarian for Wake County-Garner Consolidated school systems, where she co-authored the guidelines for the Wake County school systems library. She has worked in libraries at St. Bonaventure and Cornell University in New York. She was the Media Specialist at Shaw before assuming her new duties.

Dr. Aaron Favors has been appointed Dean of The School of Humanities and Arts after serving a year as Acting Dean of The School of Communications. Dr. Favors came to Shaw University from the

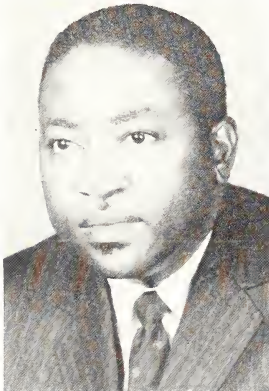
University of Iowa where he received a Ph.D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology.

Other new appointments included: George Blair, Basketball Coach and Instructor in Physical Education; Dr. Edward Huibregtse, Professor of Physics; Charles N. Bishop, Instructor in Drama; Willie J. Brooks, Instructor in Communicology; Ndubisi Egomonye, Assistant Professor of Communicology and Speech Education; George E. Hatcher, Jr., Instructor in Music; James Lubker, Associate Professor of Communications; Mrs. Pamela Deans, Instructor of Communicology and Randell Neal, Instructor in Environmental Science.

Nine new staff appointments included: Oliver Anderson, Residence Assistant; Miss Marie Clark, Financial Aid Accountant; Mrs. Alma Dunston, Nurse; Mrs. Bertha Jones, Assistant Cashier; Ronald Latta, Health Information Project; Miss Beverly A. Miller, Nurse; Jessie O. Stinson, Residence Assistant; Daniel White, Clerk-Typist; Miss Genese Wilder, Secretary to the Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds, and Mrs. Barbara Brockington, Director of University Food Services.

Shaw's academic year started officially under the leadership of its 9th president, September 1st, the date of the first day of classes.

"THE LOVE LIFE"



Prepared and Delivered By:

REV. F. L. ANDREWS, Minister

First Baptist Church, High Point, N. C.

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

John 15:13

"God is love and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him."

Every worthwhile expression of life is an expression of love. Man has exhausted language to define love; artists have tried all through the years to picture love; musicians have tried to put love in tones ("I Love you Truly"); sculptors have tried in vain to carve expressions of love, and poets have tried to rhyme love:

Love is a funny thing, It's just like a lizard.

It curls up round your heart, and jumps in your gizzard!

But love is a divine quality that the finite cannot fully express. "They who love are but one step from heaven", says James Russell Lowell.

Law without love becomes a burden; home without love becomes a prison; labor without love becomes a drudgery; church without love becomes a mockery. Love is beauty as well as songs of thanksgiving.

We can strengthen the weak and confirm the feeble. We can offer sympathy to the sorrowful, balm to the wounded, comfort to the afflicted. We may draw back shuddering from the sin, but we can hold out help and hope to the sinner. If there is a palpable germ of good, we can develop it, and if there is not, we can dig for it.

We can be on the watch to discover whose burden seems heavy and try to help them. In the sorrows of others we forget our own, in helping others we help ourselves.

The law of Christ on love is one which we can fully know and promptly do. Simple, definite, explicit, He who runs may read. Its precept is, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." This reminds me of my youth in Mobile, Alabama when the Coca-Cola Company distributed 12" rulers to all which included the message Jesus taught us — "Do unto others as Ye would have them do unto you." I wonder how many of us practice this teaching. Of whatever name, sect, or nation, this is the essence of your creed. Do we fulfill the law of Christ by bearing one another's burdens? If this law of Christ could be stimulated into activity, the entire aspect of life might be changed almost overnight. Slums would disappear; wars would be no more; crime, disease, superstition, intolerance would vanish as the mists of August before the rising sun. Then and only then will be ushered in the Utopia, the Kingdom of light, truth and happiness, of which the races of the world have dreamed.

How glorious, how useful is the life that dwells in love, or in God! How thoughtless of self, and how thoughtful of others. Unless the life is in God, it cannot love purely and truly.

"Love is not only the finest, but it is the final rest of a Christian life." That marvelous tender

passion — in the love of God — heightless, depthless, shareless, shall flood our hearts, making us gentle, tender-hearted, self-sacrificing and gracious. Every phase of life will become a phase of love. Peace is love resting. Bible study is love — our spirit toward all others.

Love is democratic — it makes you love everybody even though some never appreciate your love nor anything worthwhile that you do for them. Love is intensely practical. It is always hunting something to do. Love will cut new channels and broaden and deepen old ones. And what a harvest will follow in love's wake.

Love cried out through John Knox — "Give me Scotland or I'll die." Love cried out through Martin Luther King, Jr. — "I've been to the mountain top - I'd like to live like anybody, it doesn't matter now." Love whispered from the cross - "Father, forgive them - they know not what they do." Love wrote from the darkness of death's prison - "For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."

Love is the fundamental law of the Universe. As written in heaven, for God is love; as written on the cross, for Christ is love; as written in our hearts, for Christianity is love. Love considers the needs of those around - stoops down to lift and reaches up to help.

Love is . . .

- Slow to suspect - quick to trust;
- Slow to condemn - quick to justify;
- Slow to offend - quick to defend;
- Slow to expose - quick to shield;
- Slow to reprimand - quick to forbear;
- Slow to belittle - quick to appreciate;
- Slow to demand - quick to give;
- Slow to provoke - quick to help;
- Slow to resent - quick to forgive.

III. A little four-year old boy didn't want to eat the peas his mother had put in his plate. "If you don't eat these, Bobby, you will have to leave the table," his mother said. Whereupon Bobby left the table. After a time, mother went to look for him in the bathroom. He had climbed upon a stool and was looking into the mirror. Tears were streaming down his face but he was looking at himself and singing, "Jesus Loves Me".

Yes, Jesus does love us!
Right or wrong, Jesus loves us!

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PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO GREET AFRICA TOUR GROUP

THE EXECUTIVE MANSION
MONROVIA

August 15, 1971

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I acknowledge with thanks and appreciation, your kind letter of August 9, 1971, with reference to my induction into office as President of Liberia, upon the demise of our late illustrious President Tubman. Indeed, I have been touched by the kind sentiments referable to our accomplishments for which Baptists all over the world should be proud as indicated in your letter under reply.

The proposed visit to Liberia of your Conventions on February 28, 1972, to be headed by you and Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of said Conventions, and your request to have audience with me during said visit has been particularly noted with interest, and I look forward to a most rewarding fellowship with you.

With kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,
W. R. Tolbert

As announced earlier, this 20-day tour begins February 28, 1972, and visits six African nations. The total cost is \$1,495 from New York to New York. An alternate six-day extension trip to the Holy Land is also available for only \$275.

A detailed itinerary may be obtained by writing to O. L. Sherrill, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27601 or Corbin Cooper, Box 26508, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. A deposit of \$100 is necessary for a reservation, and should be sent immediately.

Shaw University's New President Places Priorities On Education For Masses As He Receives Illinois Gubernatorial Award

The Office of The Honorable Richard B. Ogilvie, Governor of the State of Illinois, presented Dr. J. Archie Hargraves a plaque for "Distinguished Services" rendered during Dr. Hargraves' residency in that State.

Mr. Leon N. Perry, Director of Public Information, Office of Human Resources, State of Illinois represented Governor Ogilvie. Perry said the loss of Dr. Hargraves, who was appointed 9th President of Shaw University and assumed his duties July 1, left a tremendous void in the State of Illinois, and expressed the Governor's regret for the loss of the talents of Dr. Hargraves. Perry stated that this occasion had added significance, in not only that a well-deserved tribute was being made to Dr. Hargraves, but also a special salute to the

Black institutions of higher learning throughout the land.

Dr. Hargraves took this occasion to state the direction in which the University will go under his administration and to greet the public officials of the State of North Carolina who were present. In his usual eloquent tones, Dr. Hargraves "served notice" that as the new President of Shaw, the University is ready, willing and able to participate with all of the citizens and officials of the State of North Carolina in planning and demonstrating creative approaches to a more relevant and viable education for all of the citizens of the State.

He said he conceived the unique mission as, educating students and community leaders to build, launch and strengthen institutions to serve the needs of the poor, Black and disadvantaged. He continued, "This means a larger vision of this University as a theoretical and conceptual base, a strategy center, skills center, and implementation center for people from sixteen to seventy who want to participate in this task. It also means that this University is bound neither to classroom nor campus in fulfillment of its objectives, but is conceived to be mobile enough to teach wherever people gather, whether in the arena of issues of great complexity or in the center of the action, whether on the job or on the brink of the world's excitement."

Hargraves stated that the new priorities for Shaw, would mean "the pursuit of new curricula, more efficient educational system of improved quality, doubling our enrollment, significantly increasing faculty productivity, full-time utilization of our campus facilities to include week-ends and night-time, extending our classrooms to prisons, industries, and government offices so that any one who wants a college education can receive it, and imaginative use of audio-visuals, independent study, and learning from involvements in the various activities which occur across North Carolina."

He continued by stating the three special programs which will begin at Shaw in the Fall:

1. Cooperative Education — in which some students will alternate between classroom study and work experiences and other students will be involved in work and classroom study concurrently.
2. The University Without Walls — which is open to any mature student who wishes to engage in directed college study without coming to the campus.
3. Training in environmental protection and pollution control.

Dr. Hargraves commended the legislature for their concern for private colleges in the passage of several bills; and North Carolina Governor Robert Scott for his concern for higher education in general.

In conclusion, Dr. Hargraves stated eight ways in which Shaw can make a unique contribution to North Carolina: educating and rehabilitating parolees; educating those currently detained in correctional systems through the medium of the University Without Walls; training people to develop community health facilities and establishment of new training facilities for those interested in the allied health services' field; development of community day care and child development centers and training professionals to enter this field; working with groups across the Board to bring new industries into Eastern North Carolina; establishment of a center for political studies; consortium of the poor, the Black and the disadvantaged to assay their needs, interests and strengths; and establishment of an urban coalition in which interests of government, business, politics, labor, social institutions, the poor, the Black and the disadvantaged will be represented, and in which problems are framed and solved and decisions made in planning and developing a more viable and interdependent North Carolina.

While in the State of Illinois, Dr. Hargraves trained thousands of community leaders who produced changes in the lives of people across the country. He also joined with others in founding a major organization of the unemployed, one of the first in the United States, which was later taken as a demonstration by the late Dr. Martin Luther King. Dr. Hargraves founded one of the first welfare unions The Westside Organization; five mass-based community organizations; and the first city-wide coalition of Black people in Chicago. He also did constructive work with teenagers in broadening their horizons, in organizing the Black Keystone Nation and the Black Disciples.

The presentation was attended by public officials of the State of North Carolina including: Mr. John Baker and Mr. Fred Morrison, representing Governor Robert Scott; Mr. Eric Michaux, Special Assistant to United States Congressman Nick Galifianakis; The Honorable Thomas Bradshaw, Mayor, City of Raleigh; The Honorable Clarence Lightner, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Raleigh; Mr. Gene Anderson, representing Mr. Jim Holshouser, State Republican Chairman; Mr. Steve Krouch, Executive Director, N. C. State Republican Party; Mr. Ward Purrington, Chairman, Wake County Republican Committee; and Mr. Bill Thorpe, State Personnel Office.

