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From Executive Secretary's Desk

Happy New Year! May It Be A Most Prosperous One

By Calvin C. Craig
Dear Christian Co-workers:

RALEIGH — As we begin the New Year of our Lord 1978, may we begin with the full knowledge that we are "Co-laborers together with God," (I. Cor. 3:9). As Christian believers, we must be totally committed and involved in the business of converting the unsaved and cultivating the saved. It is not enough to reach the unsaved and baptize them, we must also teach them and train them in the rigid requirements of Christianity. We must provide

every opportunity that those we reach for Christ may know what Christ expects of them. We preach to make Christians; and teach for Christian growth. If the church is to maintain its true function in the world, it must continue to be a preaching and training center.

The General Baptist State Convention seeks to work with churches in conducting training institutes, workshops and seminars for ministers and church leaders along with providing services that will assist the churches in advancing the Kingdom of God. Since the month of January is State Missions Emphasis Month, our churches should be fully aware of our state missions programs and services.

Our state missions have many objectives in keeping with the General Baptist State Convention constitutional structure. State Missions assist the churches in interpreting "What the Lord wants the church to do and what the Lord wants the church to be," along with providing services that will help to advance the work of the church. (See article on State Missions, inside)



Dr. C. C. Craig

Important Announcements Of

January Dates

The Mid-Year Session
Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc.
Saturday, January 14, 1978
Raleigh Civic Center
Opposit Baptist Headquarters Building
Wilmington & Lenoir Streets, Raleigh

Fayetteville
Tickets available at Baptist Headquarters
\$20.00 per person; Tables seating 9 persons reserved for church groups \$200.00
Tables seating 8 persons reserved for church groups \$150.00

Third Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Banquet
Friday, January 13, 1978
The Bordeaux Motor Inn Convention Center
1107 Owen Drive

Need immediately
100 Churches to start a "Dollar-a-month" club for Shaw University
Save Shaw - Save Our Baptist Heritage



Some of the participants in the workshop on Christian Journalism, December 30-31, at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro. Left to right: Debra Gatling and Brigette Bishop, Murfreesboro, N.C.; Rev. I.B. Horton, Dr. J.J. Johnson; Calvin Lee Peedin and Dreane Howell, Goldsboro.

Christian Journalism Workshop Held

Goldsboro — Last December 30-31, youth from many parts of N.C. gathered in the Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Goldsboro to take part in a workshop on Christian Journalism. The workshop was part of a Project-in-Ministry being conducted by Reverend I.B. Horton in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Doctor of Ministry Degree from the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C.

The expressed purpose of the "Contest of Christian Journalism" is to get today's youth involved in meaningful thinking about vital issues of today as these issues relate to Christianity. It is to focus attention on these issues in their true relationships to right and meaningful living. It is to help youth crystalize their thinking on vital issues and to develop the ability to make responsible decisions. It is to encourage youth to become actively involved in the process of Christian writing and to nurture their native abilities into maturity. It is to discover leadership ability and to encourage commitment to Jesus Christ. It is to create a wider reading public for The Baptist Informer and make it a Christian Journal for youth as well as adults.

The ultimate aim is to make The Baptist Informer a stronger Christian instrument in the battle for the minds and souls of today's youth.

The best five (5) articles will be published in The Baptist

Informer along with a photograph and biographical sketch of the winners. These articles and photographs will also be released to other publications. A special award will be presented to the top winner.

Subjects

The following five (5) subjects hold a vital position in interpersonal relationship. Christianity has a very definite point of view on these controversial issues. Contestants are invited to explore their own feelings and express how they

understand these subjects; relative to their knowledge of Christian Doctrines and beliefs.

Attention is called to the specific Christian Doctrines of: Creation, Sin and Fall of Man, Redemption and Salvation as seen in Jesus Christ, and the living of the Regenerated Life under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit.

SELECTED SUBJECTS:

1. Homosexuality
2. Pre-Marital Sex
3. Drug Abuse
4. Social and Criminal Justice
5. Abortion

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Three principal personalities at the Testimonial Dinner honoring Mrs. Vera M. Slade last November 25, at the Hobson R. Reynolds National Elks' Shrine, Winton, N.C. Left to Right: Dr. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary, W.B.H. & F.M. Convention of N.C., the featured address speaker; Mr. Lloyd R. Slade, and Mrs. Vera M. Slade, the honoree.

Theologian Identifies 12 Types Of Non-Churchgoers

By Stuart Fischer

New York-There are an estimated 80 million Americans who go to church rarely or not at all, and the Reverend J. Russell Hale, a professor at the Lutheran Theological seminary in Gettysburg, Pa., decided to find out why. After traveling 30,000 miles and speaking to non-churchgoers in six states — West Virginia, Maine, Oregon, California, Alabama, and Florida — Prof. Hale identified 12 categories of non-churchgoers. He described them on a recent broadcast of CBS News' WORLD OF RELIGION, a weekly half-hour report on religious and theological developments broadcast on the CBS Radio Network.

"The first category I've identified as the anti-institutionalists. This category includes those persons who are defectors from the church on the basis of what they see to be as the church's preoccupation with its own self-maintenance. That is, unnecessarily preoccupied with leadership, organization, money raising and the like.

"The second category I've called the boxed-in. These are persons who have once been church members and have left the church. They describe to me, in many colorful phrases, their feeling that when they were inside they felt overly confined, constrained, thwarted...Their independence was put in a straightjacket. They didn't have room to breathe.

"The third category I've called the burned-out. These are those who feel that their

energies have been utterly consumed by the church. They've been on the inside, they've been faithful, active participants in the work of the church, but they feel that the church has depleted their resources, their talents, their time.

"The fourth group I've called the cop-outs. These are people who were never really committed to the church in the first place. These persons tend to have a lack of any deep feelings towards the church. One might speak of them as apathetic people who say, 'I could really care less.'

"This category I call the happy hedonists. These are the people who find the fulfillment of their purpose in life in momentary pleasures. In particular, I found these people populating areas like Sarasota, Fla., and Orange County, Calif.

"The sixth category I've called the locked-out. These are the unchurched people who feel the churches have simply closed their doors against them. They feel rejected by the church, or neglected, or in some cases, overtly discriminated against by the church. These folks are ones who perhaps more than any others express real hostility toward churches.

"The seventh category I've called the nomads. These are the increasing number of people who wander from place to place in American society. They're so much on the move that they seldom stay in one place long enough to call it a home.

"The eighth category I call the

pilgrims. These are very honest people searching for satisfying meanings and values in life. Many of them are among the youth, who simply say I'm not going to make up my mind too soon. But some others are middle-aged or older people who are still waiting for the last bit of evidence that will convince them that the teachings of the church are correct. And they're persons who would refuse to call themselves unbelievers. They just haven't found, yet, what they want to believe.

"The ninth type I call the publicans. The publicans are the largest group in my sampling. There are the people who dimly perceive the church to be primarily populated by pharisees. They call them hypocrites, phonies, fakers; people living double lives; people whose behavior simply doesn't square with what they say they believe.

"The tenth category I call the scandalized. They look at the proliferation of all kinds of churches in the community and simply say, that if the churches can't make up their minds what is truth they'd better settle their own differences among themselves before they start talking to us on the outside.

"The eleventh type I call the true unbelievers, such as the classical type of the atheist, the agnostic, the humanist, the secularist. In general I say I found rather few persons who acknowledged themselves to be complete unbelievers. In fact, even when I do, they appear to be more of the pilgrim class, who are not finally decided on unbelief. They're hoping that somebody will give them an answer to their question. But they haven't found it yet.

"The final type is a group that, for want of a better name, I simply call the uncertain. These are people who say very frankly, 'I don't know why I'm not a member of the church. I just don't think about it that often. I get up on a Sunday morning and it never occurs to me that other people are going to church. I don't know why I don't go!'"

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

In the Baptist Informer of October 1977 an article appeared on page 4 by S.R. Johnson, titled "The Session of Unyielding Commitment." In this article Mr. Johnson in paragraph 4 quotes me as follows:

"Appealing for new horizons and greater vision for missions," President Bussey asked for toleration and understanding of all people, including homosexuals, who are involved in Christian work. "They must be rescued in our missionary endeavors." "Our task is to challenge colonialism at home and abroad. Our sights must be lifted beyond petty differences."

Now, Rev. Horton, I want to inform you that I made no such statement in any part of my message. I wish to have a correction published in this regard. Am enclosing a copy of the message delivered on the occasion of the 80th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Convention in Louisville, Kentucky.

Thank you for your cooperation in this request. You may mail a copy to me, at my expense, of the correction.

Yours in Christian service
Rev. John D. Bussey,
President

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention

Rev. Busseys corrected statement follows:

"A few years ago and even now, there were and are those ministers who made and make quite an effective contribution to the civil rights issue as it affects black people and their recognition to first class citizenship. It is strange indeed to me, however, that these same 'courageous' men of the Gospel will not expand their horizon to encompass Christian concern and militant action against the intensified increase in:

State operated gambling (many of us have our members gambling 'for the church')

Illegitimacy among teens
Recognition of homosexuality as a normal way of life (it's a sickness, a deadly disease, a sin)
Easier and easier divorce laws
Teenage and other abortions

Pornographic material in literature, art, advertising, and entertainment
Adultery and drunkenness (among members of the church)
Emotionalism as the chief ingredient of workshop — Black people are beginning to think that anything that makes sense is not of the Spirit."

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

Youth Contest

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Requirements:

Each contestant should:

1. Select one of the subjects above.

2. Fill out the Contest Entrance Application immediately and return it to:

Reverend Isaac B. Horton
424 Warsaw Court

Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

3. Secure permission to participate in the contest from your parents-guardian and pastor (if a church member).

4. All entries must have their news articles in to the Candidate on or before January 31, 1978.

Christian Journalism

Contest Application

Date:

Name:..... Age:.....

Name of Membership Church:.....

Pastor's Name:.....

Your Address:..... Phone:.....

The Subject you choose to write on:.....

Check one:

I plan to attend the Workshop:.....

I cannot attend the Workshop:.....

*(All Contestants are encouraged to attend the Workshop, but attendance is not required for participation)

Return this application immediately to:

Reverend Isaac B. Horton
424 Warsaw Court

Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Your Signature.....

Parent/Guardian Signature.....

Pastor's Signature.....

(if a Church Member)

Guidelines

A group of ten (10) North Carolina pastors, now engaged in a seminar on Christian Journalism (Being held at First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C., November 2, 1977 - January 4, 1978) will judge the News Articles according to the following guidelines:

GUIDELINES:

1. Originality of Thought
2. English and Grammar Structure
3. Writing Style
4. Accuracy of Information
5. Understanding of Christian Doctrines and Beliefs
5. Insight into Human Relationships
7. Knowledge of Subject Matter
8. Depth of Feeling
9. Attitude Toward Other people
10. Interest in Christian Journalism

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'Footprints'

Slade Honored At Testimonial

Winton — "The road has been made brighter, smoother and richer, because she shared her love in making a pathway for others," stated Mrs. Louise Slater, in her commendatory remarks regarding Mrs. Vera M. Slade, at a Testimonial Dinner honoring Mrs. Slade last November 25. Mrs. Slade is the Director of Women's Work, Woman's Auxiliary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, Inc., Washington, D.C. She was one among the scores of people who made commendatory remarks and presented gifts during the festive ceremony that took place at the Hobson Reynolds National Elk's Shrine. Mrs. Slade, a former president of the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv., N.C., Inc., was honored because of her many years of dedicated work in the area of state and foreign missions. She has been one of eastern North Carolina's most ardent supporter of missionary efforts among the women of the state. Her efforts have led to the raising of more funds for state and foreign missions, than any other single individual.

Mrs. Slade was born in Ahoskie, N.C., the daughter of the late Charlie Clingwood and Annie Bessie Hardy Askew. A member of the Zion Grove

Baptist Church, Ahoskie. She is married to Mr. Lloyd R. Slade.

Affiliation: Member of the Zion Grove Baptist Church, Ahoskie, N.C. Life member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, since 1958. Life member and Executive Board member of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Member of the Executive Committee and Executive Board of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. Member of the Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Women's Union, The Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance.

She has served in the following official capacities: President of Senior Missionary Society. Secretary-Clerk of her church fifteen (15) years. Sunday School teacher eighteen (18) years; President, Northeastern District Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs. Recording Secretary and President of the North Carolina Extension Homemakers Association. President, North Carolina Homemakers Conference. Worthy Matron, District No. 7, Order of Eastern Star, comprised of five (5) counties.

Treasurer of Chowan Valley Golden Circle of C.S. Brown Consistory. Chairperson of the Public Relations Committee of the Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons of the Jurisdiction of North Carolina. Member of the Trustee Board of Shaw University Divinity School. President of the Woman's Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

Employment: Employed as bookkeeper of Slade's Automotive Service, owned and operated by her husband for fifteen (15) years.

Currently serving as president of the Women's Auxiliary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

Citations and Awards: She has received numerous citations and awards for her faithful and unselfish services rendered to mankind. Some of these have been: Omega Psi Phi Fraternity presented the Scroll of Honor as Citizen of the Year; Life Member, Woman's Auxiliary to the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Society, Inc., U.S.A.; Humanitarian Award from Shaw University; Co-operative Extension Service Community Award, Raleigh, N.C.; Listed as Black Woman Who's Who, 1972;



Mrs. Vera M. Slade receives a plaque from Reverend C.A. Hart during the ceremonies at a Testimonial Dinner in her honor last November 25th.

Certificate of Merit, General Baptist State Convention of N.C.; the Five Year Certificate of Recognition of the State Farmers and Homemakers Conference, Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N.C.

The featured address for the occasion was delivered by Dr. M.A. Horne, Executive Secretary-Treasurer W.B.H. & F.M. Conv. Inc. Her message was entitled: "Footprints".

Dr. Horne emphasized the importance of friendship, and declared that: "it is a priceless gift that cannot be bought or sold." Her emphasis fell heavily upon the importance and significance of each individual, pointing out that everyone's life counts for something. The feeling of self-worth, as an all-important part of our well being and social adjustment, was a resounding theme through out the message. "We get so bogged down with daily livings until we forget that we are social beings — we forget that others are depending upon each of us," she stated. "I am convinced that to be a whole person, one must have a balance life..." she continued.

Relating her message to Mrs. Slade, Dr. Horne said that her footprints have made a difference for good in the lives of others. She challenged the hearers to take note and to ask the question: "What kind of footprints am I leaving?"

Other outstanding per-

sonalities were there in large numbers; among them were: Dr. J.D. Bussey, President, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Conv.; Dr. E.B. Turner who represented the General Baptist State Convention, in the absence of Dr. J.J. Johnson, President; Mrs. Georgia Turner, President, W.B.H. & F.M. Con.; Rev. J.A. Davis, Moderator West Roanoke Baptist Association; and Dr. C. Melvin Creecy.

Former Convention Executive Secretary, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, and former President, G.B.S. Conv., Dr. C.R. Edwards were also in attendance, along with outstanding women in the persons of former presidents, of the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv., Mrs. J.B. McLester, and Mrs. Louella Edwards. Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Publicity Chairman and First Vice President of the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv. also graced the occasion.

Mrs. Dimple Newsome sang: "Let The Work I've Done Speak For Me." Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary, G.B.S. Conv., spoke of the value of a virtuous woman.

She was presented numerous gifts, among them were: a single red rose as a symbol of the roses Mrs. Slade has given others; a "Book of Remembrance" and a silver tray. On the wall, behind the guest-of-honor table, was a sign that read; "To Vera Slade With All Our Love."

It was indeed a never-to-be-forgotten occasion in honor of a most deserving person.

Women's Convention Past President

McLester Is Guest Anniversary Speaker

By Ruth E. Gill

Charlotte — Mrs. J.B. McLester delivered a most dynamic as well as motivating message on Sunday afternoon, last November 20, commemorating the 29th Anniversary of the Missionary Circle of New Zion Baptist Church, in Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme was: "Winning The World For Christ."

Mrs. McLester noted in her opening remarks the many activities that have demonstrated "leadership in operation" through the missionary's work within his or her own community, on a state-wide basis. She seemed especially delighted to see the enthusiasm of New Zion's young people and the excellent singing performance of the Youth Choir.

She highlighted our challenge as Christians and missionaries by quoting the New Testament directive, (Matthew 24:14): "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Hence bringing forth our theme "Winning The World For Christ".

She declared missions to be



Mrs. J.B. McLester

the foremost, as well as the personal responsibility of every Christian. Stating that Christianity has always been, and still is an agent of change, she pointed out that our techniques and methods must be perfected to make them relevant to present day needs. Our ultimate goal and major objective, "Christ in Every Home" must remain our motto, not only

in thought, but through deeds as well. As Christians and missionaries, we must first know God for ourselves, before we attempt to reach others; and our attitudes must be one of personal concern and responsibility.

Mrs. McLester's speech ended with a personal challenge to each individual present, to work hard and diligently, so that we might see ourselves as a part of God's great world; making it a better place for mankind with love as the key to mission; thus, "Winning The World For Christ".

Reverend B.R. Robinson is minister and Mrs. Carrie Johnson is President of the Missionary Circle.

Children are more tractable than adults, and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will make them happy and good.

—Mary Baker Eddy

Nothing save divine power is capable of doing so much for man as he can do for himself.

—Mary Baker Eddy

Thank You

From
President,
Mrs. W.M.H. Adams
of the
Rising Star Baptist
Association's Woman's
Auxiliary

Winston - Salem — The 38th Annual Session of the Rising Star Woman's Auxiliary was held last May 13-14, with the Antioch Baptist Church, Granite Quarry, N.C., Reverend R. Wyatt, pastor. The Reverend

J.B. Gaston is moderator and Reverend W.M. Adams is Vice Moderator; both attended the session, along with many others, to give support to the work.

The General theme for the session was: "Reach Out And Touch." The spirit of the Lord met us there; therefore, the president is sending this note of thanks to each of you, for your support and help in making this a banner year. Just keep on Touching for the Lord!

Tribute To An Outstanding Baptist

The citizens of Richmond County paid tribute to Mrs. Ruth P. Watkins, a member of the Providence Baptist Church, Rockingham, N.C., and North Carolina's Teacher of the Year 1978, in a reception in the lobby of the Richmond Senior High School, November 30, 1977. She was selected for this coveted honor from among 15 finalists across the state. Mrs. Watkins, a dedicated and concerned teacher has always epitomized the concept of the "Ideal Teacher" and is an excellent choice to represent the "best" in the teaching profession.

A native of Wendell, North Carolina, Mrs. Watkins graduated from the public schools of Brookbound County, New Jersey. She received her undergraduate degree from North Carolina Central University and her M.A. degree from Columbia University. A classroom teacher who constantly seeks ways to improve her competencies in the classroom as well as broaden her professional development. Mrs. Watkins has done additional studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, Greenville, University of Reims, Reims, France, and Hamilton College in Clinton, New York.

A veteran teacher with more than 30 years of service, Mrs. Watkins has helped to mold and influence the lives of more than 4,000 students in Richmond and Moore counties. Many of our outstanding young graduates

attribute much of their success in life to Mrs. Watkins - her teaching, counsel, and her profound influence. Through her involvement and sponsorship in student-oriented activities, Student Council, French and Social Studies clubs, and Student Travel Abroad, Mrs. Watkins has contributed much to enriching and broadening the cultural and social experiences of hundreds of her students.

Mrs. Watkins' belief that the role of a teacher extends beyond the four walls of her classroom is evident in her involvement in community and civic services. Currently, she serves as an active and participating member of the following boards and committees: Board of Trustees of the Richmond County Library, the Richmond County Theatre Board, Rockingham City Beautification Committee, Secretary of Precinct No. 2, Democratic Party. She has served as clerk of the Providence Baptist Church for two decades.

Our local radio station WAYN cited her as one of the "Outstanding Women in Richmond County" in 1974. Her professional sorority, Alpha P. Chi selected her as North Carolina's Outstanding Woman in Alpha P. Chi in 1971. She is the wife of Mr. J. C. Watkins, a Shaw graduate, Principal at the Leak Street School, and member of the Rockingham City Council. She is the mother of Billy Watkins, a junior at North



Ruth P. Watkins

North
Carolina's
Teacher
Of Year
1978

Richmond Senior High

Carolina Central University and the foster mother of Mrs. Dorothy Williams of Durham, N.C.

Along with the plaques and citations presented her from a number of City and County

organizations, Her pastor, Rev. R.T. Gilchrist presented her letters from President J.J. Johnson and Executive Secretary C.C. Craig, on behalf of the General Baptist of North Carolina.

Good Prescription For A Good Leader

Take five drops of good manners; 12 ounces of common sense; 10 ounces of consideration; 1 ounce of behavior; and boil it down to normal, using a little self respect and general behavior - sweeten that with manhood and race pride.

Take nine drops three times a day before meals. Use with prayer. When praying, use common sense. Only ask your needs. Leave off wants, and don't forget to say "Amen." Some one else can pray too.

You can have this prescription filled at house of understanding; next door to reason; and must be taken according to directions.

Poem

As a race, we all should learn,
We should learn to take heed
If we desire to reach the goal
Cooperation is what we need.

To be a successful race
Some must follow; some must lead
But regardless to what you do
Cooperation is what we need.

Since we all cannot be Leaders,

Here the thing for us to do
Cooperate with the one who is leading
And we are bound to go through.

There is nothing impossible for a Black man
Upon the face of the earth.
One of the wisest men ever lived,
A Black Mother gave him birth.

Black is really honorable
To be black is nothing bad
The Bible says, Solomon was Black
He was the wisest man we had.

I thought to mention these things
Praying that you will take heed
Unity and cooperation
Is what the Black man needs.
Written by:
Mrs. Mary Bulluck Moore
Rocky Mount, N.C.

Roanoke Women In Annual Meet

By Mrs. Carrie Alexander

Robersonville — The Annual Session of the Middle Ground Roanoke Women's Union convened at the Belmont Baptist Church of Robersonville, N.C., November 5-6, 1977, Reverend Jessie Williams, pastor.

The Union opened Saturday with the President's Annual message, "Caught Up, Involved and Committed, In A Changing Time." Mrs. Alexander's message was well received by the Union.

The next Union will convene at the Olive Branch Baptist Church, Parmele, N.C.

The president is Carrie Alexander and the Moderator is Dr. G.E. Brown.

'Most Admired' Woman In Poll

OLD TAPPAN, N.J. — December 13 — The seal of approval has been put on Anita Bryant by the readers of GOODHOUSEKEEPING MAGAZINE. They have voted her the winner in the magazine's ninth annual "Most Admired Woman Poll". Miss Bryant is the television spokesman for Florida orange juice and has crusaded against equal rights for homosexuals, claiming that theirs cannot be accepted as a normal life style. Miss Bryant squeezed out Pat Nixon, last year's Most Admired Woman, for the top spot.

Last week Anita Bryant was named to the "Twenty-Five Most Influential Women in America" for 1977. This list is compiled by a panel of prominent editors and social commentators for the World Almanac & Book of Facts. Announcement of this list is concurrent with the publication of the Almanac's 110th anniversary 1978 edition.

THE ANITA BRYANT STORY (Revelle, Illustrated, \$6.95) is the complete inside account of Anita's thoughts and actions during the turbulent times of the Dade County campaign when she defended her position in spite of threats and abuse from the opposition.

3 Nights Of Training

By Doris Morgan

Three nights of training were held at the Reids Chapel Baptist Church Fountain, North Carolina, November 29, through December 1, 1977. Class starting each night at 7:30 p.m. and lasting for one hour. The class was taught by Dr. George E. Brown of Williamston, North Carolina.

Some of the things that were taught or discussed were: How the Church came about; The duties of the pastor to the Church and members; and duties of the deacons and trustees; Church and the mission of the Church.

The three nights of training were very helpful to the members and friends. There was an enrollment of 56. On Sunday, it was climaxed with a wonderful sermon by Dr. George E. Brown.



A portion of the hundreds who attended the Testimonial Dinner honoring Mrs. Vera M. Slade last November 25. The dinner was held in the dining room of the Hobson Reynolds National Elk's Shrine.

Slade Honored

Winton — Mrs. Vera M. Slade, President of the Woman's Auxiliary, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.A., Inc. and former president of the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv., N.C., Inc., was honored last November 25, in a festive ceremony, at the Hobson Reynolds National Elk's Shrine, Winton. The Testimonial Dinner was planned and sponsored by the West Roanoked Missionary Baptist Association and the West Roanoke's Woman's Auxiliary.

Reverend C.A. Hart, former Moderator, and Mrs. W.A. Mountain, spearheaded the event.

Leading personalities in Baptist circles from across the state and nation were in attendance at the elaborate dinner, the like of which eastern North Carolina has never seen before; likely it will be many years before they see it again.

(See full story on Woman's page)

State Mission: The Call To Greatness

Raleigh — Speaking of greatness calls to mind the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you, but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant." (Matthew 20:25-27). These words of Jesus Christ cut across the grain of the attitude and practice of unknown numbers throughout the ranks of the Christian Church. In recent years, there has been a steady increasing group of personalities, within the ranks of the General Baptist State Convention, who seek to use the Convention to increase their popularity and influence. Their chief motives are to use the Convention resources to enhance their control on others and to enjoy its resources as their personal gain.

This is the group that is responsible for the lack of support of our State Missions program through the Unified Program. Many dedicated pastors, lay-leaders and church members are turned off and discouraged by the type of activity they see in the egotistical behavior of those self-seeking mis-guided personalities. It is unfortunate that the vital programs of the Convention have to suffer loss, because of this unhealthy element that has gradually seeped into its ranks.

Today, the lack of financial support through the Unified Program, threatens to cause Shaw University to fall into irretrievable oblivion. If this is allowed to happen, Black Baptists can prepare to take a back seat to other denominational groups, which in the past, have been thought of as being insignificant. But it can, and will happen, if Black Baptists fail to return to the fundamental principles of Christianity.

There is a call today, pure, simple and clear, for us to return to the basic principles of Godliness. This and the love which characterized those who founded and built our great Convention is what it will take to maintain its greatness and its vitality. Those who love Jesus Christ and who care about his work as it is being carried out through the Unified Program, must highly resolve that we will leave no stone unturned to see to it that our Convention remains second to none. It is time for true Christians and men of good will to take courage, and in faith, unite our strength to insure that Shaw and our Convention lives, at least as long as we live. We alone can resolve this. In the words of the late President Kennedy: "Ask not what the Convention can do for you, ask what you can do for your Con-

vention."

An official administrator said recently that: "the trouble at Shaw is that we are seeking to cut cost by taking money from some vital programs to support others that are suffering financially. When you cut vital and necessary cost, you create factors that you cannot control. These uncontrollable factors will ultimately lead to your downfall."

Yes, there is a call to greatness today, a call to State Missions. The call to greatness is not to popularity and personal gain, but a call to duty, to responsibility, to soberness, to obedience to Christ and submission to His will.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning State Missions is the fifth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friends of Baptist of our State and



This photo, taken in the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, show the workers and participants in Region No. 8, who took part in the State Mission Workshop, November 28-30. State workers, shown standing behind the pulpit in the center of the photo are: Left to right. Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. M.A. Horne, Rev. T.L. Walker, pastor, Ebenezer Church, Rev. Leo Williams, and Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr.

elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective"

during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS; February and August - CEN-

TRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; and June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.)

Executive Secretary's Desk

Out of each dollar that is given to the Unified Program, State Missions receives 30 percent to promote the plans and programs adopted by the Convention. Churches are strongly urged to give the Unified Way. In giving the Unified Way, we will not rob one objective at the expense of the other.

What does the General Baptist State Convention seek to do through its arms of State Missions?

The following Departments along with the Benefit Commission are promoted by our State Missions Funds:

A. The Department of Home Missions

1. Evangelism
 - a. Research and experimentation
 - b. Evangelistic strategy
 - c. Theological engagement
 - d. Training of Laity
 - e. Schools of Evangelism and simultaneous efforts
 - f. Advisory service for local services
2. Church Mission
 - a. Church strategy
 - b. Community witness
 - c. Rural church ministry
 - d. Ministry to service personnel
 - e. B.S.U.
 - f. Urban Church
 - g. Christian Centers
 - h. Juvenile Services
 - i. Migrant Ministry
3. Church Extension and Building
 - a. Church extension program
 - b. Building Counsel
 - c. Fund Raising Counsel
 - d. Financial Promotion

e. Church Loan

- (1) Renovation
 - (2) Redecoration
 - (3) Building
- ### 4. Institutional Ministries
- a. Home for aged
 - b. Children's Representative Groups
 - c. Care Services
 - d. Institutional Chaplains
 - e. Adoption Council
 - f. Pastoral Counseling
- ### 5. Support and Interpretation
- a. Area Representatives
 - b. Publications
 - c. Personnel
 - d. Exhibits and Programs
 - e. Special Interest Missions

6. Interracial Cooperation

- a. Workshops
- b. Institutes
- c. Clinics
- d. Joint Sponsorship
- e. Conferences

B. Department of Christian Education

1. Christian Education
 - a. Church administration
 - b. Church School Administration
 - c. Children's Work
 - d. Youth Work
 - e. B.T.U.
 - f. Adult Work and Family Life
 - g. Leadership Education
 - h. Missions and Stewardship Education
 - i. Camps and Conferences
 - j. Laymen's League or Brotherhood Education
2. Christian Publication
 - a. Editing
 - (1) Baptist Informer
 - (2) Manual or Handbook
 - b. Guidance
 - (1) Vacation Bible School Texts
 - (2) Youth Publication
 - (3) Adult Publication

- (4) B.T.U. Publication
- c. Curriculum and Credits
3. Supply Store
 - a. Teaching Materials
 - b. Books and Church Supplies
 - c. Mail Orders
 - d. Printing
 - e. Advertising
 - f. Personnel
4. Church Music
 - a. State Director
 - b. Institutes
 - c. Workshops.
- C. General Program and Administration
 1. Christian Social Concern and Action
 - a. Public Affairs Committee
 2. Archives and History
 3. Cooperative Christianity
 - a. National Baptist Convention Inc.
 - b. National Baptist Convention of America
 - c. Progressive National Baptist
 - d. Baptist World Alliance
 - e. National Council of Churches
 - f. World Council of Churches
 - g. North Carolina Council of Churches
 - h. North Carolina Baptist Convention
 - i. Southern Baptist Convention
 - j. American Baptist Convention
 4. Management Organization
 - a. Bookkeeping and Auditing
 - b. Building Management
 - c. Personnel
 - d. Purchasing
 - e. Department Heads
 5. Men's Work
 - a. Director
 6. Women's Work
 - a. Council of General Baptist Women
 7. Program Planning
- D. Benefit Commission

1. Director Services
 - a. Pension Plans
 - b. Health Plans
 - c. Income Tax-Social Security Information
2. Field Services
 - a. Retirement Counseling
 - b. Fringe Benefits from Church
3. The Ministers Council
 - a. Fellowship
 - b. Ordination Standards
 - c. Code of Ethics
 - d. Book Clubs
 - e. Related Services
 - f. Clergy Passes, etc.
4. Lay Workers Pension Plan

In light of the Convention's constitutional plans, programs and services, the staff members of the Baptist Headquarters will seek to challenge the churches to support the Unified Plan of the Convention.

Our Unified budget for the fiscal year 1977-78 is \$1,025,000.00. If all of the churches would make their contributions through the Unified Plan, State Missions will realize 30 percent of the total budget, which will give our convention \$307,500.00 to support the plans, programs and services of the General Baptist State Convention.

Our pastors and churches are invited to study the constitutional structure of the plans, programs and services offered by the Convention. The business of the Convention is to work with the churches as "laborers together with God" to meet human needs. Our pastors, leaders and church members can help our convention meet its challenge by: 1. Giving their support and cooperation. 2. Praying for the work and the workers of the Convention. and 3. Encouraging the dependent churches to become missionary minded.

Laymen Hold Grand Retreat

By Waverly Camp, Jr.

LAUREL HILL — The North Carolina State Laymen's League sponsored a Winter Retreat last November 25-29, at the Baptist Assembly. It was a mighty weekend of workshops, study and play. Some 72 laymen and youth from across the State of N.C. came, ready to serve and work. The old and the young stopped by the Assembly, some from as far west as Ashesville and as far east as Whiteville.

Brother O.A. Dupress and Brother Waverly Camp, Jr. developed the program for the Retreat. The theme was: "Searching For A Real Christian Experience." Four workshops were held:

(1) "What Is The Church To Me?"

(2) "Searching 'Self' For A Christian Experience"

(3) "Searching 'Resources' For The Christian Experience"

(4) "A Look At The Youth Ambassador Program And Some Projections."

The State of N.C., can be proud of its young Black men. We will be in good hands as long as we give them a chance to do their thing and continue to train them, and pray for them.

Brother Richard Cogdell, President John McQueen, Brother Thomas Smith and Brother Gabriel did an excellent job in the kitchen through out our short stay.

Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary, G.B.S.C. brought greetings and challenged us to work for the Lord. Dr. J.J.

Johnson, President of the G.B.S.C., rapped to us in a very unusual way about the "Mule."

Our stay was full of spiritual food; God was surely with us as we sang and prayed the Devil Away. Reverend James F. Kelly delivered the closing sermon and off we went to serve in the vinyard.

May I take this time to thank the local churches who supported us and sent representation. Thanks to parents who trusted their precious jewels to us for a while, and thanks God for watching over us.

Have A Happy New Year !!!

Hope to see you February 18, 1978 at the 1st Laymen Study Commission, 9:30 a.m. Shaw University-Student Union Building.



Laymen in Retreat at Baptist Assembly

Department Of Christian Education Sets '78 Program

The Executive Committee of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will meet at the Baptist Headquarters, Saturday, January 21, 10:00 A.M. The meeting is for the express purpose of completing plans for the 1978 program of work. Included in the plans are: (1) a One Day session to be held with the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, Saturday, February 11, 9:00 A.M. - 2.00 P.M.; (2) the Annual Session to be held with the Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, August; (3) compilation of material for a Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress Manual; and (4) by-laws for the Congress.

All of the officers of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress, and the presidents of the district and county Sunday School and Baptist Training Union conventions are urged to be present in this meeting. You are the leaders and the direction of the

work depends on you.

Our goal for this year is to have a viable Bible teaching and church training program in each church affiliated with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. This is not only a desire but a dire need. Never before was there greater need for teaching the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. A free church can endure only if devoted men and women gladly volunteer for its educational task.

Persons who are responsible for administering the Bible teaching and church training programs in the local church must be able to interpret their church's program as well as the denominational work on the state and national levels.

The General Baptist State Convention's budget for 1978 is one million twenty-five thousand (\$1,025,000.00) dollars, and the outreach goal is to touch ten thousand (10,000) persons for Christ and church membership.

Sunday schools and Baptist training unions, as agents of outreach and interpretation, are expected to play vital roles in leading the church members to perform these functions.

The Department of Christian Education, General Baptist State Convention, is desirous of securing the names and addresses of every Sunday School superintendent and B.T.U. director for information and correspondence purposes. Further, the Department needs the names and address of all the district and county Sunday School and B.T.U. Conventions' presidents.

Each association is asked to send the Department the names and addresses of its auxiliaries' heads (Sunday School, B.T.U., Missionary, Ushers, Laymen's League, Unions, Music, etc).

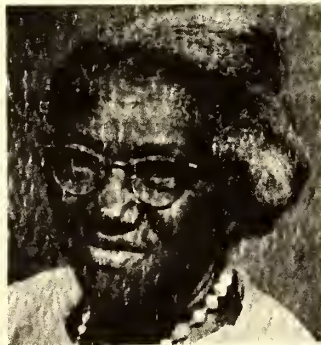
Thank you kindly for your past support and your future response.

Leo Williams, Jr., Director, Department of Christian Education Jim Bellamy, Jr., President, Baptist Training Union Congress James L. Lassiter, President, Sunday School Congress.

In Memoriam

Rocky Mount — Sister Marie Smith Stovall, daughter of the late Riley B. Smith and Mary Lou Hill Smith, was born in Scotland Neck, N.C., November 10, 1900 and departed this life at her home in Battleboro, N.C., December 3, 1977.

Her life and work centered in the Rocky Mount community, where she joined and faithfully served in the Mount Zion Baptist Church. She will always be remembered as a faithful worker in the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc. Along with her Christian activities, she would always find the time, and accept the opportunities, to become actively involved in fraternal, civic and community organizations. She organized the Drake Day Care Center in the Drake Community, Nash



Mrs. Marie Smith Stovall

County, Battleboro, N.C., where she served as director and operator until declining health prevented her from serving.

The funeral service for Sister Stovall was held, Wednesday, December 7, 1977 at the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, with Reverend George W. Dudley, pastor, officiating.



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Hymn Of The Month

The hymn should be presented in the following manner: Place: Church worship service, Sunday School, B.T.U. meetings, etc.

(1) Read the story of composer and hymn

(2) Have musicians play through to familiarize the congregation with tune

(3) Read words

(4) Sing through the verse with choir and congregation Hopefully this will create the following goals:

(1) Create congregation participation, an act of worshipping

(2) Develop a large supply of hymns

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as hymn and song relates to the Christian faith.

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Lift Every Voice and Sing was written by the noted Negro poet and civil rights leader, James Weldon Johnson. It was originally intended for use in a program given by a group of Jacksonville, Florida school children to celebrate Lincoln's birthday. Inasmuch as its words tend to convey a sense of birthright and heritage, it is often referred to as the "Negro National Anthem," and sung at the opening of various public gatherings.