NEWS FROM SHAW UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION SPEECH

LEON N. PERRY

Director of Public Information
Governor's Office of Human Resources
State of Illinois
August 4, 1971

I am indeed pleased to have been asked by Governor Richard B. Ogilvie to present to Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, this Certificate of Appreciation, in grateful recognition of his consistent and dedicated labors for the cause of social justice and brotherhood between the races.

Dr. Hargraves has a long and distinguished record of service to mankind and I would not be so presumptuous as to assume that I am worthy of bestowing honor to an already honored name. I count myself fortunate beyond my wildest dream to be the person that will present this certificate of appreciation to this great educator and leader.

In a large sense though, we're doing more than merely honoring Dr. Hargraves, although he is indeed worthy of every accolade that we could find to present. We are not only paying tribute to him but paying a special salute to the Black institutions of higher learning, situated throughout this land. The Black colleges, long suffering, understaffed, under equipped, overpopulated and constantly short changed in the funding process, continue to function. They continue to exhibit academic excellence. They continue to produce young men and women of color, who lend valuable assistance in moving this country forward. The Black colleges, challenged by super militants and Black radicals on the one hand, and by insensitive, ill informed white power structures on the other, yet in spite of all this, they continue to survive, and they remain a vital part of the American culture. Recently, a person of limited leadership skills and minor symbolic power, found it necessary to visit another part of the world in order that he might deliver his own special critic on Black leadership in America. I will not dignify him, or his crude intemperate remarks, since history has already recorded the folly of that occasion, but let me make this observation: If there are persons in the power structure who are genuinely concerned about Black leadership in America, the thing to do is to increase the funding, increase the faculty, increase the programs and in general increase the already high standard of excellence of the training facilities of Black leadership which is the Black College of America.

The relevance of the Black schools of higher education is beyond question. Certainly, the Black college is relevant, and yes it is deserving of all the support it can get from the general community at large. I issue a warning here today that if the Black college system is allowed to decay — beyond its already dangerous state, this country and its way of life we all know, will pay a terrible price for that dissipation. Who needs the Black schools, we all do. Black America needs them to train and prepare our

sons and daughters for the challenge of tomorrow. White America needs Black colleges to send into society, well-educated, well-prepared citizens who will be able to take their rightful place in our system and shoulder the responsibility that goes with true first-class citizenship.

For too long now, there has been a myth going around that blacks were too ignorant to be educated and too damn lazy to work. Need I help to remind white America today that the great wealth you enjoy today was built on the sweat that poured off the brows of Black faces? Need I remind you today that we gave you 300 years of free slave labor, need I remind you that we Blacks "planted tobaccoes," "planted cotton," "toted barges," and "lifted bales." Yes, we have a great share in America, you may not find it listed on Wall Street, but its encribed in the hearts and minds of 25 million Black men and women of color who daily trod this land. What we say today is, we the sons and daughters of former slaves demand that our government, Federal, state, and local, together with those who would aspire to lead these governmental bodies, not allow our colleges to falter.

The Black College president, such as my dear friend Archie Hargraves, finds that educating has become secondary to fund raising and this is wrong. Instead of concentrating on the classroom curricula the Black college president must concentrate on the foundation boardrooms, the local chamber of commerce, the banking institutions and other possible sources of revenue. I plead that you in Raleigh and the surrounding area, allow Dr. Hargraves to return to the classroom, where the success of future generations awaits his direction. Dr. Hargraves can do it. His background is filled with success in the face of almost certain defeat.

Shaw University is a unique school. Their future plans call for the creation of some truly masterful innovative approaches to educating people. The Co-operative Education program in which some students will alternate between classroom study and work experiences, The University Without Walls program, which is open to any mature student who wishes to take part in college study without being bound to the campus. Just imagine what this could mean to educational systems of America. The training of professionals in the field of day care. There are many other outstanding areas of education that Shaw, under the masterful hand of Dr. Hargraves will be offering to the community. For Shaw, like most Black colleges, is more than just bricks and mortar, it's a part of the total community, it's way of life.

In closing, I again plead for the financial, moral, and spiritual support of all persons in the local area, for Shaw University. Your prayers are indeed helpful. But if you pray that Shaw remains alive, vibrant and creative, and then reach for your check-book, your prayer has a hell of a better chance of coming true.

I will now present the award.

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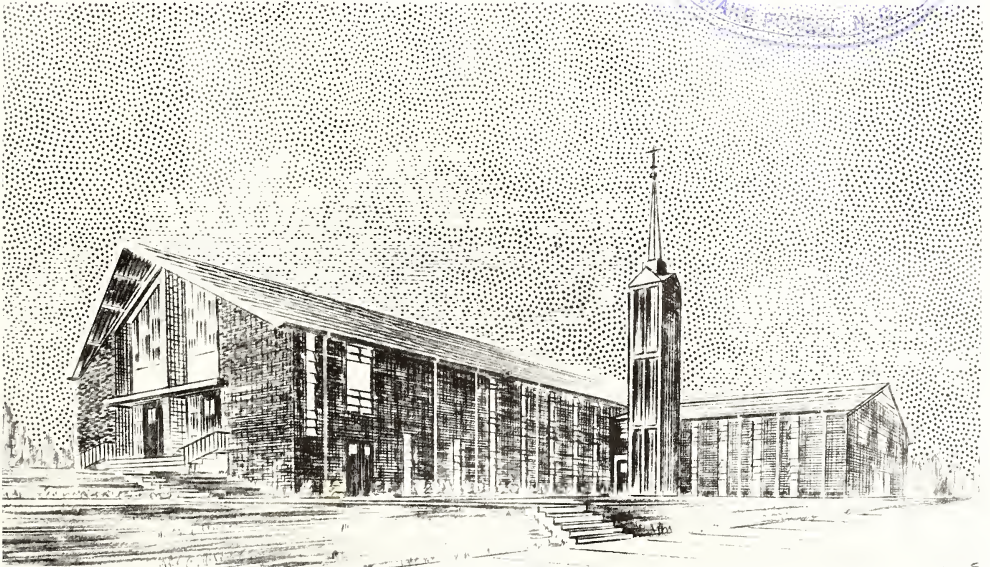
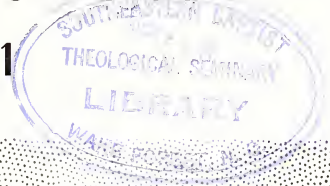
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FROM THE EDITOR'S PEN

Another year has passed and our eyes are focused toward another annual meeting of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The week of November 1-4 is the time designated for the 104th annual session of our convention to convene in Raleigh at the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, pastored by the Rev. W. B. Lewis. The Laymen League Convention headed by Frank Marshall of Asheville will also be in session.

Our convention has definitely moved forward in the past year. This can certainly be attributed to the loyalty and faithful cooperation of the churches, associations, pastors, moderators and under the wise and faithful leadership of Executive Secretary O. L. Sherrill and the profound leadership of President C. R. Edwards.

As a strong body of Black Baptists, the General Baptist State Convention has distinguished itself as a leader of other similar state bodies across the country in its firm support of Christian Education, State and Foreign Missions and many other worthy Christian Causes.

In this session of the convention, the new constitution, adopted in the last year's session, will go into effect. This constitution is a strong document and guide, if effectively carried out, will take General Baptists to new heights of progress and achievement.

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While attending the Progressive National Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas, I had the privilege of having a meal with the Rev. W. H. Wiley who formerly pastored in Winston-Salem and is currently pastoring a predominantly white congregation in Washington, D. C. The dessert came with the meal when Wiley presented to me a check for \$15.00 for the *Baptist Informer*. The Editor would enjoy some more meals like this.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

DR. C. R. EDWARDS

Brothers and Sisters of the Convention:

I look forward to seeing you at the annual session of the Convention November 1-4. This session is for the entire Baptist family. The Reverend W. B.



Lewis and First Cosmopolitan are waiting our coming. I have had the privilege to represent you at every meeting of the Convention, its auxiliaries and several committees. The blessing has been mine to attend National Meetings representing our Convention. I am pleased to report that all of the auxiliary sessions have been meaningful and showed signs of progress. The spirit of fellowship was high and

the financial reports showed increase. From reports received, this has been a good year and we shall meet to thank God, to celebrate and to make plans for the future.

We are indebted to Dr. O. L. Sherrill and his staff for the work they have done and the dedication they have shown in promoting our day-to-day operation. We are also indebted to the Moderators, Pastors, auxiliaries and individuals for their cooperation without which a successful year could not have been possible.

At this session of our Convention, the revised Constitution goes into effect which means that some organizational changes will be necessary. I feel confident that this document will be an asset to our work. Let us pray that the session will be a Blessing.

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Executive Secretary Horne Led North Carolina To National Top Honors



MRS. M. A. HORNE

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina was voted the Best Stewardship Convention in the nation, by the National Woman's Convention Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. The National Convention held its 70th Annual Session September 7-12 in Cleveland, Ohio, Dr. Mary O. Ross is President of the Woman's Convention Auxiliary and Dr. J. H. Jackson, President of the National Convention. Theme: "New Paths — The Christian Remedy."

Mrs. Horne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's North Carolina Convention, received first Honors for leading the North Carolina Woman's Convention to this top position. There are 42 States and 58 State Conventions affiliated in the National Convention.

Mrs. Horne works on the National Business and Finance Committee and served this year as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

More than 5,000 delegates gave a standing ovation as the North Carolina delegation marched across the stage. The State of Alabama ranked second in Stewardship and Florida was the third Stewardship State in the nation.

Those present from North Carolina other than Mrs. Horne were: President, Vera M. Slade, Ahoakie; Mr. Lloyd Slade, Ahoakie; Mrs. Helen Falls, Winston-Salem, Co-Chairman, National Loyalty Fund; Mrs. Z. A. Burge, Gastonia; Miss Julia Hat-

ten, Charlotte; Mrs. Pearl Cooper, Charlotte, Member, National District Convention; Mrs. Essie M. Wilson, Winston-Salem, Member, National Deacons Wives Committee; Miss Syvera Renee Wilson, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Jerry Drayton, Winston-Salem; Mrs. W. L. Wilson, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Alma Grier, Belmont; Mrs. Marie Caldwell, Gastonia; and Mrs. Mary Foote, Winston-Salem, National Ushers Committee.

President Slade, Mrs. Falls and Mrs. Horne are members of the National Board of Directors.

The 1972 Annual Session will be held in Fort Worth, Texas.

BAPTIST WOMEN TRAVEL 'NEW PATHS' AND REACH HIGHER HEIGHTS

It is evident that the messengers to the eighty-seventh annual session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C., auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc., traveled "New Paths" and reached "Higher Heights", as they gave an account of their stewardship and urged the heads of this state and nation to "take the leadership, relative to keeping the peace and security."

The theme, " 'New Paths' In These Significant Seventies", was clearly demonstrated and illustrated in every area of this session, which was held at the St. Mark A.M.E. Zion and the Mt. Vernon Baptist Churches, Durham, August 10-13th. Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Ahoakie is the president and Mrs. M. A. Horne of Winston-Salem is the executive secretary-treasurer.