Lift every voice and sing
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;

Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the

rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun

Let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
Bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;

Yet with a steady beat,
Have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way
that with tears have been watered,

We have come treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,

Out from the gloomy past
Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years
God of our silent tears,
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;

Thou who has by Thy might
Led us into the light,
Keep us into the light,
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.;

Least our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee,

Least our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;

Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
May we forever stand.

True to our GOD,
True to our native land.
Waverly Camp, Jr. Secretary of Church Music

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After 31 Years

Kelly O.P. Goodwin Retires

Winston-Salem — Sunday, January 1, 1978, marked the end of 31 years of faithful and dedicated service as pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of Winston - Salem, by Dr. Kelly Oliver Perry Goodwin. The Retirement Recognition for Dr. Goodwin was held at the Mt. Zion Church at 3:00 p.m. with scores of friends and well-wishes in attendance. A reception in the church parlor, followed the impressive and heart-warming service. A service of similar nature was held in November of 1976, in recognition of Dr. Goodwin's work and 30 years of service to the church and community. Many organizations and Depts. of the church gave tributes and presented gifts and financial contribution.

Dr. Goodwin is a native of Washington, D.C., the son of the late Reverend and Mrs. Oliver Perry Goodwin. He is a graduate of Howard University and holds the Master of Divinity Degree from Union Theological

Seminary, Drayton, Ohio. Shaw University honored him with the Doctor of Divinity Degree. He began his ministry in 1935, and was ordained in 1936 while he was a student minister at Friendship Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Pastor Goodwin has made many outstanding contributions to the Cause of Jesus Christ and his church, for which he has received numerous awards.

Perhaps one of the outstanding and most unique characteristic of this pastor is his willingness to help young ministers develop their potential. His unselfish outreach to young ministers stands in vivid contrast to the jealousy and competition seen in far too many pastor - youth-minister relationship. This editor and writer of this article was the recipient of his beneficent ministerial career. The contribution of fatherly concern and support, which this writer received from Dr. Goodwin and the Mt. Zion Church, has made



Rev. Elbert Lee, Jr.

him proud to call him his "father-in-the-ministry", through the years. A great and good man has entered the ranks of the "retired force", but the life and spirit of the eminent man of God will continue to nourish the church through his "sons" in the ministry.

The Goodwins will remain in Winston-Salem.



The Kelly O.P. Goodwins

Mayor Lauds Lee

Rocky Mount — When the People's Family Care Home for Senior Citizens was formally opened in Rocky Mount, last November, Mayor Fredrick E. Turnage landed its sponsor with praise. Rev. Lee, who has pastored the North End Baptist Church of Rocky Mount for the past 19 years, spearheaded the effort to establish the home. He is also pastor of Perry's Chapel Baptist Church, near Louisburg, N.C.

The Mayor was full of praise for Rev. Lee and his associates

for trying to improve the lot of minority-group citizens in the area of Community concern.

The senior citizen home is located at 327 S. Tarbor Street. It is a large 2 - story antique home, which is still in better shape than many recently - built homes. The Home will accommodate five adults initially.

Other personalities who appeared on the dedication program of the home were: Rev. Henry Cutchins and Reverend Solomon J. Jones.

After Nine Years

Worship Center Completed At St. John

By Mrs. W.M.H. Adams
Winston - Salem — The Reverend W.M. Adams has led the St. John Baptist Church for 26 years; His leadership was climax last May 1, when the Congregation began worship in their new Sanctuary. The Congregation had been displaced since 1968 when their former church worship center was purchased by an urban renewal program. The church was organized and founded in 1911.

St. John Church is now located at 1200 N. Cleaveland Avenue,

with a membership composed of 275. The new structure has an educational wing, a day care center, an assembly room, kitchen, rest rooms, a sanctuary that will seat 290 people, chair loft, baptismal pool, choir room, and pastor's study. The estimated cost of the new Worship Center, including additional land for parking and the paving of the parking lot, is \$250,000.

The Day Care Center is open daily; parents can register their children by calling the church office, 723-5219.



St. John Baptist Church, Rev. Adams (insert)



After 45 Years

Rev. K.P. Battle Retires

Enfield — Sunday, December 4, 1977, was a historic day for the First Baptist Church of Enfield, when the Reverend Kemp Plummer Battle, a Rocky Mount native, retired after 45 years of pastorate of the church.

That evening, some 200 members and friends - some from as far away as Richmond, Va., Raleigh, and Clinton - gathered at a touching testimonial and made presentations of gifts and cash.

These gifts attest to the love and esteem in which Reverend Battle was held by hundreds of people; many of whom were outside the Baptist Family, and had been associated with the honoree through fraternal ties over many years. He began his ministry at a youthful age at the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, in the 1920's, under the Reverend John H. Martin.

The retirement sermon was preached by Schoolman-Minister, The Reverend Abraham Walton of Emporia, Va., pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Enfield.

Others appearing on the program were: Deacons J. Douglas Wtaker, Leroy Bratnley, C.E. Baily, Reverends



Rev. K. P. Battle

N.K. Dunn and J.S. Freeman. Also in attendance was Mrs. Walker of Clinton, a secretary of a church which Reverend Battle served ten years.

He is also the Vice Moderator of the Neuse River Baptist Association and has been an outstanding supporter of the G.B.S. Convention for many years. He is a member of the General Board of the B.G.S.C.

Scout Council Receives Medal

Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. presented a Juliette Low World Friendship Medal to the Girl Scout Council of Coastal Carolina last November in Raleigh. The medal was awarded by the National Board of Directors of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. in recognition of "outstanding efforts to extend opportunities for international understanding to the council's membership."



RECEIVES AWARD — Mrs. Gloria Hayes accepts from Governor Jim Hunt the Juliette Low World Friendship Medal on behalf of the Girl Scout Council of Coastal North Carolina. Presentation was made Monday in the governor's office.

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Kentucky Pastor Called To Plains Baptist

PLAINS, Ga. (BP) — Donald Wilson, pastor of the Vine Run Baptist Church, Folsom, Ky., for three years, has been called as pastor of Plains Baptist Church here, the hometown church of President Jimmy Carter.

A 1977 graduate of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Wilson was to preach his first sermon at the church December 4.

He said he is looking forward to being pastor of the church frequented by the President, now a member of First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., when he returns home, although he added, "I won't prepare a sermon especially with him in mind."

Wilson is filling the position vacated earlier this year by Bruce Edwards, who left the church after it was factionalized over a vote to permit black members and is now a pastor in Hawaii.

"I think the church is trying to work through this thing and settle back down," Wilson said of the division, which caused a number of members of the church to leave and form a separate congregation, Maranatha Baptist Church.

"Plains recently adopted a constitution and bylaws which said that anyone can present themselves for membership, and I agree with that," he added.

O.L. Sherrill Receives Plaque

RALEIGH — The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has presented Dr. O.L. Sherrill a plaque in recognition of his work with the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Dr. Sherrill retired in 1977, after 30 years at the post of Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The plaque was presented to Dr. Sherrill by General Secretary-Treasurer Cecil A. Ray of the Baptist State Convention. Dr.



Some of the pastors who will judge news articles in the Contest of Journalism, shown in seminar at the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro: Rev. Spencer Williams is seen giving a report on Drug Abuse.

Emphasizes Importance Of Church-Related College

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter took a strong stand here on the place of church-related colleges in American life, especially in the teaching of moral values.

Carter met in the Roosevelt

Wilson replied he'd "rather not say," when asked if he voted for Jimmy Carter in last year's presidential elections, but he acknowledged that he felt Carter "has been doing a pretty good job," since moving into the White House. "I respect him very highly," he said.

The 38-year-old former veteran reportedly was recommended to the church by an Air Force colleague, who is now director of admissions at the Plains Baptist Church.

Room of the White House with 20 representatives of 17 major denominational groups involved in Christian higher education. Ben C. Fisher, executive director of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Education Commission, coordinated the group, which represents about 75-million church members in their sponsoring denominations — and about 800 colleges and universities of the total of 3,000 higher education institutions in the nation.

"It is important that you use me and my name as an endorsement from the people of our country for the contribution that has been made, is now and will be made to our nation," Carter told the group.

He pointed out that "when I was governor in Georgia, I tried to meld together public and private colleges for the common good. I also served as a trustee of a small Baptist school (Norman College at Norman Park, Ga.) which was forced to close for financial reasons.

"I have long believed in the place of church-related schools...they have not always been understood or appreciated by the public," Carter declared.

The President authorized release of a statement drafted by Fisher and the other 19 denominational executives in Christian higher education.

The statement said, "Our church-related colleges and universities have made contributions to our society far beyond that for which they have received credit. Imaginative steps must be taken to preserve our various institutions of higher learning, and I am particularly concerned about our church-related colleges."

The statement also stated: "In endorsing such support we are further undergirding our pluralistic system of education in which there is a place for a religious view of man, his nature, his destiny and a commitment to religious values. One of the greatest needs of our society today is finding new ways to develop responsible moral education. The church-related college by its very nature should find in this a unique opportunity."

It added: "The church-related college also has an opportunity to espouse in a new and fresh

way the dignity and worth of the individual, and to instill in the student the social sensitivity and the moral courage which good citizenship requires, and which this country and the world so desperately need."

The President met with the 20 denominational educational executives immediately after his historic session with Menahem Begin, prime minister of Israel.

Dedication At Macedonia

Farmville — Under the leadership of the Reverend F.R. Peterson, The Macedonia Baptist Church, Farmville, has completed and dedicated several additions to its church edifice. The renovation which began in 1974, was recently completed and the dedication service was held last November 20.

Included in the renovation program was the reconstruction of the pulpit, and choir loft; installation of a baptistry; the

Honor Society Holds Induction

Raleigh, N.C. - The Shaw University chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society held induction ceremonies for nine candidates Friday, November 18, 1977.

Alpha Chi is a co-educational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and honor those achieving such distinction. Its name depicts Truth and Character.

An honor society as opposed to a recognition society, Alpha Chi predicates its membership upon accomplishment rather than mere interest or participation. A general honor society as contrasted with a specialized one, it admits to membership students from all academic disciplines rather than a single area of study.

Inducted into the Eta Chapter were: Patricia Goddard, Alger Griffin, Louis Lee, Rosa Jones, Mildred Williams, Daniel A. Ojediran, Karen Mitchell, Susan Sharpe and Audrey Grant.

additions of a new choir room, pastor's study, restrooms, and combination classroom-fellowship hall with complete kitchen facilities.

It was a very high day for Macedonia, with the Reverend O'Kelly Lawson, Greenville, delivering the dedication sermon at 3:00 p.m.

Macedonia was founded in 1891, and holds membership in the Old Eastern Baptist Association.



O.L. Sherrill retired executive director of the General Baptist, receives a special plaque from the Baptist State Convention with General Secretary-Treasurer Cecil A. Ray making the award.



Rev. Peterson (inset) Macedonia Baptist Church

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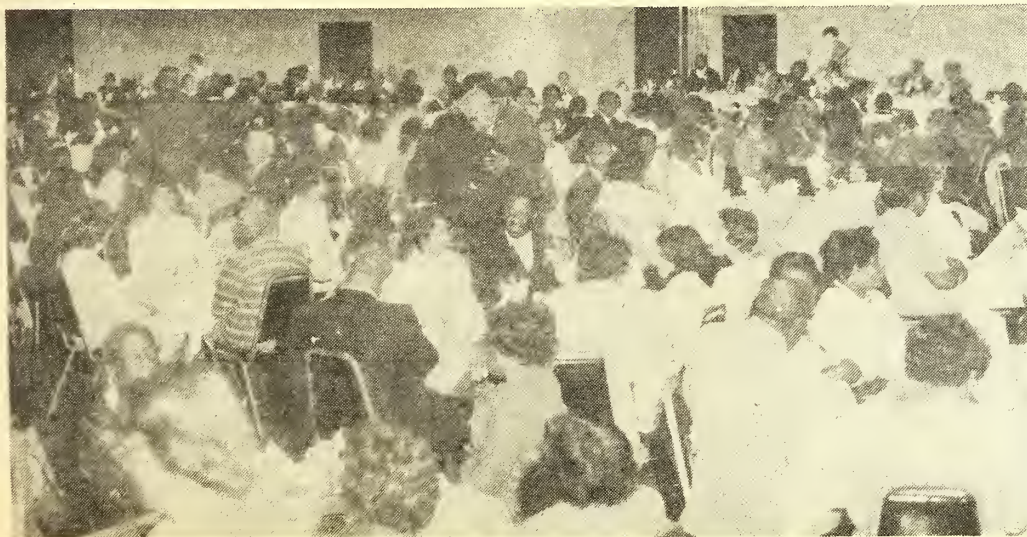
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Ingram, Hodges Embarrassed At King Memorial Banquet



A portion of assembly, Martin L. King, Jr. Banquet, January 13 Fayetteville — approximately 400 attended in a cold rain. They were from all parts of the state.

By I.B. Horton
Fayetteville — The Third Martin L. King, Jr. Memorial Banquet, sponsored by the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. was held last January 13, at the Bordeaux Convention Center. The approximately 400 Baptists and friends heard exalted words of praise heaped upon the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; mixed with commendations for many worthy Baptist leaders, and pleas for votes from an array of political candidates.

The assembly of banqueting Baptists burst into a fervor of mixed emotions when Joe Felmet, challenged John Ingram, Insurance Commissioner and Luther Hodges, a candidate for the U.S. Senate to sign a petition urging Governor James B. Hunt to pardon the Wilmington 10. Both refused to sign, saying that they felt it was the governor's decision, and that they should not try to tell him how to make it.

The Felmet challenge came immediately following the candidates' appeal for Black votes, based on their record of support for civil rights. Ingram, Hodges, Roger Sharp (Representing McNeill Smith), Lawrence Davis, N.C. State Senate; Dave McKnight, candidate, U.S. Senate; and Joe Felmet, candidate U.S. Senate, all were granted two minutes to make an appeal for votes and political support. Felmet, a civil rights activist since 1947, who spent 30 days in jail for challenging the Jim Crow Law, was last to speak. After telling of his stand on civil rights and what

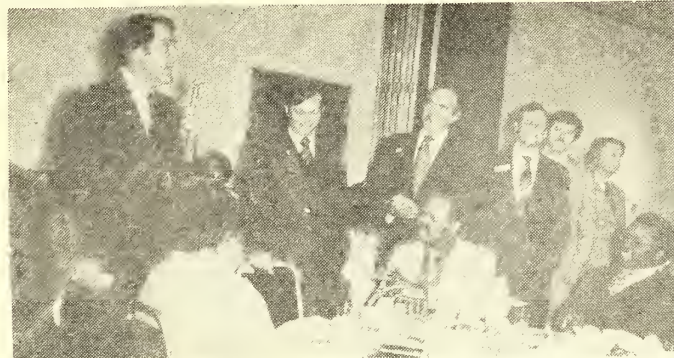
he had done of Black People's freedom, he challenged the other speakers to prove their sincerity and loyalty by signing a petition which he was circulating in the interest of the Wilmington 10; the petition called upon Governor Hunt to pardon the 10. Roger Sharpe, Lawrence Davis and Dave McKnight signed the petition. Hodges and Ingram were embarrassed by the incident when the assembly burst into loud emotions, suggesting that they were hedging when they refused to sign.

The theme of the Banquet was: "Human Rights and Full Employment." The featured speaker for the Banquet was Dr. J.J. Johnson, N.C. House of Representatives, and President of the General Baptist State Convention, N.C., Inc. In his address, Dr. Johnson contrasted the life and works of Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. with that of Jesus Christ.

He stated that Jesus was concerned with the welfare of the downcast and underprivileged people and so was Dr. King. Jesus died for the salvation of the people and so did Dr. King. Jesus arose on the third day morning giving power to his followers. "Dr. King did not rise bodily" stated Dr. Johnson, "But he is rising every day ... He is still rising today in new job opportunities for Black people; rising in better homes and communities for Black people; rising in a better social standing for Black people; He is rising in a higher standard of living for all races of people, not just Black people alone. He is rising in more voting power for

Blacks. If we will keep on praying and keep on working he will keep on rising until all of us will be able to join with Dr. King in singing: "Thank God Almighty, we're free at last"."

Some others who address the group were: Dr. C.R. Edwards, First Baptist, Fayetteville, and member of the State Board of Education. He told the assembly that Dr. King believed in the rule of love rather than the rule of the sword. "His dreams are written in the annals of history ... and we believe that 'we shall overcome



L. to R. Insurance Commissioner John Ingram; Roger Sharp (representing McNeill Smith); Luther Hodges, candidate, U.S. Senate; Lawrence Davis, N.C. State Senate; Dave McKnight, candidate, U.C. Senate; Joe Felmet, candidate, U.S. Senate. Seated, Oscar Smith, special Assistant to Insurance Commissioner John Ingram; John Mahons, Department Insurance, Raleigh.

someday' ". Mrs. Dorothy Mitchell, Mrs. Georgia Guest, and the First Baptist Fairmont Singers rendered music for the occasion in a most excellent way. Words of farewell to N.C. Baptist and appreciation were extended by Rev. M.L. Dillingham. Dr. A.J. Johnson, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Fayetteville, gave the invocation, Dr. J.C. Harris, Dr. C.C. Craig, Mrs. Georgia Turner, and Dr. M.P. McCleave also gave remarks.

Certificates of recognition were presented to a number of Moderators for their loyal support to the Convention's Objectives through the Unified

Program, among them were: Reverend Frank Bullock, Jr., Tar River Association; Reverend J. H. Everett, Western Union Association; Dr. C.R. Edwards, Union Association; Rev. J.H. Ferguson, Pee Dee Association; Dr. J.J. Johnson, St. John Association; Reverend M.P. McCleave, Deep River Association; Reverend J.A. Perkins, New Hope Association; Reverend L.D. Parker, Lane Creek Association; Reverend R.M. Young, Mount Peace Association; Dr. E.B. Turner, Lumber River Association; Dr. W.B. Lewis, Wake Association; Dr. R.W. Perry, Original Shiloh Association.

Thank You . . .



"Thank You For Supporting Missions and Christian Education" L. to R. Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary G.B.S.C. of N.C. Inc.; Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, Executive Secretary of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention; Reverend I.B. Horton, Editor The Baptist Informer; Miss Shirley Williams, Secretary, The Baptist Informer; Mrs. Captola Latta, Secretary to Dr. C.C. Craig; Miss Bettie Chislom, Executive Secretary to Dr. Horne; Miss Ivery Williamson, Secretary to W.B.H. & F.M. Conv.; Reverend Leo Williams, Director of the Department of Christian Education; Mrs. Marjorie Dunn, Executive Secretary to Dr. C.C. Craig; Mrs. Gladys S. Watlington, Secretary to W.B.H. & F.M. Convention; Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. State Laymen's Secretary and Director of Music, (inset).

An Editorial

The opinions expressed in this editorial are the personal views of the editor and are not in any way to be construed to reflect the official voice of the Black Baptists nor the General Baptist State Convention.

Governor James B. Hunt's decision not to pardon the Wilmington 10 nor to commute their sentences to time served, is one which has done untold harm to race relations in North Carolina and throughout the world. He had an opportunity to show the world that there is hope for reconciliation and healing of racial strife, but he chose to lean towards those who would perpetuate it.

In making his decision, he would have Black people believe that what he did was not political and had nothing to do with his intentions to extend his political career. He would have Blacks and fair-minded Whites believe that the Court System in this State is not unjust. In retrospect, one would have to ask if former President Richard Nixon merited a pardon "so that watergate could be put behind us" why could not the Wilmington 10 merit one, that the racial strife of the 60's could be put behind us?

It is obvious to me that the Governor closed his eyes to some startling facts in making his decision. To say that to give justice in the Wilmington 10 case would destroy the court system in North Carolina, is an exaggeration to say the least. It was not a question of whether

the Court System would stand or fall, it was a question of whether 9 Black men were not to severely punished for a situation that made them victims of circumstances.

Yes, to me it seems that Governor James B. Hunt succumbed to the ugly element of racial bigotry that is again raising its head in our nation. Yes, it seems to me that he just closed his eyes and shut up his ears and went headlong backwards into racial strife. Anyone who has sat through a Court Session in this state knows in his heart that justice is hard to find, and goes to the highest bidder.

When the Governor returns to his Sunday school class, what will he say to his students when they ask him the meaning of Amos 5:24? "But let judgment run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream."

I am extremely disappointed in the governor, because I had hoped that he would show us the way back to God and righteousness. Perhaps he thought that former President Ford lost the last election because he pardoned Richard Nixon; and just maybe the last election because he pardoned Richard Nixon; and just maybe he was thinking that he would not make the same mistake in his bid to be the first Governor ever re-elected to office in North Carolina.

Isaac B. Horton
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February Dates

To: Pastors; Superintendents; Directors; Teachers; Association Officers; State Auxiliaries' Officers; and State Convention's Officers.

My Dear Co-Laborers with Christ in Teaching and Training:

This is to remind you of the One Day Session of our State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress to be held with the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, 501 South Blount Street, Raleigh, Saturday, February 11, 1978, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We call upon you this year, as never before, to let's make teaching and training the best ever as we work with Christ in his mission. There is much to be done, and by the help of God, our loving, our praying, our planning, and our cooperating, we are going to do the job. Our goal is to have a viable Bible teaching and church training program in each church affiliated with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Your help is needed now! Please be present and urge each church to send a messenger to the One Day Session. Workshops are planned, materials are

prepared, and books are available to assist each of us in doing a better job for the Lord.

Yours for the Cause,
Leo Williams, Jr.,
Director
Department of Christian Education
J.L. Lassiter,
President
State Baptist Sunday School Congress
James Bellamy, Jr.,
President
State Baptist Training Union Congress

To: Pastors, Ushers, and Church Members

Dear Christian Co-worker:

On behalf of the North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention and for myself personally, I wish to express our deepest appreciation to you for your loyal support during our convention year 1976-1977.

Please accept this letter as a reminder of our one-day session which will meet with the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 700 Sugar Creek Road, Charlotte, Saturday, February 25, 1978. Dr. H.S. Diggs is pastor.

For information concerning the Oratorical Contest, you may

Letters To The Editor

Mr. I.B. Horton, Editor

In the 1974 year on the final day of the "ALL BAPTIST ASSEMBLY" held with the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., Dr. C.W. Ward, Pastor, I made the announcement that in the 1978 year at the Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., that I would contend for the presidency.

At the appointed time of the Annual Convention to be held with the First Baptist Church, Dr. C.R. Edwards, Pastor, Fayetteville, N.C., I intend to be present and allow my name to be used in Nomination for the presidency of the Convention.

I was reared in the East of North Carolina and pastored nineteen (19) years in an area which was less than seventy-five miles from my home town; three (3) years in Rose Hill and Duplin County (during Seminarian days) and sixteen (16) years in Wilmington and New Hanover County fresh out of Shaw Divinity School. With the pastorate of seven years (7) in

Radiothon

Raises \$13,297

Raleigh, N.C. - The Raleigh-Wake Chapter of the Shaw University National Alumni Association and WHA-FM Radio Station conducted a 30 hour radio marathon on Friday, December 9th and Saturday, December 10, 1977.

The purpose of the radiothon was the raise land acquisition funds for the purchase of a 6.3 acre tract of land. This land is located on the south end of Shaw's campus, bounded by Blount Street, Bledsoe Avenue, Wilmington Street and Smithfield Street.

The goal of the radiothon was \$10,000. But when the final tally was announced, the grand total was \$13,297.

The total cost of the land is approximately \$67,000, and the Raleigh-Wake Chapter's radiothon was just one of many projects being undertaken around the country by the National Alumni Association. Chapters in other areas are also involved in fund-raising activities.

Musical groups that participated included the Springfield Baptist Church Young Adult and Gospel Choirs, The Martin Street Baptist Church Male Chorus, Brother Ed Hall and The Evening Five, The Shaw Gospel Choir, Chorale Society and Jazz Band.

write or call Mrs. Elizabeth Matthews, 1906 Fairmont Road, Lumberton, N.C. 28358, telephone - 739-5653, or Mrs. Mary L. Williams, Route 3, Louisburg, N.C. 27549, telephone - 438-6695.

Sincerely yours for
the Cause,
S.L. Fennell,
President
North Carolina Baptist Ushers' Convention,
Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention

Winston-Salem, I have walked, talked, preached, served, loved, fellowshiped, prayed, planned, followed and led among the Clergy, many churches and members of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. I shall not seek the office of the presidency by campaigning. I feel that I am sufficiently known and that my works speak loudly and vividly in the minds of all. Very humbly I say that I shall be prepared to serve in such august office in the event that the people wish to elect me by virtue that God has endorsed me. Yet, I shall continue to bless and work in the event of another choice.

J. Ray Butler
2800 Gilmer Avenue,
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Dr. Calvin C. Craig,
Executive Secretary
General Baptist State
Convention of North
Carolina

Dear Dr. Craig:

I trust that your transition into the new position has been a smooth one and I pray that your tenure will be long and fruitfully blessed. Although I have not met you personally, I have enjoyed your written messages to our state membership. Many have spoken of the hope for the convention as seen in you.

Please accept these constructive suggestions for inclusion in future publications of **The Baptist Informer**:

1. List current an-

nouncements, events, and dates in the publication preceding that month, i.e., March events should be listed in the February edition and so on throughout the year. Presently, when the Informer is delivered, most events have already occurred.

2. Plan ahead for Monthly Emphasis themes also as in item 1 above. In this way layman, pastors and workers will have necessary information for discussion and dissemination at the beginning of each month for Unified Program purposes. Therefore, if possible, the February edition should carry themes for both February and March. If not, the March edition should carry themes for both March and April until you can get one month ahead.

3. If possible, provide space for monthly Youth News Coverage. The Journalism workshop and writing were good ideas. More and varied projects of this nature are needed. Each department of the convention with youth responsibilities could jointly concentrate their effort in this direction to avoid duplication and dilution effect.

I trust that the foregoing will be taken in the constructive manner it was intended. I stand willing to assist the convention, its departments or you in anyway that I may serve.

May your work be filled with successes.

Sincerely yours,
James Jordan, Jr.
Assistant Superintendent
Federal Programs

Wanted: Executive

Secretary - Treasurer

Applications are now being received for the professional position of Executive Secretary - Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Official Blanks may be requested by mail - Office of the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina 603 South Wilmington Street Raleigh, N.C. 27602.

All applicants must hold a college degree, must be a member in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, must have a reputation of

honesty and present acceptable references attesting mental maturity, emotional stability and administrative ability.

The job requires the applicant to live in the Raleigh Area. All applicants meeting the basic qualifications will receive appointments prior to final screening by the personnel committee.

All applications should be sent to:

Dr. J.C. Harris
840 Armstrong Street
Statesville, North Carolina
28677

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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North Carolina Human Relations Council Annual
Recognition Banquet and Workshops
February 10-11, 1978
Jane S. McKimmon Educational Center
located on the campus of
North Carolina State University

Baptist Woman's Convention Portray Theme

Witnessing With Power

By Thelma C. Horton

Raleigh—In the midst of sleet, snow, rain and freezing cold, some 1,200 Baptist women traveled many hours last January 14, to the Raleigh Civic Center to give an account of their stewardship. Surely this was a clear portrayal of the Missionary Convention's theme: "Witnessing with Power." Three main departments convened and began and sessions with spirit-filled devotions.

Mrs. Georgia Turner, president was presented with an orchid as she presided with efficiency and poise over the session marked with reports and inspirational messages.

Dr. C.C. Craig reminded the messengers of the G.B.S.C.'s 1978 Financial and spiritual budget of one million and twenty-five thousand dollars and 5,000 souls to be saved. He urged them to keep in mind that we are responsible to God, not for what we give but for what we are capable of giving. His praises for Dr. Horne were in the highest degree as he said that he was renaming her "Mrs. Baptist." Thus she now has two names: "Financial Wizard" and "Mrs. Baptist".

Dr. Horne, "Financial Wizard" and "Mrs. Baptist", came before the Convention and reported that of the 91,000 dollars given to Lott Carey for the construction of a library in Bewerville, Liberia, West Coast Africa, 40,000 dollars was given by the Woman's Convention. The women have accepted a challenge to give 60,000 dollars to help equip the library.

The month of January is always state missions quarter, and goals were set to finish the Library project by April 8, 1978 when the statewide leaders workshop is held at the Raleigh Civic Center. Union presidents were called out front for recognition because of their outstanding support of the library project. Dr. Horne urged all missionaries to purchase a "life membership pin" (cost \$25.00), so that they can participate in the "Life member Pin march" to be held during the state-wide leaders workshop.

A note of hushed silence fell upon the gathering as she announced that she would be retiring from office as Executive-Secretary-Treasurer on December 31, 1978.

Mrs. J.B. McLester received a President's gavel for outstanding service 1973-1977. It was presented by Mrs. Georgia Turner.

The financial goal for the youth department is \$33,000. The spiritual goal is 600 souls to be saved. Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, youth supervisor announced that the "Youth Supervisor's March for Africa" would culminate during the Annual Session in July at the Convention Center, Winston-Salem. Mrs. Eva Prott, past youth supervisor, presented a life membership pin to past president, Miss Elizabeth Brooks of Gastonia.

Awards presented to Shaw contest winners were: Miss

Essie Whitworth, Gaston County and Miss Warrenetta Massenburg, Franklin County. The "Have-a-Heart-For-Missions" winners were: Miss Kenna Cadwell, Mecklenburg County and Willie Bob Cunningham, Gaston County.

The young adults department session, presided over by Mrs. Brommie Daniels, director, was attended by approximately 200 young adult women and men from across the state. They projected a budget of 15,000 dollars for the 1978 year. The attendance banner was awarded to Mecklenburg County for their outstanding record set at the 1977 annual convention. The session concluded with a drama entitled: "The Challenge Of The Cross", presented by Mars Hill Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. The entire session was

marked by strong personal testimonies of deliverance by Jesus Christ.

President (G.B.S.C.) J.J. Johnson delivered the closing message entitled: "The First Church and the Now Church." Acts 11:26. The First Church was spirit-filled, he declared. Its characteristics were: 1. They were saved, 2. they were separated, 3. they were in love with the Lord, 4. they were United and 5. they were on fire. His challenge was in the form of a question: "What about your church? If you are having problems, it could be because it is your church. An effective church must belong to God", he concluded.

The Convention went away inspired to do even a greater job of the Lord's work than it has ever done.

9th Annual Workshop

FROM EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE
Theme: "WILLING — DEPENDABLE — RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP"

DATE: Saturday, April 8, 1978
WHERE: Raleigh Civic Center

HOURS: 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention will sponsor its 9th Annual State-Wide Leaders' Workshop, Saturday, April 8, 1978, The Raleigh Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

THIS WORKSHOP IS FOR THE FOLLOWING LOCAL AND STATE OFFICERS:

Circle Presidents, Union Presidents, Auxiliary Presidents, Vice Presidents, Special Workers, District Conference Chairpersons and Co-Chairpersons, Young Adult Directors, Young Adult Presidents, Youth Supervisors, Youth State Advisors, State Vice Presidents.

Hotel Accomodations

FOR THE 94TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA JULY 17-21, 1978 TO BE HELD AT THE CONVENTION CENTER 301 WEST FIFTH STREET WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA 27102

HEADQUARTERS: THE WINSTON-SALEM HYATT HOUSE 300 WEST FIFTH STREET FACING THE CONVENTION CENTER TELEPHONE (919) 723-9111 RATES PER DAY — TAX INCLUDED SINGLE (1 PERSON) — \$24.96 DOUGLE (2 PERSONS) — \$31.20 TRIPLE (3 PERSONS) — \$37.44 QUAD (4 PERSONS) — \$43.68

FOR: SENIORS — YOUNG ADULTS — YOUTH DEADLINE FOR ..RESERVATION JULY 2, 1978

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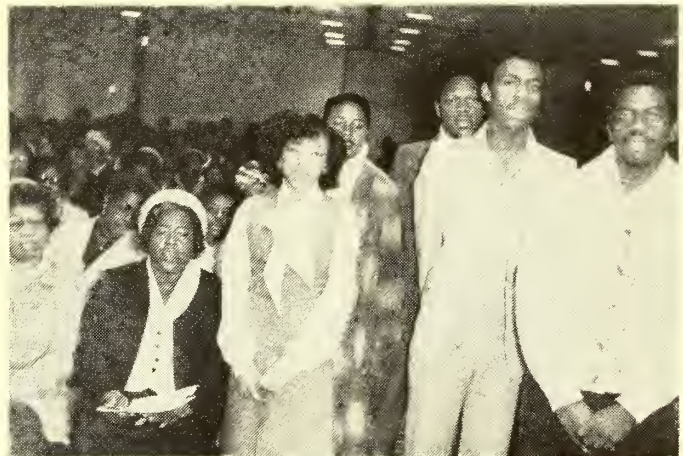
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THERE ARE 75 ROOMS RESERVED FOR THOSE WISHING TO COME SUNDAY, JULY 16 — COME ON — GET A GOOD REST — BE READY FOR REGISTRATION ETC., EARLY MONDAY MORNING! PARENTS, SUPERVISORS, CHURCHES PLEASE MAKE RESERVATION FOR YOUR YOUTH IN THE HYATT HOUSE WITH YOU.

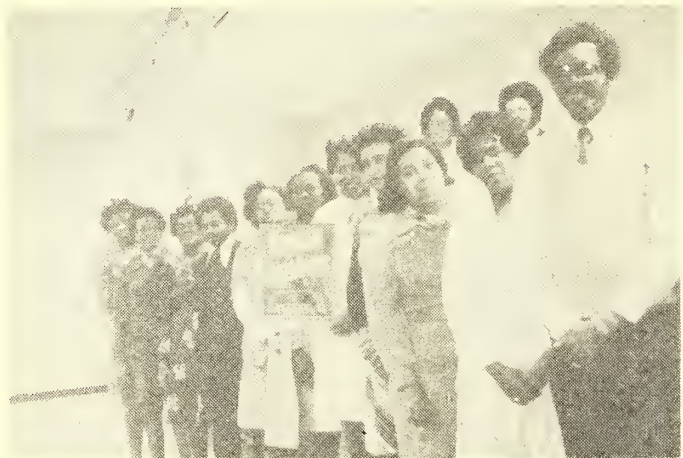
BERTHENIA D. HORNE YOUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Mrs. Georgia Turner presents a gavel to past W.B.H. & F.M.C. President, Mrs. J.B. McLester, at Woman's One Day meet, January 14. It was presented in behalf of the Convention.



L. to R. (seated) Mrs. Pauline Reid, Wayne County Youth Supervisor; Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Youth Supervisor, W.B.H. & F.M.C.; (Standing) Liteta Lewis, Youth President; Johnny Smith, Worship Chairman; Michael Battle, 4th Vice President; Johnny Smith, Worship Chairman; Michael Battle, 4th Vice President Youth Department; Back Row: Marian McKey, Assistant Secretary, and John Kee, Pianist. These officers of the Youth Dept. of the W.B.H. & F.M. Convention stand in front of a packed assembly room at the Raleigh Civic Center during the One Day Session of the Convention last January 14th.



Young Adults line up to receive Attendance Banner during One Day Session W.B.H. & F.M. Convention at Raleigh Civic Center last January 14.



The W.B.H. & F.M.C. Union Presidents line up to receive recognition for their loyal support of the financial effort for the library in Brewerville, West Africa. One Day Session W.B.H. & F.M.C., Jan. 14-Raleigh Civic Center.

Hope: The Hallmark Of Central Orphanage

Oxford — Deeply embedded in the human heart and the Christian Religion is the vital element of Hope. Sometimes hope is choked into inactivity by the crucifying circumstances of life; but it is there, waiting for some kind soul to speak to it the resurrecting Word of Almighty God. In essence, hope is a feeling that what is wanted will happen.

The great Apostle Paul, in his letter to Roman (5:1-5), strikes at the very heart and soul of Christianity when he wrote: "And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: Knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, experience; and experience hope: and hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." The great characteristic of Christianity is that it reaches down to the core of one's being and restore hope, a sense of peace with God. The hope of God reaches the downfallen through human understanding and benevolent acts; acts such as those being extended to orphaned children at the Central Orphanage.

One of the most tragic conditions into which a human being can fall in this life is to be abandoned and left to face life all alone. Those who have always been surrounded by parents, friends and the security of a home have no way of knowing the terror of those who have never known the security and comfort of a family and home. Perhaps this is why so many people can go on day after day enjoying the blessings of life, unconcerned about the human misery that is all about them. They have always had the essentials of the secure life, praises be to God in Jesus Christ. Yet, as Christians, we should not have to wait until tragedy strikes us to become sensitive to the sufferings around us. And thanks be to God, there are those whose spirits have been awakened by the Holy Spirit and they are responding to the needs of others; like the labors at Central Orphanage.

Central Orphanage is in the business of reviving hope within

the hopeless. The alumni group (photo on this page) is just one example of what hope means in the life of one who has been crushed by the circumstances of life. The Central Orphanage is one of the objectives of the General Baptist State Convention through which its adherents can extend the hand of hope to the forsaken and down trodden. Although, many young people who are forsaken may express a feeling of indifference to life; that spark of life-hope which God has placed within them never dies.

A.A. Procter understood this basic truth when he wrote:

"No star is lost we once have seen, we always may be what we might have been.

Since good, though only thought, has life and breath.