In the message to the President and the Governor, the group "recognized the gravity of the responsibilities that rest upon Mr. Nixon's and Mr. Scott's shoulders, relative to keeping the peace and security of the state, nation and world. "In light of the rising tide of racial discontent, economic depression, the disenchantment of other nations with the American way of life, the break-down of law and order and the loss of spiritual stamina, we strongly urge that you take the leadership in calling upon the leaders of our state, nation and world to return to a reverence of Almighty God, and to seek His guidance in finding the solution to these problems. Please know that, we are feverently praying for the salvation of our state, nation and the world, and have every confidence that our God, whom we serve, is able to supply our every need, according to His

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MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- 12:00 Noon Executive Committee Meeting
 7:00 P.M. Welcome Program by Host Church
 Response by Rev. F. L. Andrew, Pastor, First Church, High Point
 7:30 P.M. Convention called to order by the President, Dr. C. R. Edwards
 8:00 P.M. Laymen League in Charge
 Sermon — Rev. George W. Dudley, Pastor, Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 9:30 A.M. Laymen League in Charge

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 3:00 P.M. General Board Meeting

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:00 P.M. Devotion — Rev. Johnnie White, Mrs. Wesley Grant and Rev. Grant
 7:30 P.M. Theme Address — "The Church and Radical Mission" — Dr. L. C. Riddick, Pastor, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte
 8:00 P.M. Raleigh Combined Choirs
 8:20 P.M. Annual Sermon — Rev. J. C. Harris, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3

- 9:00 A.M. Devotion
 9:15 A.M. Enrollment
 9:30 A.M. Theme Address — "The Church and Radical Mission" — Mr. J. I. Barber
 10:00 A.M. Reports

General Board — Dr. J. Ray Butler
 Executive Secretary — Dr. O. L. Sherrill
 Department of Interracial Cooperation — Rev. Corbin Cooper
 Baptist Informer — Rev. George W. Dudley
 Trustees — Rev. T. A. Watkins

GREETINGS

Laymen League — Mr. Frank Marshall
 Ushers' Convention — Mr. Arthur Williams
 Woman's Convention — Mrs. Vera Slade
 Sunday School Convention — Mr. J. W. Martin
 B. T. U. Convention — Mr. Clifton Stone
 PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS — Dr. C. R. Edwards

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30 P.M. Devotion
 1:45 P.M. Report of Nominating Committee
 2:00 P.M. Greetings
 Central Orphanage — Mr. H. V. Bryant
 Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention — Dr. W. C. Somerville
 2:15 P.M. Moderators' Hour — Rev. J. M. Kennedy
 3:15 P.M. Sermon — Rev. H. H. Dixon, Pastor, Parker Grove and Hickory View Baptist Churches

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:00 P.M. Film and Slides — Look at the work of the General Baptist State Convention, Dr. O. L. Sherrill
 7:30 P.M. Music — Shaw University Chorale Society
 8:00 P.M. Address — Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University
 8:45 P.M. Sermon — Dr. C. W. Anderson, Pastor, United Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4

- 9:00 A.M. Devotion
 9:15 A.M. Shaw University Divinity School
 9:30 A.M. Fraternal Greetings — Dr. Perry Crouch, Baptist State Convention
 9:45 A.M. Reports:
 Historian — Rev. W. B. Lewis
 Statistician — Rev. J. C. Harris
 Standing Committee
 ADDRESS — The Honorable J. J. Johnson
 SERMON — Rev. J. D. Ballard
 Closing

BAPTIST WOMEN TRAVEL

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unlimited grace, mercy and wisdom. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit."

"New Paths" and "Higher Heights" were outstanding for this convention year. The 1,800 delegates, attending the annual session, continued to travel "New Paths" and reached "Higher Heights", when they reported more than \$51,000.00 for the main objectives of the convention. Mrs. M. A. Horne said, "This year's finance has exceeded all previous years." "From all sources, we have received \$117,830.39 for our objectives and we are grateful." The most recent objective, the J. J. Johnson Assembly Site, has certainly reached "higher heights" . . . the guest cottage is ready for occupancy. Dr. T. A. Watkins of Wilson, Chairman of the Assembly Site Committee, stated that "according to the present plans, the Youth Bible Camp (previously held at Shaw University) will be held at the Assembly Site in June, 1972." Dr. W. C. Sommerville, executive secretary, Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention, U.S.A., declared that the income of the Lott Carey Convention has exceeded that of any non-white group in the world, boasting some one-third million. There were one-hundred churches, who gave \$1,000.00 each to foreign missions, twenty-one being affiliated with the Woman's Convention of N. C.

Mrs. J. B. McLester, first vice-president and chairman of the Executive Committee, presided over Wednesday's spirit-filled session and the Woman's Convention Choir, under the auspices of Mrs. M. C. Grier of Belmont and Mrs. J. M. Lucas of Kings Mountain, furnished the music. In her third annual message, President Slade reached "higher heights" as she challenged the messengers to "rededicate our lives to right and righteousness". "I plead with local churches to draw closer together and unite in a common cause for God and Christianity. It is the duty of the local christian churches to speak out clearly and boldly against all evils and against sin. The christian church must tell men about God's armour house, where they can be fitted to withstand every disaster in a world like this." As she continued her message, she said, "We must be equipped for the journey and take courage from the Psalmist, David." In her closing words, she challenged the women to pray and put their trust in God.

Mrs. Bronnie Harris Daniels, Winston-Salem, presided over her sixth and final session of the Young Adult Department, as president. This department, which was organized in 1966 to bridge the gap that existed between the Senior and Junior-Young People's Department, traveled "New Paths" and reached "Higher Heights". Mrs. Daniels was elected associate director of the department and Mrs. Amanda Stephens of Lumberton succeeds as president. Mrs. Luella D. Edwards of Fayetteville, State Director, expressed her faith in God and the young adult

women to continue to reach toward "Higher Heights". A special feature "President Daniel's Takes A Look At 'Six Years With The Adult Department'" , moved the hearts of the delegates with mixed emotions. It portrayed six years of christian development and growth, with narration and the lighting of a candle for each anniversary. In her final message, "A Benediction Of Goodwill", she recommended Jesus Christ as the solution to every problem.

Several adult leaders of the Junior-Young People's Department traveled "New Paths" and reached "Higher Heights" during the election of officers — Mrs. Lavine McGrier of Warrenton from State Supervisor to Counselor, Mrs. Eva Merritt Pratt of Durham, from Associate State Supervisor to State Supervisor and Miss Patsy Rice of Charlotte from State Advisor to Associate Supervisor. The president, Miss Mischelle Thompson of Lumberton, presented her first annual message in a most emphatic way. She stated that the theme, perhaps, will reflect hurdles of accomplishments over the years for some, while others may think of it as a means of seeking the future, with certain curiosities or state of mind. She recommended the Bible as a guide in choosing the path to follow; "paths that we should not blaze alone, but with the help of God".

The winners of the "Miss Shaw" and "Have-A-Heart For Missions" Contests traveled "New Paths" and reached "Higher Heights" by supporting two of the main objectives of this department with zest and zeal. Miss Donnadrey Flack of Cleveland County wore the coveted crown and received a cash award of \$100.00 in the "Miss Shaw Contest". Gaston County, who has won this contest for the past six years, traveled "New Paths" and won the "Have-A-Heart For Missions Contest". Miss Rebecca Lowery received a beautiful set of luggage. This contest is held in memory of Mrs. Eunice Youngblood, who served as State Advisor.

As the delegates listened to the sermons, addresses and songs presented by the program participants, they were challenged and inspired to travel "New Paths" and reach for "Higher Heights". Among them were representatives of Durham's government, business, religious and educational affairs. The annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. Isaac B. Horton, First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, using the subject, "The Path of Life". He said, "There is a path of eternal life, this path was discovered by men like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob". "In this path, there is peace and security that leads to eternal reward. This is the path for the significant seventies.

Dr. Rose Butler Browne, official hostess of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, lecturer, educator, author, church and community worker, told the group that the quest for freedom did not begin nor will it end in the significant seventies. She challenged the messengers to "turn once more to that teaching and recapture the wonderful truths found in the

treasure house of our biblical literature". She described this decade as a "bewildering one". In her closing words, she said, "There are precautions one must observe, when using the Bible to help in discovering ethical guidance in insight." "Don't stretch the statements to fit our needs. Approach the Bible with real faith in its power to provide the insights that have guided men so surely through their precarious journey. This will help us to clarify our own thinking and serve as a guide and challenge, as we seek the path of right and justice for all humanity in these significant seventies."

Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, newly elected president of Shaw University, was presented by the President of the General Baptist State Convention, Dr. C. R. Edwards of Fayetteville. His message was forceful and full of hope. In talking about "New Paths", he said, "No one can travel this path alone, set his direction alone, determine the best way to get there alone, or reach it by his own resources". "This is one road we must take together and stay together all the way." He envisioned a picture of what we would like for North Carolina to look like in 1980, and suggested that steps be taken now to guarantee this vision. "The vision can happen, he continued, if we are willing to write Shaw a new page in the ink of faith, the substances of things hoped for - the evidence of things not seen, if we are going out looking to the city - the prespective - the institution, whose builder is God. It will cost money, blood, sweat, tears, sacrifice, suffering, working, and serving to transform one's self and surroundings. Shaw's first step is building and strengthening the institution for the poor, black and disadvantaged."

Rev. R. D. Lucas of First Baptist Church, Lawn-dale, preached a soul-stirring sermon, using "Your Disturbed Mind May Be Of God" for a subject. He pictured God as a disturbing God, who works with individuals and tries to get them to cut new paths in their lives. Christ disturbs our conscience, because He has a better way for us to live. He came that we might have life and have it more abundantly."

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, assembly site donor, N. C. House of Representatives, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Fairmont, told the group that "putting new patches on old fabrics and new wine in old bottles will not be sufficient for the seventies." "The pulpit must be built in the midst of action, can no longer be silent on present pressing issues, and must tell the world that (1) God made us all out of one blood to dwell upon the face of the earth (2) Christ died for all mankind that they might be free and (3) God loves us all."

Other newly elected officers were Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Goldsboro, fourth vice president; Mrs. Lillian Pittman, Rocky Mount, chairman, Executive Board; Mrs. Helen Falls, Winston-Salem, assistant to the chairman, Executive Board; Miss Audrey Kee, Durham, second vice-president of the Junior-

Young People's Department, also Miss Elizabeth Brooks of Gastonia and David Butler, Jr. of Salisbury, third and fourth vice-presidents, respectively.

More than \$51,000.00 was received for objectives during this Annual Session.

The One-Day Session will be held in Ahsokie, January 8, 1972.

NOTICE DIRECTIONS TO THE FIRST COSMOPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

1515 Cross Link Road, Raleigh, N. C.

Persons traveling east on I-85 and 70 take No. 1 by-pass off 70, turn right on No. 64 which leads into New Bern Avenue. Stay on New Bern Avenue until you reach the second traffic light and turn left into South Tarboro Road, continue until you reach the dead end and turn left on East Davie Street, go one block and turn right on Rock Quarry Road for several blocks and turn right on Cross Link Road and go about one and one-half blocks. The Church is brick located on the right side of the street.