God's life - can always be redeemed from death;

And evil, in its nature, is decay, and any hour can blot it all away;

The hopes that lost in some far distance seen, may be the truer life, and this the dream."

Yes, hope is the hallmark of Central Orphanage. And you can be a part of the restoration of hope in untold numbers by contributing to the orphanage through the Unified Program

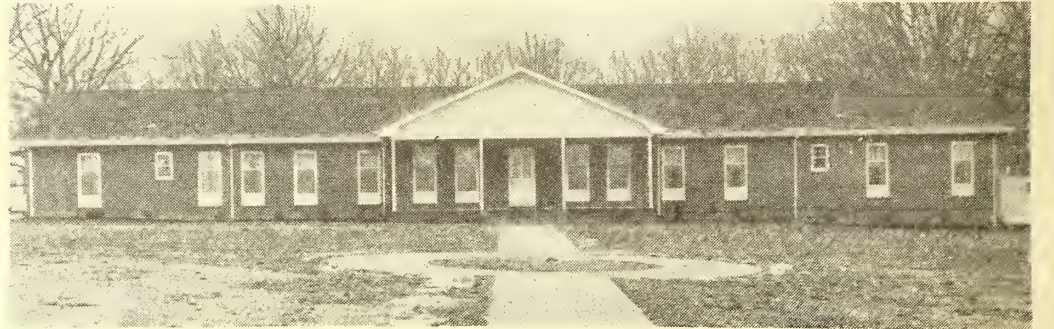
(Editor's note: This article concerning Central Orphanage is the fifth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friends of Baptist of our State and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS;



A SIGN OF AUTUMN Mr. H.V. Bryant, Superintendent, second from right Mr. J.D. Drumwright, Asst. Superintendent third from left. The children take pride in their campus and consider raking leaves fun rather than a chore, especially when the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent join them in this autumn.



Under the leadership of H.V. Bryant the Central Orphanage of North Carolina has constantly made strides to keep up with trends child-care practices. This modern cottage completed in 1976 is the home of 12 boys between the ages of 12 and 16. Living in small units provide an atmosphere of home and we can see improvements in the attitudes and achievements of our children.



The Central Orphanage Alumni with Wesley Walker as President is a growing organization. The Annual Homecoming Program on the last Saturday and Sunday in October is attracting students who are eager to meet to reminisce, and to implement plans for taking a more active part in strengthening our program. The oldest alumae attending was admitted to Central Orphanage in 1910.

February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS;

May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; and June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.)

Let us not forget that next month - March - Shaw will be the focal point of emphasis. Plan now to support Shaw in a greater way.

Youth Responding To Journalism Contest

Goldsboro — When this issue of the Baptist Informer reaches circulation the deadline for participation in the contest of Christian Journalism will have passed (January 31, 1978). However, young people all over the state are responding to the project and some adults have requested permission to take a part in the writing without a chance to win. The contest is being sponsored in connection with a Project - In - Ministry in which Editor Horton is engaged, in pursuit of the D. Min. Degree at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Many young people have already sent in their news articles, written on the subjects of

1. Homosexuality, 2. pre-marital sex, 3. drug abuse, 4. abortions and 5. social and criminal justice. Others are coming in the mail each day and phone calls indicate that others are on the way.

One thing that has already resulted from this project - in - Ministry is the involvement of a number of young people in research about the vital issues of today. They are expressing themselves. Some have asked that it be an annual feature of the paper.

The big question now is: "Who will win the \$50.00 top prizes?"

The March issues will carry a report on the project - in - Ministry and hopefully the names of the winners.



A part of the group of young people who attended the workshop on Christian Journalism last December 30-31. They are lined up for lunch. The workshop was held at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Goldsboro.

REGIONAL WORK SHOP NUMBER 5

Meeting each Evening from 6:00 to 8:15 P.M.

8:00 P.M. Sermon
Schedule

February 20th.
Wadesboro, N.C. - First Baptist Church
Rev. A.L. Bell, Pastor

February 21 - 22nd.
Laurinburg, N.C. - Solid Rock Baptist Church
Rev. Leroy Davis, Pastor

February 23rd.
Lumberton, N.C. - First Baptist Church
Dr. E. Burns Turner, Pastor

In Memoriam

A Tribute To The Life Of Rev. J. J. Alexander (1896-1978)



Rev. J. J. Alexander

"Statesman, patriot, minister of the gospel of Christ"

By Loree H. Anderson
Wilkes County, Northwestern, N.C. and indeed the state and nation have lost a friend, statesman, patriot, minister of the gospel of Christ, and a just and honorable upright man in the passing of Rev. Jesse James Alexander.

The writer has known him and his family from her youth up. She began teaching in 1933 in Alexander County, Taylorsville, N.C. where Rev. Alexander was pastoring Mount Carmel Baptist Church. He was always a source of encouragement for the young and striving. She highly recommends his humble and learned characteristics to the young ministers of today.

He was a native of Alleghany County, North Carolina. His date of birth, November 17, 1896. He died in Wilkes County January 11, 1978 at the ripe old age of 81 years.

He had been active in preaching the Christian Gospel for over fifty years. Before entering the ministry he had served as Sunday School

teacher, Sunday School superintendent and deacon in the First Baptist Church, "B" Street, North Wilkesboro.

His active pastorates began at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Taylorsville, N.C. in 1927. Subsequent pastorates were the Liberty Hill Baptist Church of Claremont, N.C., the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Newton, N.C. and Friendship Baptist Church of Hickory, N.C.

He served as Moderator of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association and was inducted into its Hall of Fame. He was a loyal supporter of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention. He attended National Baptist Conventions often. He retired from active pastoring in 1975 after a 29 year tenure at Friendship.

He returned to his home in North Wilkesboro, where, although retired, he remained alert and active until his death.

He married Marthan Florence

Horton in 1916. They were the parents of nine children. Eight of whom survive: Alma Johnson of Hickory; Naomi Killian of Hickory; Virginia Wiseman of Winston-Salem; Jessie Brockenborough of Hickory; Pensicola Howell of Philadelphia, Pa; James Z. Alexander of Raleigh; Amelia Lewis of Washington, D.C.; and Daphne Wilson of Philadelphia, Pa. Also surviving are ten grandchildren; six great grandchildren; a brother, Sam Alexander of Detroit, Mich.; a sister, Nancy Rhodes of Columbus, Ohio; and a host of relatives and friends.

His eight children are taking their place in society in a very highly commendable way and are making strides and contributions in many and varied walks of life. Of his children, five were educated at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Attending the Service of Eulogy were family, friends and acquaintances from local, state, and far away places. The Ser-

vice of Eulogy was officiated by the Reverend John A. Speaks, pastor, First Baptist Church, N. Wilkesboro. The eulogy was delivered by Dr. O.L. Sherrill, retired Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. The Reverend William Rowe, pastor, New Damascus Baptist Church read the scriptures and offered prayer. Tributes were given by Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina; Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University; the Reverend D.U. Cooper, Moderator of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Association and pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory; and the Reverend James Z. Alexander, Dean of Academic Affairs, at Shaw Divinity School. The Reverend William S. Epps, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, offered the benediction.

Sudden Death Of

Rev. O. J. Rooks Shocks N.C. Baptist

By R.B. Johnson

Greenville—Funeral services for Reverend Oliver James (O.J.) Rooks 76, President of the N.C. Old Eastern Sunday School Congress, pastor, civic leader, businessman and educator were held at the Sycamore Hill Missionary Baptist Church, Greenville, Saturday, January 21; interment followed in the Brown Hill Cemetery, Greenville.

Dr. C.R. Mosley, pastor of First Nazareth Baptist Church, Asheville and a former pastor of Sycamore Hill, delivered the eulogy.

Reverend Rooks, who was best known for his dedication to Sunday School work and the upgrading of young people, especially young ministers, died suddenly at his home on Wed-

nesday, January 18. He was a native of Lewiston, N.C. and was married to the former Sadie Parker of Harrellsville, N.C. He was a member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church and was closely associated with pastorates of the late Dr. J.A. Nimmo and Dr. Mosley.

At the time of his death, Reverend Rooks was serving as pastor of Weeping Mary Baptist Church, Hassell, N.C.; assistant pastor of St. John Baptist Church, Falkland, N.C.; president, United Eastern District Convention Sunday School; secretary of the Eastern Tar River Credit Union; member of the Greenville City Human Relations Committee; the Greenville Bi-racial Ministerial Alliance' Pitt County N.A.A.C.P.; Old Eastern

Association and was a substitute teacher in the Greenville City Schools. Dr. Mosley spoke from the subject, "Rebel with a Cause", and used Romans 12:1-2 and Timothy 2:15; 4:6-7 for his scriptural references. In the Eulogy, Dr. Mosley stressed Rev. Rooks' concern for young people to prepare themselves for the opportunities that were ahead, especially young ministers; his challenge, to dare to be different; and the need for forthrightness in dealing with one's fellowman. He also related Reverend Rook's dedication to Sunday School work and his belief that the Sunday School was the foundation of the church. The large emotional audience was reminded that the "man in the White Suit" would

not be with them at future convention sessions and that his absence would be greatly noted by Baptists throughout the state of North Carolina.

Tributes were given by: J.W. Maye, Jr., Sycamore Hill Baptist Church' Reverend Leo Williams, General Baptist State Convention; Dr. G.E. Brown, Middle Ground Association, United Eastern District Convention and Weeping Mary Baptist Church; Reverend Kenneth Hammond, Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association Sunday School Congress; and Reverend J.R. Person, Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association.

Reverend Rooks is survived by his wife, Mrs. Sadie Parker Rooks, of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Alberta Hill, Newport News, Virginia and Mrs. Annie L. Porter, Albany,



Rev. O. J. Rooks

"Civic leader, businessman and educator"

N.Y.; one son, Chester A. Barnes, La Grange, N.C.; one brother, G.C. Rooks, Newport News, Virginia; one sister, Mrs. Katie Melton, Lewiston, N.C.; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends.

Special Tribute To Rev. F.O. Bass, Sr.

High Point — "He never charged God foolishly and faced eternity with dignity", declared Fredrick O. Bass, Jr., as he paid a special tribute to his father, the late Fredrick O. Bass, Sr. last January 20, during eulogistic services held at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

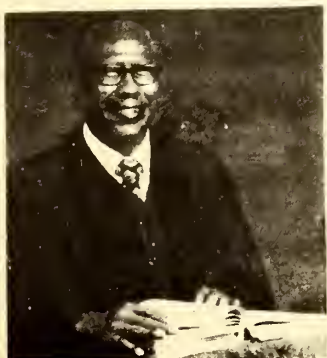
The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend James D. Ballard, pastor of the United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., and a very close friend to Reverend Bass. He recalled that Reverend Bass lived life to the fullest and enjoyed every minute of it. His life was one of service to people ... his fellowman, because he loved people," related the speaker.

His pastorate extended from 1942 to 1978, during which time he led the church in a rebuilding program, and recently burned the mortgage. He was honored for his 35 years of service in a very impressive ceremony just a few months ago. (Reported in November issue of the Baptist Informer).

Throngs from across the state and nation attended the funeral services and it was evident that his life had touched many in a positive, helpful way. Among those attending and taking a

part in the service were: Reverend Harold J. Cobbs, Sr., West Durham Baptist Church; Reverend Belvin Jessup, Memorial United Methodist Church, High Point, Reverend John Trotman, Calvary Baptist Church, High Point, Reverend G. Ray Coleman, St. Stephen A.M.E.Z. church, High Point; Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary G.B.S.C., of N.C., Inc.; Dr. J.C. Harris, Moderator, Rowan Baptist Association; Reverend Ray L. Grant, Chaplain, High Point Memorial Hospital; Deacon W.U. Harris, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church; and many out of state associates.

He is survived by his wife, Marian of the home; two sons, Fredrick, Jr. and Thomas Adrain, Atlanta Georgia; one brother, Nieces, nephews and other relatives and many friends.



Rev. Frederick O. Bass, Sr.

"He never charged God foolishly ..."

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Shiloh Appoints Promotional Director

WINSTON-SALEM — On Monday night, January 16th, 1978, the Shiloh Baptist Church, Winston - Salem, N.C. approved a \$300,000.00 budget income for the 1978 year, with \$228,623.85 expenditures. The amount for Mission, Benevolence and Religious Education is \$35,000.00. For the first time in Shiloh's history, a promotional Director, Mr. R.B. Stewart of Shiloh Church was employed for Field Work on the Parish. He was given a secretary, Mrs. Hattie Rice, to become Executive Secretary of the Church Sunday School and Field Work. Contracts were signed on last Thursday, January 19th at 2:30 p.m. to complete building and renovation to the Educational existing Building in the amount of \$63,000.00.

The Promotional Director's job description is listed below:

A JOB DESCRIPTION
PREPARED BY PASTOR
BUTLER FOR THE
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR
SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH,
Winston - Salem, N.C.

A VITAL AID TO THE
PASTORAL ADMINI-
STRATION

I. FIELD WORK:

1. Teaching Religious classes as the need and opportunity arise.

2. To run errands for the elderly, such as:

- (a) Hospital visitations
 - (b) Clinic or Doctor's Office
 - (c) Social Security Office, etc.
- (Does not include persons with personal transportation and available active family members)

3. To accommodate "Shut-ins with the Worship Services taped.

4. To call on detached members with emphasis to enlighten with the Administration and various programs.

5. To contact new members following their joining to acquaint them to the Fellowship, Responsibilities, Programs and Administrations.

II. AUXILIARY WORK:

1. To convey information and indoctrination of the Administration and programs of the Auxiliaries according to

affiliation and objectives of the church.

2. To coordinate and implement peace and harmony toward the progress and production of Shiloh's ministry.

III. IMMEDIATE ADMINISTRATION:

1. To call and preside over the Personnel Committee meetings.

2. To call and preside over the Musical Coordinating Committee meetings.

3. Look out for Administrative affairs designated by the Pastor when out of town.

A STATEMENT FROM THE
PROMOTIONAL DIRECTOR
SHILOH MISSIONARY BAP-
TIST CHURCH

TO: THE PASTOR, JOINT
BOARD AND CHURCH
MEMBERS AS A WHOLE:

As Promotional Director of the

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, I want to personally thank God for you and the confidence and trust you have placed in me. It shall always be my endeavor to work for Kingdom Building in the hearts of men and women, and by all means, the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Psalms 75:6-7 says, "For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: He putteth down one, and setteth up another."

My goal will be much along the line of Religious and Christian Education.

(1) Religious or Christian Education is a teaching - learning enterprise, grounded on theology and scripture, whose goal is to enable persons to learn

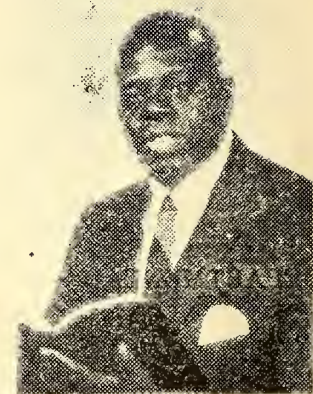
of God through Christ as experienced in Christian Community and the church.

(2) The goal of Christian Education is to help all persons know God's love as revealed in Jesus Christ; grow in their understanding of the Christian faith and be involved in the missions of the church.

(3) The goal of Christian Education is to teach all persons the Bible, Christian beliefs and right and wrong, so they may live as Christians.

We must reach the un-reached ... in-activate the inactive ... cultivate those working to do just a little more greater spiritual growth and greater financial growth, and become a tithing church as we promised God.

We promised God we would



R. B. Stewart

care for the sick and give comfort to our elderly members.

We must determine the overall goal for Religious and Christian Education in our entire church.

Hymn Of The Month

By Waverly Camp, Jr.

Since this month embraces Negro National History Week, I thought it to be very proper to focus attention on the "Negro Spirituals". Included in this article you will find a short prologue on spirituals and the Biblical foundation for two of our most popular spirituals.

I hope this will enlighten you, and help you as pastors and musicians in your preparation of music for February.

Also use this material on how to do it in church.

1. Read the story of the hymn
2. Have musicians play through to familiarize the congregation with the tune
3. Read words
4. Sing through the verse with choir and congregation. Hopefully this will create the following goals:

1. Create congregation participation, an act of worshipping
2. Develop a large supply of hymns
3. Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as hymn and song relates to the Christian faith.

Prologue

"Spirituals are Bible stories set to music. They originated in the cotton and corn fields on the plantations in the South and are considered as being the true example of American Folk Music.

When the Blacks were brought to this country as slaves, they were forced to give up their native cultures. In light of this forced abandonment, two things did not happen:

1. Their strong sense of oral tradition was not lost, and
2. The complexed rhythms that has been a foundation for other musical forms was deeply embedded.

Both of these factors contributed to the religious songs of their new born religion.

Not having the skills of reading, they had to learn their Bible stories second - hand, from workers in the "big house" who overheard it being read or talked about. In their own words came a new creation - the spiritual - Bible stories set to music.

Spirituals not only served as the primarily source of religious music, but also were used to convey messages. The slaves were not allowed to converse freely, so they incorporated "phrases" into their songs that enabled them to communicate without "ole massa" being the wiser. Here are two such phrases that were incorporated into two well known Spirituals:

1. "Steal Away", indicated to the slaves that there would be a secret meeting, religious and otherwise.

2. "Follow the Drinking Gourd" indicated to the runaways to follow the "Big Dipper" to freedom.

For many years after the "Emancipation Proclamation", Blacks turned their backs on the slave - created spirituals. Reasons could be many - A bitter reminder of the past; that everything that "whitey" do is right syndrome, and others.

Praise God, that today most of us have accepted "Negro Spirituals as part of our musical heritage. We should not forget that ragtime, jazz, blues, swing,

gospel, rhythm and blues, rock, soul, disco, all stemmed from the basic spiritual. Although many musical forms have been contributed from our Afro-American culture, the original and most beautiful is the Negro Spiritual.

Steal Away

Matthew 6:6 - "You, however, when you pray, go into your private room."

According to the old emancipated black folk that were living twenty of twenty-five years after the end of the Civil War, "Steal Away to Jesus" was used as a signal spiritual to notify the slaves of a secret meeting somewhere in the swamps or backwoods where they would assemble to pray to God for deliverance.

Whenever the meeting was to be held, the leader would hum the first phrase of the spiritual to one of the slaves and he would, in turn, hum the same phrase to another. This signal was given all day until everyone was notified. They would hum softly the good message all during the day and the slave master would never know what was going on.

Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away
Steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord calls me,
He calls me by the thunder.
The trumpet sounds within-a
my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Steal away, steal away,
Steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen

Job 13:15 - "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him."

The trying story of Job influenced this spiritual. Satan told Jehovah that his creatures on earth did not love him; that they only pretended to love him because he fed them, clothed

them, and looked after their every need. Satan told Jehovah that if he removed his arm of protection from them he would see that they did not love him. Choosing his most loyal follower, Jehovah asked Satan to do all he could to turn Job against him, but warned him that whatever he did he must not destroy his soul.

Satan then set out to torment Job. He caused the storm to blow his house down; he destroyed members of his family and his livestock. He afflicted him with a dreaded disease which caused his legs and feet to swell like the legs and feet of an elephant, and reduced him to a pauper. However, Job still served Jehovah and had implicit faith in him.

At the climax of all the suffering, Satan had influenced Job's wife to ask Job: "Why don't you curse God and die?" Job prayed to Jehovah: "Though you slay me, Jehovah my God, yet will I trust you." When Satan knew he could not shake Job's faith, he gave up and let him alone.

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus.
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Glory Hallelujah!

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down
Oh yes, Lord.
Sometimes I'm almost to the ground,
Oh yes, Lord.

Although you see me goin' long so,
Oh yes, Lord.
I have my trials here below,
Oh yes, Lord.

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Nobody knows but Jesus.
Nobody knows the trouble I've seen,
Glory Hallelujah!

The Port City

The One Day Session of the Laymen's League, auxiliary to the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, Inc., will convene with the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C., March 10-11, 1978.

As you know, North Carolina plays a unique role in the Lott Carey work. Our state laymen president, Brother John McQueen, is presently serving as 1st Vice President. Let's get together and support him and Christian Missions that our convention stands for. Bring a contribution for Foreign Missions. You can receive credit through our State Unified Plan.

Coming up in April will be our Third Annual Fellowship Banquet and One Day Session of the N.C. State Laymen Convention. Make plans to attend now. Mount Calvary Baptist

Church, Goldsboro, Reverend Spencer Williams, Jr., will be our host.

At our annual session last year, we noted to combine the Fellowship Dinner and One Day Session into time block. This has been done. The fellowship Dinner will be held on Friday, April 14, 1978 in Goldsboro and the One Day Session will convene on the next day, April 15, 1978. The General and Executive Boards will meet at a Dutch Breakfast on April 15 at 7:30 a.m., place undetermined at this time.

Come and eat, pray, fellowship with us in April. The Lord is calling us to the vineyard to bring in the fruit.

Please make your own personal motel reservations now. Next month's Baptist Informer will carry a list of motels available to you.



L. to R. Dr. W.B. Lewis, Reverend J.L. Morgan, Dr. W.B. Westbrook (newly elected chairman), Reverend John T. Parks, Jr. and Dr. J.E. Arnette.

Capital City Report

5th Annual Shaw Divinity Pastor's Conference

Raleigh — The Pastor's Conference Committee for Shaw Divinity School's Annual Pastor's Conference, met last January 9, in planning session to draw up plans for the fifth annual conference.

The committee adopted as a theme: The Preacher and Current Controversial Ethical Issues. The theme will be discussed from two directions: 1. Biblical perspectives for Ethical Decision making. 2. Current controversial Ethical Issues.

The conference is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 13, and to conclude on Wednesday, March 15, 1978. It will be held in connection with the annual

observance of Theological Alumni Day.

Dr. George Kelsey of Drew Theological Seminary is under consideration for the discussion of the Biblical Perspectives and Dr. Herbert O. Edwards of Duke Divinity School is under consideration for the Current Issues.

Pastors and theological alumni should begin now to plan for the three day annual meeting. The cost of registration remains at \$25.00 which does not include lodging and meals.

Dr. J.Z. Alexander, dean of the Shaw Divinity School, has promised to spare no effort in making this the best and most productive conference ever.

Rev. Dillingham And Family Conclude Services At Ebenezer Baptist

Wilmington — The services and ministries of the First Family of the Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church, Reverend and Mrs. Manuel Lamont Dillingham and Michael concluded Sunday, January 29 at the 11:00 a.m. worship service. He will become pastor of Mount Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Reverend Dillingham has served Ebenezer for the past two and one half years with honor and in integrity. He has served in a manner that the effectiveness of his ministries and activities have reached far beyond the boundaries of Ebenezer. His involvement has been inclusive of the local, state and national level.

During his pastorate at Ebenezer, the Baptist Training Union — reorganized; Layman's League organized; implementation of a successful Tithing program; 135 additional members; re-activated Chartered Boy Scouts; publishing of Church Newsletter; re-organized Young Adult Department; implemented graded Sunday School; completed requirements at Hood Theological Seminary for Master of Divinity degree; ordained 5 new deacons; installed 6 new trustees; initiated plans to begin structure of new church edifice; initiated a successful radio ministry sponsored by the Layman's League.



The Reverend and Mrs. Manuel L. Dillingham

In the community he served on the Board of Directors: OIC, New Hanover County; Neighborhood Housing Services; Family Traveler's Aid and Consumer Credit Counseling; served as a member of: New Hanover Interdenominational Association; Vice-President - Ministerial Alliance, Bible School Committee of New Hanover County Public Schools; Vice-Chairman of Community Development Committee of New Hanover County; New Hanover County Branch - NAACP; Phi Beta Sigma. Reverend Dillingham also organized the Senior Citizen Fellowship of New Hanover County and initiated a successful Carolina Inc.

Nationally, he is a member of the Executive Board of the Lott Carey Convention; and a member of the progressive

National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Reverend Dillingham's lovely companion has sought to assist him in accomplishing the work that God has assigned him. The Ebenezer Church feel fortunate and blessed to have shared a rich and meaningful experience with this lovely family who has worked as a team in Christian fellowship with the parishioners and many friends.

As they conclude their service, the acquaintances and joy that have been shared and the love and dedication of this family will be long remembered. May God continue to bless them as they continue their services in Pittsburgh, Pa., as they strive forth to accept the challenge to meet the needs of God's people at Mt. Ararat Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

At 110th Anniversary Event

Shiloh Church Dissolves Mortgage

By Dr. Roland W. Perry

Henderson — During a candlelight service conducted in conjunction with the special morning worship at Shiloh Baptist Church in celebration of the church's 110th anniversary, a \$72,000 mortgage note negotiated November 4, 1967 during the construction of the edifice on College Street, was burned.

Candles were lighted in tribute to former pastors — Rev. W.B. Westbrook, who focused the congregation's attention on the need for more expansive program; Dr. O.B. Burson, who emphasized the importance of faithful stewardship to time, talent, and money to achieve the goals that were set; Rev. Linwood T. Daye, under whose leadership the building committee was organized and directed in the background study and planning necessary for launching a building program; Rev. Cecil R. Mitchell, under whose administration plans for construction were finalized, implemented, and completed; and Dr. Roland W. Perry, the current minister, who led the members in completing payments on a \$9,624.61 indebtedness as of December 31, 1974 in three years. The final payment was made Monday.

Described as especially impressive was the moment when

the pastor ignited the mortgage note as the congregation and choir watched its ashes accumulate in an urn as they sang "Jesus, We Just Want To Thank You."

Rev. L.A. Lynch, pastor of White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, delivered the sermon.

The service concluded with a fellowship dinner in the church fellowship hall prepared by the food and service committee with Mrs. Mary Anderson, chairman.

The Shiloh Baptist Church of Henderson sprang from humble beginnings just after the close of the Civil War ... long before Vance County was formed or Henderson became a town of any consequence. Property was given to the Black people for religious worship at the war's end.

Th early congregations may well have thought of themselves as a community church rather than a Baptist Church, inasmuch as the people of the community used the same building for church services and school classes.

In those days it was difficult to distinguish Methodist from Baptist. Both denominations gave full support to the worship services. The church property was owned by the congregation.

By 1867, Baptist had greatly increased in numerical strength

and felt they were able to stand alone. The Baptists proposed to buy the Methodists' share of the property. A small sum was agreed upon by the two denominations and with it the Methodists bought a lot nearby on Winder Street where their church stands today.

Under the leadership of Aaron Pratcher and Rev. Jefferson Burwell, the Baptists proceeded to organize their church. This being realized, their next move was to purchase more land on which to build a real church.

On the 5th day of December, 1867, a deed for one acre of land was made by Charles B. Champion of Henderson, to Stephen

Hawkins, Edward Merriman, Alex Reavis, Wesley Mayfield, and Noredge Wyche, trustees, for the purpose of building a house of worship.

In March, 1928, additional land for the parsonage was deeded to C.L. Rogers, Edward Goode, S.M. Beckford, S.A. Williams, and E.L. Green, trustees of Shiloh Baptist Church, by J.H. Brodie and wife. The present parsonage was built on this site.

Under the leadership of Rev. Cecil R. Mitchell, who came to the pastorate of the Shiloh Baptist Church in February, 1967, the new church plant became a reality. Its "picturesque" front, with a stained

glass window portraying "Christ as the Good Shepherd," was designed by Jas. R. Barnes.

The church consists of a spacious sanctuary and education building with office space at a cost of approximately \$95,000.00. Church furnishings include carpeting in the sanctuary and pastor's study, a Thomas organ, and contemporary furniture to complement the modern architectural styling of the church building itself. The cost of these furnishings was about \$23,000.00

This all-electric church structure, built at a total cost of \$118,000.00 including furnishing, was occupied July 28, 1968.

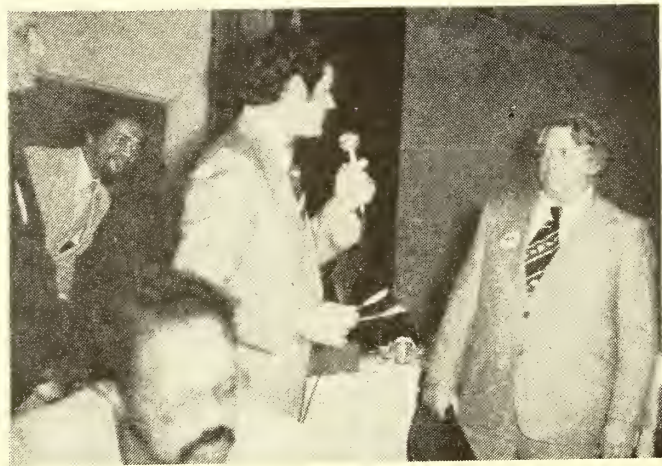


Mortgage burning ceremony at Shiloh Baptist Church, Henderson. L. to R. Reverend C.L. Faison, trustee and treasurer; Dr. Roland W. Perry, pastor, Shiloh, and Reverend L.A. Lynch, pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham.

M. L. K. BANQUET SCENES



Dr. J.J. Johnson calls upon Baptist to "keep on working, praying" at M.L.K. Banquet last January 13.



Joe Felmet challenges Dave McKnight to sign the petition to free the Wilmington 10.



Dr. C.C. Craig (mike in hand) commending Moderators for loyal support of banquet.

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Raleigh Native Receives Ph. D.

Sunday W. Fleming has received his Ph.D. degree from Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, in Business Administration. His area of specialization is Marketing, and the subject of his dissertation is **A Game Theoretic Framework For Merger Strategy With Emphasis On Channel Merger Variables.**

Dr. Fleming, a product of the Raleigh Secondary School System, graduated from Ligon High School in 1967 as the

valedictorian of his class. He received his A.B. from Duke University in 1971, with a major in mathematics, and Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, awarded him the M.B.A. in 1972.

While pursuing the doctorate, he was employed as an assistant professor at North Carolina Central University, Durham. He went to A & T State University at the beginning of the present school year as an associate professor in the Department of

Business.

Dr. Fleming is the son of Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of Shaw University, and Mrs. Hortense Fleming, a teacher in the Raleigh Public School System. He is married to the former Linda A. Turner of Raleigh, who is in the managerial training program of the Wachovia Bank. They are the parents of two daughters, Marka Binta, 5, and Pili Layla, 2. The family resides in Durham.

Hiltner Claims

Pastors Don't Use Enough Theology

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Ministers often carry out their tasks without relating those responsibilities to theology, Seward Hiltner, a national authority on pastoral care, said here.

"I've been impressed with the relative inability of ministers — regardless of denomination — to make constructive use of what they've learned theologically ... as a relevant, concrete guide in instances of ministry," declared Hiltner, professor of theology and personality at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Hiltner, who delivered the Gheens Lectures in Ministry Studies at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, emphasized that acts of ministry should be seen from a theological foundation.

"Preaching is not just communication theory with a sprinkling of quotations," Hiltner quipped, noting that ministers should have a time of theological reflection after each act of ministry they perform, such as preaching or visiting.

"When the act of ministry is completed and we reflect on it, there are often insights that help us to improve on it," he said.

Phillipine Tour Planned To:

Baptist Youth World Conference

Judson College, Elgin, Illinois, will sponsor two tours to Manila, Phillipine Islands, to the Baptist Youth World Conference in July 1978. Dr. Weber, president, announced this week.

All Baptist Youths ages 16 to 35 and youth leaders of all ages are invited to join one of the two Judson College groups. Over 4000 Baptist youths and leaders are expected to go from the USA.

The first group will leave San Francisco on July 9 and the second group on July 16. Each group will be gone 17 days. Some pastors and youth directors plan to drive church buses or vans to San Francisco, sightseeing enroute.

Included in the tour are: air

fare San Francisco to Manila and return, first class hotels every night, lunch everyday, registration for Conference activities, all transfers and baggage handling, and more for \$99.00

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OPEN LETTER

Mr. James W. Carter
President of the United States
White House
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President

We the undersigned believe we are representative of a broad spectrum of evangelical opinion in these United States. We believe that within our Bible-believing communities there is broad agreement with the feelings expressed in this letter regarding what we perceive as U. S. pressure being applied against the State and people of Israel. We believe that those of us who are not disturbed are calm and indifferent only because of being uninformed. We intend to inform them and we believe that you will hear from them.

Mr. President, we fail to understand what role the government of the United States is playing when it agrees with the government of the Soviet Union to issue a statement—reportedly written by the Soviets—which has the clear effect of pressuring Israel into an acceptance of "Palestinian rights." As Bible-believing Christians we perceive that Israel as a modern day David pitted against the Goliaths of Islam and the Communist system. These twin systems—sworn historical enemies of our Jesus—need no aid and comfort from the government of the United States, the realities of geopolitics notwithstanding. Read your Bible again, Mr. President, and find that God is still saying to Israel, "I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee" and "in thee shall all the nations of the earth be blessed." Mr. President, we believe that you are risking the welfare of this nation by siding with those whose avowed purpose is to destroy Israel.

We note that our State Department has declared that these Palestinian rights "are not to be purchased at the expense of Israel." Come now, Mr. President. The very innocence, naivete and ignorance of realpolitik betrayed by this statement constitutes the strongest support for our demand that we let the Israelis determine their destiny and that our help be given them without the strings of our woe solutions attached. On the very day the statement was published, major newspapers in this country also reported the PLO's version of these "rights" a "free" secular state where they would generously allow the Israelis to dwell, and a right to the homes and lands lost in 1948 with indemnification for all losses. Do your advisors really think that these "Palestinian rights" can be granted on grounds other than the destruction of Israel?

Furthermore, do they really think that the PLO and its Soviet patron saints will honor and

keep any commitments made that will guarantee a free Israel? Mr. President, to state the case is to dispose of it.

Finally, Brother Carter, we wish to speak plainly about the "constitutional process" to which the joint statement of our government and that of the Soviet Union makes reference as being normative to the implementation of the policies suggested in the statement. As to the limitations the Soviet constitutional process impose on the Soviet leaders to restrain them in their policies toward their Arab allies and Israel, we could laugh if the thing were not so tragic. CONCERNING OUR SYSTEM, however, the joint statement raises some very appropriate points. Quite aside from the reaction of Congress, we must tell you respectfully that there will be another general election in November of 1980. As we understand it, you were elected as a beacon of hope by the large bloc of votes delivered by the black community, and by us your fellow born-again believers (by the most conservative estimates, tens of millions). Mr. President, your treatment of Israel will be one key consideration in guiding us when we pray for wisdom before we go to the polling places. At this time, when we perceive attempts to impose a shortsighted settlement on Israel, we feel like shouting

NO, MR. PRESIDENT, NO!

Mr. President, we expect of you and your administration:

1. to recognize that until circumstances change the only sure way to keep peace in the Middle East is to maintain a strong Israel,
2. that our aid to Israel continues, and that it be given without the strings of our "woe" solutions," attached, and;
3. that we should not help Islam, the PLO, and the Communist world to repeat in the closing days of the Christian era what the Romans did to the Jews at the beginning of it.

Respectfully yours,

International Committee
for the Peace of Jerusalem
Israel Carmina, Chairman
Dr. G. Douglas Young, President
Institute of Holy Land Studies, Jerusalem
Rev. Chuck Smith, Pastor,
Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, California

If you agree with this letter, add your name and address and mail this letter to the White House. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so!

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A Thank You Note From President, Mrs. W.M.H. Adams of the Rising Star Baptist Association's Woman's Auxiliary

Winston-Salem — The 38th Annual Session of the Rising Star Woman's Auxiliary was held last May 13-14, with the Antioch Baptist Church, Granite Quarry, N.C., Reverend R. Wyatt, pastor. The Reverend J.G. Gaston is moderator and Reverend W.M. Adams is Vice Moderator; both attended the session, along with many others, to give support to the work.

The General theme for the session was: "Reach Out And Touch." The spirit of the Lord met us there; therefore, the president is sending this note of thanks to each of you for your support and help in making this a banner year. Just keep on Touching for the Lord!

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Johnson Appointed To Paroles Board

RALEIGH— The appointment of Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Pastor of The First Baptist Church of Fairmont, N.C., and former Representative from the 21st House District, has been received with mixed feelings throughout North Carolina Baptist and political circles. He was appointed to the five (5) member Paroles Commission by Governor James B. Hunt, last January. Members of the Commission are responsible for the review and evaluation of the record of N.C. prison inmates who become eligible for parole. In North Carolina, an inmate must serve one-fourth of his sentence before seeking parole. Inmates also must have a home to which to return as well as a job or a study plan.

Several Baptist leaders have strongly criticized Dr. Johnson for accepting the gubernatorial appointment; voicing the opinion that the governor is trying to neutralize the strong Black leadership in the State. However, Johnson has answered these charges by saying that: "First of all I didn't need it financially, because I'm doing quite well for myself in that regard. Secondly, I feel that I am in a better position to help Blacks get a fairer hearing before the courts." He said that he believes that he can do more on the inside where the action is

than standing outside crying and criticizing. "I have been critical because of the number of minorities that have been incarcerated; this gives me the opportunity to look at the system and see what improvements may be made." He stated that, "I'll be looking at everybody. I'm not a racist." Johnson said he planned to give attention to the disproportionate number of minority inmates. "I'm curious why there are so many minorities in there. Is it the State's Justice system, or is it unemployment and poor educational opportunities," he said. "I'm sure it's a little of both?"

As a result of the appointment, Dr. Johnson has resigned from the State legislature, and has been replaced by another Black leader, Mr. Robert E. Davis, a Maxton grocer. Davis is reported to have said, "I thank you for this distinct honor. I will not promise to fill Dr. Johnson's shoes, but I do give you my promise that I will do my very best to serve this area." Johnson expressed his gratitude to the Democratic Party for its support and said: "Without that support, Governor Hunt probably would not have recognized me with this significant appointment."

There has been both high praise for Governor Hunt and Dr. Johnson as well as sharp criticism, as a result of the

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Dr. Joy J. Johnson (R) take Paroles Board Oath administered by Judge Richard Erwin (L) as Governor James B. Hunt looks on.



The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church Library is the scene for their youth's preparation for the State-Wide Project - In - Ministry Journalism Contest. Seated: L to R - Melinda Grissom, Tony Britton, Debra Turner, Sheyla Bridges, Juliette Thomas, Lynette Brown.

Greater St. Paul Enters Statewide Contest

By Mrs. V.J. Walthour

Durham — Ten young people of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church are contestants in the State-Wide Project-In Ministry Journalism Contest. This contest is sponsored by the Editor of the Baptist Informer. These youth will get the opportunity to express their views on some of the social problems experienced by youth, and which are plaguing our society today.

The rationale for this contest is that today's youth, who are our future Christian leaders, need to be able to discuss and debate the social problems and

issues as they relate to the Christian Doctrines. They will discuss their views on issues involving Social and Criminal Justice, Abortion, Pre-Marital Sex, Homosexuality and Drug Abuse. The contestants are: Kendrick Williams, Vernon Bridges, Sherrie Walthour, Melinda Grissom, Debra Turner, Sheyla Bridges, Juliette Thomas, Douglas Holloway, Lynette Brown, and Tonya Britton.

The Greater St. Paul Baptist Church is located in Durham, North Carolina, Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Pastor.

Correction

The February Informer carried an article that listed Mrs. Margorie W. Dunn as Executive Secretary to Dr. C.C. Craig. Mrs. Dunn is Administrative Assistant.

In the same issue Dr. J.C. Harris, pastor, First Baptist Church, Statesville, was

reported to have given remarks at the Martin Luther King Banquet in Fayetteville last January; he was not in attendance.

Due to a miss-print, the February issue of the Informer also stated that Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary, General

Baptist State Convention, N.C., Inc. commended the Moderators for support of the Martin Luther King Banquet. It should have read: "He commended the Moderators for their support of the program of the Convention during ceremonies at the M.L.K. Banquet."

Seed For Sermon Thought

By I. B. Horton

"True and Righteous Judgments"

Psalm 19:9 "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever: The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether."

In the deep recesses of every human heart, God has built a "balance scale" that demands and desires true and righteous judgments. It often turns out that these scales-of-justice get "out-of-order" because of sin. But thanks be to God, there is hope for true and righteous judgements for God's people in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Illustration:

A little pamphlet sent out in the interest of the Wilmington "10" by the N.C. Council of Churches, contains a picture of the famous "Symbol-of-Justice" with a sign reading: "Out-of-order."

In this drawing, the sym-bolical woman figure, with eyes blinded by an American flag around her head, sword down in one hand; she holds a balance scale in the other.

The significant thing about this drawing is that it shows the balance scale with the cords broken on one of the pallets. A

sign hangs from the broken pallet reading: "out-of-order", while the balance is off-level.

This sign not only depicts the condition of justice in the American court room; but more often than not, reflects the condition of a vast majority of human hearts in this generation.

I. The human heart often cannot render true and righteous judgement because the balance scales are: "out-of-order".

II. The very essence of being is the decision - making progress. This ability of mankind to make moral decisions sets him apart and above all other beings.

III. Man often thinks that he is just in his dealings, but no one can render true and righteous judgment unless the heart has been regenerated through faith in Jesus Christ.

Conclusion:

The Psalmist saw God as a righteous judge. Though man will not render fair judgments, be assured that God will. Man will not let you go free and be held innocent once you have offended. But if you are justified through faith in Jesus, no man can find you guilty.

A Tribute To Dr. Johnson

By BRUCE BARTON

Fairmont - It's official. Rep. Joy J. Johnson has resigned his seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives and accepted a position on the North Carolina Board of Paroles.

I have mixed feelings about it. I am reluctant to see him go although there is an over riding need on the North Carolina Board of Paroles. He will apply his Christian values there and the board of paroles will be better for his contribution.

But I hate to see him retire from the political wars. As I see it, Rep. Johnson is the best legislator ever to serve in the general assembly from the 21st district. And that covers forever. We shall miss him.

Dr. Johnson did more in the area of human values and services than anyone I have observed on the North Carolina political scene.

There is a flinty quality to the man that I have always respected. But he is not a bitter man although he came from abject poverty. There is a certain plan to his operations. He is grateful but tough.

But his most over riding accomplishment is in the area of racial dialogue. He is one of the few Robesonians who can talk across racial lines. In his many campaigns for public office, he developed many friends and adherents in all three races. That, as I see it, is the man's greatest accomplishment.

We shall not see his like again in politics. But time marches on. New challenges arise. And Dr. Johnson loves a challenge.

I wish him well in his new challenge at the North Carolina Board of Paroles. I am proud to count him a friend and a hero of mine. He is a little man in statute but his shoes will be big ones to fill.

Polk Prison Report:

Financial Help Needed

(Editorial Note: The G.B.S.C. employed Chaplain as the first full-time Chaplain in that unit, in 1976)

Raleigh — It has been over a year and a half since I began working at Polk. Many wonderful things have happened during this time, among them are the Baptisms, the Bible studies, the Prayer Meetings and yes - my Preaching. The men have been very receptive and responsive.

The biggest complaint I have is that the population is always in transition. The average stay of an inmate at Polk is some where between nine months and a year. That gives me just enough time to get acquainted, get use to them, and say good-bye. That makes it hard to maintain programs with any real consistency. But, it does allow for some beginnings of growth and development. The experience of the past year and a half has been rich and rewarding. It has also helped me to grow to levels and heights I might not have attained any where else.

Some of the programs that have been developed with the cooperation of the inmates and staff are the Morning and Evening Worship Services, both involving community volunteers, a choir, Bible class, Prayer Meeting, the Yokefellows, Bible discussion groups, and the World Community of Islam In The West Services. The Chaplaincy Department is responsible for meeting the religious needs of all of the inmates at Polk. I have tried to set up a Program that is open and flexible enough to meet the needs of all and allow for the growth of all.

One Group I must refer to is the Residents' Committee In Action (RCA) because it functions as my Deacon Board. It helps with all of the planning and coordination of the Chaplaincy Program. I feel they are in a good position to know the religious needs of the men of the Institution and I am in a better position to meet or provide for

Johnson

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appointment. But Johnson stated that he received 90 per cent approval of his acceptance of the appointment from the voters in the 21st representative district. While some think that his sphere of influence has been narrowed, Johnson feels that he will be in a position to do even a greater service now than in the past. He declared that nothing can alter his love and allegiance to Christ and His Church. Helping people is the expression of Christ's love through those who put Him first in their lives.

The swearing-in-ceremony of Dr. Johnson was held in the old State House Chamber and the oath was administered by Judge Richard Erwin of Winston-Salem, the first Black appeals court judge ever to be appointed in North Carolina.

the meeting of those needs. As with all programs and projects these days the RCA cannot do many of the things that It would like to do, to better the religious atmosphere of the Institution, because It does not have any money. We tried to devleop a budget but found no available resources. If you will help us with this matter, it will be used to the Glory of God. If each Church or person would send us one dollar, it would give us a budget for the next three years. Send checks to RCA-Polk Youth Center, 1831 Blue Ridge Blvd., Raleigh, N.C. 27607.

Well, that is the state of affairs to date. I will keep you posted on the developments in religion at Polk throughout the year.

May the Grace of God ever be with you.

PROTEST

Rev. Horton:

The Durham City Council is proposing to relocate New Bethel Baptist Church (Dr. L.W. Reid) and the entire Crest St. Area in order to complete the East - West Expressway and this is a copy of the letter we sent to them concerning this. We thought General Baptists over the State should know about this.

CLIFTON STONE
303 Wesley St.
Carrboro, N.C. 27510
January 30, 1978
The Durham City Council
Durham, N.C.

The Union Meeting of the New Hope Missionary Baptist Association is composed of some thirty-six Missionary Baptist Churches of the Durham area, Chatham, Orange and Wake Counties, with ten of them in the Durham City area. In our first quarterly session meeting at the New Bethel Baptist Church, Crest St., Durham, January 28-29, 1978, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas the New Bethel Baptist Church and the Crest St. Community has existed in the West Durham area for over seventy-five years and there is much community, religious and ancestral pride in their relationship; and whereas if the entire neighborhood is moved to another location, you will not only destroy human relations as

they exist today, but you will also destroy a deeply rooted psychological relationship that has embedded itself in the family structure, especially in the youth; and whereas it seems that in all redevelopment relocation, new roads etc, in the Durham area, it is always the Blacks that must be moved or displaced and whereas the strength of any city, town or state lies in the proper dealing with all segments of the population, regardless of race, origin, social status or monetary values, be it resolved that: 1-We go on record of strongly protesting the proposed relocating of the New Bethel Baptist Church and the Crest St. Community; 2-We go on record of asking you (the City Council) of working together with representatives of the Crest St. Community Council in such a way to preserve their neighborhood and also complete the proposed Expressway; and finally, be it resolved that we believe human beings, personalities, racial pride, community togetherness and total city cooperation means far more than a road or expressway that will eventually become obsolete and is always at the mercy of nature.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. R.D. James, President
303 Wesley St.
Carrboro, N.C. 27510

GRATITUDE

Dear Rev. Horton:

This comes as an expression of gratitude for your sending me issues of the Baptist Informer. Needless for me to say, your work as editor lends both focus and substantial continuity to each issue. As a Black man, I am proud (and hopeful) for the work of Black Baptists in North Carolina. What is reported in the Informer regarding the work of Baptist folk is truly inspiring.

You will recall that you and I met at the 1977 Annual Pastor's Conference at Shaw Divinity School where I served as a conference lecturer. I enjoyed that experience, especially the opportunity to get to know you, Dean Alexander, Dr. E.B. Turner and other gifted and enthusiastic pastors of the state.

Again, thank you for sending me the Informer.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Williams
Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

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Poem

I Am Thankful For My Ups And Downs

I have experienced many obstacles in my life,
And sometimes those adversities brought me frowns,
But I have overcome some of those things,
And I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

There are times when I take inventory of my life,
And I find that my ups abound,
Because they are in the majority,
That's why I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

"In this world you will have trials and tribulations",
These words to His disciples, Jesus did expound;
I know this is true, because those things have happened to me,
And I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

We will always have mountains to climb in this life,
Certainly, in my life, this I have found,
But after I have reached a mountain top I am stronger,
That's why I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

On this journey of my life's ladder,
I have grown Spiritually as I've gone round by round;
God sustained, supported, and strengthened me,
Yes, I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

In my heart I am truly grateful,
And the joybells in my soul resounds,
Because when I count my blessings from the Lord,
I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

When I ponder over the visions that He gives me,

My reverence for Him grows,
and my faith compounds,
Because I have seen some of these visions unfold,
Surely, I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

My hope is anchored in Christ, my Savior,
I pray that He will lead me to higher ground;
Glory to God, My soul is uplifted and happy!
Praise God, I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.

I am glad that Jesus has given me blessed peace;
What a "Haven of Rest" I have found,
I will forever give Him the glory and the honor,
Because, I'm thankful for my ups,
and I'm thankful for my downs.
Millie B. Davis
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YOUR EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



The photo shown above features W.B.H. and M. Convention President Georgia Turner, at the winter Wonderland Banquet. Seated from left to right - Mrs. Vashti Smith of Florence, S.C. and Mrs. Odell Maten of Pompano Beach, Fla., formerly of Michigan. These two ladies are longtime workers of the Convention, and have been closely associated with past-president McLester in the Convention Pageants. Standing from left to right - Mrs. J.B. McLester, Mrs. Helen Falls, President George Turner and Mrs. Clara Ballentine. Others attending the gala affair were Dr. E.B. Turner and Mrs. M.A. Horne.



The photo above shows a glimpse of Past-president McLester, performing her last duty as assigned by Dr. Mary O. Ross at Miami Beach. She assisted with the Pageant ERAS OF WOMEN OF THE BIBLE, and received the Stewardship Offering with two others as programmed.

National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

On The National Scene

By Mrs. J.B. McLester
Hot Springs, Arkansas - The 1978 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woman's Auxiliary, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. was held in the Bowman's Little Theatre of the National Baptist Bath House Hotel in Hot Springs, Arkansas, January 17-19, 1978. The meeting was well attended, despite the inclement weather. This year's theme was "HIS PEACE, POWER, PRESENCE ... OUR HOPE SECURE". The theme scripture was John 14:27. The theme song was "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love." There were two sessions each day. President Ross presented her Thrust for the New Orleans Annual Session. This year Local Presidents are to be highlighted along with their State President, to form strong links in The National Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Chain. This CHAIN will be in support of our NATIONAL BAPTIST BATH HOUSE and SENIOR RETREAT, in Constantine, Michigan. There will be five sectional workers to co-ordinate the program. The three

strongest LINKS of the CHAIN will be honored at New Orleans. President Turner was introduced to the Board of Directors on Wednesday mor-

ning. Each of the first-timers was very much impressed with the vastness of this working Board of Directors, and with the number of committees at work.

Dr. Grady Davis Is:

Inspirational messenger for Leader's Workshop.

Raleigh — Dr. Grady D. Davis, Sr., Professor in the Department of Behavioral Science at Shaw University and Pastor of Durham's Union Baptist, will deliver the inspirational message during the State-Wide Leader's Workshop of the W.B.H. & F.M. Convention, next April 8th, at the Raleigh Civic Center. Dr. Davis, a Native of Northampton County, N.C., a Shaw graduate, and world-traveler, has recently completed a 4 year appointment as Paroles Commissioner for the State of North Carolina. He is married to the former Dorothy Hicks of Raleigh and they have five (5) children; they have been married twenty-five years (25).
Dr. Davis holds the master of Divinity Degree from Andover-Newton Theological School, Newton Center, Massachusetts, and the Ph D. Degree in



Dr. Grady D. Davis, Sr.

Psychology of Religion, Boston University, Boston Massachusetts. He has served as Professor of Psychology at Fayetteville State University and is the former pastor of Oberlin Baptist Church, Raleigh. Dr. Davis is both a scholar and an illustrious preacher and pastor. During the 50's he was Dean of the Shaw School of Religion.

Endowment: Shaw's Most Urgent Need

Raleigh — Endowment, what does that word mean? As Black Baptists, we have been told over and over, for many years, that Shaw needs a substantial endowment. Now, just what does that mean? In the simplest terms it means: "To give money, property or insurance to be held in trust so as to provide an income for the support of a college, hospital, etc."

The money is not spent by the endowed institution but is invested so as to provide a continual income from year to year. This is the problem that has been pointed out to be Shaw's problem. Baptist have given Shaw millions of dollars over the years, but it has been spent for current operation. Shaw has a small endowment, but it does not begin to pay the kind of interest that is needed to sustain the institution in this day of inflation and rising cost of living.

This hard and constantly echoed theme was again told to the members of the Executive Committee of the G.B.S.C. Convention, Inc. in its executive session last February. As usual, all agreed that this is what Shaw needs. But what will the Baptist do about it? Perhaps it might be suggested that we take another serious look at the words of St. James: "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one say unto them, 'Depart in peace, be warmed and filled'; not withstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Yea a man may say, 'Thou hath faith, and I have works; show me thy faith without thy works, and I will show thee my faith by my works.'" (James 2:15-18)

Yes, my brethren the time for debate is out. In every instance, there are always those who don't want to do anything and will monopolize the time trying to justify their selfishness and faithlessness. It is time we stopped losing time listening to those who say that the people are not sold on Shaw as an educational institution; those who say that the people don't want to support an institution that they can not attend free; those who say that a large number of our ministers are uneducated and therefore, do not encourage support of Christian education.

There are some who do believe. There are some who do love and care about Shaw. There are some who know the value of keeping the teaching and educational aspect of the Christian Church second to none. There are some who feel so deeply about Shaw until they will go the extra mile, yea any distance to keep it alive and well. It is time for these persons to get together and draw up a plan to raise the endowment money for Shaw and properly invest it. It is time to lead the people to action, action for Shaw and the Cause of Christ at that

institution. The money is out there, in the pockets of each of us. It is being used to purchase everything that the heart can desire except security for the most vital need we have: an endowment for Shaw.

The Executive Secretary Dr. C.C. Craig is our new man to lead this cause, and he is out there on the field. The call has come faith from his mouth to every church in the G.B.S.C. to take a part in the workshops that are being held across the state. These workshops are just one of many efforts being put forth to inform our people about the work and the needs of the Convention. While he is out there, you are willing to do for Shaw and the Convention's work. Call him at the headquarters, send in a letter, state your view, if you feel that God has given you a plan. Dr. Craig is a big-hearted open-minded man. He will listen to you, he will pass your ideas on to those who know how to make them go to work for us. It is your Convention, it will be what you make. Until each individual pastor and member decides to do what he or she can there will be no endowment for Shaw.

It is a well-known fact that a great majority of the constituency of the G.B.S.C. want to see Shaw stop begging among the people. The greatest desire in the heart of this great people is to see the day when we will not have to say, "please give" ... but to be able to go to the Convention and enjoy the fellowship of the spirit and of each other.

Shaw Theological Alumni

Called To Annual Meet

Asheville — Dr. Charles R. Mosley, Pastor of the Nazareth First Baptist Church, Asheville, and President of the Shaw Theological Alumni Association has sent forth an urgent call to all Theological Alumni. He has urged all alumni to attend the Annual Theological Observance which is to be held jointly with the Shaw Divinity School's Fifth Annual Pastor's Conference, March 13-14. In a recent interview the President said that this is a vitally needed meeting, because Shaw is facing a phenomenal challenge, that threatens her very existence. "We urge all alumni to please be in attendance. The Divinity School needs the support of all its former students at this point in her history," he said. "We are still seeking memorial scholarships of at least \$400.00," he continued. "The Annual Dues are \$25.00, brethren, please don't forget that."

The following schedule was outlined for the Theological Alumni Association.

Monday, March 13,
4:00 p.m. - Executive Committee Meeting — in Meserve Hall, Administration Building Conference Room.
6:00 p.m. — Annual Banquet -

All are waiting anxiously to see the day when good men will become strong men and throw off their fear and rise up and led God's people to support His work of Kingdom building. Yes, there is love in us, just waiting to be harnessed and turned into an endowment for Shaw.

(Editor's note: This article concerning Shaw University is the fifth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friend of Baptist of our State and

Establishes Fund

Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., recently established a Student Revolving Loan Fund at Shaw University.

The "Kappa Alpha Psi Student Revolving Loan Fund" was established through a grant of \$500 from the national office and a matching contribution of \$500 from the Raleigh Alumni Chapter.

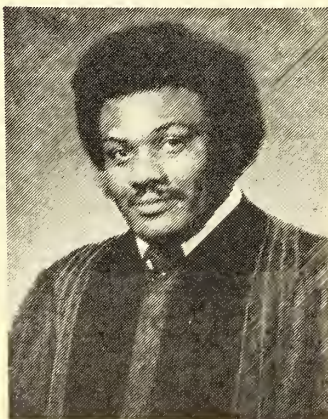
The loan fund is to be administered by the Director of Financial Aid and will be available to "all full-time students currently enrolled as candidates at the University, and who have a need for emergency funds to meet unforeseen expenses in pursuit of their education."

in Shaw Student Union Building. The speaker will be an outstanding alumnus of the Shaw Divinity School.

8 p.m. — Opening sermon - Dr. Nelson H. Smith - University Church.

Wednesday, March 15,
11:30 a.m. — The Annual Convocation - Univeristy Church - Dr. Nelson H. Smith will deliver the message.

Following the Convocation, the annual Photo will be made of the Theological Alumni in front of the University Church. The followship luncheon will follow in the Student Union Building.



Dr. Charles R. Mosley, Sr.

elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives in emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

Shaw Divinity Announces

Fifth Annual Conference Speakers

By J.Z. Alexander

Raleigh — The Shaw Divinity School proudly announces the observance of its Fifth Annual Pastor's Conference March 13, 14, 15, 1978 at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina. Registration for the conference will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, and the conference will end near noon on Wednesday, March 15. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the University Church. The cost of registration is \$25.00.

The theme of the 1978 conference is, "The Preacher and Controversial Ethical Issues." The services of three outstanding pastors and/or educators have been secured.

Dr. George D. Kelsey will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Kelsey is Henry Anson Butts Professor of Christian Ethics Emeritus at Drew University, Madison, New Jersey. Dr. Kelsey will deliver two lectures entitled, "Biblical Perspectives for Ethical Decision Making." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Herbert O. Edwards will be a principal lecturer. Dr. Edwards is Associate Professor of Black Church Studies at Duke Divinity School, Durham, North Carolina. Dr. Edwards will deliver two lectures entitled, "Current Controversial Ethical Issues." Both lectures will be delivered on Tuesday, March 14, at 11:15 a.m. and 3:45 p.m.

On Wednesday, March 15, between 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m., Dr. Kelsey and Dr. Edwards will give summation statements consisting of a review of the salient accent of their lectures. Question and answer periods will follow all lectures and the summation session.

Dr. Nelson H. Smith will be Conference Preacher. Dr. Smith is pastor of the New Pilgrim Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama. Dr. Smith will deliver sermons on Monday and Tuesday evenings, March 13 and 14 at 4:00 p.m. He will preach for the Shaw Theological Alumni's Annual Theological Convocation on Wednesday, March 15, at 11:30 a.m. The Shaw Theological Alumni Association observes its annual meeting in conjunction with the Pastor's Conference.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.)

Don't forget that April is Foreign Mission - Emphasis.

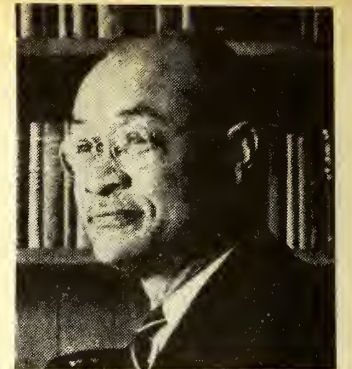
We believe we have developed a conference of genuine relevance, intellectual depth, and spiritual vitality. We would be exceedingly pleased to have you join us. Please come.

We have arranged for room reservations with the Holiday Inn downtown (Hillsborough Street) and the Golden Eagle (Hillsborough Street). Following are the per diem rates.:

Hotel Accommodations

Holiday Inn - No. 1 Single: \$24.96 tax included, No. 2 Double: (two persons in a room) \$32.24 tax included

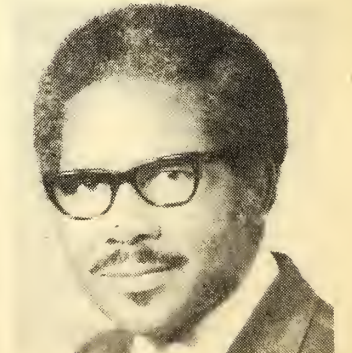
Golden Eagle - No. 3 Single: \$14.56 tax included, No. 4 Double: (one bed, two persons) \$18.72 tax included, No. 5 Double: (two beds, two persons) \$20.80 tax included.



Dr. George D. Kelsey



Dr. Herbert O. Edwards



Dr. Nelson H. Smith

Shaw Names

Who's Who

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University today released the names of the students selected for inclusion in Who's Who Among Students In American Colleges and Universities for 1977-1978.

The students are selected on the basis of their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential. They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

The 29 students selected from Shaw University are: Patricia C. Black, Senior, Biology; Gregory Chandler, Senior, Speech Pathology; Dynah K. Davis, Senior, Business Administration; Cynthia L. Elliott, Senior, Business Management; Henry Jones, Senior, Behavioral Science; Mozell Jones, Junior, Behavioral Science; Rosa M. Jones, Junior, Business

Management; Renata F. Joy, Senior RTVF; Alfred Kwasi-pui, Senior, Urban Politics; Bobby Landers, Senior, Business Management; Angela D. Lucas, Senior, Political Science; Larry McMillan, Senior, Chemistry; Kevin A. McQuay, Senior, Mathematics; Gladys C. Meeks, Senior, Urban Politics; Joceyln O. Peet, Junior, Music; Essie M. Pet-taway, Senior, Business Management; Grace A. Ren-frow, Senior, English; Samuel E. Roach, Jr., Junior, Business Management; Barbara A. Samuels, Senior, Elementary Education; Carlene Scales, Senior, Business; Barbara A. Smalls, Senior, Speech Pathology; Franchelle Smith, Junior, RTVF; Alvin Christopher Stowe, Senior, Behavioral Science; Pearl Walker, Senior, HPE; Daryl M. Watson, Senior, English Education; Barbara S. Wright, Junior; James E. Meeks, Senior, Business Management.

Shaw Student Wins Alex Haley Award

Charles F. Blalock, Sr. Raleigh, N.C. - The United Negro College Fund has awarded a 1977-78 Alex Haley - Warner Communications Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000 to Ms. Cathis M. Hall, a sophomore at Shaw University.

Ms. Hall is a Radio-TV-Film major, with a 2.74 grade point average (out of a possible 3.00).

This award is awarded yearly

to a student at a participating UNCF college or university pursuing a career in a media related field (e.g. radio, television, journalism, or film).

Ms. Hall's hometown is Virginia Beach, Virginia. She plans a career in Broadcast Journalism, and considers the award "one of the greatest things that ever happened in my life."

Permarital Sex

Love Does Not Make It Right

-Nancy Davis Thomas-

Premarital sex is probably one of the most practiced acts in our nation today. Today's youths and adults are in some manner influenced by one means or another; society, most likely being the biggest factor. Society, probably for centuries, has led and misled, guided and misguided, persuaded and dissuaded most of our actions from birth to present. Our society controls or at least has unwittingly controlled the way we act and react.

We sometimes have a tendency to categorize everything around us. Most people associate premarital sex with only young people. However, if we really stop to honestly think about it, we know that young people are not the only ones involved in premarital sex. Adults, too, engage in sex outside of marriage.

Premarital sex probably comes about because of a number of reasons. Some of them being: (1) I love him. (1) He said he loves me. (3) Everybody else is doing it. (4) He said if I loved him, I'd let him. (But if he loved you, HE WOULDN'T PERSIST). Each of these reasons is, in my opinion, a poor excuse for defying what the Bible specifically tells us not to do.

Because people in general sometimes make rationalizations for their actions (be they right or wrong) the spiritual aspect or the correct way is to let the Bible be our map or Traveller's Guide into the Kingdom of Heaven.

As we study premarital sex from a biblical standpoint, we will notice these words in Genesis 2:24: "Therefore the man shall leave his father and his mother and shall cleave unto his wife: and the two shall be one flesh." This statement somehow leads me to believe that only through the physical dimension of our lives are we able to become one flesh. This only being possible through physical contact which we know as sex. The passage also states that "...he shall cleave unto his wife," which suggests that through marriage shall they become one flesh.

As we look at I Corinthians 6:18, we are informed that we should "Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body." Because our bodies are only temporary loans from God, we sin not only against what we call our own bodies but what, in actuality, belong to God and God alone.

I Corinthians 7:2 instructs us "...to avoid fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband."

I Thessalonian 4:3 says, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication."

There are a number of people who would like to think that as long as there is love involved,

then, love makes it right. We just cannot seem to totally accept God's word for all it is worth. We have to have our own specifications. But if God says, "Avoid fornication," and He does, then we should. If God says, "...abstain from fornications," and He does, then we should. If God says, "Flee fornication," and He does, then we should.

It is more than obvious that God's word, to some people, is not as strong as MAN'S promise to WOMAN that "I'll love you forever and always." Man's word is not as flawless as God's word is.

We sometimes tend to let our actions become reactions to what is going on around us. I have heard a number of people state that they engage in premarital sex because it is expected of them or it is the "IN" thing to do. However, this "IN" thing to do could be the determining factor for one's not being able to enter Heaven. We need to take a firmer stand when it comes to right and wrong. We should not be content to let people pull us down to the levels; instead we should pull them up to ours.

When God commands us not to do certain things, He does not do it to keep us from "enjoying" ourselves. God's sight-range is greater than ours and He sometimes gives us negative commands because He loves and wants to protect us because we, in all our ignorance, cannot seem to realize what is best for us.

Helen Steiner Rice, her book Someone Cares, summarized how man tends to detract from

God's greatness by saying "... in searching and studying and using our man-made theories, we tend to destroy the POWER, the GLORY, the GREATNESS, and, most of all the IN-COMPREHENSIBLE MIR-ACLE of GOD and HIS SON." If we but realize that God, in all His greatness, is the Master Planner, that He will not lead us down and untrodden path alone, that He, in all His greatness, has insurmountable knowledge, power and wisdom that no man can bestow upon another, we will become better Christian people.

In conclusion, I would like to share with you a short poem that I wrote that expresses my very personal convictions on premarital sex.

BE WILLING TO WAIT

The Bible tells us sex is wrong
If we, out of marriage, don't hold off on

Having sex until we're husband and wife

Or we, in turn will live in strife.

Be willing to wait IF YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE.

Don't give in to the convictions of

Other people, 'cause they'll lead you astray

Then turn their backs and walk away.

IF YOU'RE REALLY IN LOVE then get it straight

That until you're married, you both can wait.

Don't get in a rut by following the crowd.

Until you are married, let sex not be allowed.

Journalism Winner Announced

Clinton — Nancy Davis Thomas is the daughter of William and Roberta Davis of Clinton, N.C. She is the fourth child out of seven consisting of three brothers and three sisters.

Nancy is a member of Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church, Clinton, N.C. which is pastored by H.R. Cogdell. She thoroughly enjoys attending Sunday School because of the student - teacher discussions. One of Nancy's New Year's resolutions is try to have a perfect attendance in Sunday School for the year of '78.

Nancy entered the journalism contest because of the challenge of imaginative thinking. She enjoys writing poetry and would someday like to publish a book of poems that she has written through the years.

Her hobbies are writing poems and participating in, as well as watching sports.

Nancy is the top winner in the Journalism Contest and is the recipient of the \$50.00 prize. The other four winners will have their articles published along with their photo and biography.

Other winners:

2nd place - Telisa Dixon, La Grange, N.C. - St. Delight Holy Church. Topic: "Focus on Drug



Nancy Davis Thomas - 1st place winner

Abuse and The Christian View point"

3rd place - Thomas Johnson, Raleigh, N.C. First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church - Topic: "Drug Abuse"

4th place - Sharon Phillips, Goldsboro - Mt. Calvary Baptist Church - Topic: "Should You or Should You Not?"

5th place - Stanley Davis, Garner, N.C. Topic: "Homosexuality: An Indept Look"

Following is the verbaton article by Nancy.

LOOKING FOR LOST ALUMNI!

Do You Know An Alumnus Not On Our Mailing List?

Complete the form below and return to:

OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS
118 E. South Street
SHAW UNIVERSITY
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

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Goldsboro To Host Laymen's League

Goldsboro, (the Golden) City of the G.B.S.C.'s birth, will host the Third State-Wide Fellowship Banquet and One Day Session of the State Laymen's League, April 14-15, 1978. The Host Church will be Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Rev. Spencer Williams, Jr., pastor. Mr. Mack L. Hicks is the local Laymen President.

They have done an excellent job in making preparations for our visit. They have left no stones unturned.

This year's convention promises to be the best yet. In order to get our laymen and friends to attend the sessions, we have combined our Fellowship Banquet and the One Day Session activities.

We have set a financial goal of \$5,000.00; with committed people we can do it.

Please note the following schedule:

Friday, April 14, 1978 7:00 p.m.
Third Statewide Fellowship Banquet
Goldsboro High School East
Speaker: Att. Julius Chambers

In Port City

Lott Carey Laymen One Day Mission Session

By Brother William J. Burnson

Wilmington — The Laymen's League, auxiliary to the Lott Carey Baptist foreign Mission Convention, Inc., will convene in its One Day Session, March 10-11, 1978, at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Wilmington, N.C. Reverend F.R. Devane, host pastor.

Mr. John McQueen, North Carolina State Laymen's League President and first Vice President of the Lott Carey Laymen's League, has requested that all laymen bring a liberal contribution for foreign missions. Credit will be given individual churches through the Unified Program.

Directions To Mount Calvary Baptist Church

Traveling south on Rt. 17 to Wilmington, turn right on 17th and Market St. and continue until you run into Rankin St., which changes to Red Cross; then continue on until you reach 8th and Red Cross; turn right and continue on to 8th and Harnett: Mt. Calvary Church.

Traveling south on Rt. 95 until you reach Wilson, North Carolina where you will turn left onto Rt. 117, continue traveling 117 until you reach Wilmington, after crossing Smith Creek Bridge turn left on McRae St. Pass School House on your right and travel 2 blocks to Harnett St. Turn to your right to church.

Traveling south on Rt. 421 to Wilmington, continue 421 until you reach Harnett St., turn left

Laymen: Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte

Saturday, April 15, 1978 7:30 a.m.

Laymen Executive Board Breakfast meeting

9:00 a.m. Registration

9:30 a.m. One Day Session, Begins at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro

3:00 p.m. Adjournment

Our program personalities are as follows for the banquet and One Day Session:

Dr. J.J. Johnson, President, G.B.S.C.

Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, G.B.S.C.

Mr. John McQueen, President, State Laymen's League

Att. Julius Chambers, Banquet Speaker, Friendship Baptist, Charlotte

Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Director of Laywork, G.B.S.C.

Dr. B.L. Rich, Moderator of Middle District Association, Annual Sermon.

Our convention will be full of preaching, teaching, Bible study, singing, and eating. Make plans now to attend.

and continue traveling Harnett St. to Church.

Traveling East on Rt. 87 to Rt. 74 to Wilmington, Make a left turn at the first stop light after crossing the bridge, travel 3rd St. until you reach Harnett St. Make a right turn and continue to Church.

Elected Moderator

HARVEY, III. (BP) — A local Baptist minister, who is the grandson of a slave, was elected moderator of the Chicago-Metropolitan Baptist Association, at the organization's 25th annual meeting here.

Pastor Herbert L. Holmes of Universal Baptist Church here is the first black moderator of a local association affiliated with the Illinois Baptist State Association, a Southern Baptist body.

Holmes recently told a meeting of moderators and missions directors, "About three years ago, I learned about Southern Baptists in Chicago, was given information about how to come into the Chicago Metro Association, and found an open door.

"In less than three years, we've been accepted in the state convention, found Christian fellowship, and I've been elected moderator of the association," Holmes stated. "The Lord is doing things through Southern Baptists."

East Cedar Grove Association To Have New 'Prayer Conditioned' Convention Site

By Mrs. V.J. Walthour

Durham — The One Day Session of the East Cedar Grove Association met on Saturday, February 4, 1978 at the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church in Durham, N.C. and made history.

Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Moderator, introduced to the body a proposal for a new convention site which was accepted without any opposition or hesitation by its members.

The new convention site will replace the Smith Thomas Building in Creedmoor, N.C. where it has hosted the convention for several years and will have modern facilities to include kitchen, carpet, meeting rooms, sound system. The building will also be air and prayer conditioned.

The Moderator stated that all churches, organizations, pastors, past moderators and board members of the East Cedar Grove Association will be immortalized in a white marble stone that would be placed in the middle of a proposed fish pond in front of the building.

Teens And Alcohol

By B.L. Caylor

EVANSTON, ILL., Feb. 16 — A more than usually informative education film on the increasing problem of teenage drinking has just been released by Signal Press of Evanston, Ill.

The 16mm 21-minute color film entitled "Short Distance Runner," is set in a teenagers' world struggling to cope with peer pressure, parental revolt and personal confrontation with alcohol and other drugs.

In describing the film as an "excellent educational one dealing with modern-day problems which teenagers face," Mrs. Herman Stanley, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, of which the Signal Press is a subsidiary, declared "The central character is a good student and member of the high school's track team who is introduced to alcohol at an early age. After being dropped from the team because of continued drinking the story brings him before the school counselor.

"The story avoids the impression that all teenagers drink but pinpoints four major teenage problems, namely 'availability,' 'parents drinking behavior,' 'rejection of friends,' and the 'lost opportunity to achieve.'"

Mrs. Stanley said the film ends with a closing scene which can open the way for class discussion, and a teachers guide in directing such discussion is included.

"Young people today, as never before," Mrs. Stanley declared, "should be alerted to how alcohol and drugs can affect their lives and their future even at an early age, and we believe this film brings that message into bold focus."

The film can be obtained from The Signal Press 1730 Chicago Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60201.

The members were elated about the idea of a comfortable meeting place. Dr. Craig, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention was present at the One Day Session and congratulated

the body on their acceptance and cooperation of their Moderator's proposal. A Building Committee was selected to work with the Moderator. The date to begin construction will be announced soon.

Middle Ground Association

Holds Annual Training Session

Gold Point — The Middle Ground Association held its annual Training Institute at the Roanoke Tabernacle, Gold Point, North Carolina, January 9-20. Wonderful lessons were taught each night. Reverend A.L. Daye taught the ministers; Dr. G.E. Brown taught the deacons and laymen; Mrs. Carrie Alexander taught missions; and Reverend F.W. Davis and Mrs. Elise Goodard taught the youth. The total enrollment was 275.