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Persons traveling No. 401. You will enter Raleigh on South Wilmington Street, continue until you reach East Lenoir Street, turn right and go until you reach the dead end, turn right on Rocky Quarry Road and go for several blocks, turn right on Cross Link Road, go about one and one-half blocks. The large brick church is located on the right side of the street.

MOUNT ZION TO OBSERVE 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Mount Zion First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount will observe her Centennial during the entire month of November. The month long celebration will be under the direction of the 100th Anniversary Committee, co-chaired by Mrs. Corrie Braswell, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Joseph Pittman, a deacon of the 100 year old church.

According to the Rev. George W. Dudley who is in his 14th year as pastor of Mount Zion, among the guest speakers for this occasion, the two living former pastors of the church, the Rev. Samuel F. Daly, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Franklin, Virginia and Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention will be the feature preachers.

After a century in Christ Service — HAPPY BIRTHDAY MOUNT ZION.



Woman's Day — North End Baptist Church

Left to right: Mrs. Hattie Jones; Mrs. Lena Key; Mrs. Rachel Lee; Mrs. Vera Slade, President, Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Reverend Elbert Lee, Pastor; Mrs. Lillian S. Pittman, Chairman, Executive Board of W.H.F.M.C.; Mrs. Addie B. Byrd; Mrs. Florence Hines; and Mrs. Pauline V. Patterson.

Executive Secretary Speaks In Durham Church

On Sunday, September 26, Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention was guest speaker during the morning Worship service of the Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Dr. Alexander D. Moseley, Pastor, Durham. Dr. Sherrill reports that Dr. Moseley is giving great leadership to Mount Gilead and that the service in which he preached was of the highest order. He further commented that Mount Gilead is among the strongest supporters of our Convention's Unified Plan.

Morgan Laid To Rest

The Reverend A. L. Morgan of Youngsville and pastor of the Hooks Grove and Wake Chapel Baptist Churches passed away on September 15, 1971. Funeral services were held in Spring Hope at the Stephen Baptist Church, Reverend Luther Coppedge, Pastor. Dr. O. L. Sherrill gave tributes on behalf of the General Baptist Convention. Dr. C. R. Edwards, President of the General Baptist Convention delivered a glowing eulogy.

**ACCOMMODATIONS FOR
LAYMEN LEAGUE
AND
GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION**

**NOVEMBER 1-4, 1971
ROOMS PER NIGHT**

HOTELS AND MOTELS — Area Code 919

Golden Eagle — Phone 828-0881	
Single	\$10.00
Double	14.00
Jerome Tourist Drive Inn — Phone 832-5048	
Single with double bed	\$ 7.25
Single with double bed and ?????	8.24
KINGS Motel — Phone 834-2524	
Single	\$ 9.00
Double	12.00
Bakers Motel — Phone 772-5736	
Single	\$ 7.50
Double	10.00
Apartments with 4 beds and Kitchen	20.00
Apartments with two double beds	16.00
Apartments with three single beds	15.00
Raleigh Cabana Motel — Phone 828-0311	
Double	\$12.48
Sir Walter Hotel — Phone 832-7711	
Single	\$10.00
Double	14.00
Carolina Hotel — Phone 832-8811	
Single	\$ 8.32
Double	12.48
Velvet Cloak — Phone 828-0333	
Single	\$16.00
Double	20.00
College Inn — Phone 828-5711	
Single	\$10.50; 11.50; 12.50
Double	15.50; 16.50; 17.50
Downtowner Motel — Phone 833-5371	
Single	\$13.00
Double	18.00
Hilton Inn — Phone 828-0811	
Holiday Inn — Phone 832-0501	
Single	\$14.00; 17.00
Double	18.00; 20.00

These Hotels and Motels are closest to the Convention's site. Starting from the top and continuing to the bottom in that order. To make reservations, call direct to the Hotel or Motel. The host church will make reservations for private homes only.

HOME RATES:

Single per night	\$ 4.00
Double per night	6.00

MEALS

Breakfast	\$ 1.25
Dinner	1.50
Supper	1.50

Breakfast served from 7:00 until 9:00 A.M.

Dinner served on Monday at 12:00 noon.

Dinner will be served on other days at 12:30 P.M. until

2:00 P.M.

Supper will be served each day at 5:00 P.M. through

6:45 P.M.

ONLY BREAKFAST AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED ON THURSDAY.

ONLY DINNER AND SUPPER WILL BE SERVED ON MONDAY.

**ANNUAL SESSION HELD
AT FIRST COSMOPOLITAN**

DR. O. L. SHERRILL

Dear Christian Co-workers:

I am taking this opportunity of calling upon the constituency of our Baptist Churches around the state to share with us in the forthcoming Annual Session of the General Baptist Convention at First Cosmopolitan Church, November 1-4, 1971.



With the christian churches facing the issues and challenging problems of our day, each of us should put forth strenuous efforts to attend this important meeting.

The program is designed to help pastors and laymen to get information and inspiration that will prepare them for a fruitful future in church expansion and service.

To those of you who have not contributed anything or have not contributed enough to the Unified Program this past year, please bring a liberal contribution to this session.

I will be waiting to greet you at First Cosmopolitan Church.

**The Shaw Divinity School
Announces A Series of Symposia**

The Shaw Divinity School announces a series of five symposia for the 1971-72 academic year.

The inaugural of the series was held Monday, October 11, 1971, at 12 noon, in the University Union on the Shaw campus.

The featured presentation was a paper by the Reverend J. D. Ellis entitled, "The Church's Mission in the World Today." The Reverend Ellis is a graduate of The Shaw University and The Shaw Divinity School. He is currently Director of the Human Relations Commission of Wilson, N. C.

The United Heritage Gospel Choir of Shaw University, under the direction of Mr. Danny White, rendered special music.

Dates and theme for future symposia are: November 8, 1971: Youth View The Black Church January 10, 1972: Models For Ministry February 14, 1972: The Role of the Black Minister in the Economic Development of North Carolina March 13, 1972: The Communications Media

Each symposium will begin with a luncheon at 12:00 noon to be followed by the featured presentation at 1:00 P.M. and concluded by a worship service at 3:00 P.M.

Inquiries about the program should be directed to James Z. Alexander, Dean, The Shaw University Divinity School.

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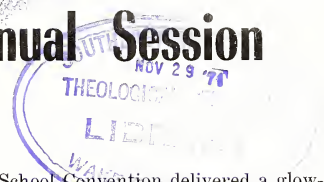
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General Baptists' 104th Annual Session Makes History



Meeting in the commodious facility of the First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina enjoyed one of the finest annual sessions ever held in its 104 year old history.

The Rev. W. B. Lewis, First Cosmopolitan's alert and dynamic pastor along with his good people went all out to make General Baptists feel at home.

On Monday, November 1, 1971 the Laymen's League headed by Frank Marshall of Asheville moved off into their 22nd annual session. The Laymen's workshop was ably conducted by Dr. E. B. Turner of Lumberton. Others appearing on the Laymen's League program were Daniel Lee of Charlotte; Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President, Shaw University; Wilch H. Caldwell of Charlotte; John McQueen of Fayetteville; Leroy James of Greenville; James Grier, Charlotte; Clarence McNeill, Lumberton; Walter McLean, Fayetteville; Johnny Jones; Leo Williams, Jr., Director of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention and H. V. Bryant, Superintendent, Central Orphanage.

The Laymen's League annual sermon was delivered by George W. Dudley, Editor of the **Baptist Informer** and Pastor of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. The Sanctuary Choir of Mt. Zion accompanied their pastor along with a number of members.

The sessions of the General Convention were presided over by Dr. C. R. Edwards, President, of Fayetteville along with the able assistance of Dr. D. R. Hedgley of Winston-Salem; Dr. J. R. Manley of Chapel Hill and Dr. J. J. Johnson of Fairmont.

The addresses given during the convention were the best. Dr. L. C. Riddick of Charlotte spoke with great thought and power on the theme: "The Church and Radical Missions." J. I. Barber, President of the

Rowan Sunday School Convention delivered a glowing address on the theme. Dr. J. Archie Hargraves delivered an unfolding address where he clearly revealed the future plans of Shaw University.

President Edwards brought an annual address that will go down in history as one of the best ever given.

Executive Secretary, O. L. Sherrill gave the most outstanding report of all time relative to the life and work of the convention.

The sermons were among the best. The Rev. J. C. Harris, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Statesville, with great power delivered the annual sermon. The Rev. J. H. Dixon of Enfield set the convention on fire with the Wednesday afternoon sermon. There is only one Dr. C. W. Anderson of Greensboro, who can always preach with great power, delivered the Wednesday evening sermon. The Rev. J. D. Ballard of Winston-Salem closed the convention with a great sermon on the New Birth. All of these ministers are preachers of the first magnitude.

Greetings were brought from Central Orphanage by H. V. Bryant, Superintendent. Strong reports were given by Dr. J. Ray Butler for the General Board; The Rev. Corbin Cooper for the Department of Interracial Cooperation; Dr. T. A. Watkins for the Trustees; Frank Marshall for the Laymen's League; Arthur Williams for the Usher's Convention; Mrs. Vera Slade for the Woman's Convention; J. W. Martin for the Sunday School Congress and Clifton Stone for the B.T.U. Congress.

Dr. W. C. Somerville, in his own way, spoke of the far-reaching work of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission.

The Moderator's Hour led by Dr. J. M. Kennedy was one of the best ever witnessed.

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Dr. Perry Crouch, Executive Secretary of the Baptist State Convention brought greetings and expressed his concern and regrets over the recent withdrawal of literature published by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention that had a picture of a black and two white children on it.

One of the top features of the convention was the report of the Resolutions Committee headed by Dr. R. Irving Boone. Never before have we had a report quite so meaningful.

Officers elected to serve for this conventional year are: Dr. C. R. Edwards, President; Dr. D. R. Hedgley, First Vice President at Large; Dr. Joy J. Johnson, First Vice President; Dr. C. M. Creecy, 2nd Vice President; Dr. E. B. Turner, 3rd Vice President; Rev. J. C. Harris, 4th Vice President; Rev. Coleman W. Kerry, Secretary; Rev. J. H. Ferguson, Assistant Secretary; Rev. W. B. Lewis, Historian and Mr. Frank Marshall, Statistician.

The annual address of President Edwards will appear in the next issue of the *Baptist Informer*.

CORRECTION

In the 1971 Annual Report, the Union Association was given credit for \$905.00. Five hundred of this amount should have been credited to the Union Association, Rev. L. A. Melvin, President.

The Annual Report also shows that Mount Pleasant, Belmont, Rev. C. R. Mosley, Pastor, gave \$1,213.30 to the Objectives of the Convention. However, it should have read \$1,739.99.

The Bethlehem Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, Rev. Wilton Byrd, Pastor, reported \$129.00, should have been listed with the Progressive Tar River Association instead of the Tar River Association.

The Red Oak Baptist Church, Stanhope, Rev. O. D. Williams, Pastor, reported \$117.20, should have been with the Tar River Association instead of the Progressive Tar River Association.

Shiloh, Whitakers, Rev. J. S. Freeman, Pastor, reported \$111.59, should have been listed with the Reedy Creek Association instead of the Tar River Association.

I sincerely regret these errors and any embarrassment they may have caused. Please accept my apology.