Following class sessions each

Lodging

For Laymens' Banquet

For reservations, write or call Golden Eagle Motor Inns, 801 Market Street, Wilmington, N.C. 28401. Telephone: 919-763-9851
Rooms Rates as follows: 1 bed, 1 person, \$9.00
1 bed, 2 people, \$14.00
2 beds, 2 people, \$17.50

Lodging

Listed below are the motels and rates available April 14-15, 1978: Holiday Inn — Highway 70 East-Tel. 735-7901
Single — \$17.00
Double — 22.00
Econo-Travel Motor Hotel — Highway 70 East — Tel. 736-4510
Single — \$13.50
Double — 16.12
Quality Inn — Highway 70 West — Tel. 736-4590
Single — \$17.00
Double — 20.00
Villa Square Motor-Apts. — Tel. 726-4711
One (1) Double Bed — One (1) person — \$13.52

evening, worship services were held, during which, dynamic sermons were preached and the congregation engaged in inspirational singing. Ministers who delivered sermons were: Reverends Harry Barnhill, Walter Cherry, K.P. Fisher, F.W. Davis, J.H. Dixon and A.L. Daye.

Those who attended the training institute grew religiously, spiritually and mentally. God's presence was felt throughout each service.

Small Room Two (2) persons — 16.64
Large Motel Room — One (1) Double Bed (One person — \$14.56
One (1) Double Bed — Love Seat — 2 persons \$17.68
Large Double Motel Room — Two (2) Beds — Two (2) persons — \$19.70
Each Additional Person — \$3.12

Other Motels Recommended Motel Six — 70 By-Pass East - Tel. 736-7140
Irish Inns — Highway 70 East — Tel. 778-1400

We recommend that members of the Executive Committee stay at Villa Square because it is only six blocks from the church. Meals are available at the above motels.

The messengers are responsible for making their own motel reservations.

The Third Annual State-Wide Fellowship Banquet

Sponsored by

Laymen's League Convention

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General Baptist State Convention

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Friday, April 14, 1978 7:00 p.m.

Goldsboro High School East

Goldsboro, N.C.

Speaker: Att. Julius Chambers, Charlotte, N.C.

Ticket price \$10.00 donation per person

One Day Session Best Ever

Raleigh — The One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congress February 11, was the best ever in the recent history of the Congress. The Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, where the session was held, was filled to overflowing. One group had to hold its activities across the street in the Masonic Hall. Leaders, Att. James Lassiter, President of the S.S. Congress and Mr. James Bellamy, Jr., President of the B.T.U. Congress, were filled with enthusiasm and joy.

The session was marked with a note of seriousness and everyone seemed to sense that it is time to put Jesus Christ first in our State Educational Program.

The key note address was delivered by Dr. Joseph H. Williams, Assistant Dean of the National Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. He is also Program Administrator of Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey. He is a specialist in Urban Education, and a member of the General Baptist State Convention of New Jersey. The theme of his address was: "No Straw, Same Bricks," based on Exodus the fifth Chapter. After reminding the messengers about the ordeal of the Hebrew people during their slavery in Egypt, he related the situation to the condition of the Blacks in the area of education today. He pointed out that the Pharoah was angered because Moses wanted to take the Hebrews out into the wilderness to pray. Therefore, he told them

that they were idle because they did not have enough work to do. Pharoah then ordered that the task masters no longer furnish straw for the Hebrews to use in making bricks. They were to gather their own straw, yet produce the same tally of bricks each day.

Turning to the Blacks of today, he stated that they are required to measure up educationally with whites after 100 years of slavery and segregation. No straw; same bricks. Dr. Williams went on to say that in order to qualify, that Blacks must be made to realize that a school is for education, not a social center. As a challenge to the clergy, he said that the Gospel message must proclaim three things: (1) proclamation (2) Redemption and (3) witness — not what you heard but what you yourself have experienced with Jesus Christ.

The leaders of the North Carolina State Convention work are also leaders of the National Baptist Convention work. Reverend Leo Williams, Att. Lassiter, Mrs. Hazel McLean, Secretary, and Dr. C.C. Craig are leaders in the National B.T.U. and S.S. Congress. Other leaders in the One Day Session were Mr. M.W. Heartley, Mrs. C.B. Walters, Mr. Al Smith McLean, Mr. R. Milhouse, Mr. W.J. Walls, Mrs. Sheila Bynum, Mrs. Frances B. Tate, and Mrs. Ethel Brake.

The afternoon sermon was preached by Reverend Reginald B. Kamara, Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Auburn.



L to R Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc.; Dr. Joseph H. Williams, Assistant Dean of the National S.S. and B.T.U. Congress of the National Baptist Convention, Inc.; (seated) Rev. Leotha Debnam, Pastor Host Church; and Att. James Lassiter, President, State S.S. Congress. These outstanding personalities were in conference during the recent dynamic session of the One Day Session of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congress held at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh.



The leaders (standing in front) and a position of the capacity group that attended the One Day Session of the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress held February 11th at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Elizabeth City Minister

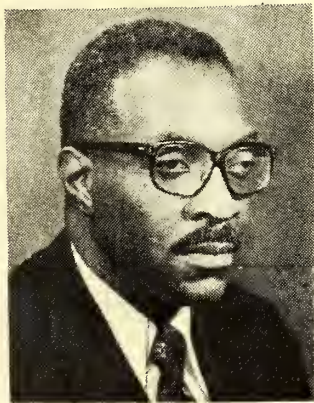
Receives Call To Antioch

Goldsboro — The Antioch Baptist Church of Goldsboro has extended a Pastoral call to the Reverend William C. Butts of Elizabeth City, N.C. He has accepted the call and plans to take up residence in the Golden City sometime during 1978.

The Reverend William C. Butts is a native of Norfolk, Virginia where he received his high school education at Booker T. Washington High School. He is a member of Queen Street Baptist Church of Norfolk, having joined the church at the age of nine. Rev. Butts was born May 1, 1929.

As a former member of the Board of Trustees of the Baltimore College (1969), Reverend Butts is the former pastor of Providence Missionary Baptist Church, Edenton, N.C. At the present time, he is a member of the Corner Stone Missionary Baptist Church.

Reverend and Mrs. William C. Butts have two children. A son, Gerald C. is married to the former Miss Melody Ross of Suffolk, Va. They have two children. He is in the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg; Ms. Delores C. (Sue) Butts, holds a B.S. Degree from Elizabeth City State



Rev. William C. Butts

University. Mrs. Geraldine M. Butts has returned to college at the Elizabeth City State University and she was on the Dean's list as an honor student during this year. She is working toward a degree in social work. Mrs. Butts has done study at Virginia Union and she has attended several workshops in Christian Education.

Rev. Butts has held churches in both North Carolina and Virginia. He has attended both state and out-of-state Baptist Conventions. Since he began his pastoral work, he has served Mt. Carmel, Washington Street, Shiloh, Rose of Sharon and Providence Baptist Churches.

Dr. Lincoln Plans Volume On Black Churches In America

DURHAM, N.C. (RNS) — Dr. C. Eric Lincoln, noted sociologist of religion, will publish a new work on the Black Church in America with a \$73,400 grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The Duke University religion professor will serve as principal investigator and direct a team of researchers and writers to produce a single volume on many aspects of the black church.

The research team will gather data and historical background on the black church's social history, its music and ritual, the role of the black preacher, the black church in education, women in the black church and the black church in business.

Prof. Lincoln, 51, said the work will examine "the faces of the black church — by denomination, sect and cult and in doing a demographic study of the black church membership and making a prognosis for the church's future in America."

Working with the United Methodist clergyman will be Prof. Lawrence H. Mamiya of the religion faculty at Vassar College, previously associated with Mr. Lincoln in black church research.

Dr. Lincoln came to Duke in

1976 after three years at Fisk University, Nashville, where he started the United Church of Christ-related school's department of religion. Prior to that he was on the faculty of Union Theological Seminary, New

York. He is the author of *The Black Church Since Frazier*, *The Black Experience in Religion* and *The Black Muslims in America* and editor of a Doubleday series on *Black Religion*.

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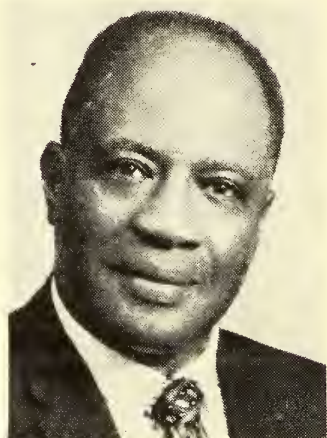
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Sherrill Becomes Secretary Emeritus

Raleigh — The Executive Committee and General Board of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., meeting in executive sessions last February 21st, voted to bestow upon Dr. O.L. Sherrill the title of Executive Secretary Emeritus. The honorary title was bestowed upon the former Executive Secretary-Treasurer, who served the Convention in that capacity for 30 years and retired last year.

Dr. Sherrill is still quite active in the work of the Baptist Convention and has pledged himself to "work until the Lord says well done." Last January 22nd, he was guest speaker at the West Side Baptist Church in St. Louis Missouri, where Reverend Moses Javis is Pastor. He preached on the subject: "Total Commitment in the Christian Experience." In addition to



Dr. O. L. Sherrill

speaking engagements, which flood the former executive, he is currently serving as instructor in Bible Studies in various ministerial institutes throughout the State, sponsored by Southern Baptist Convention.

Family Fighting For Life Southern Baptist Told

FORT WORTH, Tex. (RNS) — "The family is fighting for its life," Southern Baptist President Jimmy Allen told some 13,000 participants in a Family Life conference here.

Mr. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, said "God's primary plan of evangelism is the family."

Violence and sexual obscenity on television and in movies, he said, are among the "villains" destructive to Christian family life.

James H. Landes, executive director of the 2-million-member Texas Baptist Convention, said, "Godly families are healthier and happier." He said his convention has "responded to a cry from Texas Baptists to come back to the Biblical family."

The convention is about to launch a radio and newspaper campaign to upgrade family life in the state, Mr. Landes said.

Shaw Univ. Prof

Rabbi Stillpass Mourned

Raleigh — The Shaw Divinity School faculty and Shaw University Community were saddened last February 21st, at the sudden passing of Rabbi Leo J. Stillpass. The Rabbi was a native of Fort Wayne, Indiana and came to Raleigh in 1961 to serve the Temple Beth Or. He has served pulpits in Memphis and Knoxville, Tennessee; Galveston, Texas; Dal City, California; Johnstown, Pennsylvania; and at his death was

serving as Professor of Old Testament at the Shaw Divinity School.

The former World War II Naval Chaplain has received numerous awards and citations, and in 1975, was listed in Who's Who in World Jewry, "Marquis' Who's Who in Religion." He has also served on the faculty of various youth camps and in 1965 was Chaplain at the North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

Rabbi Stillpass will be remembered as a great humanitarian and educator as well as a friend to young people.



Rev. Alton

Maggie Pitt; One brother Mr. James Alton.

The funeral service for Reverend Alton was held Saturday, January 28, 1978, at the St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount. The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend W.R. Burston.



Rabbi Stillpass

Sadat Planning

Combined Mosque, Synagogue, Church

JERUSALEM (RNS) — Egyptian President Anwar el-Sadat, in an interview with an Israeli journalist, said he had commissioned an architect to draw up plans for a combined church, mosque, and synagogue atop Mount Sinai, where, the Bible says, Moses received the 10 Commandments.

The 8,000-foot mountain would revert to Egyptian control along with virtually the entire Sinai peninsula under Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin's peace proposals.

Mr. Sadat told the Jerusalem Post that the proposed structure would be a "unique" edifice shared by the three great monotheistic faiths, and that he was asking God "that He grant me to pray the next Bairam holiday prayer in the shrine."

The Egyptian leader, a devout Moslem, recited the last Bairam holiday prayer at the Al Aksa mosque in Jerusalem during his dramatic visit last November to meet with Mr. Begin.

There are two Islam festivals of Bairam each year. The next one is from Sept. 4 to 6.

In Memoriam

Rev. Alton Mourned

Rocky Mount — The Reverend David Andrew Alton, the son of the late Ora A. Alton and Mattie King Alton, was born October 10, 1922 in Rocky Mount.

He attended the public schools of Rocky Mount, Shaw University and the Bible Training Institute of Goldsboro.

Reverend Alton was married to Mable Lancaster, and two daughters were born to that union.

Answering a call to the ministry in 1959, her served as pastor of New Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Rocky Mount; The Guiding Star Free Will Baptist Church, Clinton; Carter's Chapel Baptist Church, Roanoke Rapids, and First Baptist Church, Halifax where he was serving at his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mable L. Alton; one daughter, Mrs. Claudette Alton Andrews; One sister, Mrs.

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■ In 1976, Carl Purcell (R) squeezed out victory in Michigan's 2nd District by just 344 out of 190,450 votes cast.

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(Oh, yeah: In the 1976 presidential contest a switch of fewer than 10,000 votes in Ohio and Hawaii—out of all the 80 million votes cast nationally—would have reversed the outcome, giving Gerry Ford a 270-268 electoral vote victory.)

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Moderator's Workshop - May 9-10

General Baptist One Day Session At Wilmington

Wilmington — The Reverend Carl Lee, the members of Shiloh Baptist Church, and the "Port City" are busily preparing a "Red Carpet Welcome" for the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. May 9-10, when it will meet in its One Day Setting. It will be an evening (May 9) of information and inspiration for Moderators, and a Day of Fellowship and Preaching at its best (May 10) when God's People called General Baptist get together. The Executive Secretary's Message follows:
FROM THE DESK OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

To the Pastors, Moderators, Presidents of Unions, Presidents of District Conventions and Members of the General Baptist State Convention Family:

On May 9-10, 1978, all roads will lead to the Shiloh Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina, where the Moderators' Workshop and the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention will convene.

The afternoon and evening sessions on Tuesday, May 9, will include the Moderators' Workshop and a sermon by Reverend A. L. Bell, Moderator

of the Zion Association.

The session on Wednesday morning will begin with a devotional period at 10:00 a.m. Following the devotional period, the program will include: greetings from the President of the Convention, Dr. J.J. Johnson; report of the Executive Secretary and a sermon by Reverend Jeremiah Webb.

The afternoon session will include greetings from Dr. J.W. Fleming, President of Shaw University; Dr. W.C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Convention, and the Superintendent of the Central

Orphanage; H.V. Bryant. Dr. Preston Pendergrass will preach the sermon.

A financial report will conclude the session.

I am asking the pastors of the churches, Moderators of the Associations, President of the Unions, Presidents of District Convention and the members of the churches to help the Convention fulfill its financial obligation to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes.



Reverend Carl Lee, Host Pastor - Shiloh Baptist Church - Wilmington.

Moderator Hosts National Baptist President

By Mrs. V.J. Walthour

Durham—Sunday, 11:00 a.m. March 12, will always be a memorable time for Dr. W.T. Bigelow, Pastor of the Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church Durham, N.C., who is also the

Moderator of the East Cedar Grove Association.

Dr. J.H. Jackson, President of the NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, USA, with a membership well over Six

Million, honored Dr. Bigelow with his presence during Worship Service.

The worshippers, over filling the seating capacity of the church as they do each Sunday

eagerly awaiting to be fed the 'Bread of Life' by Dr. Beglow, gave the President a warm reception. Dr. Jackson stated that his words would be short, 'he was there to worship'. And

truly he worshipped, for Dr. Bigelow brought a dynamic message. The spirit was high and Dr. Jackson, along with the multitude, left with his soul thoroughly fed.

Christian Training Institute Held

By W.C. Tabron

Littleton, N.C.—Recently, an institute with emphasis on "Christian Stewardship" and "Church Music" was held at the Oak Grove Baptist Church,

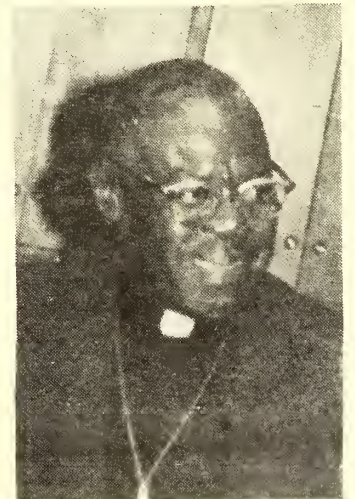
Littleton, N.C. The purpose of this institute was to provide in-depth training in the true meaning of Christian service through Christian living. Classes were held nightly between the

hours of 7 and 8:30 p.m.

Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Past Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention (1947-1977) was the instructor for the one hundred

fifty-three persons attending the classes in Christian Stewardship. Dr. Sherrill began his instructions by beautifully painting the picture of a steward as a person who looks after someone else's business. This means a steward must be trustworthy, responsible, and accountable. Dr. Sherrill emphasized that stewardship involves two people, namely, the steward or stewardess and the owner. The owner of christian stewards is GOD. During each session, Dr. Sherrill stressed the basic principles of christian stewardship as given to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ — The Holy Bible.

The instructor for Church Music was Dr. W.T. Grimes of Rocky Mount, N.C. Dr. Grimes holds a 30 year pin from the Hampton Institute Musical Guild. The one hundred persons attending the music sessions received inspirational guidance on the purpose and role of the church choir in the church program. Emphasis was placed on music and the regular worship service. Dr. Grimes emphasized the major role of the church choir as that of leading the congregation in the singing of Praises to our Lord and



Dr. J.H. Jackson, President, National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc.

Savior.

At the conclusion of the week of training, the group studying church music presented a closing service with theme "Church Music, Its Mission and Message". This was truly an inspirational and soul searching experience during which many christians re-dedicated their lives to the service of God.

The institute was organized through the united efforts of Rev. G.E. Battle, Rev. C.E. McCollum, and Rev. W.C. Tabron. The Littleton area churches pastored by these ministers were the sponsors.



Leader of the Christian Institute, Littleton, N.C. Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Center

Seed For Sermon Thought

"Victory At Jabok"

By I. B. Horton

Genesis 32:24 "And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day."

Introduction:

The familiar Bible account of Jacob is the story of a sneaky, tricky, doubting, self-reliant young man who come to a 'rightful mid-night wrestle with God. In his struggle, he discovered that true religion is not doing things, having things, and belonging to things; but it is in "being" an offspring of God.

Discourse:

I. Jacob, like so many whom we know, thought that life consisted in the abundance of the things he possessed. He set out on a course of action to take advantage of all whom he encountered.

II. The accumulation of things with the right relationship with God and his fellowman, brought him into the dark night of a fearful encounter with the almighty. Many today still make the mistake of thinking that true Christianity is the number of

members in the Church, or name it is call by. Even greater numbers feel that it is the kind of ceremony one practices in worship.

III. Jacob was to discover that life begins in "being" not having or doing. That is to "Be" an offspring of the almighty. True Christianity stands in the knowledge that we live Because God lives. We exist because He exist. We do not have to get permission to "Be" ourselves. God has given us that. Like Jacob we find peace because His grace forgives us our past sins - and like Jacob our name is changed to "Israel", a prince of God - one who has striven with God and gotten acquainted with Him. Through experience we are Born again.

Conclusion:

You too can have a "Victory at Jabok" if your faith is not in Having things, Doing things, belonging to things; but in "Being" born again. — You need no longer be threatened by anything that is said or done to you. Because you know Him for yourself.

Dates To Remember

APRIL

3-4 — Workshop - Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church, Powellsville, W.H. Trotman, Pastor.

5 — Workshop - First Baptist Church, Rich Square, J.R. Wiggins, Pastor.

9 — Evangelistic Service - Galilee, Winston-Salem, W.C. Hay, Pastor.

10 — Evangelistic Service - Shiloh, Shelby, R.E. Devoe, Pastor.

11 — Evangelistic Service - Second Calavary, Charlotte, Lemar Foster, Pastor.

12 — Evangelistic Service - Shiloh, Henderson, R.W. Perry, Pastor.

13 — Evangelistic Service — Mt. Calvary, New Bern, W.J. Cox, Pastor.

14-15 — One Day Session of Laymen's Convention - Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, Spencer Williams, Pastor.

17-18 — Workshop - New Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Charlotte, J.A. Cuthbertson, Pastor.

19 — Workshop - Friendship Baptist Church, Gastonia, T.M. Walker, Pastor.

27-28 — Workshop — New Damascus Baptist Church, Wilkesboro, W.N. Rowe, Pastor.

MAY

9 — Moderators' Workshop, Shiloh, Wilmington, Carl Lee, Pastor.

10 — One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention, Shiloh, Wilmington, Carl Lee, Pastor.

Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon . . .

Isaiah 55:7

Wanted Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Applications are now being received for the professional position of Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Official Blanks may be requested by mail — Office of the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601.

All applicants must hold a college degree, must be a member in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church,

must have a reputation of honesty and present acceptable references attesting mental maturity, emotional stability and administrative.

The job requires the applicant to live in the Raleigh Area. All applicants meeting the basic qualifications will receive ap-

pointments prior to final screening by the personnel committee.

All applications should be sent to:

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News From Mount Calvary Baptist Church

By S.A. RAPER

Shelby — The Mt. Calvary Baptist Church of Shelby, N.C., recently held a most heartfelt and gratifying Bible Study on the book of Exodus, taught by Dr. O.L. Sherrill. We had an average attendance of 40 persons per night. Some members had to go to work at ten o'clock, however they would stay until the class closed at 8:45: then they would rush off to work.

Dr. Sherrill was at his best on his interperitation of the book of Exodus. Mt. Calvary Church has been touched through the teachings of this great Saint of God.

Mt. Calvary has been touched to go out and free men from the bondage of sin. The book of Exodus teaches us how Moses freed the Isrealites from the bondage of slavery. We learned that those Isrealites and the Black man are compatiable; when God blesses them, after they were freed they forgot about God. So do we! Everytime they forgot about God they would get

into serious trouble. After, that, they would again return to God. So do we! The Isrealites worried Moses so much that when he died God would not allow them to go the his Funeral. But it is a little different with us. The Black People worry their leaders all the time they are leading. When they die, at the funeral, they say they were the greatest leader they have ever known. If this leader was so great, why did you not follow him?

Dr. Sherrill did not tell me to say this, I am saying it because you know this is the truth.

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church has completed its Educational Building. Now we are planning to start the Edifice in the early Spring of this year. We have a membership of 106 adults and 216 young people.

If you are ever in Shelby, N.C., stop at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, we are located at 422 Carolina Avenue. For further directions to the church, telephone 482-6218.

Tithers Commitment Should Be Tried

By Rev. Thomas L. Walker

ROCKY MOUNT — Rev. Thomas L. Walker, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, 652 Raleigh Road, Rocky Mount, N.C. suggests that all 1700 Missionary Baptist Churches should try the "Prove the Tithe" Commitment Packet.

He states that his church is having an outstanding success in their Stewardship Programs, resulting from the use of various materials and suggestions enclosed in the packet. The packet consists of such items as, a poster and information on "Prove the Tithe" Day, Stewardship Sermons, Stewardship Devotionals, Committed to Tithe Poster, Committed to Growth Tracts, Giving Growth Computer, suggestions for Stewardship Plays, etc.

On February 5th, "Prove the Tithe Day" service was held at Ebenezer. The regular offering was increased by-over 50 percent. The offering for that Sunday was \$2,500.00. Also during other Stewardship services, a play was performed that was in the packet entitled, "Where Do I Sign." Pastor Walker states that the results were outstanding.

During the regular Sunday BTU sessions other materials from the packet are continuously being used. Also, a result of this packet, the church is considering tithing their budget to mission.

Pastor Thomas L. Walker gives special thanks to the Executive Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig and his staff, for their vision and foresight.

Letters To The Editor

Dear Pastor:

It has been brought to my attention that two Sundays during the year every congregation of the Seventh Day Adventist Church gives every dollar collected on those day for higher education.

We would not ask so much, but we believe that one Sunday of Sharing (SOS) with Shaw by our churches across the state would be beneficial to the church in elevating the stewardship spirit and it would certainly be beneficial to Shaw in helping it meet its pressing financial needs.

Let me be frank and state the case succinctly in terms of

dollars and cents. During the next 90 days Shaw must pay:

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At the same time, it must keep up its current operation. SOS could have a double meaning: "Save, O Save," or a "Sunday of Sharing." We prefer the latter for it has a positive connotation.

Won't you set aside one Sunday in April as a Sunday of Sharing with Shaw?

Thank you for your help.
Sincerely yours,
John W. Fleming
Interim President

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Woman's Page

Must Wear Pin To Participate In

Life Membership Pin In March

Raleigh — Dr. M.A. Horne has issued a call to all the Missionary Circles across the State to be in attendance at the State-wide Leaders' Workshop, April 8, 1978 - Raleigh Civic Center - 8:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Highlights of the workshop will be: Preaching at its Best - The Union Baptist Church, Durham, N.C.

The Outstanding feature will be "The Life Membership Pin March". All individuals who participate in this event will have to be wearing a "Life Membership Pin". Pins can be secured from the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention, of North Carolina, Inc. at a cost of \$25.00.



Dr. M.A. Horne,
Executive Secretary

Abortion:

Should You Or Should You Not

By SHARON PHILLIPS

(Editor's Note: Sharon Phillips was the Fourth Place Winner in the contest of Christian Journalism for Youth. The contest was a part of a Project in Ministry connected with the Editor's study towards the D. Min. Degree at the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C.)

Goldsboro — It is only natural that everyone wants to be loved and only natural that we want to share our love with someone else. Love can be Beautiful. Love can also cause us to make mistakes if we do not think clearly and use mature judgement.

Many of us find ourselves in a dilemma when we are asked by a loved one to have sexual relations. But before we answer, many of us do not think of the outcome of this serious involvement. Many of us feel that nothing is going to happen and some really don't care.

Should we care?

Lets look at some possibilities. If some method of birth control is being used or some kinds of operations, such as hysterectomy, we do not have to worry much about the consequences of the sexual relation. But if nothing is being taken, then their

is always the chance of getting pregnant.

Pregnancy, which is the outcome of many sexual relationships often result in abortions. First, lets look at a definition of the word abortion. Abortion is a termination of pregnancy, regardless of the cause, before the fetus is capable of living outside the mother's womb or uterus.

Is this legal?

Yes. New laws in many states now make abortion legal. For teenagers who wish to have an abortion the only requirement is permission by one parent, unless the girl is emancipated, which means that she is married, lives alone, or is self-supporting. Most pregnant girls are understandably afraid to tell their parents of their predicament. No parent has not himself made a mistake and few will insist that their daughter pay for hers by having an unwanted baby, unless they do so on the basis of religious belief.

Many of us do not understand what really takes place when an abortion is in process. In "The Handbook of Adolescence" by Dr. Gersh and Dr. Litt, they state that "if an abortion is performed by a licensed doctor in a reputable hospital, it is a safe

procedure. Abortion should not interfere with the ability to become pregnant in the future. The technique selected by the doctor for abortion is determined by the stage of the pregnancy. It is easiest to have an abortion in the early stages.

Within the first twelve weeks, the procedure of choice is dilation and curettage commonly referred as a D&C or scraping. For this procedure the patient is first put to sleep, after which the cervix is dilated through the vaginal opening so that there is no incision. The products of conception that line the inner wall of the uterus are scraped away with a vacuum catheter. The patient is usually permitted to leave the hospital the following day. If desired, an intrauterine device may be inserted at the time of this procedure to prevent future unwanted pregnancies.

The safest method for abortion is the period between sixteen and twenty-four weeks. A small area of skin on the abdomen is put to sleep with an injection of xylocaine, similar to that used by the dentist. Through this anesthetized spot a needle is introduced into the amniotic sac, the fluid-filled bag that surrounds the fetus. The amniotic fluid is drawn out, after which steril salt water is injected. This initiates labor, and within twenty-four hours, the non living fetus and the placenta are passed spontaneously through the vagina. As with the D&C, there is no incision, stitches, or scar as a result. The patient is usually permitted to leave the hospital the following day.

Most doctors will not perform an abortion of the twenty-fourth week because of the chance that a live infant may be born. In fact, most state laws forbid abortion beyond the twenty-fourth week. If an unwanted pregnancy has continued to that point, it is preferable to arrange for adoption through an established agency.

Now that you have been informed of what happens when an abortion takes place, lets discuss the pros' and cons' of abortion.

PRO

1. Women that have been raped often want an abortion because they don't know who the father is and if they do, it was a forced relationship. Many get abortions because of the mental state they were left in.

2. **Economical Burdens** is the reason many women want

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Church Sends Pastor, Wife On Cruise

The members of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church sponsored a Caribbean cruise for their pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. A.T. Alston. The Alston's embarked on their trip from Miami on January 7, 1978 aboard the M-S Starward.

The first stop on their itinerary was the beautiful island of Port Antonio known for its emerald green hills and the Caves of Nonsuch. Next to the island of Ocho Rios known as the

Jamaican paradise. From Ocho Rios to Port-au-Prince, the capitol of Haiti. The last stop on the cruise was the charming island of Nassau where a special beach party was given for the Starward passengers.

The members of the Mount Sinai welcomed home a beaming couple who expressed the sentiment that they wished every couple would be able to take such a trip.

Happenings At Gethesemane

By HATTIE B. GRAHAM

Salisbury — Mrs. Dulcie Butner, mother of the B.T.U. Family at Gethesemane Baptist Church had a wonderful program, recently. The theme was: "Togetherness." Mrs. Myrtle Stevenson and Mrs. Hattie B. Graham were in charge of the message. Mother Dulcie, Mother Eva Massey, Mrs. Mary Tate, and Mrs. Betty Lewis have kept the B.T.U. alive in our Church. The B.T.U. Family contributed \$50.00 to our church toward expenses.

Reverend A.O. Walker, Th. B. D.D., former pastor of Locust Grove Baptist Church, Brown Summit, N.C., became pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, March 19, 1978 in Salisbury, N.C.

Reverend Walker served Locust Grove Baptist Church for ten years. During his administration, he was honored for Brown Service Community.

The Gethsemane Baptist Church Family feels honored to have such a dynamic Religious Leader.

Warning To Pregnant Women Urged On Liquor Bottles

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE (1-16-78)

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — The federal government may require labels on alcoholic beverages warning pregnant women that heavy drinking can cause birth defects in an unborn child.

The Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms has asked the public whether such a proposed warning label would be effective, and what the label should say if it is required.

A spokesman for the Distilled Spirits Council said it is the

industry's position that no study had showed that drinking at "normal levels" was harmful for pregnant women.

The warning label was proposed as a result of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism's report last year that pregnant women who took more than two drinks a day risked giving birth to mentally retarded and physically deformed babies. Damage was said to be possible through occasional drinking binges as well as regular heavy drinking.

Dr. T.L. Steel Accepts Pastorate At Oxford

OXFORD — The Reverend Dr. Tommy Llewellyn Steele has recently accepted the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Oxford, N.C. Dr. Steele is a native of Portsmouth, Virginia. He is the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Melvin Steele. He is the husband of the former Miss Gail B. White of Norfolk, Va.

Dr. Steele received his early training in the Portsmouth Public School. He is a product of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., Norfolk State College, Norfolk, Va., Universal Bible College, Alamo, Tenn., and Southern Seminary, Birmingham, Ala. He is the holder of the B.A.; B.R.E., Ph.D., and D.D. degrees.

He served as pastor of New Ahoskie Baptist Church since April, 1970. His affiliations are many including: Past President, Tri-County Ministers' Alliance; President, Hertford County

Assembly, Executive Board, Hampton Institute Ministers' Conference; Executive Committee, Herford County Chapter of Red Cross; Executive Board, Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention and many others.

One Day District Conference Set

By E.M. STANFIELD

The One Day District Conference Group 7, No. 2, will be held the 4th Sunday in April (April 23, 1978). It will be all day from 9:30 to 3:30 p.m. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. Yvonne Michell, the Statge Youth Advisor. It will be held at the New Homes and Durham Convention Home on Guess Road, about 5 miles from Durham.

Christian Journalism Fourth Place Winner Is Well Rounded

My name is Sharon Denise Phillips of 303 Keannon Court, Goldsboro, N.C. I was born December 5, 1960 under the sign of Sagittarius. I attend Goldsboro High School and am presently a member of the Student Council, American Field Service, and Touring Choir. I enjoy participating in Stunt Night and on the Homecoming Committees.

I am a member of Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. I am a president of the Youth Choir, a member of the Youth Missionary group, and a regular Sunday School participant.

I have been a Girl Scout for 10 years. I am president of Troop 577, a member of Program Service, and a senior advisor for the Coastal Carolina region. In 1975, I represented the Goldsboro Community in Wisconsin and I was first runner-up in the Internatinal Opportunities in South America.

My hobbies are singing, camping, modeling, and talking.



Sharon D. Phillips

My motto in life is: INSTEAD OF CRITICIZING OTHERS, FIND WAYS TO IMPROVE YOURSELF.

I was very happy that I won 4th runner-up. I think participating in this contest was very much worthwhile.

Sharon D. Phillips

Excerpts Of Dr. Somerville's First Annual Report To The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, 1941

It is with deep appreciation, profound humility, and unshaken faith in God that I come at this hour to present my first annual report. It was twelve months ago that you in your 43rd Annual Session in the Second Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., placed upon me the responsibility of serving as your Executive Secretary. No one was more conscious than I of the unique honor which you bestowed upon me; neither could anyone sense a deeper perception of the tremendous obligation which such action would demand of my time, thought, physical strength and the liquids of my soul.

Therefore, I hasten first of all to reverently thank our Father God for permitting me the opportunity to serve Him during the past twelve months through this office. I realize that my efforts have been meagre, but they "also serve who only stand and wait". President A.L. James and the officers of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention have given every possible support and encouragement to our work. The noble women of our Women's Auxiliaries, under the leadership of Mrs. A.B. Randolph have greatly strengthened and heartened us in every way. Our Juniors under the leadership of Miss Grace Blackwell have been our constant source of inspiration and pride, and we are keenly aware of the possibilities which these young folk offer the Lott Carey Convention. Our Executive Committee, under the leadership of our Chairman, Dr. W.T. Johnson, has been my right arm during this period of orientation. In fact, I have not had a single occasion in which I had need to question the loyalty or cooperation of any of our convention officials. Space will not permit me to make special reference to the unique contribution which each one has made. I merely wish to call attention to the cordial goodwill, Christian fellowship, and mutual friendship which have existed between my illustrious predecessor, Dr. J.H. Randolph, and myself. During my tenure of office, he has been most helpful as a counsellor and a friend, for which I am most grateful.

OUR FUTURE GOALS

It shall be the purpose of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention to accomplish and perpetuate the following objectives during the years that are before us:

1. To maintain a universal and cooperative goodwill toward all Christian organizations in the advancement of Christian Missions.

2. To remain a specialized and distinctive foreign mission organization.

3. To continue to perpetuate a spirit of true Christian democracy where all shall take rank according to their love and service.

4. To pay our back debts to our foreign workers AT ONCE and TO KEEP UP with all our obligations promptly.

5. To INCREASE our support and our appropriations to our foreign workers and for the maintenance of our stations.

6. To thoroughly investigate the needs and improve the QUALITY of our workers on the foreign field. The spiritual, educational and social quality of our efforts MUST BE STEPPED-UP to meet present days needs.

7. The future missionaries to be sent to the foreign field must be SELECTED on the basis of their Christian devotion and specialized training in some distinct field. We shall continue our present personnel on the foreign field as it now stands. Too much praise cannot be given them for their heroic and sacrificial services during the past. The Lott Carey Convention shall endeavor to select the cream of the native youths and assist them in acquiring specialized training in order that they may return to their native communities for lives of service.

The son of Dr. W.H. Thomas, Mr. W.A. Thomas, is now with us in the Headquarters Building, having come to the United States in 1936 and has just graduated from one of our colleges. Mr. Thomas' specialized in Mechanical Arts and will return to Liberia as soon as war conditions will permit, to take up his task beside his father in sharing his knowledge and training with the natives of West Africa.

8. As soon as is reasonably possible, the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention will extend its sphere of activities into wider areas such as China, India, South America, Russia and other non-Christian foreign communities. The Lott Carey Convention has a prophetic Christian message not only for "darker" races, but for the entire world. We believe that the world is the field and our message is a world message.

9. The Lott Carey Convention

will continue to depend upon Individuals, Churches, Church Organizations, Associations, Conventions, and similar organizations for regular financial support; and, the Convention shall seek to maintain its policy of spending seventy-five cents of each dollar for the foreign field; and to urge each church and organization to; a) give a percentage of the total income of the organization, viz. five to ten per cent, to foreign missions; b) to appoint a Special Foreign Mission Convention; c) permit this special committee to send their names to the Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Convention and allow them to present appeals and report to the church organization; d) assist the pastor in the special Christmas and Easter Foreign Mission Campaigns.

10. The policies, program, and organization of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention shall remain founded upon the life and teachings of Jesus Christ as taught in the New Testament. Forever believing that the unchangeable task of the Christian Church is to "Go ye therefore, and teach all Nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." In carrying out this His plan we have His assurances, "And lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the world."

My fellow-Christians, as I bring this message to a close, I have one deep, earnest, and

burning plea, that is, my soul is on fire to pay our back debts to our foreign workers. Our total debt is approximately \$6,000.00. This debt MUST be paid. The members of the Executive Committee have a plan under consideration whereby we can pay every penny we owe our workers by the end of this present calendar year of 1941. If each member of this Convention will want to see these debts paid - Do you want to see them paid? Just a little sacrifice on the part of each one will make this possible, and all of us can rejoice together, for in so doing this we will then place ourselves in a position to really launch a program that will be commensurate with the ability of the calibre of men and women who constitute this unique missionary agency.