O. L. Sherrill

**PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL
CHOOSES OFFICERS FROM
NORTH CAROLINA**

During the 10th Annual Session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc. held in Houston, Texas, September 7-12, 1971, the Rev. George W. Dudley, Pastor of the Mount Zion First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount and Editor of the *Baptist Informer*, was elected to serve as Secretary of the Convention. Dr. Paul H. Johnson, Pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church was chosen to serve as a member of the Executive Board. The Rev. J. H. Ferguson, Pastor of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church currently serves on the Convention's Finance Committee. Dr. Joy J. Johnson, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairmont and State Representative is the retiring president of the Southern Region I of the Progressive National Baptist Convention.

Other officers chosen during the Houston session were: Dr. E. L. Harrison, Washington, D. C., President; Dr. L. V. Booth, Cincinnati, Ohio, First Vice President; The Rev. Nelson H. Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, Second Vice President; The Rev. L. J. Alford, West Palm Beach, Florida, Treasurer.

Many pastors and laymen from North Carolina were in attendance.

ON THE SICK LIST

Dr. Paul Johnson, Pastor of the Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh, was hospitalized during the convention. Word has come that he is out of the hospital and much improved.

Woman's Page----

FROM THE DESK OF YOUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER

Dear Sisters and Friends:

Please be reminded that the Mid-Year Session of our Woman's Convention will be held—

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DEEP RIVER BAPTISTS HOLD CONVENTION OCTOBER 1-3

The 55th annual session of the Deep River Missionary Baptist Association and Women's Auxiliary Convention of North Carolina convened at the Edward Grove Baptist Church of Liberty, N. C. Friday, October 1, 1971 and closed on Sunday, Dr. M. P. McCleave, host pastor, and Rev. A. T. Alston of Burlington, moderator.

The theme of the convention was: "A Relevant Church for the Decade of the Seventies", (I Kings 8:20); 1971 — "A Personal Commitment to the all Sufficient Christ", II Timothy 1:12.

It was estimated that more than 250 delegates, ministers, Baptist and friends attended the three-day meeting in Liberty.

PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Dr. A. F. McCleave, Siler City, Devotional Leader for Association; Mr. H. V. Bryant, Superintendent, Central Orphanage, Oxford; Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary, General Baptist State Convention; Rev. J. Z. Alexander, Dean of Shaw University School of Religion, Raleigh; Mr. Clifton Stone, Deacon at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, (Chatham), Chapel Hill; Rev. D. F. Brown, Moderator of Ministers-Deacons Union, Durham; Rev. Gregory T. Headen, Minister of Taylors Chapel Baptist Church, Pembroke State University, Pembroke; Mrs. P. L. Foster, Representative to Leadership Training Conference, Laurinburg; Mrs. E. B. Turner, Vice President of Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N. C.; Rev. J. L. Morgan, Pastor of Wall Street Baptist Church, Sanford; Rev. A. T. Alston, Moderator of the Convention, Burlington; Mrs. A. B. McCleave, Representative to Woman's State Baptist Convention; Mrs. M. E. Singletary, President of Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Fayetteville State University; Rev. Sampson Buie, Pastor, Roberts Chapel Baptist Church, Goldston, A & T State University, Greensboro; Rev. A. C. Moore, Devotional Leader, Fayetteville; and Mrs. Clara Kersey, President, Ushers' Union, Sanford.

First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro Holds Dedication Service Sunday, October 3, 1971

PASTOR—E. E. HARRIS

First Baptist Church in North Wilkesboro held its Dedication Service at their newly renovated church on B Street and concluded with a week of service to usher in their Homecoming on the following Sunday.

It was noted by the board and members that the church has grown more in the last four years under the leadership of Rev. Harris than all the other years of history.

Here are some of the achievements of our church: We purchased two lots adjacent to the church for parking. We have added three new Sunday School rooms, a new office for the pastor, a completely new kitchen, two bathrooms, rearranged the choir stand directly behind the pulpit and installed an intercom system throughout the church.

We also have programs for all ages of children at our church. We have a Junior Usher Board, a Junior Deacon Board, a Youth Choir for children of all ages and on Wednesday night there is a class taught for those who are interested in learning more about the Bible.

Our church has grown in all ways — Membership has increased 40%; Regulation attendance up 50% and Finance up 90%.

Reverend Harris is president of the N.A.A.C.P. in North Wilkesboro and is also on the Committee and Advisory Board at the State House of Corrections in North Wilkesboro. Rev. Harris holds a Doctor of Divinity Degree.

Rev. Harris is married to the former Miss Levada Brooks. They have one daughter, Cynthia, age 12 - a seventh grader. Mrs. Harris is the director of Cynthia's Day Care Center (named for their daughter) in Claremont. Daughter Cynthia was recently crowned Miss First Baptist.

PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH INSTALLS NEW PASTOR



Dr. William C. Butts

The historical Providence Baptist Church, Edenton, that was organized in November, 1865 installed its 13th Pastor, the Rev. William C. Butts, Bth., D.D.; Sunday, October 24th, at special services at 4:00 P.M. Invitations were sent to all pastors and churches of all faiths to join the processional. The guest speaker was Dr. J. Joseph Freeman, a noted educator, preacher and teacher. Dr. Freeman is a teacher at Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Virginia; Roanoke, Ins. a branch of Shaw University in Elizabeth City; and Secretary of the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention; President, Hampton Minister's Conference; member of the Merto Bap-

tist Minister's Conference of Tidewater; and Pastor of the Queen Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. Freeman brought his congregation with him to Edenton. Rev. Butts is a member of the guest preacher's church.

The new pastor of Providence Baptist was former minister of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., Washington Street Baptist Church, Danville, Va.; historical Shiloh Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Va. and his last work was with the Rose of Sharon Baptist Church, Norfolk, his native city.

Rev. Dr. Butts was trained at Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, Va.; further study at Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia (Summer Classes); Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Virginia and causes at Bible College, Chicago, Ill. and evening classes at the University of Virginia; evening classes, Waynesboro, Virginia. He is a new member of the Edenton Chamber of Commerce, Inc. He is married to the former Gearldine M. Morris of Lynchburg, Virginia; and they have two children, Gerald C., and Delores C. Butts.

The program included the following: The welcome, Mrs. N. P. Wilson; Response, Mr. William Bland, a friend, Norfolk, Virginia. The first Scripture: Rev. John E. Gray, Pastor, Edenton Baptist Church; 2nd Scripture: Rev. Warren Nance, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Edenton; Installation Prayer: The Rev. Oliver Welch, Pastor, Gale Street Baptist Church; Hand of Fellowship: William A. Reeves, Vice Chairman of Deacons; Charge to the Church: Rev. E. L. Earnhart, Edenton Methodist Church; Charge to the Church: Rev. Anthony Hathaway, Pastor, Hawkins Chapel and Center Hill Methodist Churches; The Presentation of the Bible: J. B. Smell, Board Chairman; the Keys: A. C. Hudson, Board Chairman of Trustees. The Pastor-elect presented the speaker. Presentation was made by the General Chairman for all groups, and members and friends by Mrs. Johnnie B. Sessoms. Dinner was served following the Installation services.

NOTICE

Due to the exceedingly heavy cost of operation, the **Baptist Informer's** subscription rate has been increased from \$2.00 to \$2.50. When sending renewals or new subscriptions, kindly include the additional 50 cents.

Thank you,
George W. Dudley, Editor

FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

I am pleased to report that the recent session of the General Baptist Convention was one of the greatest. It was largely attended. The speakers were superb and the fellowship was truly wonderful. Our sincere thanks to all of you who made this possible.

Our budget for 1971-72 is \$471,000.00. These figures look good on paper, but in order for them to become a reality, we need the continued support of our moderators, pastors and laymen.

TOTAL RECEIVED FROM ALL SOURCES AT
THE ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL
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As we go to press, word has reached us that Dr. E. L. Harrison, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. and President of the Progressive National Baptist Convention passed on Sunday, November 14.

Terrell-Sherrills Ford Man Named To CVTI Board

A Terrill-Sherrills Ford Community resident was appointed a member of the Catawba Valley Technical Institute Board of Trustees by action of the Catawba County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting.

Weddie N. Gabriel, a real estate developer and general agent of the Integrity Life Insurance Company, was appointed to the twelve-member board. A native of the community, the 59-year-old Mr. Gabriel has spent most of his life in the Terrill-Sherrills Ford area. Attending school in the community, he completed seventh grade. After two years in New Jersey, he returned to Catawba County and became engaged in farming. He married the former Lovella Connor, now deceased. They had one child, a son, Weddie L. Gabriel.

Timber Buying, Selling

A man of industry and initiative, he entered into a timber buying and selling enterprise sometime later. In 1952 he was licensed to sell insurance and became a part time agent with the Integrity Life Insurance Company. In 1958 he became Assistant General Agent and in 1963 was appointed General Agent.

Mr. Gabriel became active in real estate development in 1968 and with his son has developed Gabriel's Pinewood Acres, located between Terrell and Sherrills Ford near Motts Grove United Methodist Church.

Active in a number of church and community activities, Mr. Gabriel is a member of the Catawba

County Human Relations Committee. He is also chairman of the Legal Redress Committee of the Catawba County Chapter of the NAACP. A member of the New Prospect Baptist Church at Sherrills Ford, he serves as a deacon and as church auditor. He has also served as a trustee. Beyond his local church services, Mr. Gabriel is president of the Laymen's Convention of the Mountain and Catawba Mission Baptist Association.

Various Awards

Integrity Life Insurance Company, with which Mr. Gabriel has been associated for many years, has presented Mr. Gabriel with various awards and forms of recognition for outstanding service.

Mr. Gabriel serves as vice president of the Sherrills Ford-Terrell Volunteer Fire Department.

In expressing his philosophy of life and his motivation for success, Mr. Gabriel said, "As people of Catawba County we don't always appreciate what we have accomplished." He added, "We should not become complacent with our success" and declared further, "Catawba County and the local community affords the opportunity to make much greater progress than we have yet achieved."

Two Fine Women

Mr. Gabriel is married to the former Gorettha Mull. Mr. Gabriel says he has been blessed with two fine women who have been an inspiration and are due much of the credit for whatever success he has attained. Known in the community as an enterprising, hard-working businessman, Mr. Gabriel accredits General Agent W. R. Saxon of Integrity Life for much of his desire to succeed in the field of insurance as well as other endeavors. He credits Mr. Saxon with having the "image" or being an example of one who instilled a desire for success and a willingness to strive for goals in those who worked with him.

CVTI trustees serve eight-year terms. Four are appointed by the Governor, four by the joint school boards, and four by the county commissioners.

RETIREMENT PLAN OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CONV.

In the report of the Committee on Resolutions of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, it was stated (on Pages 7 and 8) that "the churches should make provision for the comfortable retirement of their ministers who have served them well through the years . . ."

In response to this significant resolution, The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board of the American Baptist Convention is pleased to know that the General Baptist Convention has gone on record to seriously consider the present and future

well-being of the ministers of the North Carolina Convention. The American Baptist Convention, which has a dynamic, growing region consisting of over 125 churches in the South, including 11 in North Carolina, believes it has a very adequate program for ministers of the General Baptist Convention to consider. The Southern Regional headquarters for the American Baptist Convention is located in Atlanta, Georgia, and Dr. E. B. Hicks is the Regional Executive Minister.

The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board was created by the denomination shortly after the turn of the century for "the better maintenance of the ministry." One of the ways in which the Board seeks to fulfill this objective is through The M & M Benefit Program. This great comprehensive program provides protection for the minister and his family in the event of illness, disability, and death, as well as income during retirement. This comprehensive program includes three Plans: the Retirement Plan, which is an important supplement to Social Security; the Death Plan, the employer's plan of group term life insurance available to all members of the Retirement Plan; and the Medical Plan, with its broad coverage for active members of the Retirement and Death Benefit Plans and their families.

In addition to the Retirement and Medical Plans, The M & M Board also provides others services such as:

1. Two area representatives. These ministers are available for visiting and counseling with those who are experiencing personal, professional, family or financial problems.
2. The Salary Support Program assists eligible American Baptist churches to increase the salaries of their ministers.
3. Retirement services consist of pre-retirement counseling, a program of annual visitation to annuitants and grantees, and informative publications.
4. Annual grants are provided to retired ministers and missionaries, and their widows, who are in serious financial need. In addition, educational grants are made available to widows to further their education and to prepare them for a vocation; and to assist children of deceased ministers to attend schools, colleges, and universities.
5. Emergency assistance is given to active and retired ministers and their families experiencing serious financial hardship. Such assistance is made possible in part by the Communion Fellowship Offering received from churches throughout the denomination.
6. In addition to the above, the Board provides information about Incomes Taxes and Social

Security; furnishes salary information to churches; publishes a booklet on wills and **Tomorrow** magazine; and sponsors a complimentary luncheon for ministers at the American Baptist Convention.

The Retirement and Medical Plans are specially designed for ministers, missionaries, and laymen serving churches related to the American Baptist Convention. All administrative expenses of The M & M Benefit Program and other services are made possible by income from the Board's endowment fund. This fund is made possible through the gifts and bequests of persons interested in "the better maintenance of the ministry."

This information is only the general description of the program and services we provide. Upon request, and at no obligation to the pastor or the church, we will forward further information regarding specifics of the program and will be happy to assist you in interpreting the provisions of the program and other services of the Board. It is our ministry to serve those who pastor others and with such service will relieve some of the minister's anxiety about his future financial security. As each minister seeks to fulfill his ministry, we seek to support him in this endeavor.

The Reverend Joseph Dancy, Jr.
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OLIVE BRANCH BAPTIST CHURCH WOMEN'S DAY

Left to right: Dr. M. D. Thorpe, President, Elizabeth City State University; Mrs. Mattie Hill, "Woman of the Year"; Miss L. E. McMurren, Chairman, Women's Day Committee; Mrs. Christine Williams, Co-Chairman, Women's Day Committee; and the Reverend Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr., Pastor of Olive Branch Baptist Church (Elizabeth City). The Rev. Mr. McNair presents silver tray to Mrs. Mattie Hill as "Woman of the Year" at Olive Branch Baptist Church (Elizabeth City).

HISTORIC OLIVE BRANCH CELEBRATES WOMEN'S DAY

Historic Olive Branch Missionary Baptist Church of Elizabeth City recently celebrated "Women's Day" with Mrs. Lula G. Thorpe, wife of Elizabeth City State University President, Dr. Marion D. Thorpe, as speaker. Mrs. Thorpe eloquently traced the growth and development of Black women in America while emphasizing the hardships which they have endured from their initial arrival as slaves. Mrs. Thorpe stressed the desire of Black women to exercise those rights and enjoy those privileges which are due them and emphasized that they want nothing more nor less. Music was rendered by the Ladies Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Ella Bryant.

The Rev. Nathaniel C. McNair, Jr., Pastor, presented a sterling silver tray to Mrs. Mattie Hill honoring her as "Woman of the Year." Scripture and prayer were delivered by Miss Lurania E. McMurren, Chairman of the Women's Day Committee, with announcements and acknowledgement of visitors by Mrs. Sarah Felton. Mrs. E. Christine Williams, Co-Chairman of the Committee presided over the Service.

Mrs. Williams was presented with a beautiful gift by Pastor McNair for reporting the highest amount of funds, as a token of the Church's appreciation for her effort. Other Captains reporting were Mesdames Clara Bowman, Edna Bond, Mary Boyd, Lillian Felton, Sarah Felton, Tallie Felton, Martha Grandy, Myrtle Rivers, Georgia Smith, Louise

Thompson, Mary Trotman, and Miss L. E. McMurren. A multi-racial audience enjoyed the Service.

This effort enabled the Church to pay the balance owed for the renovation of the Parsonage.

The Rev. Mr. McNair was called to Olive Branch in February of this year and since under his dynamic leadership the Church has liquidated a mortgage balance of one-thousand dollars, completely renovated the Parsonage at a cost of nearly four thousand dollars, and maintained current expenses with a comparatively small membership.

SHAW PRESIDENT OFFERS INNOVATIONS IN EDUCATION

Shaw University President, Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, called on his private institution to look for ways to shorten the time required for a college degree, from the traditional four to a three year period.

In his address, officially opening Shaw University's 107th academic year, Hargraves told faculty, staff, students, alumni and friends that he was directing a student-faculty task force to look into the three year degree, along with other innovations, and "shake this university from top to bottom."

Beginning his first full year as President of Shaw, the 52 year old President outlined his plans for the future of the 106 year old predominantly Black school.

He told the student-faculty task force which he appointed to "cut the fat" from the curriculum to produce undergraduate study, and at the same time, he urged more intense and disciplined study along with finding innovative ways to teach as well as learn.

Speaking to a full house in Spaulding Gymnasium on the campus of the downtown university, he defined the new mission of Shaw as that of **Building and Strengthening Institutions for the Poor, Black and Disadvantaged**. Hargraves said that, "we will have to cut all the chaff away if we intend to accomplish this mission."

A four year college will soon be an anachronism," he said. "The Ivy League colleges may go for a three-year college program by next fall."

He said with the exponential rate at which change affects the poor, the Black and the disadvantaged, "why shouldn't we take the lead in shortening the university time frame?"

Both North Carolina Governor Robert Scott and North Carolina Higher Education Director Cameron West, have urged the state's colleges to begin considering the possibility of the three-year undergraduate degree. West has constantly said that, if the state's private colleges are to survive, such innovations will be necessary.

He also intensified his hard stand on drugs which he took immediately after assuming his new position. He repeated earlier warnings to the university community, that drug users and pushers will be "summarily dismissed." He added, "you are a threat and danger to the poor, Black and disadvantaged. Our survival demands we get rid of you, and I will do it myself if necessary."

He said Shaw will focus on "education that is concerned with mainline issues of our society." He outlined several areas he hopes Shaw can develop 'centers' for, including: innovation of political institutions, economic institutions, scientific institutions, religious institutions and the cultural and communicative arts.

"If we get away from such outmoded practices, as proliferation of courses, the book-keeping syndrome, grade gamesmanship, we may really produce a learning-living society, capable of knocking down the barrier which exclude so many from manipulating the concepts so necessary either to exist in or to change today's world," he said.

He touched on Shaw's financial crisis, stating that the institution has huge bills to pay off — three quarters of a million in past debts to constrain them. But he added, "we can't allow this to stop us from implementing these education reforms."

"We may have to become a communal enterprise — sharing our food with each other rather than let this University close up," he said. "Bills have to be paid and there may come a time when we pay bills outside, before we provide for ourselves," he added.

He also said that Shaw and St. Augustine's College, the cross-town neighbor institution, will launch jointly a fund-raising campaign this fall, but belt-tightening is still expected.

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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE SAVIOR WHOSE BIRTH AND PRESENCE MAKE CHRISTMAS, WE GREET YOU FROM BAPTIST HEADQUARTERS AND WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS ALL THE JOYS AND HAPPINESS OF THE SEASON.

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ANNUAL ADDRESS

C. R. EDWARDS
President General Baptist
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held at
First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church
Raleigh, N. C.
November 3, 1971

Vice President Hedgley, brothers and sisters of the Convention. Thank you again for the honor you bestowed upon me last year in Winston-Salem in electing me as your President. I have striven to prove worthy of your confidence.

I have been in constant contact with Dr. Sherrill and the Convention's staff trying to help harmonize and energize the work. I have attended all of the annual auxiliary meetings and almost all committee meetings.

This office has afforded me the opportunity to attend some of our National meetings to which we belong. These meetings have enlarged my vision and expanded my horizon. As I have moved around the Nation talking with Presidents and Leaders from other state Conventions related to National Baptist,

I am sure that we need not hold our head in shame. When we measure our work by theirs, it seems that we are on our way to the Kingdom. However, when we measure ourselves by what God requires and the resources available we have just begun our work.

We are indeed grateful to the Reverend W. B. Lewis and the members of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church for hosting this session for us. I cannot resist the temptation to say that Rev. Lewis and I hail from the same County - Nash - and were fellow students in High School. The Lord has been gracious to both of us. This beautiful Church edifice is indicative of his strong leadership, the hospitality we are receiving is evidence of the spirit of fellowship and goodwill existing among them, their support of the work is evidence of their love for Christ and His Cause.

I pause briefly in memory of the members of the General Baptist family who have gone to receive their eternal reward. Special mention is hereby made to the Under-Shepherd's - Pastors - whose calling it was to "feed the flock of God". Many of them would be here today but their "Voices are hushed in death, their bodies are deposited with their kindred element - the dust, and their souls are gone back to the God who gave, waiting that final day when the trumpet of God shall sound and the dead in Christ will be raised first and on that day, the corruptible shall put on incorruption and the mortal shall put on immortality and believers will go to live with the Lord. The Committee on Necrology will give further recognition to our fallen comrades.

General Baptist owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. O. L. Sherrill who heads our entire operation in Baptist Headquarters out of which our staff works and who directs our day to day operation on the field. It is amazing to me how he holds up physically, Mentally and Spiritually under the tremendous load. Help in his area is provided by Rev. C. C. Craig, his assistant, Rev. George W. Dudley, Editor of the **Baptist Informer**, Rev. Leo Williams, director of Christian Education and Training, Mrs. Majorie Dunn, the efficient Secretary/Bookkeeper, Rev. Corbin Cooper and other Secretarial help.

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Our Auxiliaries are playing a vital role in our total program. The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary has again exceeded its budget acceptance and has maintained a spirit of fellowship and goodwill. Mrs. Vera Slade had continued to serve as President with Distinction and Christian Dignity and Mrs. M. A. Horne, the Executive Secretary continues to strive for excellence giving her best as its Chief Administrator. She is ably assisted by her Secretarial Staff. Our Woman's Auxiliary has received National recognition because of its work and commitment.

Our thanks to Brother E. M. Butler and Brother J. T. Hawkins for their years of leadership in the Sunday School and Training Union Congress, respectively. After years of service, they were given the status of President Emeritus and were replaced in their former positions by brother J. H. Martin and brother Clifford Stone, respectively.

Our Laymen's League under the leadership of brother Frank Marshall and our Ushers Auxiliary under the leadership of Mr. Arthur Williams continues to make progress.

I have attended each annual auxiliary meeting and almost every session and have been pleased with their growth and with the spirit of harmony and goodwill.

The results of our working together have meant that Dr. Sherrill's report reveals that this has been our greatest year financially and hopefully spiritually. Thank you Dr. Sherrill and helpers.