The Convention has made tremendous advancement in all aspects of its program during the past quarter century.

Comparative Figures

1. August 1, 1940 - Total Receipts - \$15,655.84
2. Total liabilities — \$17,784.46
3. August 1, 1937 - Total Receipts - \$607,210.63
Total liabilities
None.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning Foreign Missions is the fifth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friends of Baptist of our State and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the

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Faculty Lott Carey Mission, Brewerville, Liberia



Girl's Dormitory, Brewerville, Liberia

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Shaw Is Recipient Of Contributions And Awards

Contributions

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Mrs. Ida W. Knight, retired home economist of Raleigh, has made a contribution of \$500.00 to Shaw University. The gift is to be restricted to the proposed purchase of land as designated by the University.

Mrs. Knight has through the years, expressed interest in the civic projects in the community. She said that she is aware of the impact that Shaw University has made not only in the Raleigh community but also the state, country and in foreign lands.

She is not an alumna of Shaw but feels that she is a recipient of the principles for which the institution was founded. She stated that as the "mother" school to many of our black colleges, Shaw University stands out as a symbol for making the dream of higher education opportunities accessible to all people.

Mrs. Knight has consistently made contributions to many

organizations, and holds memberships in the following: life membership, NEA (National Education Association); Life member of NAACP; Board member of the Volunteer Center of Wake County; AAUW (American Association of University Women); United Order of Tents; Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; National Association of College Women; National Council of Negro Women; Board member of the Raleigh Wake Urban League, Inc.; Raleigh Wake Citizens Association; Wake County Black Democratic Caucus; and Martin Street Baptist Church.

She has made a sizeable contribution to the building fund of the Oberlin Road YWCA.

She is a graduate of Berry O'Kelly High School, Method, Winston Salem State University and Teachers College, Columbus University, New York.

She is the mother of Councilman Bill Knight and the wife of David J. Knight.



The Photo shows a portion of the ministers who attended the Fifth Annual Pastor's Conference, sponsored by the Shaw Divinity School. This year's conference was one of "Record Attendance." More ministers from a greater variety of cities were in attendance than ever before.

One highlight of the conference was the changing of its name to: "Albert W. Pegues Pastor's Conference." Dr. Pegues was one of the Baptist leaders who helped organize and establish the General Baptist State Convention during the first quarter of this century.

Donation

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Dr. and Mrs. J.H. Clanton, a retired minister and a retired public school administrator respectively, contributed \$1,000.00 to Shaw University.

Shaw University Interim President, Dr. John W. Fleming received the check in the

Clanton home. It was through the appeal of Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Chairman of Shaw's Board of Trustees, that the Clantons made their contribution.

Having been friends of Dr. Sherrill for many years, they felt an obligation to answer his appeal for help.

UNCF Elects Shaw Grad And Student

Raleigh, N.C. — The National Alumni Council and Pre-Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund held its 32nd Annual Conference last month in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Representatives from the 41 member schools encompassing 12 states were present. The conference provides a forum for members of the UNCF family: alumni, pre-alumni, college presidents, and other faculty,

staff and students to discuss ways and means to advance the objectives of the UNCF.

During the conference, national officers were elected for 1978. Elected National President of the Pre-Alumni Council was George Robinson of Shaw University. George is very active at Shaw, serving as Sophomore Class President and Attorney General for the Student Government Association. His

hometown is Madison, Florida.

Also elected to national office were Ms. Barbara Mann: Advisor for the National Pre-Alumni Council and Mrs. Dorothy Venters: Recording Secretary, both graduates of Shaw University. Ms. Mann is currently Coordinator of Alumni Relations at Shaw, and Mrs. Venters is President, Inter-Alumni Council of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hosts Orientation

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University hosted the Annual College Orientation Day trip for Stamford High School students and the members of The Greater Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church of Stamford, Connecticut.

The College Orientation Day trip is sponsored annually under the direction of Dr. Lorenzo M. Robinson, Pastor of the church. The Purpose of the trip is to introduce high school students to, and interest them in, college

life, and to Shaw University, in particular.

The trip has been a fruitful one for Shaw, with an average of nearly two students per year enrolling at Shaw as a direct result of this trip.

In addition, Dr. Robinson brings the church choir and the Lorenzo Marshall Robinson Intermediate Choir and presents them in concert at Shaw University.

Dr. Robinson is also a member of The Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees.

Shaw Observes

Religious

Emphasis Week

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University held its observation of Religious Emphasis Week, February 19-26, 1978. The theme for the week was "Christian Living In The Modern World," and the speaker for the week was Reverend Lorenzo Lynch, Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina.

Reverend Ronald L. Swain, University Minister at Shaw opened the week with a Sunday Morning Prayer Breakfast. Sunday School and Morning Worship Services followed in the University Chapel.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Singers of Chicago, Illinois were featured in concert on Sunday night.

The services continued throughout the week, with a Luncheon on Wednesday in the Shaw Student Union Ballroom. After an 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning Prayer Breakfast, and Morning Worship Services on Sunday, February 26, the week was concluded with a 3:00 p.m. concert by the Upper Room Revival Center Choir of Clinton, North Carolina under the auspices of Sister Louise Tillery.

Spikers Receive CIAA Award

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The Shaw University Volleyball Team was selected the "Most Outstanding" in the CIAA for 1977 and during the Women's CIAA Basketball Tournament, the award was presented.

The Shaw Spikers finished 2nd

in the NCAIAW, both for regular season (15-1) and in the Tournament, losing only to Methodist College, the NCAIAW Champions.

Methodist was the only team to defeat Shaw, winning three of four matches played.


Nothing save divine power is capable of doing so much for man as he can do for himself.

—Mary Baker Eddy

Children are more tractable than adults, and learn more readily to love the simple verities that will make them happy and good.

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Meet Judge Richard C. Erwin

Judge Richard C. Erwin, Winston-Salem attorney and former state legislator, in January became the first black to serve as a Judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. Following three years in the U.S. Army and his graduation from Johnson C. Smith University and Howard University School of Law, the 54 year old Judge Erwin was admitted to the North Carolina Bar and has practiced law in the State for 26 years. He was formerly senior partner in the Winston-Salem law firm of Erwin and Beaty and served two terms in the North Carolina General Assembly, being first elected in 1974 and re-elected in 1976. While in the Legislature, he served as chairman of the House Highway Safety Committee and is a former member of the General Statutes Commission. He is a former member of the Board of Visitors of Duke

Divinity School and a former member of the Winston-Salem Foundation (public charity).

Judge Erwin is a nationally known Methodist layman having served on Commissions of the General Church and attended the 1960, 1964, and 1968 Sessions of the General Conference. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, and holds, his local church membership at Saint Paul United Methodist Church in Winston-Salem, where he serves as chairman of the Board of

Trustees.

Judge Erwin has also been active in the field of education, having served as a member of the State Board of Education, chairman of Greensboro's Bennett College Board of Trustees, and as a member of the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County School Board. He is a former president of the Forsyth County Bar Association and member of the North Carolina Penal Study Commission.

Married to the former Demerice Whitley, Judge and Mrs. Erwin have two children, Richard, Jr. and Aurelia.

Dickens Elected To Regional Office

By Georgette Hedrick

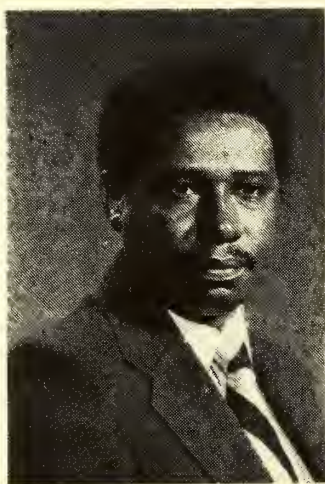
GREENVILLE — Charles M. Dickens, associate director of the Center for Student Opportunities, East Carolina University School of Medicine, has been elected secretary for the southern region of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators.

The NAMME recruits promising minority students into the medical professional.

A native of Greenville, Dickens was principal of Agnes Fullilove School before joining the school of Medicine last August.

The school's Center for Student opportunities is an advocate service for students interested in medicine, nursing and allied health professions.

Dickens has served as assistant pastor at Sycamore



Charles M. Dickens

Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Greenville since January, 1977.



Judge Richard C. Erwin

Last Call - Laymen
to the
Third State-Wide Fellowship Banquet
Friday, April 14, 1978 - 7:00 p.m.
Speaker - Atty. Julius Chambers
and
One Day Session of the State Laymen's League
Saturday, April 15, 1978 - 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Goldsboro, N.C.
Rev. B.L. Rich - Annual Sermon
Rev. Spencer Williams, Pastor
Financial Goal: \$5,000
See Accommodations Listed Below

Accommodations For State Laymen's One Day Session Goldsboro,

Lodging	\$14.56
Listed below are the motels and rates available April 14-15, 1978: Holiday Inn — Highway 70 East-Tel. 735-7901	One (1) Double Bed — Love Seat — 2 persons \$17.68
Single — \$17.00	Large Double Motel Room — Two (2) Beds — Two (2) persons — \$19.70
Double — 22.00	Each Additional Person — \$3.12
Econo-Travel Motor Hotel — Highway 70 East — Tel. 736-4510	Other Motels Recommended
Single — \$13.50	Motel Six — 70 By-Pass East - Tel. 736-7140
Double — 16.12	Irish Inns — Highway 70 East — Tel. 778-1400
Quality Inn — Highway 70 West — Tel. 736-4590	We recommend that members of the Executive Committee stay at Villa Square because it is only six blocks from the church. Meals are available at the above motels.
Single — \$17.00	The messengers are responsible for making their own motel reservations.
Double — 20.00	
Villa Square Motor-Apts. — Tel. 726-4711	
One (1) Double Bed — One (1) person — \$13.52	
Small Room Two (2) persons — 16.64	
Large Motel Room — One (1) Double Bed (One person —	

McNeill Smith For

U. S. Senate

He Stood Up When The Times Were Tough



+First Chairman of the N.C. Civil Rights Advisory Committee, 1959-63

+Played a major role in settling the lunch counter sit-ins in Greensboro in 1960 and the desegregation of hotels, motels, and sit-down restaurants in 1963.

+Represented student leaders who challenged the Speaker Ban Law, which was passed in reaction to civil rights demonstrations in Raleigh. The law was thrown out by a federal court in 1968.

+Leader in the N.C. Senate for statewide public kindergartens, landlord-tenant legislation, sickle cell programs, community action agencies, tax reform, and many other vital programs.

+Fought FOR affirmative action and AGAINST capital punishment as a member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association.

+Spoke out in favor of commuting sentences of Wilmington 10 and releasing the prisoners, both before and after the Governor's decision.

In Memoriam

Lott Carey Executive Passes

By: Rev. S.R.
Johnson, Jr.

PORTSMOUTH, VA. — Funeral services for Dr. Clayton Howard Jordan, minister of Third Baptist Church here 31 years, and chairman of the executive board of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention's executive board were conducted here, Wednesday, March 22, 1978, with Dr. Preston Hayes, president of the General Baptist State convention of Virginia and minister of the Second Baptist Church East End, Newport News, delivered the eulogy. Dr. Benjamin A. Beamer, president of the Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers' Conference, presided.

Two hundred and fifty ministers from Virginia, North Carolina, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Ohio, the District of Columbia, and points and places in between took part in memorial services along with thousands of mourners who came to this peninsula city to say goodbye to a great Christian soldier. Sobs and amens dotted the six thousand membership congregation pastored by the late Dr. Jordan while tributes was being paid to him on this beautiful sun shinnny spring afternoon.

Dr. Jordan, like the apostle Paul, was a man of great faith, president Hayes said in his eulogy. "He trusted Jesus implicitly and emulated his every gesture in his earthly pilgrimage. He had a deep reservoir of rich resources of prayer, knowledge and works filled with divine messages which emerged to inspire and nurture the lives of men, women, boys and girls who believed in his teaching and accepted Christ as their Lord and Saviour. He was a preacher of the first magnitude, as he was moved by the power of the Holy Spirit. He was fearless and "unashamed of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." We are confident that he saved many lost souls from the brinks of eternal damnation and planted their feet upon the paths of righteousness through the preaching of the gospel under the spell of the Holy Spirit. But we will never know how many disturbed homes he calmed; or how many broken hearts he mended, nor will we know the number of troubled people who came to him for direction, inspiration, hope, and courage to face a crucial moment which is part and parcel of this life. This we do know, that he had a great missionary spirit and inspired this great and loyal congregation to give and show concern for the lives of people at home and abroad.

Dr. Jordan knew that the spirit of giving and the total commitment to the cause of missions was strong in the hearts of his beloved Third Baptist Church. He had faith in Christian work and led his congregation in giving of thousands of dollars to Virginia Union, Virginia Seminary, The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, the Virginia Baptist Children's Home, local and other missionary endeavors. He has, "fought in good fighting, kept

the faith, and now there is a crown of righteousness for him," Dr. Hayes concluded.

Tributes of honor were given by Sylvester Brown, of the board of deacons who said the Dr. Jordan was "different from other pastors". "He never had time for fooliness." "Our pastor was a chosen vessel. He was one of the greatest Christians that I have ever seen".

Dr. A.B. James, president of Va. Union University stated that "he was supportive and dependable."

Dr. W.C. Sommerville, executive secretary of the Lott Carey, stated "His loyalty and dedication is unmatched. He fell while climbing."

Dr. C.L. Evans, retired executive secretary of General Baptist of Virginia stated, "A man fell who was in a hurry for God." Jordan, hated sin and loved God."

Dr. E.A. Parham of Columbus, Ohio related that, "He was a man who was a servant; one who was always on business for the King. He never had time for folly and joke."

Rev. I.S. Walters, a co-pastor in Portsmouth; stated, "No wrong was found on his lips. He was the messenger of the Lord of hosts. A friend and a great man of God."

Dr. Jordan, a native of Kenbridge, was a graduate of Virginia Seminary in Lynchburg, Union Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He served as a former dean of religion at Virginia Seminary, and former vice president and member of the executive board of the Baptist General Convention. He was a member of the Inter-

denominational Ministers Forum, Portsmouth Ministerial Association, Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers Conference, Alcoholic Rescue Mission, YMCA and NAACP.

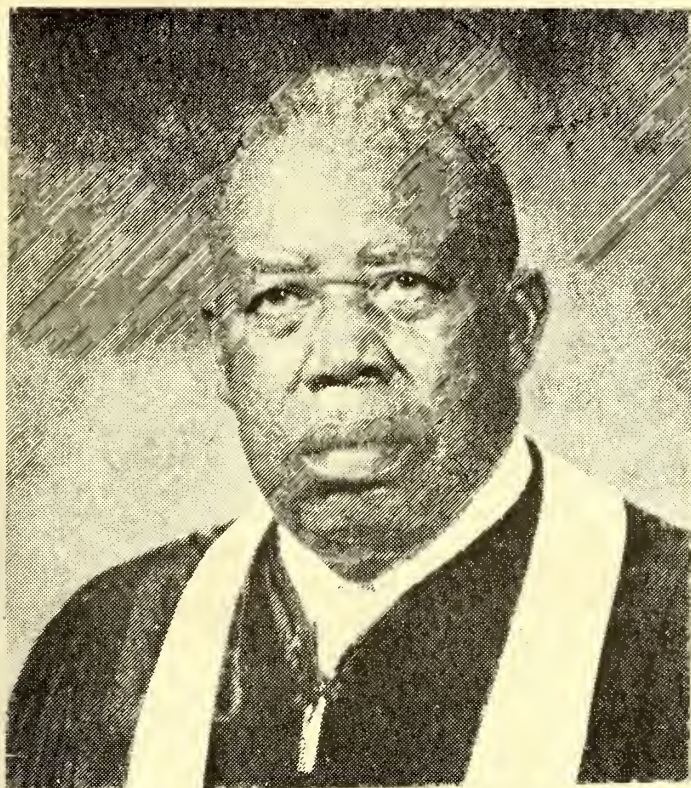
Dr. Jordan, a former member of the board of Portsmouth Branch of the American Cancer Society, was also on the boards of the Eastern Virginia Health Systems Agency and the Norfolk Community Hospital.

Survivors include: his wife, Dr. Mary Agnes Jordan; uncle, Charles Bell; two nieces and two nephews.

Burial was in Roosevelt Memorial Park. Fisher Funeral Home had charge.

Among those attending from out of town were: Dr. M.L. Wilson, New York City; Dr. O.B. Burson, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Dr. W.W. Payne, Dr. Harold Carter, Dr. Leroy Pitts, all of Baltimore, Md.; Dr. J.D. Bussey, president of Lott Carey from Washington, D.C.; Dr. W.C. Sommerville, Dr. R.G. Williams, and Mrs. Louise Slater of the Women's Department of the Lott Carey all also from Washington, D.C.; Dr. E.A. Parham, Columbus, Ohio;

President Virgin Hill, of the Va. Baptist State Convention, Washington, D.C.; Dr. G.L. Bowick, Pittsburg, Pa.; Dr. C.C. Craig, executive secretary of the General Baptist of N.C.; Mrs. Vera Slade, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; Dr. C.R. Edwards, Fayetteville, N.C.; Dr. C.A. Hart, Aoshkie, N.C.; Dr. P. Michele - Felton, Winston-Salem, N.C.; Dr. S.R. Johnson, Jr., Salisbury, N.C.; D.C. Cooper, Mrs. Doris Robinson, Dr. E.C. Kemp all of Richmond, Va. - board members.



Reverend Nahum Harris

Eulogistic Services Held For Rev. Nahum Harris

By R.B. Johnson

The passing of Rev. Nahum H. Harris, 70, of Greenville, N.C., on Wednesday, February 15, in Pitt Memorial Hospital, following a lengthy illness brought sadness, throughout the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, to church goers for the second time in less than a month due to the loss of an outstanding minister.

Rev. Harris, a native of Pitt County was serving as pastor of the following Churches at the time of his death: Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church, Williamston, N.C. Mt. Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church, Winterville, N.C.; and the St. Peter's Baptist Church R.F.D. Greenville. He was well known and respected as a pastor and evangelist throughout eastern North Carolina, an area of the state he served long and well.

In addition to serving as pastor, Rev. Harris was serving as a member of the executive Board of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, the Executive Committee of the Middle District Union and treasurer of the Union's Training Institute.

Funeral services were held at the St. John Baptist Church,

Falkland. The eulogy was delivered by the Reverend C.B. Gray, Moderator of the Middle District Union and pastor of Triumph and Davis Chapel Missionary Baptist Churches. Burial followed in the church Cemetery. Many tributes were given by local, state, and church officials.

Rev. Harris is survived by: his wife, Mrs. Eva Ewell Harris of the home; his step-mother, Mrs. Queenie Hardy Harris of Simpson; two sisters, Mrs. Geneva Duncan, Brooklyn, N.Y. and Mrs. Dazzle Jones of R-4, Greenville; two brothers, William Jasper Harris and Hervert Lee Harris both of Greenville, N.C.; seven step-sisters, Mrs. Beulah Jeffrey and Mrs. Nayden Gibson both of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Ella Morgan, Simpson; Mrs. Bell Willis and Mrs. Pearl Frizzel, both of Greenville; Mrs. Louise Gorham, Falkland; and Mrs. Ann Eliza Rodgers of Greenville; six step-brothers, Lean Hardy and Johnnie Lee Hardy both of Baltimore, Md; Alton Hardy, Springfield, Mass; Melvin Hardy, N.Y. N.Y. John Vines, Greensboro; and Bennie Vines Greenville.

Dr. William Barclay Dies; Famed Bible Scholar Was 70

GLASGOW (RNS) — Dr. William Barclay, world-famous Bible scholar and author of The Daily Study Bible, died here at the age of 70 after suffering from Parkinson's Disease for several months.

A native of Wick, northern Scotland, he studied at Glasgow University, where he gained first-class honors in classics. He was ordained a minister of the Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) in 1933, the same year in which he was married

and assigned to his only parish position, at Trinity Church in Renfrew, where he served 13 years.

Although Dr. Barclay wrote more than 60 books on the Bible, his best known effort was The Daily Study Bible, which sold more than five million copies in English when it was first published in 1954. A revised edition was issued by the Church of Scotland's publishing house, Saint Andrew Press, in 1975.



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Should You Or

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abortions, especially teenagers. Many people believe that you shouldn't bring a child into this world that you can't support.

3. Sometimes, because of the mental state a person is in, it is advisable for them to get an abortion. It is often dangerous for the unborn child and how the mother will treat the child once born.

4. Education is another reason some people want an abortion. Many people want to finish their education and don't want the responsibility of raising a child.

6. Sometimes abortions are requested by women and when refused for various reasons, they will get the abortion illegally which is very dangerous. This sometimes leads to death or a very serious illness for the woman. Sometimes when a woman is refused, she will commit suicide. Doctors often find it necessary to give such women an abortion because pregnancy is not the most important cause for her emotional distress. Therefore, we have to look at the women that keep their child after a refusal. In my research, I found that the minority wish the abortion had been performed but more than half even of these would not wish to be without the baby. Some declare that it was inconceivable that they could have thought of such a thing. Much depends on the male. Although on the other hand some women will abuse their child if they didn't want the child from the beginning.

Abortion is a decision that you have to make and a decision that you have to live with for the rest of your life. Many mistakes can be corrected by an abortion is one that can never be corrected. I once heard a young lady say "well I can have that child again when I become pregnant." It may sound true but it is not. Once a child is totally destroyed or demolished, that one can never be replaced.

Why instead of having abortions doesn't the parent that does not want the child, give it up for adoption. Could it be because they don't know much about the family the child will be given to? Could it be because they don't want to carry a baby for nine months and then give it away. Could it be because they know they might want the child back when they fill they can cope with raising a child? All of these situations are probable and have been thought about by many. Lets now look for some reasoning in these questions.

Even if you don't know who the child will be given to, the agency knows and the agency has also talked with and has made sure that this family will be good for your child. The child will be loved very much and the family will be financially able to provide the necessary things for the child.

Many think they would hate to carry a child nine months and give it away but during this time they will have time to think, and to see if there is any arrangements that can be made to provide and take care of the child or whether they must give it away for the sake of their future and the child.

There might be a chance that

after the child gets older 'you will want it back' but if you have an abortion you can also have that feeling of wanting the child back but in this case it will be completely impossible.

CON

Religious belief is the best "con" there is on this subject and many more. Most religious people believe that abortion is of more than medical importance, principally because a human life is at stake. The life is only potential, but by the time the woman comes to see her doctor that statistical chances are in favor of the fetus going on to safe delivery, and becoming a living Human Being.

Modern man is just as mistaken in imagining that because he partially understands the natural laws by which a fetus is conceived and develops he is entitled to forget the one whose laws they are. The Old Testament reminds us that God is the giver of life, (Zech. 12:7) the One by whose power fetal development occurs, (Ps. 139:13, and Job 10:8-12) and to whom every living soul belongs. (Ezek. 18:4). This being so, life is not to be taken on one's own initiative, not even for that most inescapable of obligations, the blood feud. (Gen. 4:15, and Num. 35:15-25) Man is not to cause the death of the innocent and guiltless (Exod. 23:7) for the blood of the innocent cries to God from the ground. (Gen. 4:10).

As I close, I would like to leave you with this thought from Free Enterprise.

Oct. 5: Today my life began. My parents do not know it yet. I am as small as a seed of an apple, but it is I already. And I am to be a girl. I shall have blonde hair and azure eyes. Just about everything is settled though. Even the fact that I shall love flowers.

October 19: I have grown a little, but I am still too small to do anything by myself. My mother does just about everything for me. And what is odd — she still doesn't even know that she is carrying me here under her heart, and that she is helping me already, that she is even feeding me with her own blood. She is so good.

Oct. 23: My mouth is just beginning to open now. Just think, in a year or so, I shall be laughing and later talking. I know that my first word shall be — Mama.

Oct. 23: My heart began to beat today all by itself. From now on it shall gently beat for the rest of my life, without even stopping to rest. And after many years, it will tire. It will stop, and then I shall die.

Nov. 2: I am growing a bit everyday. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But I have to wait a long time yet before those little legs will rise me to my mother's arms, before those little arms will be able to gather flowers and embrace my father.

Nov. 12: Tiny fingers are beginning to form on my hands. Funny how small they are. I shall be able to stroke my mother's hair with them. And I shall take her hair to my mouth and she will probably say: "Oh, nasty."

Nov. 20: It wasn't until today



PRESIDENT CARTER expresses interest in strengthening church-related education to Ben C. Fisher, executive director of the SBC Education Commission in a recent White House conference. Ms. Shirley Jones, executive director of the ABC Educational Ministries' Division of Christian Higher Education was also one of the group of 20 denominational higher education executives who met with Carter to discuss concerns of independent colleges and universities in relation to government. (White House photo)

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objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

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that the doctor told mom that I am living here under her heart. Oh, how happy she must be! Are you happy, Mom?

Nov. 25: My mom and dad are probably thinking about a name for me. But I want to be called Cathy. I am getting so big already.

Dec. 10: My hair is growing. It is smooth and bright and shiny. I wonder what kind of hair mom has?

Dec. 13: I am just about able to see. It is dark around me. When mom brings me into the world, it will be full of sunshine and flowers. I have never seen a flower, you know. But what I want more than anything is to see my mom. How do you look, mom?

Dec. 24: I wonder if mom hears the whispering beat of my heart? Some children come into the world a little sick. And then the delicate hands of the doctor perform miracles to bring them to health. But my heart is strong and healthy. It beat so evenly, tup-tup, tup-tup. You'll have a healthy little daughter, mom!

Dec. 28: Today my mother killed me!

Abortion ... It's a decision that only you can make. I have given you back-ground information, procedures that take place, the dangers, the Pro's and Con's. Now it's time for you to think; Should you or Should You Not?

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One Vote Counts!

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One Vote Counts!

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Shaw Trustees Name President

By THOMAS E. KEE
Director of University
Relations

Raleigh, N.C. — The Board of Trustees of Shaw University has announced the appointment of Dr. Stanley H. Smith as President of the University, effective July 1, 1978.

Dr. Smith is currently serving as Academic Dean of the College of Human Resources at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, where for the past five years he was the first dean of that newly organized academic division. In the capacity of Dean, Dr. Smith gave successful leadership to the reorganization and restructuring of the college

from eleven academic programs to five functional academic divisions, thereby increasing the efficiency of the operation. He was also successful in bringing about reasonable modifications in two graduate programs and the strengthening of several others.

Dr. Smith graduated from Fish University, magna cum laude, with the B.A. and M.A. degrees in 1949 and 1950 respectively. He obtained his Ph.D. degree at Washington State University in Pullman, Washington, in the areas of Sociology, Social Psychology and Psychology.

At Washington State

University he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Kappa Phi, two national honorary scholastic societies.

He has served in administrative positions at Livingstone College in Salisbury, North Carolina, Tuskegee Institute and Meharry Medical College.

Before going to Southern Illinois University, he was the Academic Dean at Fisk University.

He has served on the Program Review Committee of the National Institute on Aging, and has chaired the Minority Advisory Committee for the Alcohol, Drug Abuse and Mental

Health Administration of the U.S. Public Health Service, HEW. He has also chaired many Visitation Committees for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Dr. Smith was one of the first Blacks to be elected to public office in the South since the Reconstruction when he was elected to membership on the City Council of Tuskegee, Alabama in 1964.

He has written and published extensively, including one book, several chapters in books and articles in professional journals.

He is married to Sarah Harrell and has one son, Stephen.



Dr. Stanley H. Smith, President-Elect of Shaw University, effective July 1, 1978.

At Wilmington

Black Baptist To Form Co-Op

WILMINGTON — Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of the G.B.S. Conv. of N.C., and member of the N.C. State Paroles Commission, has announced that: "A Church - Clergy Coop will be formally organized during a charter membership dutch breakfast, Wednesday, May 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the Hilton Inn, Wilmington.

He stated that "invitations have been sent to all major religious and racial leaders as well as civic and business leaders in the state."

Bishop Herbert Bell Shaw is expected to be the breakfast speaker along with business

man Rex Harris of Fayetteville. All persons and organizations interested in being charter members are requested to be present with their \$100.00 charter membership fee (100 percent refundable). This fee will make you eligible for membership, voting and office-holding.

The officers and board of Directors will be nominated at the breakfast meeting. Many state and national business firms and organizations have expressed tremendous concern in the coop. Dr. Joy J. Johnson is acting coordinator and Dr. E.B. Turner is acting secretary.

May 14th

113th Commencement

RALEIGH — The 113th Annual Commencement Exercise of Shaw University will be held at the Raleigh Civic Center, May 14 at 3:00 p.m.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Deborah Wolfe, professor of education, Queen College, Flushing, N.Y.

Annual Alumni Activities will begin with the annual meeting in

the Student Union Building on May 13th at 10:00 a.m. The Annual Alumni Banquet will be held May 13th at 5:00 p.m., in the Student Union Ball Room.

On May 13th, there will be a Ray Charles Concert at the Raleigh Civic Center at 8:15 p.m. This is a fund-raising effort for Shaw.

Dr. Sherrill Interim Pastor

BAHAMA — The Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Bahama, has elected Dr. O.L. Sherrill interim Pastor for the balance of the 1978 calendar year. The Church, located twelve (12) miles North of Durham has been served by a

number of distinguished ministers; among them was Dr. Hugley of Durham.

"I am pleased with this appointment," stated D. Sherrill, "and will be honored to serve wherever the Lord chooses to use me."

'Study To Show Thyself Approved ...'

By CORBIN L. COOPER

Raleigh — Some exciting things are taking place in study experiences among Baptist throughout North Carolina. More people are meeting in weekly Seminary Extension classes than ever before.

These classes are attended in increasing numbers by both pastors and lay people. They are planned and co-sponsored by the Department of Cooperative Ministries.

During the current academic year 22 classes have been conducted from Asheville to Elizabeth City. Registrations are not yet complete but should reach 600 by the end of the spring semester.

Dedicated teachers who have

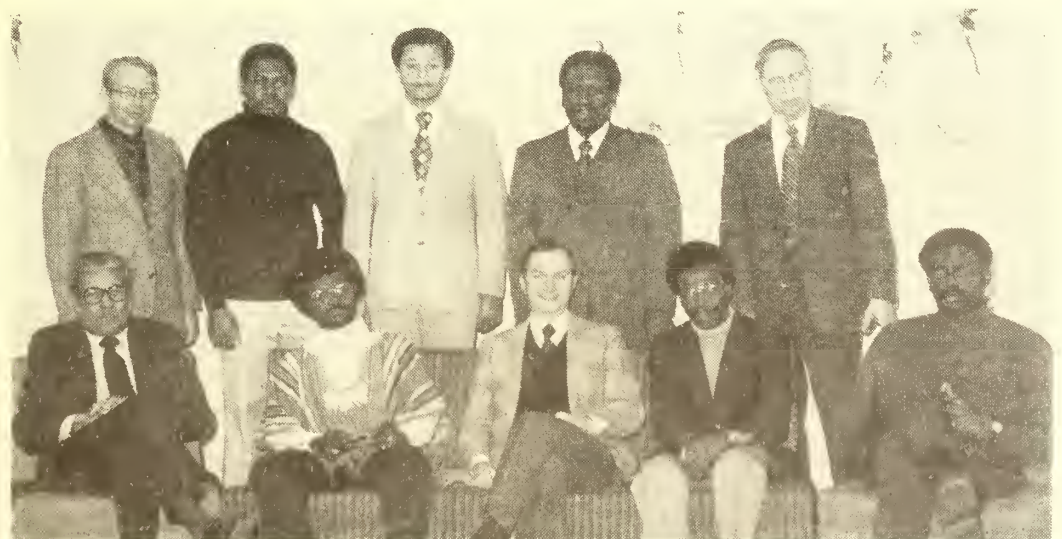
been assisting with these courses are Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Rev. Leo Williams, and Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Raleigh; Dr. James Arnette, Rocky Mount; Rev. James Moore, New Bern; Dr. Leon Riddick, Charlotte; Dr. W.B. Westbrook and Dr. J. Jasper Freeman, Elizabeth City, Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, Winston-Salem, Mrs. Evelyn R. King, Rutherfordton, and Ms. Frances Hargrave, Lexington.

The classes generally meet one night each week for nine weeks. However, the classes and dates are always adjusted to meet local needs. The Mount Olive Baptist Church of Mesic recently had a successful experiment in conducting one of the courses in the form of an

annual institute.

Seminary Extension classes can be conducted for people in all walks of life, age 16 and up. They provide exciting learning experiences, Christian fellowship, Bible study, leadership training, sermon preparation, and numerous other opportunities. The courses offer credit toward diplomas and certificate.

Assistance is available in the form of arrangements and finances for those who wish to establish a course in their community. Information can be obtained from Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, Department of Cooperative Ministries, P.O. Box 26508, Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



The Fellowship of Black Students at Southeastern Baptist Seminary in Wake Forest, met recently on the Seminary campus. Attending were (seated, left to right) William E. Daye, A Getho-Sontho, Corbin Cooper (N.C. Baptist Convention), Jonathan M. Nduneme, and Richard A. Wright; (standing, left to right) Seminary Dean Albert Meiburg, James H. Neely, Sr., Percy R. Chase, Isaac Williams, and Registrar Fred Sanducky.

General Baptist Plan Trip

By C.C. Craig
 Raleigh — The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has chartered a plane for the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, June 18-23, 1978. Passengers will board the plane at the Douglas Airport, Charlotte on Sunday night, June 18 and will depart from Memphis on Friday night, June 23.

The round trip fare is \$180.00. This amount includes your transportation from the Douglas Airport, Charlotte, N.C. to Memphis, Tennessee and back to Charlotte; transportation from the airport to the hotel, baggage handling and room at the Master Hosts Inn, ac-

commodating two persons per room. For those desiring a private room, the round trip fare is \$205.00. A deposit of \$50.00 will reserve a seat for you on the plane and the balance is due by June 5, 1978.

Please fill out the form below and return it to our office with your deposit. All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist Plane.

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'Civil Rights Regressing'

DALLAS (BP) — The civil rights climate in America has regressed, according to NAACP leader Richard Dockery.

Dockery told the Christian Life Commission of the Texas Baptist Convention that "institutional racism" has replaced the individual racism apparent in America before the civil rights movement began nearly three decades ago.

He said the unemployment rate for blacks is more than double the national average, and many blacks are fired from their jobs for flimsy reasons. He claimed the quality of education has diminished and millions of black Americans can't afford the health care they need.

Dockery charged that jobs for teen-agers through federal work projects are given to the "banker's kids." "We have the

black kids there, but they never get any of the jobs," said the NAACP regional director.

At the beginning of the civil rights movement, said Dockery, people wanted to show their hearts were right. The media gave the problems a high visibility.

"But the pendulum has swung back and hearts have gone back to being cold and hard. It's national sickness and the only cure is the medicine invoked through spiritual compassion."

He said the involvement of churches in the racial problems must go beyond the exchange of pulpits and called for holding inter-group services as often as possible, and for Southern Baptist churches to support programs of black Baptists in their areas.

Temperance Education Week - April 20

EVANSTON, ILL., Apr. 20 — The 34th annual Youth Temperance Education Week, for which proclamations have been issued by 22 state governors and several hundred mayors and others in governmental leadership, will begin program activities Sunday, Apr. 23, and continuing through Apr. 29.

This was announced here today by Miss Rosalita Leonard of Evanston, Ill., executive director of the Youth Temperance Council, a young people's affiliate of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which is sponsoring the program nationwide.

"Young people today," Miss Leonard said, "have been increasingly faced with many philosophies detrimental to their 'growing up' in the new society. 'Freedoms' instilled in too many young people and a breakdown of responsibility, too often sparked by narcotic drugs and alcoholic beverages beset the nation's youth. Growth in criminal activities and vandalism committed by teens and pre-teens are only two of a growing number of acts of lawlessness' plaguing the country.

"Although youth temperance education for the public is a continuing process throughout the year for YTC councils, one week is set aside each year for a concentrated effort by young people for mass education. Its purpose is to unite teenagers of the community, state and nation in a program of Christian citizenship, to build total abstinence for the individual and sobriety among our young people."

Mrs. Herman Stanley, president of the National WCTU, praised the annual week-long project and complimented the YTC groups for their planning. "It is," she said, "because the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is concerned with the development of all its human resources - especially its young people - who are vital to the nation's future and economy. The use of beverage alcohol, other drugs, and tobacco greatly diminish our supply of resources and seriously hinder the effectiveness of those we have."

Mrs. Stanley called upon all temperance organizations, as well as churches and civic groups, to give active support to the program so the various youth groups planned for that week.

The Youth Temperance Education Week had its beginning in 1945 when the then governor of Virginia set aside one week as YTE Week in that state. Through the enthusiasm and efforts of the young people themselves, the program has grown at all levels of government. Additional impetus was acquired in 1967 when President Lyndon B. Johnson issued a Proclamation designating the fourth week in April as National Youth Temperance Education Week.

Miss Leonard declared the following proclamations had been received by state governors as this release is being prepared:

Gov. George C. Wallace of ALABAMA; CONNECTICUT

Gov. Ella Grasso (official statement); Gov. Pierre S. Dupont IV, DELAWARE; and FLORIDA's Gov. Reubin O'D. Askew.