I dare not forget at least two other reasons for our good year.

- I. The objectives are worthy
 - a. Shaw University continues to be our major Christian Higher Education objective—Dr. J. Archie Hargraves
 - b. Foreign Missions is still at the very heart of our Christian Commitment and Concern — Dr. W. C. Somerville
 - c. Central Orphanage is our best way of showing concern for the "least of these" — Mr. A. H. Bryant

- d. State Missions is necessary to get the job done — Dr. Sherrill
- e. J. J. Johnson Assembly Site — the newest of our outreach objectives — is an attempt to provide a retreat for renewal so that, in the spirit of Christ, we can more effectively do the Lord's work.
- f. Other special interest objective

- II. Aside from the worthyness of our objectives, we must not forget the Pastors, Moderators, District Workers, local Church laity — male and female, who have supported us through the local and Church structure. Without the brothers and sisters at home, many of whom have never and probably never will attend our State meeting, we would be lost.

I urge each of us to give increased support to General Baptist objectives for this is the best way we now have to engage in an inclusive Ministry.

At our One Day Session in Durham last May, I outlined a general program of concern on the part of this administration. At that time several committees were appointed some of which will be reporting tomorrow. It has amazed me how willing our Clergy and laity are to serve on various committees and commissions. I like the idea of group participation in ideas and goals for our Convention. Since the committees have been diligent at work and are prepared to report and since I have had input in many of them, I shall leave many of the recommendations that I would ordinarily make to them since they are contained in their report. We have begun to work and only time will tell of the real progress that we have made.

Our New Constitution goes into effect at this session. To begin implementation of the same, it has been necessary for several meetings to be held as initial steps to implement the same. The Registration Committee was appointed in Durham and has been working, we apologize for any inconvenience it might have caused. The Committee on Nomination has been working to bring the officers and per-

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Woman's Page - - -

Committee of Host Church, New Ahoskie Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, Making Final Plans to Entertain the Woman's Convention Mid-Year Session.



Left to Right: Mrs. Amaza H. Davis, Chairman of the Hospitality Committee; Reverend Tommy L. Steele, Host Minister; Mrs. Vera M. Slade, President of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention; Mrs. Irene V. Yates, President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the West Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association.



MRS. M. A. HORNE, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, WOMEN'S HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS, N. C. STATE BAPTIST CONVENTION PRESENTS A CHECK TO DR. J. ARCHIE HARGRAVES, PRESIDENT OF SHAW UNIVERSITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 WHICH BRINGS TOTAL DONATIONS FROM THE N. C. ORGANIZATION TO MORE THAN \$13,000 FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR. THE CONVENTION HAS PLEDGED 40 PERCENT OF ITS TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME TO THE 106 YEAR OLD BAPTIST AFFILIATED INSTITUTION. THE PLAN WAS DEVISED DURING THE ADMINISTRATION OF DR. KING V. CHEEK, AND THE REV. JAMES Z. ALEXANDER DEAN OF THE UNIVERSITY'S DIVINITY SCHOOL ALONG WITH DR. HARGRAVES HAVE WORKED WITH THE CONVENTION OFFICIALS IN IMPLEMENTING THE PLAN. ESTIMATED AMOUNT TO BE GIVEN TO SHAW DURING THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR IS MORE THAN \$180,000.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

MRS. VERA M. SLADE, President

Woman's Home and
Foreign Missionary Convention

In the hush of a still night long ago a bright, new star appeared in the heavens to guide a group of

shepherds to the birthplace of a Child in Bethlehem destined to give light and hope to a troubled world, born in fulfillment of promise, to be its Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Although nearly 20 centuries have passed, the hope portended by the Star of Bethlehem is still the guiding light of millions, the great force of good in a complex society of nations where greed, violence and lust for power strive to become the dominating influence in the affairs of men.

The magic of that divine advent, the heart-melting glow which hovered over the crude manger where He lay, has reached down the corridor of years to excite and stir the best in human emotions.

Its compelling influence can engender the spirit of tolerance in hearts embittered by hatreds and bigotry, inspire generosity where greed has been the ruling passion, relight the candle of hope where despair and gloom cast shadows of fear, renew faith in God where ill-favored materialism denies the immortality of the soul.

Its spirit hovers over far-flung battlefields, and with it, the comforting reminder that He, Whose birth we celebrate at Christmas, is mindful of "the fall of a sparrow."

Tinsel and star-tipped trees, the bright trappings of Yuletide, are but a symbol of the joyous season, related to the epochal event proclaimed by an Angel chorus whose theme was "peace on earth; good will toward men."

Their mute message rekindles fires of love in family life, revives tender memories of distant friends, reaffirms faith in a future all too often clouded with uncertainties and soul-deadening doubt.

As we gather around the hearth of home, and the festive board of the season may all be mindful that the precepts and principles embodied in the spirit of Christmas are our most priceless heritage.

So long as "Merry Christmas" greetings spring spontaneously from the heart, and the generous sharing at Yuletide a practice which need no prompting, that heritage will continue to survive.

In the tenets supplied by sacred message lie humanity's hopes for the future, the vision of a noble destiny wherein "peace on earth" can become a reality instead of an unattainable illusion.

On it has been based every aspiration man can entertain for a better world, civilization's march toward a higher, more refined plane of existence, the believer's consistent climb toward the stars. The twentieth century needs to remember that, and the star that shone over Bethlehem.

STOP LOOK READ

THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA

The Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will be held —

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Try To Win At Least One Soul To Christ.
The Executive Board will Meet for 15 minutes
immediately at the close of session.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP PINS

The Life Membership Pins of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina will be on display at the Mid-Year Session in Ahoskie. These beautiful, attractive, well made and eye-catching pins are \$25.00 each. With dignity and distinction the pin identifies the wearer as a Life Member of the best organized Convention in the nation.

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A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

By EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE
MERRY CHRISTMAS!

On Christmas Day all of us in a measure become children again. Again we are endowed with simple, childlike faith in higher things and are caught up with the warmth and wonder of this city to which the light of the star has guided us.

All around us we see at work the magic of this happy day. The smiles of happiness, with their dreams realized, on the faces of eager children; the light of love in a mother's eyes; the rustle of paper and tinsel as the gifts are opened; the gaily decorated evergreen tree crowned with its gleaming star; in the heart a feeling of satisfaction and peace, and on one's lips the fragment of an old Christmas song — "Silent Night" or "The First Noel."

Christmas indeed is a time to make merry, to celebrate the joy to the world which came with the giving of God's greatest gift. But it is a time, too, to ponder anew the deeper meaning of this day and search our hearts to determine whether we have interwoven this meaning into the fabric of our lives.

Can we see that meaning clearly beyond the clutter of tinsel and toys? Have we learned how to give ourselves as well as costly presents? Do we keep Christmas in our hearts, as Henry Van Dye urged long ago, throughout the year from one Yuletide season to the next?

Do the generous impulses and the spirit of love that move us today prevail in our lives from day to day? Do we make room always in the "inn" for Him? Or do we take Christ out of our lives when we clear out the boxes and tinsel and take down the Christmas tree?

If we are to observe Christmas within its true and enduring meaning, it is for us to follow the stars through all the ventures of the everyday, making love our law of life. For if our life is to have meaning and bring to us its highest satisfactions, it must be lost in the lives of others and buried in causes much greater than ourselves.

This surely must be the meaning of Christmas — indeed the meaning of life itself. And if this is the meaning of life, surely through faith and love we can build in time a society in which the peace proclaimed by the herald angels at last may light and lift our world.

"Being In the World But Not Tanted, Tinted or
Tilted By It"
Not Smelling nor looking and moreover Not Acting
like the World

By DR. JOY JOHNSON
Pastor of First Baptist Church
Fairmont, North Carolina

If we are tuned in and listening, God May be Broadcasting over the universal Waves to the professed Christian Church saying; This is your last

day to help usher in the Kingdom of God on Earth. Early tomorrow morning at dawn of day I shall decree that Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches of Government, Department of H.E.W., Social Services and the United Fund shall be in charge of the Kingdom Building Program and that Athletes, Scientists, Doctors, Lawyers, Civil Right, Industry, Poverty, Labor and Business leaders shall be my Ambassadors of Good-will. Hippies and drug addicts will be added. All Pastors, Preachers and Ministers and Missionaries are now fired as of dawn tomorrow morning for you have utterly failed to carry out My Divine Commissions and orders. You have been Managers, Not Messengers. You have directed all your energy, time and resources on buildings, budgets and baptisms. You have forfeited your rights to be called Christians because you denied the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

If you had only Believed and loved My way Would Have Won! Other institutions were pressured by court decisions, demonstrations, protests, civil disobedience and sometimes bombing, murdering, lynching, mob violence and Wars but even these tragedies have forced men to live like brothers because of fear of annihilation.

My Command said Jesus was simple, "Love Ye one another." If this had been done the world would have been Conquered by Peaceful conquest. Now the Rocks will cryout. Now the Rocks will preach. Now the Rejected stone will become the corner stone. Now the Rejected Stone shall become the Advertising Agency for my same old program and plan. We will have new faces that are real, sincere and loving.

The Church was given orders to lead but it has become the Rescue Ambulance Squad. It comes to pick up the wounded after the tragedies when it should have been hard at work preventing tragedies.

At a time when the Church should have been living Pictures of Human Relations and Racial reconciliation, it was painting Pictures of Black and White children; trying to decide will this picture justify the Means. Christians Many Times do not realize that the means do not justify the ends. We ask ourselves some self Searching questions. Is it right to destroy right? Is it right to refuse to circulate right? When we do right are we willing to pay the price? Some may not like right but it is still right. Sometimes we will lose business, but doing right pleases God. When we do right some will refuse to give a dime for Mission, But it is right to do right. It is sometimes embarrassing to do right but it is still right to be fair and just to all men.

It was tragic that the Southern Baptist Publishing Board refused to distribute 140,000 pieces of Sunday School Literature fostering brotherhood and racial understanding at times when the church should speak and stand firm without fear. The 140,000 is interesting. It is Biblical. It is a little less than the number John saw. The Board simply said I dare you to be a Christian now. It is better to be financialy

secure than to be a Christian. This is the Church in the World and of the World. It has become tainted, Tinted, and Tilted. This body is not only to be condemned but it is to be prayed for. All other Churches black, red, yellow and white are guilty of being silent on Virtures but loud on Vices.

I know what the Answer is—the National body has a policy of not interfering with local Church internal affairs—But the real policy is not to handle a hot potato or hot issues if it effects the budget. This policy is definitely Wrong. And the Church is Wrong.

I was amazed Monday Morning to find at the steps of the Parsonage Several pieces of torn and shredded Sunday School Literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention. This was done by Protesting Youth who study Southern Baptist Literature. I understand they plan a Barnfire to burn more Southern Baptist Literature. This is Most regrettable. But I understand what they are saying.

The Church must solve some terrestrial Problems before trying to solve Celestial Problems. Problems of human relations, Poverty, Second Class Citizenship, injustices, unemployment, labor, management, Segregation, discrimination and de-segregation. The Church must be People Centered NOT POCKET BOOKED CONTROLLED.