Also Governors George Busbee of GEORGIA; John V. Evans of IDAHO; James Thompson of ILLINOIS; and Otis R. Bowen, MD., INDIANA; IOWA's Gov. Robert D. Ray; LOUISIANA Gov. Edwin Edwards; Robert F. Bennett of KANSAS; Gov. Blair Lee of MARYLAND, and MICHIGAN's Gov. William G. Milliken, also joined in issuing state Proclamations regarding temperance education week.

Also, other governors included: Rudy Perpich, MINNESOTA; Joseph P. Teasdale, MISSOURI; James B. Hunt, Jr., NORTH CAROLINA; Arthur Link, NORTH DAKOTA; Milton J. Shapp, PENNSYLVANIA and

J. Joseph Garrahy, RHODE ISLAND. Governors James B. Edwards of SOUTH CAROLINA, John Dalton of VIRGINIA (certificate of Recognition; and Acting governor Martin J. Schreiber of WISCONSIN also gave recognition to the week-long activities.

Mrs. Askew Passes

Wakefield — Funeral services for Mrs. Lizzie Askew were held last April 2nd at the Wakefield Baptist Church. Mrs. Askew was an outstanding worker in Baptist ranks and the wife of the late Dr. C.E. Askew. The Eulogy for Mrs. Askew was delivered by Dr. William R. Strassner.

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9th Annual Leaders Workshop Held

By Mrs. Thelma C. Horton

Some 1200 senior, young adults and youth missionary leaders assembled at the Raleigh Civic Center on Saturday, April 8, to explore the theme, "Willing - Dependable - Responsible Leadership". The workshop was sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., Mrs. Georgia Turner, Lumberton, President, and Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, Raleigh and Winston-Salem, Executive Secretary-treasurer.

Emphasizing the idea that "Good leaders will attract loyal followers and together they can do what needs to be done," workshop leaders inspired and encouraged those attending to become more effective leaders.

President Turner greeted the participants and urged them to continue to support the convention program in love.

Following a dialogue session, Mrs. Ethel D. Alexander, Wilson, talked about "The What, The Why, and The How of the Woman's Convention". She stated that we should support the convention because it endures, and stands for right; holds up the standard set by Jesus Christ; continues to tell people how to be saved; ministers to the whole person; has done and is doing so much for us; binds us together as it systemically reviews missionary progress; assembles reports and teaches us; inspires, and encourages us to support the objectives. "There are leaders and officers at the head of the convention who are doing what they can to help us, she stated, (they are not perfect because they are human beings). - With the Lord's help and our help, they will guide us." "All of us need to be guided," she continued, "because we have learned to fly the air like birds and swim the sea like fish, but some of us have not learned the simple art of living and working together for God in carrying out the "Great Commission" was taught by this convention.

Mrs. Mazie Stanley, Nakina, urged the leaders to attend more Institutes. Some benefits (derived from Institute participation) which increase our understanding, according to Mrs. Stanley, are: 1) The hunger of the total man must be fed. 2) Ones moves out tradition and brings in reality. 3) One is able to see the mountains that need to be climbed and discovers ways of climbing them. 4) It awakens ones awareness (throughout North Carolina) of the Woman's Convention and its objectives. 5) It helps one learn how to carry on God's Program in an intelligent way.

A clear and concise demonstration of the idea: "The most fruitful leader is one who has made a plan and follows it" was presented by Mrs. Lucy A. Dunston. It was entitled: "Calendar of Events For The Franklin County Missionary Union.

Approximately 100 missionaries participated in the "Life Membership Pin March." Dr. Horne urged everyone to purchase a life membership pin from the office for \$25.00. She announced that another march

will be held during the Annual Session in Winston-Salem.

The Symposium participants were presented to discuss the theme. - Mrs. Helen W. Falls, Winston-Salem, focused her thoughts on "a Willing Leader". In her conclusion, she stated that: "A willing leader is one who will serve readily and cheerfully as a guiding head. She is one who is eager to 'sip' from the fountain of knowledge, recognizing the need for study, purpose, and determination; that improvement implies energy and enthusiasm; and that providing services depend on utilizing power and self-control."

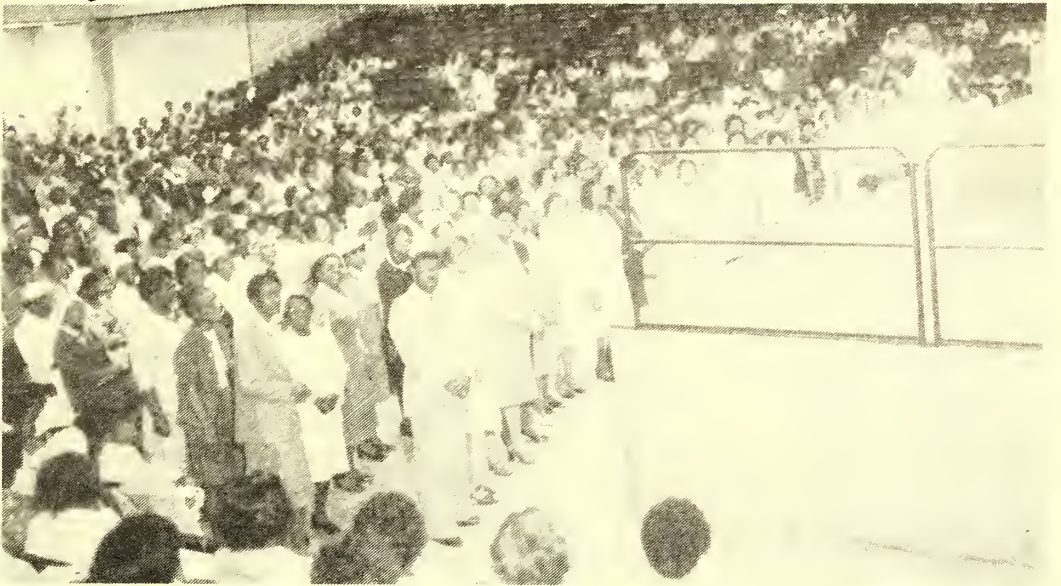
Mrs. Barbara T. Hewett, Supply, gave a formula for "A Dependable Christian Leader." She said that "one must be born-again and must depend on Divine guidance in order to be what God wants one to be." She was quick to say that "being born-again" does not end the struggle. This is where it begins, therefore we must not give up.

In reminding the participants that as leaders we are responsible to God, because He made us; and to our fellowman because we are our "brother's keeper," Ms. Elsie Grier, Belmont, explained the "Five L's of Responsible Leadership". They are: 1) Looking 2) Listening 3) Learning 4) Loving and 5) Living.

The Wrap-up message was given by Mrs. Shirley Bullock, Rocky Mount. She stated that the times in which we live demands willing, dependable, unselfish, responsible, sincere, patient, courageous, protective and humble born-age leaders.

Approximately 350 young adults, under the directorship of Mrs. Bronnie H. Daniels, Winston-Salem, met in a separate session, dividing themselves into seven groups. They reviewed the responsibilities, duties, and attitudes of their respective office and entertained feed-back from the general group. Discussion leaders were: Mrs. Daniels with the Directors; President Eaves with the presidents; Mrs. Alice McLain with the 1st. vice presidents; Wayne Hines with the 2nd vice presidents; Rev. Howard Parker with the 3rd vice presidents; Miss Linda Triplin with the 4th vice presidents; and Miss Natalie Mitchell, chrm. of Public Relations with the remaining participants. She gave the closing message. She used Biblical characters and verses to portray the meaning of a "willing, dependable and responsible leader.

Following a brief devotion by Johnny Smith, Miss Cheryl McCullough, (third vice president, Youth Department) greeted 200 youth and supervisors. Miss Annie Dunningan, Durham, gave some excerpts from the "Guideline for Leaders." The Wayne County Youth Missionary Department gave a demonstration of a County Youth Department Meeting. Mrs. Pauline G. Reid is supervisor. State Supervisor Yvonne Mitchell, in her closing remarks, urged the workshop participants to respond with promptness to the "special effort," chaired by Mrs. Pauline



The Life Member March. Rev. R.D. Lucas leads line Dr. B.D. Horne on stage.



The Youth Department in Session



The Young Adult Dept.



Members of the Workshop Symposium and Special Features From L. to R. Mesdames Lucy Dunston, Ethel D. Alexander, Shirley Bullock, Mazie C. Stanley, Helen W. Falls, Elsie Grier and Barbara Hewett.

Reid, to follow the instructions for the "Shaw and Have-a-Heart for Missions Contests," also the supervisors; special activity for Africa.

Dr. Grady Davis of Raleigh delivered the closing message from the subject: "Who is the Leader?" Using Titus 1:7 as his Text, he stated that a leader is one who influences followers. He used the parables of Jesus to

point out that the "Blind can't lead the blind," and that a plant not planted by God will be plucked up." Music was furnished by the Adult and Young Adult Choirs of Union Baptist Church, Durham, where Dr. Davis serves as minister.

Dr. Horne was pleased with the workshop which demonstrated what "good, effective

leadership" can do. The spirit of the workshop agreed with one writer's view. "To lead requires knowledge of the process, acquaintance with the field, understanding and love of people skill in operation, and sustaining motive. These are conditions that you can fulfill. THEREFORE, YOU CAN LEARN TO LEAD!"

Christian Journalism Second Place Winner

A Biographical Sketch

Telisa Dixon was born and reared in La Grange, North Carolina. Her education has been received in the public schools of Lenoir County.

A junior at North Lenoir High School, La Grange, Telisa engages in such activities as the school chorus, the Future Homemakers of America, and the Student Government Association.

Telisa has been attending St. Delight Holiness Church since an early age and is now a member. She participates in the Young Adult Choir and the Junior Missionary Department.

When asked about her Christianity, Telisa said: "I'm saved, sanctified and satisfied with Jesus Christ."

FOCUS ON DRUG ABUSE

By Telisa Dixon

(Editor's Note: Telisa Dixon was the second place winner in the contest of Christian Journalism for young people. The contest was part of a Project-in-ministry connected with the editor's study toward the D. Min. Degree at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C.)

I. Drug misuse is a growing problem. Hundreds of thousands of Americans - young and old alike, endanger their lives through all kinds of drug misuse. There are more than one hundred thousand of these Americans, that lead totally unproductive lives because of drug addiction.

There are many types of drugs, but in my paper, I will discuss the three most talked about drugs, which are: marijuana, LSD, and heroin.

II. Some Questions and Answers about Drugs.

There are many questions asked about drugs, one is: "What is a drug?" The narrowest answer is: A drug is a substance which affects the brain and-or body.

Some drugs are addicting and some are non-addicting. In ancient China, the use of marijuana was outlawed, but opium was legal and widespread.

But let's not talk about drugs just yet; we have a few more questions to answer, like: "What is addiction?" Addiction is an overwhelming craving and involvement with a substance, to the exclusion of all concerns. Bit by bit the addict needs a larger dose. If the substance is withdrawn or the dosage amount decreased, withdrawal symptoms may occur. Some of these symptoms are: hallucinations, delusions, nausea or terrible muscular pain. There are many, many more symptoms, but this depends on the type of drug.

Now, let us move to our next major question: "What is psychological dependence?" The U.N. World Health Organization (WHO) gave this meaning - "the condition resulting from the repeated consumption of a drug."

The effect and action of a drug are two different things. Drug effect can be defined as the way

you feel after drug usage, and drug action can be defined as why you feel the way you do; that is, the course a given drug will take once in your brain after it is put there. Drug action is both neurological and a physiological phenomenon. Different drugs act on different parts of the body. Mind-altering drugs act on that system of cells; which we call the nervous system.

I believe the main question is: "Why do people take drugs?" At one time or another, everybody is a drug user. Human nature comes in infinite varieties, and any explanation of (A) why a young person becomes a drug user or (B) why he chooses a particular drug over another, could answer this. So rather than stating flatly that "a young person uses drugs because . . .", what follows is a summary of reasons. There are all kinds of drug users; "social drinker", "social posmokers" and "dabblers" use drugs on occasions but don't become dependant upon them. "Experimenters" sample drugs, it won't hurt them because usually they won't try it again. "Pan-drug users" will use anything without hesitating to ask what it is or what it could do to them. There are many drug users but these are only a few.

There are some drugs which are accepted, like, alcoholic beverages, coffee, and cigarettes. The main three drugs in these are alcohol, caffeine, and nicotine.

Barbiturates are prescribed by a doctor or sold on the market as a harmless drug. If prescribed by a doctor and used in the correct way, it will do its work without any deleterious effects.

You've probably asked "Why would a doctor prescribe something that would hurt you?" The answer is: he wouldn't (except maybe by mistake); it's prescribed for medical use unless the user uses it wrong.

III. Three Talked about Drugs are: (1) marijuana, (2), LSD, (3) heroin

No other narcotic has as many slang names as Marijuana. In the United States, marijuana is called pot, tea, weed hay, marijuana and grass. Hand rolled marijuana cigarettes are also called joints, sticks, or reefers.

Marijuana comes from a hemp plant called *Canabis sativa*. It reaches a height of fifteen feet with a stalk three to four inches thick. The average growth's about three feet tall. The plant resembles a tomato plant. It grows wild in the world, but it's cultivated in some parts of Asia and Africa.

The drug is made from seeds and flowers of the hemp plant. After picking, they are allowed to dry. Dried marijuana ranges in color from grayish green to grayish brown and looks like shredded tobacco.

Marijuana is taken by eating, sniffing, or smoking it. By smoking it, you get quicker effects.

Marijuana, like opium, has

been used for thousands of years. The pleasureable effects were called "gives of delight" by the ancient Chinese and "soother of grief" by people from India.

The ancient Chinese gave marijuana to people who suffered from malaria, constipation, and other minor illness. In India, marijuana was used at religious ceremonies. Indian religious leaders believed that it would "clear the head and stimulate the brain to think".

Eventually, marijuana spreaded to Europe and South America, but it wasn't very popular. It reached the United States in the 1920's, but it wasn't used by many Americans until the 1960's.

Today, it is legal in some places, but it is illegal in the United States, Europe, and most other countries. It has no medical value.

American law used to call marijuana a narcotic. Many health officials classified it with heroin and other narcotics. Though marijuana isn't a narcotic anymore, it is a drug and it's illegal. The definition isn't changed for scientists have long agreed that it is not a narcotic. It doesn't produce the same effects of other opiates and unlike narcotic drugs, it doesn't cause addiction.

The marijuana effect depends upon how much of the drug is used, how often it's used, and the personality of the person using it. A marijuana smoker feels the effects within fifteen to thirty minutes after it's used. He begins to relax, feels less worried and is calm and content. He feels at peace with the world . . . If alone, he may become drowsy, but, in a group he may become cheerful and talkative. Some smokers laugh and giggle and feel very close to other members of the group.

At this state, the marijuana smoker is "high" or "stoned". This may mean that he is experiencing mild hallucinations. Through his eyes, colors look so much brighter. Music seems to sound much more pleasing and more clearer. He gets pleasure from running his fingertips over the tops of objects and carpet and touching people.

The effects may last for a few hours. After it wears off, the user remembers everything that happened when he was "stoned".

We have just described a big dose of marijuana. But all people don't have the same effects. As one college student said, "marijuana was offered to me and I tried it. O yes, I got definite effects from it, but, I didn't enjoy them."

Most people who smoke marijuana just have a joint now and then. They don't smoke it all the time, like the average cigarette smoker.

Some users use it regularly and may have frightening hallucinations, fears and anxiety, but, these effects usually do not occur.

Should marijuana be legalized? Many Americans think so. They say it's a har-

mless drug, no worse than alcoholic beverages or cigarettes. But many people disagree. They say it's harmful, because, it may lead to stronger drugs.

This is what one medical expert said: "Comparing the effects of several drugs hides the truth about one drug. We need to look at one drug at a time. Right now, we are only beginning to learn the long range chemical effects of marijuana. Until we find out more, we should urge people to avoid it."

No one can be sure right now, whether or not, marijuana will be legalized. But one thing is for sure. There will not be any legalization until our medical experts are sure that there is no harm in using marijuana.

LSD:

LSD is an abbreviation for D-lysergic acid diethylamide. The slang name for LSD is acid. The drug is made from chemicals and comes in white powder of clear liquid, also in pill form. Often a small amount is dropped on a sugar cube and is eaten. Some people even put it on the back of postage stamps or envelopes, so that the acid can be taken by licking.

LSD effects were discovered in 1943 by Dr. Albert Hofman, a Swiss scientist. He first took it by mistake. He became very dizzy and so he decided to go home and lie down. He began to have strange hallucinations. Patterns of bright colors swirled before his eyes. Objects also grew and shrank before his eyes, and in about two hours, the effects had worn off.

Medical researches are experimenting with LSD to find ways to cure certain illnesses and other serious illnesses. But at the present, LSD cannot be thought of as a use in medicine. Doctors are not allowed to prescribe it as a medicine.

It is a drug that is made and distributed unlawfully and is taken illegally. It's not addictive, but, it's so powerful that, even taking it once can be disastrous.

Taking an LSD trip is called "tripping". Within thirty minutes, the user is on a trip that can last from two hours to ten hours. His trip can be either good or bad. He can never tell before hand if the trip will be a good one or a bad one. A good trip is filled with beautiful sights and sounds. Some people claim that they can see sounds and taste colors. On a bad trip, a person can have terrible hallucinations that are more frightening than a horrible nightmare. Although nothing that he sees, hears, or smells is real, he readily believes that everything is truly happening to him. LSD effects are so powerful that they may never permanently leave the body or mind. Within days or even months after the first LSD trip, it can produce "flashbacks" or "return trips". In fact, some flashbacks have occurred within three years after an acid trip. This can happen even if no more LSD has been taken. The person may be walking down the street

or sitting in a classroom and suddenly he falls into a dream world. Once again he has hallucinations and doesn't know what he's doing. He may harm someone, but the main person he harms is himself. LSD users have thought they could fly and as a result of this, they have jumped from the windows or the tops of buildings. Some have drowned, thinking they could walk on water, and, still others have attempted or have committed suicide thinking that they weren't fit to live in society.

Scientists haven't yet found out the actual effects of LSD on the human body. Most scientists think it damages the brain and other organs in the body. Because no one knows the actual effects, more and more people are saying they don't want to try LSD even once.

Heroin:

Heroin is a partly synthetic drug, derived from morphine, heroin to, is a by-product of the opium poppy. As an analgesic, it's much more powerful than morphine and faster acting too.

The first use of heroin in this country was similar to and was an outgrowth of the use of morphine. Once the "Army Disease" had become a problem, doctors looked for ways to relieve morphine addiction and discovered that heroin did just that. Again, they didn't know that total effects of heroin, and, the patients went from morphine addiction to heroin addiction. By the first part of this century, heroin was already a drug problem. It widely replaced morphine and opium. Eventually, the United States prohibited the sale of heroin, and it could only be obtained illegally from the "underworld."

Here in the U.S. and in almost every country, heroin has no medical use, because; continuous use could lead to tolerance and physical addiction. Dependence on the drug is partly a direct physical consequence of taking it, and partly (according to some doctors) a result of the fear of withdrawal symptoms - the addict keeps on using the drug because he's afraid he'll suffer if he stops taking it.

Heroin is mostly associated with addition, crime and anti-social behavior. Heroin causes an atmosphere in which the addict's sole reason for existence is getting and taking the drug.

The fact is . . . heroin can only be obtained illegally through a connection that demands "cash on the barrel." No doctor of ethics can prescribe it, and, the connection won't sell on credit. The addict must be ready to buy when the connection is ready to sell, and, he must have cash money. These problems are constantly bugging the addict when he is coming off of his high trip.

Drug type of addict usually depends upon how it is obtained for example, some young people may experiment with amphetamines or barbiturates in

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Second Place Winner

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the medicine cabinet, while ghetto youth may start on heroin because it is available by their neighborhood pusher.

Heroin can be sniffed (snorted), injected into the vein, or in the skin. Some times, it's mixed with cocaine, which accelerates the effect. Skin-popping: filing a hyperdermic needle with heroin solution and injecting it. Vein injecting has a quicker effect. Vein popping is called main-lining. To do this, the user must have something to use as a tourniquet, something like a bottle cap to cook the mixture, and something similar to a hyperdermic for injection. These needles can be obtained from an illicit source or stolen from a hospital. If the addict cannot obtain a needle, an eyedropper with a needle attached to it is suitable.

Heroin is bought in a powder form and water is added to it. If the addict uses the same vein, it may collapse, and, it will take the addict several tries to find a usable vein. To keep the tracks from being too noticeable, the addict may main-line where tracks cannot easily be seen. The most commonly used areas are: the crook of the elbow vein; but, however, veins behind the knee, on the ankle, and even under the tongue are possible sites.

IV Penicillin: A Helpful Drug

All drugs aren't dangerous; for instance, penicillin is a helpful drug. Here is a brief summary telling about penicillin:

Penicillin was discovered in 1928 in London by Alexander Flemming. He found a mold growing on a culture of some common germs. Around the mold, these germs were dissolving. He called it penicillin. In 1940, Howard W. Florey of Australia and Ernest Chain of Great Britain reported on how it could be purified for use.

Penicillin kills germs and it can also kill some of the body cells. But if it's applied to the infected part in the blood, it will kill the germ. The person will be cured.

Not all germs are killed by penicillin. It's not a "cure-all." For example, it can't kill cancer germs. But most common blood germs are sensitive to it.

Penicillin is put directly in the effected area. If the disease is in the body, penicillin is carried by the bloodstream. But, it is destroyed in the stomach and in the intestines. So, it's put into the muscles. But, scientists have developed a form given by mouth, called; penicillin V.

Some people are allergic to penicillin. For these people, a small dose of penicillin can cause great discomfort. People who take it by mouth don't develop a sensitivity to it.

V A Final Word:

To Parents:

Most parents, especially the Christian parent, are apt to think that the drug scene would be far from the minds of their kids. They would prefer to associate drugs with, for instance, the kid down the street or the kid living in the ghetto, or a kid in a very low class family. But we know

that this is not completely true, many of our middle and upper class U.S. children take drugs. It's the obligation of the Christian parent to sit down and talk with their children, listen to their arguments, reasons and decisions; but, they don't have to agree with every little thing. The number one thing to do as a Christian parent is to talk to God. Tell Him about this problem that you may have with your children. Fasting and praying is the chief mean of reaching Jesus. We all know that prayer changes things, and, if you pray and fast sincerely, God can and He will work out this problem or any other problem in your life.

Parents, if you disapprove of what your children do, don't force them to change. This may only compel a child to do even more against your will; just out of spite. The Bible tells us to train up the child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Talk to your child, tell him what you think, tell him what the Bible says on the matter, and; that it's the right way.

TO: TEENAGERS

Adults of all kinds; teachers, lawyers, doctors, and especially parents are interested in the drug problem. If you have the problem, there is one sure-fire way to help you; if you want to be helped; and that is Jesus. Sure rehabilitation centers and such like are fine; but, they may not work and last forever without God's help.

I recommend the Lord Jesus Christ to you. Take Jesus as your Lord and personal Savior. Don't worry about being an out-cast from your peers just because you don't want anything to do with taking drugs. If they all turn their backs on you, you won't be alone! Jesus will be right there to comfort you.

So, if you haven't tried Jesus; try Him. If you do, you won't even have drugs on your mind.

New Magazine

Stresses Higher

Womens' Standards

By ASTRID SEEBURG

OLD TAPPAN, N.J. — April 11, 1978 — A new woman's magazine will be published in July to appeal to a rapidly expanding segment of the U.S. population — the Christian woman. The magazine's editorial thrust will be to bring greater emphasis to the female position as wife, mother, or single person. The 160 page publication, TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMAN, will be published by the Fleming H. Revell Company. Price will be \$2.95.

Included in the quarterly TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMAN, will be articles on fashion, crafts, travel, recipes, health, humor, budget, and beauty. The cover and cover story of the first issue will feature Anita Bryant, who was voted America's most admired woman in this year's GOODHOUSEKEEPING poll.

Baptist Assembly Has New Superintendent

Laurel Hill — When the Baptists constituents arrive at the Baptist Assembly this season, they will be greeted by a new superintendent. He is the Reverend James Franklin Kelly, a native of Laurinburg, North Carolina, who received his appointment from the G.B.S. Conv.'s Executive Committee earlier this year. The new superintendent, a member of Jones Chapel Baptist Church in Scotland County where the Reverend G.W. Ward is pastor, received the B.S. Degree from Tennessee State University, Nashville, in 1967. He has resided in East Hartford, Conn. during the previous nine years, and was employed by United Technologies, Inc. The St. John Baptist Association ordained him in the ministry last October.

Reverend Kelly has expressed an interest in out-reach in the community and the G.B. State Conv. He stated in a recent interview that he will seek to bring about an awareness of the existence of the Baptist Assembly and to inform the people about what the Assembly has to offer. His activities will include visits to the Churches

across the state of North Carolina to make this awareness a reality. The new Baptist staff-person will live at the Assembly. He may be contacted at: Post Office Box 1721, Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352.

(Editor's note: This article concerning The Baptist Assembly is the fifth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friends of Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS;



Reverend James F. Kelly, Superintendent of the Baptist Assembly

February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.)

Don't forget that June is The Shaw Divinity School - Emphasis.

27th Annual Youth Bible Camp

The Twenty-Seventh Annual Youth Bible Camp to be held at The Baptist Assembly Laurel Hill, North Carolina June 18 - July 7, 1978 Sponsored by THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF NORTH CAROLINA and THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA. THEME: "LIVING - LISTENING - LEARNING" DR. BERTHENIA D. HORNE Camp Advisor - P.O. Box 1818 - Raleigh, N.C. 27602 Telephone (919) 833-4823 Dr. J.C. Harris - Camp Director Mrs. Virginia Daye - Camp Coordinator Room and board for week ... \$45.00

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and was included in the 25 most most influential women in America by prominent editors and social commentators for the World Almanac and Book of Facts. The magazine's format will introduce some exciting, colorful, graphic design concepts not heretofore used in the Christian field.

The first copies of TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMAN will appear at the convention of the Christian Booksellers Association in Denver in July, where copies will be distributed. The magazine will be sold starting in September in Christian Bookstores and on newsstands.

With today's climate of Christian emphasis within sophisticated circles, there is a real need on the American publishing scene for a magazine which offers not only high quality, but high Christian standards.

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Hymn Of The Month

May, 1978

Lead On, O King Eternal

LEAD ON, O KING
ETERNAL
By Reverend Ernest
Warbuston Shurtleff
(1887)

This hymn was written at the request of classmates at Andover for their commencement in 1887 by Reverend Shurtleff. His name lives on because of it.

I would suggest that during the commencement season of our high schools and colleges, we make the true story of the hymn ring around the world. Also, this hymn is very fitting for a processional hymn, ordination service, etc.

Lead On, O King
Eternal

Lean on, O King Eternal, The day of march has come; Hencforth in fields

of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Thro' days of preparation. Thy grace has made us strong, And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King Eternal, Till

sin's fierce war shall cease, And holiness shall whisper The sweet Amen of peace; For not with swords loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums; With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King Eternal, We follow, not with fears; For gladness breaks like morning Where'er Thy face appears; Thy cross is lifted o'er us; We journey in its light: The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.

(1) It should create congregational participation, and art of worship.

(2) Develop a large supply of hymns to use as congregational singing.

(3) Show the relevance of hymn singing through the ministry of music as songs and hymns relate to the Christian faith.

Sunday School, B.T.U. Congress

Mr. James L. Lassiter,
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Congress

THE GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NORTH CAROLINA, INC. STATE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION CONGRESS 1978 JAMES F. WERTZ ORATORICAL CONTEST

SUBJECTS:

1. "Good News In A Time of Crisis"
2. "Sharing Our Christian Faith"
3. "Building A Life For Christ"
4. "Christ Is The Answer"
5. "Doing God's Work"
6. "Will There Be Peace On Earth?"
7. "No Room For Quitters"
8. "The Master Is Able"
9. "A Recipe For Happiness"
10. "Prepare To Serve"
11. "The Cross And The Crown"
12. "The Winning Witness"
13. "Living Up To Your Calling"

14. "The Christian's Influence"

15. "Facing The Future With Commitment"

16. "Religion And Learning"

RULES:

1. The A Division Contest is open to high school seniors and college freshmen who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students. The B Division Contest is open to ninth, tenth and eleventh grade high school students who are active Baptist Training Union or Sunday School students.

2. Contestants must be certified by a local B.T.U. Director or Sunday School superintendent.

Each contestant will choose one of the subjects listed above.

4. Each contestant must compose and learn his speech.

5. Each contestant will have five minutes for delivery.

6. Contestants will be judged by competent judges on content, composition and delivery. Content will count 25 per cent, composition 25 per cent, and delivery 50 per cent.

7. The three top winners in the

A D vision will receive scholarships and certificates of participation. First place \$150.00; second place \$100.00; and third place \$50.00. Scholarship checks are awarded after the contestants are enrolled in an institution of further study. Non winning contestants will receive \$5.00 and a certificate of participation.

8. The three top winners in the B Division will receive certificates of participation, and first place \$15.00, second place \$10.00 and third place \$5.00. Non winning contestants will receive certificates of participation and \$2.00 each.

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

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

Local church contestants, associational contestants, county-wide contests, district contests, etc., should precede the state contest, and the winner of each district contest will complete at the state level.

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Christian Education Corner

Sunday School And Baptist Training Congress

Dear Christian Education Co-workers:

On behalf of the General Baptist State Sunday School and Baptist Training Congress and for myself, personally, I wish to express our appreciation to you for the very fine way you support our One-Day Session on February 11 at the Tupper Memorial Baptist Church in Raleigh. It goes without saying that our efforts culminated into success in the areas of attendance, participation, and contribution. Even though we fell a little short of some of our goal yet the overall experience was one for which we are truly thankful.

The Annual Session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will be held with the Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, the Reverend D.U. Cooper, pastor, August 8-10, 1978. We are asking each church to plan now to send a representative from its Sunday school and Baptist training union. We further request that each Sunday school and each Baptist training union pre-register by sending its representation fees to Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, on or before August 1. Necessary forms and information will be mailed to each church during the month of May.

This year, the Baptist Training Union Congress is offering a new addition to the James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest. The new addition will comprise an oratorical contest for ninth, tenth, and eleventh

grade high school students who are active participants in their local Sunday schools and Baptist training unions. This level of participation shall be called the "B" Division or "B" Level. The level for high school seniors and college freshmen shall be called the "A" Division or "A" Level. Only one winner can be chosen from each level. For further information, please see the 1978 James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest Subjects and Rules.

The Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress' Executive Committee will meet at Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, Saturday, May 6, 10:00 a.m. The

purpose of the meeting is to complete plans for the Annual Session to be held in Hickory. We are asking each district Sunday school convention president and each district Baptist training union president to please send the names and addresses of his superintendents and directors, and the date and place of meeting of his convention's

annual session to the Department of Christian Education, Baptist Headquarters, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh 27601. This information is immediately necessary so that

schedules can be arranged to meet with each convention without last minute conflicts.

The Reverend Leo Williams, Jr. Director
Department of Christian Education

Wanted Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Applications are now being received for the professional position of Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. Official Blanks may be requested by mail — Office of the Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 603 South Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601.

All applicants must hold a college degree or its equivalent, must be a member in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, must have a reputation of honesty and present acceptable references attesting mental maturity, emotional stability and administrative.

The job requires the applicant to live in the Raleigh Area. All applicants meeting the basic qualifications will receive ap-

In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain . . .

Revelations 21:4

pointments prior to final screening by the personnel committee.

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Principal Personalities At Laymen's Banquet

Goldsboro — "Coming to the East is a religious experience," Atty. Julius Chambers told an enthusiastic group of Laymen who attended the third annual State-wide Fellowship Banquet, meeting at the Goldsboro High School, sponsored by the State Baptist Laymen's League of N.C. last April 15th. "The people in the East don't mind asking God to give us guidance in

solving our problems," he continued. Chambers addressed the group for about 35 minutes on the theme: "The Real Problem facing the Nation Today."

He stated that despite the 1964 Civil Rights Act, most Blacks are worse off today than before its passage. To illustrate the point, he said that jobless rate among Blacks is at its highest

point ever and those Blacks who do have good paying jobs are receiving a salary on a scale that is less in relationship to 1964.

He declared that Blacks are being forced out of opportunities in the higher education fields; and challenged the group to "adapt a program to go find the Black child and help to save his soul...he needs help. Many Black

children are lost in the racism in our schools."

Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the G.B.S. Conv. of N.C., Inc. told the Laymen that the great need today is to "find the Black man. Where is he?" He urged the Laymen to adopt a program that would help reestablish the manhood of the Black man.

The Saturday Session, held at the Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro was well attended. There were Laymen from every section of the State in attendance. The Laymen's secretary and director of music, Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., told the group that the Banquet was the best attended of the three that have been held.



Mr. E.L. Pritchett "Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior"



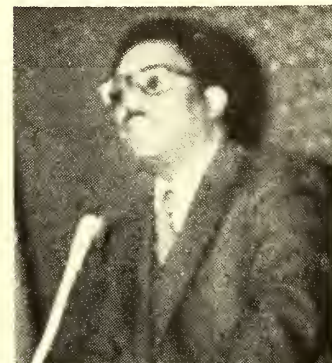
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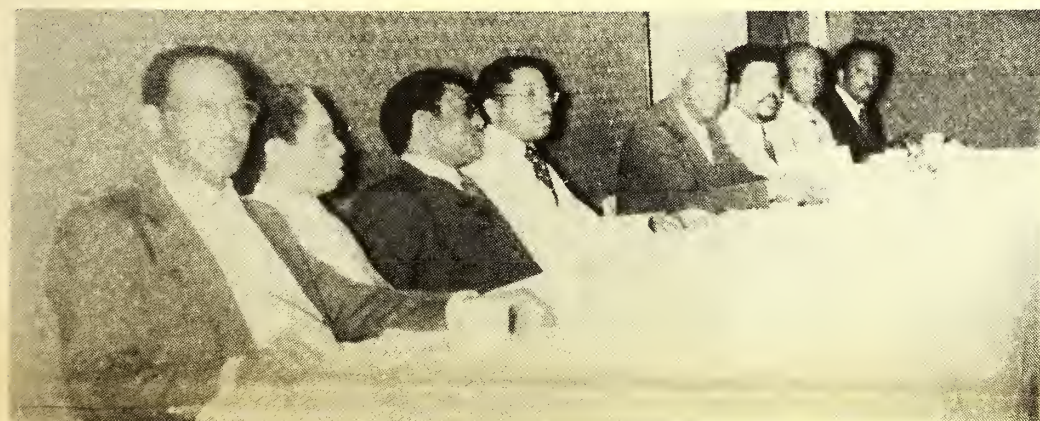
Dr. Joy J. Johnson "Support The Church - Clergy Coop"



Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. "The Best Ever ... The East is Great"



Atty. Julius Chambers "Help Save Black Child's Soul"



Principal Personalities at the Third Annual Laymen's Fellowship Banquet, April 14, Goldsboro High School, East. L. to R.: Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, Atty. Julius Chambers, banquet speaker; Rev. Spencer Williams, host Pastor; Mr. John McQueen, President State Laymen's League; Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Mr. Mack Hicks, host Laymen; Mr. Charles Porter.

'A Penny Saved' Adage Pays Off, Pastor Told

By Religious News Service (4-3-78)

SCOTTDALE, Pa. (RNS) — "A penny saved is a penny earned" is not scriptural, but a Methodist pastor here is capitalizing on the adage.

The Rev. Ralph G. Shipley, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, after consulting with a local banker, has launched a "Penny Endowment Fund."

The banker told the minister

that if every one of his 550 members contributed a penny-a-day for seven years, the money could be parlayed into a fund which would produce interest of \$1,250 each year in perpetuity.

Mr. Shipley, who credits "Church Business Report" with the original idea, has already filled one five-gallon jug with pennies and another is filling quickly.



Executive Committee of the State Laymen's League - Goldsboro, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church - April 15. Mr. John McQueen, 3rd from L., front row, is president. Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., 3rd from R., front row, is secretary and director of Church music.



State Laymen's Banquet scene, Goldsboro High School, East, April 14.



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Announcing: The 41st Annual Session of the Missionary Training Conference June 5 - 9, 1978 At The Baptist Assembly Center, 178 At The Baptist Assembly Center, Hill, N.C. Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Instructor. Sponsored by The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina.

Theme: "Preparing For Christian Growth and Service" The Course of study will be about: "Special Skills in Mission Action, with Emphasis on Witnessing."

Each Missionary Department should send at least two (2) women for study.

Cost of the week: Send in registration early, make all checks payable to the Woman's Baptist State Convention.

Registration — \$5.00
Room and Board — 45.00
Total — \$50.00

What to bring: 2 single bed sheets, 1 pillow case, towels - toiletries, flash light - Bible, Long dress for Thursday evening Banquet (Dr. Horne will be the speaker).

There will be: Prayer - Study - sermons - singing - relaxation - and Inspirational fellowship.



Rev. Spencer Williams (l) pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, confers with Dr. O.L. Sherrill concerning a new class in Goldsboro.

Correction

The Plan Book for the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina carried a misprint. Under Foreign Mission's

first paragraph, How? — The Bible reference should have read Malachi 3:10 instead of Matthew 3:10.



Dr. O.L. Sherrill lecturing to pastors from the Bear Creek Association and surrounding area.

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Rev. W.C. Horton, his wife on his left, supports Christian education and training by attending and encouraging Seminary Extension classes in the New Bern-Eastern Association.