The Church must be a true democracy and Champion of freedom, The Bill of Rights, The Constitution, Just Court decisions, and practice daily the fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man. Then the Kingdom of this earth will become the Kingdom of God with justice, equality, peace, Good-Will, understanding and brotherly Love with out fear.

Be in the World but do not become tainted, tinted and tilted like the World. That is do not smell, look or act like the world.

Will the Lord come a Second time to cleanse the Church of thieves, robbers, corruption, hate, malice and hypocrisy? Or will God turn the reins over to some other agency to carry out the Divine Commands and orders?

Tune in and listen to God's Final Announcement over the Universal Waves. Man THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. Depart from Me I know you Not. When I was hungry you did not feed me, when I was sick and in prison you did not visit me. When I was naked you did not clothe me and when I was thirsty you did not give me drink and when you saw Wrong you kept silent. Lord when did I see you in such a condition? When you saw my suffering children you saw me.

Finally, may I say the Reverend Corbin C. Cooper, Secretary of Interracial Cooperation is to be commended and congratulated for the tremendous work and dedicated service he is rendering in building bridges of brotherhood, racial understanding and goodwill among all Baptists in North Carolina. Dr. W. R. Grigg is happy I am sure to see this continued progress in race relations.

ANNUAL ADDRESS

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sonell in line. That report is scheduled for this afternoon. The document is so far reaching that it will take some time to fully implement it. Be ye well assured that we will be working to implement it and make revisions where we think necessary in keeping with the method set forth in the Constitution. Let me emphasize that the purpose and motive is to have a closer working relationship within the General Baptist family.

It is already conceded that we meet next year as guest of the people of Raleigh with a committee from the Baptist Churches and Shaw University serving as host. This meeting will be called the All Baptist Assembly with the General Baptist Convention with all of its Auxiliaries meeting as one or at the same time. A committee representing the total General Baptist family will plan the program. I hope that this will further enhance our effort of mutual concern.

It seems as if we are living in a time of Crisis and all of us are caught in its throes.

A Crisis is a stage in a sequence of events at which the trend of all future events — for better or for worse is determined. It is a turning point. It is the point in a play or drama at which hostile elements are most tensely opposed to each other. In medicine it is the point in the course of a serious disease at which a decisive change occurs leading either to recovery or to death. We are in the midst of a Crisis. Educationally, Morally, Religiously and Socially. So then there is a Crisis in the Home, Church, Schools and Government.

A Crisis is not unusual. We have always had them and probably always will. But ever so often a generation is caught in its throes, its clutches and the decision that is made at that time will determine destiny. Sometimes a long time is given in which to make a decision and then it must be made now. Some people panic when Crisis come — they become frustrated and others are challenged by it. The category into which we fit depends upon the stuff of which we are made.

- I. We must see that a Crisis can be a friend, and not an enemy. It involves risk and uncertainty, of course, but without a Crisis life would be dull and drab and there would be no hope for a better world.
- II. Crisis is essential for our spiritual life. It is a time in our lives when we must decide the road we will take. The religious expression of our forefathers indicated that they met a Crisis situation spiritually and that their situation brought about a decision that was both intellectual and emotional.
- III. In the midst of any Crisis, we must remember that God is near to help. In fact that are latent powers in us to deal with it.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- I. Inasmuch as we have adopted a revision to the Constitution and of necessity this means that certain other parts of the Constitution should and in some cases be brought in line. I recommend that a committee be appointed to do the same and bring such revisions back to be read in this session. In keeping with the revision clause of the Constitution namely, Article XII Amendments. J. Ray Butler, Chairman, J. J. Johnson, Mrs. M. A. Horne, T. A. Watkins, H. L. Mitchell.
- II. Inasmuch as there are so many who desire to be President of the Convention, I recommend that the same Committee on Revision give proper notice to change the Constitution from a tenure of 4 years to 2 years for the Presidency.
- III. That we strive, in the spirit of Christ, to put the Constitution in full effect and achieve the purpose for which it was intended.
- IX. That we reactivate a Committee appointed by a previous Administration to look into the feasibility of becoming sponsors for a low and moderate income rent subsidy housing project or some similar project and that said committee report at the One Day Session.



Dr. J. Archie Hargraves, President of Shaw University (center) happily accepts a check from the Rev. Dr. Chancey Edwards, a member of Shaw's Board of Trustees and the University's School of Divinity Trustee Board.

The check was in the amount of \$1,000 which was the first payment toward a \$20,000 pledge for Shaw University's School of Divinity. Looking on is Rev. Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary to the North Carolina State Baptist Convention and a new member of Shaw University's Board of Trustees.

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November 1971

The photo above shows the interior of the Greater Mount Herman Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C. the Reverend Johnnie O. Thorne, Pastor. This church was the meeting place of the Progressive Tar River Missionary Baptist Association when it convened in October with the Reverend George W. Dudley, Moderator.

Those high quality oak pews and pulpit set were made by Brown and Sons Church Furniture Factory, Inc. and sold through W. T. Grimes Sales Agency, 211 Ivey Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. Phone 442-3343.

The Pastor said that this church saved \$1,000.00 on this purchase and recommends Rev. Grimes should be contacted for complete satisfaction when you purchase church furniture, Choir Robes, Minister's Robes, Tailored Clothing, Pianos and Organs.

Dear Pastors, save on your church furnishings and give greater financial support to the Unified Plan of our General Baptist State Convention Inc. Give more to Shaw University, Foreign Missions.

Try God as you bring your tithes and offerings into His Store house. He will open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Rev. Grimes is also the pastor of Jerusalem Baptist Church, Warrenton, N. C.

FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

REV. LEO WILLIAMS, Director

Christian Education for General Baptists' of North Carolina has a very optimistic outlook in its favor. The soil is fertile and the attitude of many has been made ready to receive the plantings capable of yielding an abundant harvest in the future. If success is to be achieved in any co-operative endeavor, some one group must be granted the authority to make some decisions and suggest some long range policies. The Department of Christian Education of the General Baptist State Convention shall design policies and make plans for the total educational program of the General Baptist State Convention, subject to approval by the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Department has compiled certain pertinent information and is now in the process of

structuring a viable church study Course for the entire convention.

The suggested church study course will be printed in booklet form and will also contain an introduction to the General Baptist State Convention, its convention auxiliaries, and its objectives. These guidelines will be placed into the possession of State Officers and leaders, District officers and leaders, local church officers and leaders.

The Department of Christian Education shall have the following form:

- I The Organization Structure of the Department
 - A The Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention shall have administrative supervision over, and is responsible for the total promotion of the Program of the Convention. All suggestions or ideas of the Department of Christian Education, shall be cleared through the Executive Secretary-Treasurer before they are formulated into policies and guidelines.
 - B The Assistant to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall work under the supervision of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and shall assist him in the performance of his duties.
 - C The Christian Education Committee shall be composed of twenty-six (26) members; four (4) from the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, including the President and the Executive Secretary; four (4) from the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress including the two presidents; four (4) from the Laymen's League including the president and the Dean; and ten (10) from the General Board of the General Baptist State Convention. This committee shall meet at least once each year for the express purpose of surveying the educational needs of the entire convention and evaluating the present program in light of those needs. The committee shall suggest from time to time desirable changes and ways of improvement. Each member of the committee shall seek to develop an educational consciousness in the convention. The committee shall seek capable and willing representatives from its number and from the convention who may participate in Christian Education projects (institutes, workshops, clinics, conferences, and lectures).
 - D The Editor of the Baptist Informer shall be an ex-officio member of the Christian Education Committee.
 - E The Director of Music shall be an ex-officio member of the Christian Education Committee.
 - F The Manager of the Supply Store shall be an

- ex-officio member of the Christian Education Committee.
- G The Director of Christian Education shall be the chairman of the Christian Education Committee. The director shall be responsible for formulating a program of Christian Education for the General Baptist State Convention. He shall be responsible for the direction and supervision of the program which is to cover the entire convention and auxiliaries. The Director shall be responsible to the Executive Secretary-Treasurer and to the Executive Committee of the convention. He shall submit an annual written report of his activities to the Executive-Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Committee.
- II The Areas of Work of the Department
- A. Christian Education
 - B. Christian Publications
 - C. Guidance
 - D. Curriculum and Credits
 - E. Church Music
 - F. Other related Subjects
- III The Methods of work of the Department
- A. Training Institutes
 - B. Clinics
 - C. Workshops
 - D. Lectures
 - E. Sermons
 - F. Conferences
 - G. Retreats
 - H. Music Festivals
 - I. Seminars
- IV The Working Relationship
- A. The Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress and the Director of Christian Education shall maintain a close fellowship with the state presidents and district officers. They shall meet twice yearly for the purpose of promoting the work of the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress. A program of workshops, lectures, arts and crafts, oration and classes will be scheduled for the annual session of the State Sunday School and B. T. U. Congress.
 - B. The District Associations, Conventions, and local churches may be served by the Department of Christian Education through training institutes, clinics, conferences, lectures or any other methods necessary.

**SEVENTY-FIFTH SESSION OF THE LANE
CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
and
FIFTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
WOMANS, MISSIONARY AUXILIARY,
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH,
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
(OCTOBER 21 - 22 and 24, 1971)**

The session opened on a happy note with the moderator Rev. A. J. Brewer greeting the association. He stated the challenging theme of the association "The Christians Attitude in the Seventies", on the following: (a) Poverty, (b) Drugs, (c) The unified Plan, (d) Evangelism, and (e) Race.

Rev. Preston Pendergrass, Pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C. expressed very forceful the christians attitude on poverty as the theme speaker Thursday morning.

Thursday afternoon guest minister Rev. Norman Kerry, Pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Charlotte, brought the theme message on drugs. He gave some very challenging figures on drugs and urged all christians to join forces against drugs.

Thursday evening we were fortunate to have State Representative Dr. C. C. Craig give the theme message on the Unified Plan. We were well treated with his explanation on the christians attitude on the Unified Plan. Rev. Craig is always at his best speaking on this subject.

Friday morning we were surprised to have Rev. Norman Sanders, a member of The Billy Graham Crusade bring the theme message on Evangelism. He was really great as he was speaking in his own field.

At the afternoon session, Rev. H. L. Nickleson, Pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church, Midland, brought the theme message on Race. He was at his best on the race problem as he gave many examples of the existing problems.

Friday Evening was missionary time and the auxiliary really topped the evening. The singing of the Missionary Choir of Antioch Baptist Church sounded like music from the heavenly choir. The guest speaker Mrs. J. H. White of Shelby, had us on the edge of our seats as she spoke on the theme of the National Convention "New Paths of Missions in the Seventies. She made comments on a book, **THROW THE TRASH OUT OF OUR LIVES.** Mrs. White's message was very challenging and well delivered. She closed by saying, "Be called, be committed, and be concerned".

Sunday, Afternoon, October 24, 1971

The Youth of the Association opened the session with all youth in charge. The theme was "Youth Wants to Know About the Christians' attitude in the Seventies". There were many readings on the theme by youth from the various churches. The solo by Rev. Norman Sanders, "He Touched Me" accompanied by his wife, who is one of the Jones sisters National Recording Team. The choir from many of the churches sang praises to God.

Mrs. Jerome Watson, Youth Supervisor, gave thanks to all the youth for a job well done. The moderator closed the association by saying that the association had closed on the greatest year ever.

A. E. Watson
Publicity Chairman