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Of Women's Convention

Bahama Islands' Senate President To Address 94th Annual Session



Senator Dr. Doris L. Johnson will address Woman's Convention, July 19th.

Lest We Forget

Father's Day And Children's Day

"Honor thy father and thy mother: That thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." Exodus 20:12

"Children, obey your parents in the Lord; for this is right. Honor thy father and mother; which is the first commandment

with promise; that it may be well with thee, and thy mayest live long on the earth." Ephesians 6:1-3.

"And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the admonition of the Lord." Ephesians 6:4.

Workshop Set

The Shaw Divinity School will conduct its First Annual Workshops for Church Secretaries, Deacons, and Church Music Leaders, August 11-12, 1978, on the Shaw University campus, Raleigh, North Carolina. The Workshops will begin with a banquet on Friday, August 11, at 7:00 p.m. Workshops will be conducted on Saturday, August 12, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$49.00 per registrant. This figure includes the banquet, overnight

lodging on the Shaw University campus, and registration. A feature article on the Workshops will appear in the July edition of the **Baptist Informer**.

Pastors are urged to begin to send immediately the names of Church Secretaries, Deacons, and Church Music Leaders who will attend the event to:

James X. Alexander
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Winston-Salem - The 94th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, convenes at the Winston-Salem Convention Center, Winston-Salem, N. C., July 17-21. The headquarters for the session will be the Hyatt House, and Host Church will be Shiloh Baptist, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Pastor.

The theme for the five-day meeting is: "A Vision - A Voice - A Venture" - Isaiah 6: 1-13.

Dr. Bethenia D. Horne, executive secretary of the W. B. H. & F. M. Conv., has announced that one of the highlight features of the session will be: "Senator Dr. Doris L. Johnson, president of the Senate, Bahama Islands and Coordinator of the Bahama

Woman's Convention, who will address the Woman's Convention of North Carolina, Wednesday evening, July 19th. Dr. Johnson will be accompanied by the president of the Bahama Islands Convention."

See the Woman's page of this issue for more details of the session.

Executive Secretary Calls For Churches To Meet Their Financial Quotas

FROM: The Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention

TO: The Officials of the General Baptist State Convention, Moderators, Pastors and Members of the Churches

The Moderator's Workshop and the One Day Session of the General Baptist State Convention in 1978 have become history and history reveals that we did exceptionally well. The Moderator's Workshop and the sermons were thought provoking as well as inspirational. Our financial receipts for the session amounted to \$70,660.67 This amount brings us closer to our goal of \$1,025,000.00.

I commend the leaders of our

conventions, associations, unions, the pastors and the members of the churches for their loyal support and cooperation.

Because of an urgent need for the Convention to fulfill its financial commitment of \$1,025,000.00 for Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes by August 31, 1978, I am asking each pastor to lead his church to respond positively to the suggested quota that was sent to each church for the Baptist Headquarters. I am sure that you have heard the legend that when Jesus returned to heaven, he was confronted by an angel who said to Jesus: "I

understand that you went to the earth on a mission to save the world. Yet, you died and had never travelled beyond Palestine. How will the world be saved?" Jesus replied: "I called twelve disciples. I expect them to tell others and others to tell others. I told them to go into all the world..." The angel said "well, suppose Peter, James and John go back to fishing, and Matthew goes back to collecting taxes." Jesus told the angel: "I am depending on them. I have no other plan." In meeting the spiritual and financial needs of our convention, the Lord is depending on us and the General Baptist State Convention is depending on us.

There is no other plan.



Executive Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig, making his report at One Day Session G.B.S.C., May 10th, Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington.

Seed For Sermon Thought

"Start Sooner And Take Shorter Steps"
By I. B. Horton

A Textual-Topical Sermon:

Text: Isaiah 28:16 "Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste."

Threapeutic

"He that believeth shall not make haste." The Prophet Isaiah makes it clear that stability and serenity of heart have a vital relationship to one's belief and trust in God.

Introduction to the Problem:

The never-ending cycle of trying to outrun one's self to catch up with the many duties life brings upon us, is the hallmark of today's society. Who is it that does not feel the pressure of "the thing that will get me. If I don't strain every nerve to get away?"

The constant threat of being overcome by unseen destructive forces is slowly driving our American society into mental, emotion, physical, and spiritual depravity. Fear is everywhere (like the deteriorating cells of cancer) slowly eating away the peace that belongs to the people of God.

Theme Rationale:

The people of God need to know that God's peace is available to those who will truly believe in Jesus Christ. The peace comes through faith in believing that no real harm can ever happen to a good man.

Discourse:

I. God Has Laid A Foundation

The Christian's peace is not dependent on his efforts alone; it is the will of God that he have peace and security. God has made the provision for us, according to the scripture. Paul declared that: "But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus". (Philippians 4:19). Therefore Isaiah says of God: "Behold, I lay a foundation", and what God has laid, no man can destroy.

II. The Foundation is Jesus Christ

If men would put their trust in Jesus, rather than the things of this world, they would have no need to be afraid. The beginning of peace and security is the recognition of Christ Jesus as

the Son of God who died for our sins. There is a general confusion in the minds of the Church-goers today as to just who Jesus is. But He is the Son of God, no matter what men say, and if one truly believes that; he will be born again and know that Jesus is God in the flesh, reconciling the world to Himself.

III. Total Commitment Brings Total Peace

What holds so many people back from true peace is a half-hearted commitment to Jesus. When one truly believes and gives God first place, Isaiah says that he "... shall not make

haste."

Conclusion:

Once a life is given up into the hands of God in Jesus Christ, he can have the ability to "start sooner and take shorter steps." Many people are so afraid of life until they will not face their fears nor get started until they are forced to do so. When they do start, they find themselves running, as it were, for dear life. But with Christ Jesus, one can go on and get started, knowing that Jesus is with him. He can "walk through the very valley of the shadow of death, and fear no evil."

SBC Will Receive Rights Declaration

Atlanta (BP) - With a reminder that "Baptist history and heritage have been formed in a crucible which has both demanded and produced human rights," the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission will present a "Declaration of Human Rights" to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, June 13-15.

Christian Life Commission executive secretary Foy Valentine said the denomination's moral concerns agency will recommend adoption of the declaration "in the conviction that the issue of human rights is of grave importance both in our commitment to Bold Mission Thrust and in the divine imperative to do the gospel.

"The declaration," Valentine explained, "is not an attempt to catalog worldwide human rights abuses; rather, its purpose is to call attention to biblical principles for Christians to use in responding to specific human rights issues."

Valentine said the commission will present the declaration in its annual report to the convention during the Wednesday morning session, June 14.

The special declaration comes at a time when human rights has drawn international attention, due largely to the determination of Jimmy Carter, Southern Baptists' best known layman, to make human rights a major focal point of his administration's foreign policy.

Southern Baptists, the declaration states, believe that basic human rights "are the gift

of God" and that these rights "coincide with the Bible's teachings in support of justice, mercy, peace, and righteousness."

In a "call to action," the declaration challenges Southern Baptist churches to be "boldly involved in championing justice for the oppressed, providing food for the hungry, supporting changes in those laws and systems which manipulate the poor while providing welfare for the rich, doing the things that make for peace, and effecting change where change is needed to support basic human rights."

The declaration also calls upon Southern Baptist citizens to become involved in the political process on behalf of human rights. It urges Southern Baptist pastors to "preach the word of God without fear or favor as it highlights human rights," and asks Southern Baptist agencies to demonstrate "uncompromised and uncompromising commitment to human rights."

"We are gravely concerned about the widespread denial of human rights at the hands of our political allies as well as our political adversaries," the declaration states. "Our concern for tortured, unjustly imprisoned and politically oppressed persons abroad is matched by our concern for the rights of women, blacks, ethnic minorities, the poor, the aging, the sick, and abused children in our midst."

Laymen To Meet

Rocky Mount - Laymen in the Eastern District of the State of N. C. are being invited to attend a special Laymen workshop to be held at the Metropolitan Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, June 25th at 3:00 p.m. The workshop is to be sponsored by the Laymen department of the Tar River Ministers' and Deacons' Union.

The purpose of the meeting is to endeavor to unify the Laymen of the east in support of the G. B. S. C.

The workshop will be headed by Deacon Author Lyons of the Eastern Star Baptist Church, Tarboro, N. C. Laymen anywhere in the eastern part of N. C. are invited to attend the workshop. Out of this meeting it is hoped that districts by counties can be drawn up.

Some Dates To Remember

June 18-23

The G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc. will charter a plane to the National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress - meeting in Memphis Tennessee, June 18-23rd. Total cost \$180.00 round trip. A deposit of \$50.00 will reserve a seat for you on the plane and the balance is due June 1, 1978. Write Dr. C.C. Craig at the Baptist Headquarters.

June 5-9

The 41st Annual Session of the Missionary Training Conference to be held at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, N.C., sponsored by the W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, instructor.

June 8

Family Living Seminar to be held at the Jane S. McKimmon Center, Raleigh, N.C. Theme: "Work and it's Impact on Families" sponsored by the Home Economics Department of North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Contact Dr. Eloise S. Cofer, P.O. Box 5097, Raleigh 27650 Fee: \$7.00.

June 12-16

The Shaw Divinity School's Annual Church Leaders Conference, comprised of the Forty-Second Annual Ministers' Institute and the Fourth Annual Lay Leaders Institute. Theme: "Rethinking the Church's Mission and Methods in a Secular Society." Dr. Raymond F. Harvey, Pastor of the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. Classes for lay persons, men and women. Cost for the conference, \$40.00. Write to Dr. James Z. Alexander, The Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, 27611.

June 18 - July 7

The Twenty-seventh Annual

Yough Bible Camp, the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, N.C. sponsored by the W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. Theme: "Living-Listening-Learning." Dr. Berrthenia D. Horne camp advisor. Total fee \$50.00 per week.

June 27-July 2

The Lott Carey Youth Seminar, Shaw University, Reverend Marcus G. Wood, Director. Write to Mrs. Mary B. Hendricks 1501 - 11th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001.

August 8-10

The Annual Session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, N.C. The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest will be held at this time. Write to Mrs. Emaretta T. Felton, 1812 Armstrong Street, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.

July 11-13

State Ushers Convention - The Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C. Correction: The Baptist Diary has the place of the Ushers' Convention "Incorrectly" listed as the St. Luke Baptist Church, Moorehead City.

July 8

The Annual Baptist Family Picnic, The Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill - also dedication of new building.

July 17-21

94th Annual Session W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. The Winston-Salem Convention Center - Winston-Salem, N.C. Headquarters, the Hyatt House. Host Church, Shiloh Baptist, Dr. J. Ray Butler, Host Pastor.

August 28 - Sept. 1

Annual Session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, New Orleans, La. -

Letter To The Editor

Dear Sir:

I must say that I do look forward to receiving the Baptist Informer each month. I read every line in it, and pass the news to some of the people in my missionary circle and church. It really keeps me informed of the Baptist as the name of it means.

Although my subscription has not expired, I am renewing it now so I will not forget it. I don't

want to miss a single issue.

I am also giving a gift subscription to a dear friend of mine who has just gotten a glimpse of my May issue.

You are doing a wonderful job. May God bless you and your staff.

Yours truly,
Mrs. E.D. Alexander
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WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

ANNUAL REPORT...EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE

ADDRESS...PRESIDENT TURNER

MUSIC...THE WOMAN'S CONVENTION CHOIR

PREACHING...THE REVEREND H. WESLEY WILEY, Maryland

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THURSDAY, JULY 20

LIFE MEMBER MARCH — WHITE DRESSES

WEAR LIFE MEMBER PIN — WE WILL MARCH AROUND THE CONVENTION CENTER.

The Ministers Wives

PREACHING — THE REVEREND CHARLES BULLOCK, Rocky Mount

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

HEAR OUR YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT DEPARTMENTS

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE — DR. STANLEY SMITH — THE

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MINISTER — DR. PERCY C. HIGH, Durham

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DECEMBER 31, 1978 — EXECUTIVE SECRETARY HORNE RETIRES



Mrs. Ruby J. Allen

Social Worker Resigns

Mrs. Ruby J. Allen, special worker for the Granville County Missionary Union resigned in 1977 after serving in this postion for six years.

Mrs. Allen stated in her resignation remarks, she felt that her age and health were keeping her from performing her duties as she would like too. Nevertheless she would continue to work, as long as the Good Master gives her strength.

Mrs. Allen a hard worker, served well in this postion. Accomplishments during the six years include the organization of a Young Adult Department, the joining of two unions, the addition of four churches to the

union and the improvement of attendance at the training institute and Mass meeting.

In September 1977 the union presented Mrs. Allen with a life membership pin of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, a token for a job well done.

On December 10, 1977, she became special worker emeritus.

Mrs. Allen is a member of the Oak Grove Baptist Church where she attends Sunday School and works with the Missionary Department of the Church.

Alpha Chi Inducts Three

Raleigh, N.C. - The North Carolina Eta Chapter of Alpha Chi National Honor Society at Shaw University held induction ceremonies May 10, 1978 for three graduating seniors.

Joining the elite organization were Mrs. Gale Thomas Stowe, Ms. Shahla Ali-Mirafatab, and Mrs. Sylvia Jones.

Alpha Chi National Honor Society is a co-educational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character

among college and university students and to honor those achieving such distinction. An honor society as opposed to a recognition society, Alpha Chi predicates its membership upon accomplishment rather than mere interest or participation. A central honor society as contrasted with a specialized one, it admits to membership students from all academic disciplines rather than a single area of study.

Shaw Presents Extravaganza

Raleigh, N.C. - The Shaw University Lyceum and Special Events Committee presented a dinner and entertainment extravaganza entitled, "Could You Believe" on Saturday, April 22, 1978 in Spaulding Gymnasium. A buffet dinner was served from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. and the variety program began at 8:30 p.m. Miss Valarie Tekosky was Mistress of Ceremony for the program. Special guests included The

South Street Band, Miss Daureen Harris, 1976 Miss Black Teenage World of Wake County; Ms. Trina Thomas, gospel singer; Antonia Carr and Hugh Vernon, interpreted dancers; Alvarez Wortham, violinist; Kurt Faussette, concert pianist and the Shaw Dancers and Singers. Sababu C. Norris, a senior Theater Arts major directed the program.

At Shaw Divinity School: Graduation, Summer Conferences

Raleigh—"Tell the news to the nation!
Proclaim it!
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Babylon has fallen!
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This is the message that God gave Jeremiah for the people of Israel when they were under the bondage of the great and

powerful nation, Babylonia. History will testify and witness that God did fulfill this promise; His words came to pass.

There is another message from God today concerning the evils that enslave God's people. That message is: "Tell the good news of Jesus Christ. God has visited and redeemed His people."

Shaw Divinity School is doing just that: The Divinity School is a beehive of activities preparing men and women for the task of "Proclaiming the message!"

The featured articles on this page give a partial picture of the many ways in which the Shaw Divinity School seems to equip its students for a more excellent practice of Christian Ministry.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning The Shaw Divinity School is a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptists and friends of

Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective: during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.)

Don't forget that July is State Missions emphasis.

Prophet Of Wheat Street

Dr. Borders Keynote Speaker At Tupper Memorial Banquet

One June 2, 1978, The Shaw Divinity School will host its Fifth Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet in Shaw University's Ballroom on the campus at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this occasion is to memorialize the Christian humanitarian life of Henry Martin Tupper, the distinguished founder, "Who counted not his life dear unto himself that he might lift Godwardly his brother."

The featured speaker for the banquet is Dr. William Holmes Borders, the son of the late Reverend and Mrs. James B. Borders, a native of Macon,

Georgia, where he attended elementary and high school. As an honor student, he received an A.B. degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, and later earned a B.D. degree at Garrett Theological Seminary and Columbia University. He has been awarded several honorary doctorates by many renown institutions of higher learning, including Shaw University.

At the present time, the Reverend Dr. W.H. Borders, an illustrious author and preacher, pastors who leads Wheat Street Baptist Church, Atlanta,

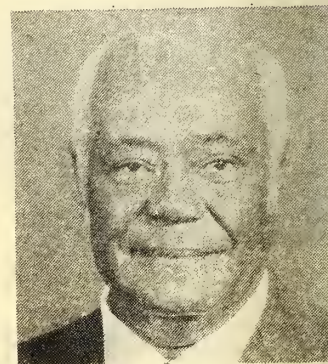
Georgia, in an illustrative and dynamic Christian ministry, where he has been for more than forty years. Under his leadership dynamics a magnificent edifice has been completed, membership has established, evangelistic ministries have been implemented through radio and television, the budget has been increased, and a twelve million dollars Wheat Street Complex has been accrued.

The Reverend Dr. W.H. Borders is affiliated with the State and Atlanta Housing Authority, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, The Masons, Georgia Progressive Baptist

Convention, Morris Brown College Board of Trustees, and the Christian Council of Atlanta.

He was married to the late Julia Elinar Pansy Pate and to this union were born William Holmes, Jr., now a physician, and Juel Pate Borders (Benson), now an obstetrician-gynecologist.

Certainly such an array of accomplishments recommended this great shepherd as the featured speaker of a banquet which honors a man of similar qualities, and The Shaw Divinity School cordially invites you to attend this banquet. Admission is by the donation of ten dollars.



Dr. William Holmes Borders Speaker for the Fifth Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet.

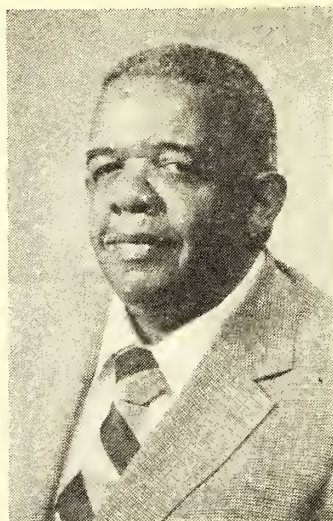
Dr. R. F. Harvey Principal Person For Conference

Tuskegee, Alabama — Dr. Raymond F. Harvey will be the principal resource person for the Shaw Divinity School's Annual Church Leaders Conference, to be held at Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 12-16, 1978. Registration for the Forty-second Annual Ministers' Institute and Fourth Annual Lay Leaders' Institute will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, June 12. The first session is at 1:00 p.m. on June 12. The conference will end around noon Friday, June 16. Registration and all sessions of the conference will be held in the Student Union Building on the Shaw University Campus.

The theme for the session will be: "Rethinking the Church's Mission and Method in a Secular Society."

Dr. Raymond F. Harvey is pastor of the Greenwood Missionary Baptist Church, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama. He will preach the opening sermon of the conference on Monday evening, June 12, at 8:00 o'clock. He will also deliver a lecture on the theme daily, Tuesday through Friday, at 10:30 a.m.

Additional significant features of the conference will be preaching by outstanding ministers, workshops, worship and classes. The conference promises to be one of the best ever. Classes for lay persons, men and women, will be conducted Tuesday through Friday. Classes will be offered in the following areas: 1) Missions; 2) Christian Education; 3) Christian Training; and 4)



Dr. Raymond F. Harvey - Shaw Divinity School's Leadership Conference Resource Person

Church Ushers.

The cost for the full conference is \$40.00. This figure includes \$15.00 for registration and \$25.00 for the room and board. Linen and towels will be provided but you must bring your own blanket.

It is a beautiful necessity of our nature to love something.
—Douglas Jerrold

Anything will give up its secrets if you love it enough.
—George Washington Carver

Life is a flower of which love is the honey.

Shaw Confers Degrees

Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. - Dr. Deborah Partridge Wolfe, Professor of Education, Queens University in New York, was the speaker for the 113th Convocation for Conferral of Degrees at Shaw University, Sunday, May 14, 1978. The commencement exercises were held in the Raleigh Civic Center, which was almost filled to capacity as 229 graduating seniors received their diplomas.

Dr. Wolfe told the graduating class to find "a love of God and a love of education." "If you've got that, you've got it all," she said.

Dr. Wolfe spoke to the students on the "7 lamps of education", a paradox to Ruskin's "Seven

Lamps of Architecture." She named these 7 lamps as Truth, Memory, Sacrifice, Obedience, Power, Beauty, and Life, and urged them to follow these principles.

"Seek ye the truth, for the truth shall set you free," said Dr. Wolfe, "because truth is the fundamental element and law of life." Trust is the first object of education.

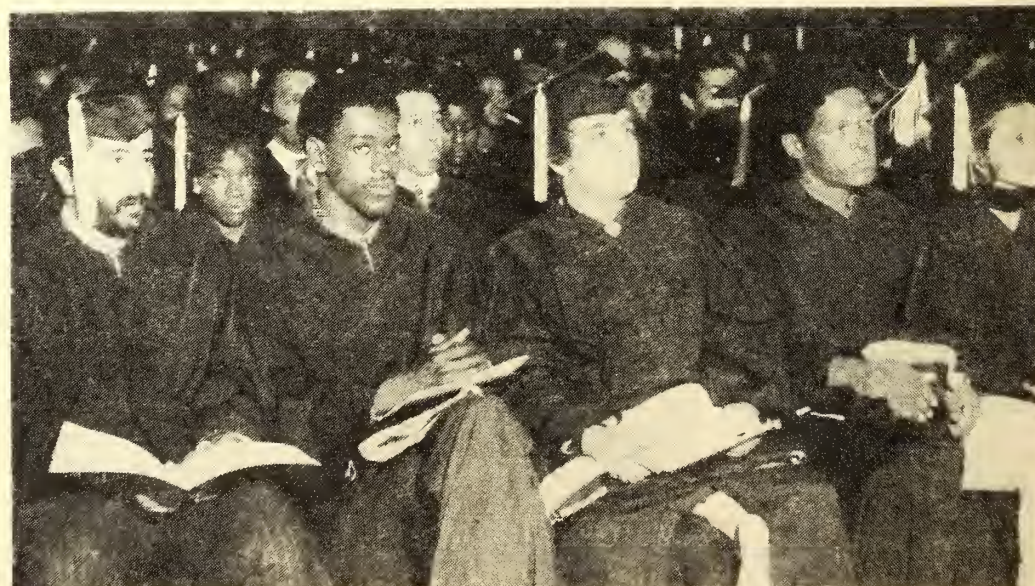
Relating to memory, Dr. Wolfe told the graduating seniors "not to forget their racial heritage." She related "that there were Hebrew slaves in Egypt long before slavery in America, and that 'these Africans' were our ancestors."

Dr. Wolfe also illustrated the principles of the other "lamps of

education" with vivid descriptions of how each contributed to "a truly educated" person. "The truly educated person never stops learning," said Dr. Wolfe. "In learning, you grow, and when you stop learning, you die...not physically, but mentally and morally.

Dr. Wolfe emphasized the most important aspect of education as learning "how to make a life. Just having a degree alone doesn't mean a thing".

"The educated mind should fall as a seed into the community and spring up in other minds made better by its presence", said Dr. Wolfe. "And thus, losing our souls, we get them back in fuller measures and richer quality."



Shaw's graduating seniors pay close attention during the 113th convocation for conferral of degrees last May 14th.

Two Receive Honorary Degrees

Aaron J. Johnson, "...as Pastor, Human Relations Architect, and Civic and Community Leader has forged a ministry of singular impact and significance..."

Gus Davis McNeill, "...has translated commitments to ministry, education, and civic service into a single force for the common good..."

These excerpts were a part of the citations read at the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees on May 14 at the Raleigh Civic Center as The Shaw Divinity School conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree upon the Reverend Aaron J. Johnson, Pastor of the Mount Sinai Baptist Church of Fayetteville and the Reverend Gus Davis McNeill, Pastor of the Lillington Star Free Will Baptist Church of Lillington and Principal of the Magnolia Avenue Elementary School of Dunn.

ELEVEN ACADEMIC DEGREES CONFERRED AT CONVOCATION

The Shaw Divinity School conferred eleven academic degrees at the Convocation for the Conferring of Degrees at the Raleigh Civic Center on May 14. Five Bachelor of Theology degrees were conferred and six Master of Divinity degrees. Receiving the Bachelor of Theology degree were: Rhodford Leon Anderson of Winston-

Salem; Richard Louis Battle of Roanoke Rapids; Samuel Luther Hodges of Winston-Salem; Thomas Lorenza Walker of Rocky Mount; and James Odell Williams of Winston-Salem. Receiving the Master of Divinity degree were: George Taylor Cromwell of Fayetteville; Merlin Lee Ford of Hampton, V.; Freeman Gause of Shallotte; Kenneth Ray Hammond of Greenville; James Mack Moore, Jr. of Fayetteville; and Frank Byrd Weaver of Durham.

WEEK DAY PROGRAM TO RESUME IN SEPTEMBER

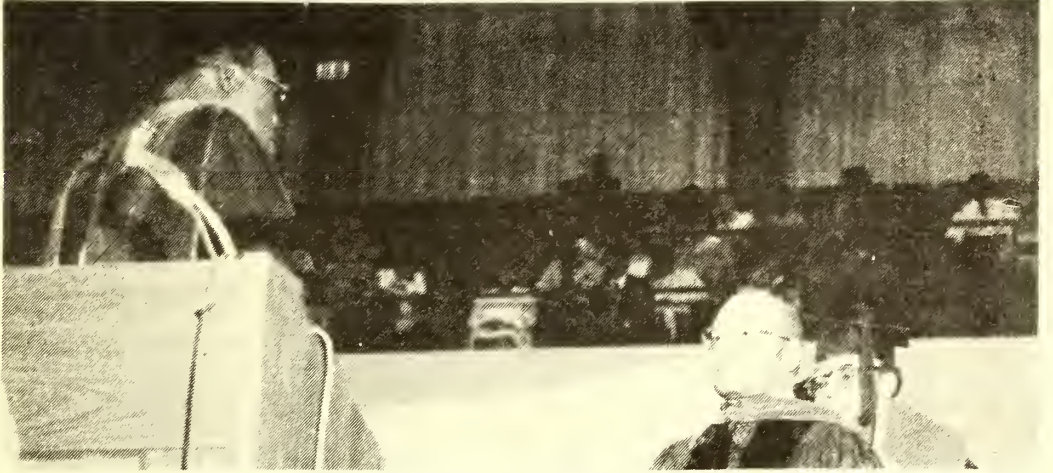
The Shaw Divinity School will resume its week-day academic program leading to the Master of Divinity and Bachelor of Theology degrees in September. Classes will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Saturday Seminary will continue, but new students and rising Middlers enrolling in the Saturday Seminary pursuing the Master of Divinity degree required to earn eighteen semester hours through the Tuesday and Thursday program. Bachelor of Theology candidates are not affected by this stipulation.

Students desiring admission to the Shaw Divinity School should contact:

James Z. Alexander,
Dean of Academic Affairs
The Shaw Divinity School
Raleigh, North Carolina
27602



Reverend Aaron J. Johnson (c) receives the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Divinity; Dr. C.R. Edwards (r) adjust his hood, as Dr. E.B. Turner (l) holds the conferral declaration.



Reverend Gus Davis McNeil (c) receives the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Divinity; Dr. W.B. Lewis (r) adjust his hood as Dr. E.B. Turner (l) looks on.

At One Day Session

The Official Welcome Address

By Mrs. Miraetta B. Johnson
Wilmington - "Dr. Johnson, Dr. Craig, Dr. Sherrill and other officials of the G.B.S. Convention, I wish to say just a few words in behalf of our Pastor, Reverend Carl Lee, the Hospitality Committee and the Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church at large.

It has been a joy for us to have the opportunity to mingle with such beautiful people. It is really hard to find words to express the pride and pleasure that your presence has brought to us. You are an asset to our city, our community, and especially to our Church.

You have brought to us

knowledge of which we knew little; I can't conceive of anyone who attended this session leaving without being touched and made-in some way-conscious of what this great convention stands for.

And as we bid you fare-well, we do truly hope that you will be coming back to us very, very soon, in some form.

At this time I would like to thank the Hospitality Committee for its tireless efforts and cooperation with me as your chairperson.

Other members of the Hospitality Committee were: Mrs. Isabelle Nixon, director of the Young Adult Missionary

Department; Mrs. Misaette Johnson, publicity; Mrs. Comce Artis from the Church N.U.; Mrs. Lucille Moore, past president of the Missionary Circle; Mrs. Annie Bell Harvey, a very fine Church worker; Mrs. Margaret Gore, another fine Church worker; Mrs. Sandra Nixon, a member of the Young Adult Missionary Department; Mr. Wade Murphury, Sr., Chairman of Deacons; Mr. Thomas Child, Sr., Mr. Charles Davis, and Mr. Daniel Burns, one of our fine and dedicated Junior Deacons. Last but not least Mr. Walter Sneed the talented Church Musician.

Three Receive Degrees

WAKE FOREST, N.C. — Clifford A. Jones, Chester H. Reddick and Garland Thompson have received degrees from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

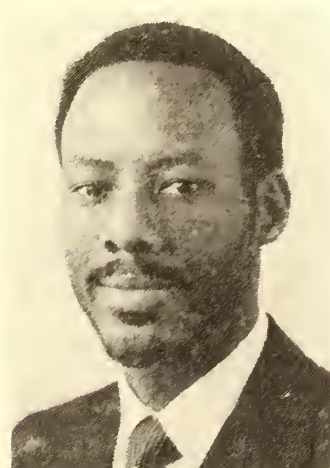
They were among 262 students in the Seminary's largest graduating class.

Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Clinton, received the Master of Theology

degree. The Master of Divinity degree was awarded to Reddick, pastor of the Zion Metropolitan Church in Wilmington. Thompson received the Associate of Divinity degree.



Clifford A. Jones, Sr.



Garland Thompson



Chester H. Reddick

Church Vocation Program At Shaw

Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie

During the Fall Semester, 1976, The Shaw Divinity School began a new program - the Church Vocation Program. It has a two-fold purpose: 1) to teach persons the Church's purpose, nature, and mission; and 2) to equip persons with skills in Church management, mission development and promotion. This is a certificate program.

There are two models for this program: the on-campus and the off-campus field program. During the academic year of 1977-78, eight (8) classes were taught in the on-campus program and seven (7) classes in the off-campus program. The two programs resulted in 149 registrations, the largest since

the program was initiated.

The first prospective graduates from the C.V. Program will observe graduating exercises, along with the on-campus in service prospective ministerial graduates, June 6, 1978, at 8:00 p.m. in the University Church. These persons are Mesdames Bernice Artis and Bettye Clark.

The Shaw Divinity School is grateful to you for your prayers and participation, and it asks that you continue to patronize and pray for the program.

Should you desire to enroll in either of the two models, please contact Reverend James Alexander or Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, The Shaw Divinity School, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Shaw Has Awards Day Ceremonies

Raleigh, N.C. - Shaw University held its Annual Awards Day Ceremonies, honoring outstanding students for their achievements during the year.

The Awards Day is held to announce the selection of honorees, based on academics, merit, and performance. Scholarship winners, honor society selectees, and achievement tributaries are also honored at this ceremony.

A special tribute was afforded the out-going "Miss Shaw", Ms. Barbara Smalls, who was presented a special trophy by Mr. Mack Sowell, Director of Student Life at Shaw.

Dr. Grady D. Davis, Professor of Behavioral Science at Shaw, delivered the tribute to the honorees. Dr. Kalyan Ghosh, Vice President, Academic Affairs, and Mr. Rudolph Williams, Registrar, made the presentation of awards.

I Am Proud Of Being A Christian

My name is Stanley Davis. I was born June 27, 1956 in Clayton, North Carolina, the son of Ms. Pearlean Davis. I later moved to Garner, North Carolina with my family. I began my elementary education at Garner Consolidated School. I subsequently attended Garner elementary, Garner High, and Garner Consolidated School. I graduated from Garner Senior High School in 1974 in the top ten percent of my class. I also was the number one ranked Black male. While in high school and senior high, I participated in various activities and sports. I won several certificates in track basketball, soccer, and (the two that I value the most) French, and outstanding student in the Raleigh - Smithfield area. I also received seven trophies from my endeavors in sports.

I am a student at NCSU at Raleigh, I am majoring in economics and minoring in history. My first semester at this predominately white school was a time of changes, but I grasped the situation and made the dean's list in my freshman year. I have changed my minor to business administration, because of the job market; but I really do love history. As a Black student at State, I have constantly been seeking knowledge that is not required. I've taken several religious courses and several philosophy courses as electives. I plan to graduate from State with a degree in Economics and also a BS degree in Business Administration.

For the last five years I have been employed by Winn-Dixie and I have found it a challenging task to attend school, hold down a full time job, and pursue my writing career and social life.

I am also a devoted church attender. I have been a member of the Wake Baptist Church in Garner for the last 12 years. I find my pastor, Dr. C.P. Briley, very inspiring and he is one of the main reasons that I have persisted as long as I have in school, church, and society.

My family moved to Sanford, N.C. in 1975, and since then I've been on my own. I am, and have been a Sunday School teacher for the last four years. I teach the intermediate class and find this position both challenging and rewarding. For the last two years, I have served as the assistant superintendent of Sunday School.

I am also a member of the male chorus and the co-founder of the "Neighborhood Youth-in-Action." I am a former member of the junior usher board, and am presently (and have been for six years) one of my churches' young Deacons.

I am now in the process of writing a book of poetry that I plan to publish soon. I have about 115 poems and I want to write a nice book with my best ones. I am engaged to Miss Shelia J. Wright of Raleigh, N.C. She attends East Carolina University, and she is a member of Springfield Baptist Church in Auburn. I love music of all kinds and I consider myself a modest, a slyly-shy person, who gets along with people. I am not a radical person, but I am proud of

being a black man, and I am proud of being a Christian. I have not decided exactly what I want to pursue as a career, but I am sure I will always be connected with the church and that I will always do some type of writing.

HOMOSEXUALITY: AN INDEPT LOOK

By Stanley Davis

(Editor's Note: Stanley Davis was the fifth place winner in the contest of Christian Journalism for young people. The contest was part of a Project - in - ministry connected with the editors study toward the D. Min. Degree at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C.)

Garner - According to the latest edition of Webster's New Collegiate dictionary, homosexuality is: "The desire toward a member of one's own sex." According to a recent survey on homosexuals, it is estimated that between 45 to 65 percent of the adult male population and 25 to 45 percent of the adult female population of the United States engages in some type of regular masturbation, and about half of these people talking about a large percentage of our population. Everytime we pick up a newspaper, or turn on the television set we are confronted with the issue of homosexuals. There are two regular shows that have at least one regular star portraying the party of a homosexual. They are seen from the Gay Rights Movement in Florida to the appearance of couples holding hands and kissing in public. Homosexuality is an issue that must be approached with an open-mind and with an objective view of what is right.

After stating what homosexuality is, the next step is to answer the following question: Are homosexuals born that way or is their behavior learned? Contrary to what many persons think, homosexuals are not born that way, but their behavior is learned. Usually a persons gets started at an early age by either playing with another's sexual parts; and then engaging in homosexual acts or by being abused by someone physically close to him. This act which often takes place between a father and son, mother and daughter or cousins is called incest. I think that it's important to bring this concept into this discussion. We know that deception is the oldest sin, prostitution is the oldest profession, and murder is the oldest crime, but how many of us know that incest is the only unpunished crime that has been prevalent in every society. From the Israelites to the Greeks, the Romans to the Americans, incest of one form or another was practices. When the persons evolved were of the same sex we are talking about homosexuality. Although the words incest and homosexuality do not appear in the King James version of the Bible, we are told in certain terms that these actions are totally incompatible to the Word of God. For instance Leviticus 18:1-10, is a chapter



Fifth Place winner in Journalism Contest, Stanley Davis

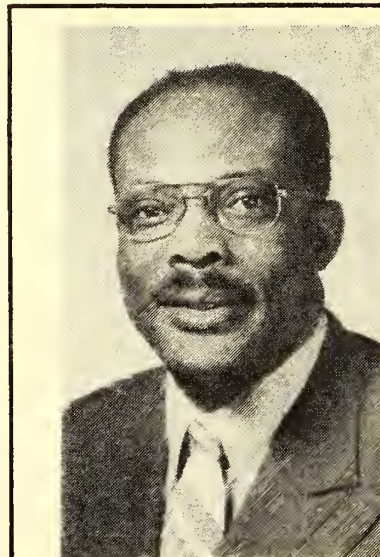
dealing with forbidden sexual relations. In the initial verse of this chapter, incest is evaluated and broken down into all its various forms. From Mother-Son to Brother-Sister and then some; one has to conclude that in his instructions to Moses, God wanted him to make it perfectly clear to the people of Israel that sexual acts of seeing one's relative naked was forbidden; and later in the twenty second verse a direct order is given as to warn against a male to male relation. "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman; it is an abomination" - so one can easily see that this that we call homosexual is not a twentieth-century phenomenon. In fact, I conclude that just as incest was peculiar to every society, homosexuals were too. A shocking conclusion I agree, but even the most well rounded individuals cannot ignore the probability of this conclusion as being justified, if not correct.

One has to conclude that homosexual acts are both immoral and wrong. There is more at stake here than just one issue however. There is also a people issue pertinent here. Am I my brothers' keeper? This is one of the most frequently asked questions known to mankind. I think it is appropriate at this point. We, who profess to be Christians, are supposed to be "in the world, but not of it." We are not supposed to shun people, nor hold a "Holier - than - thou" attitude. We know homosexual acts are wrong, but who are we to judge our brother? If one of my friends were an alcoholic how should my behavior toward him be? First, I would try to help him realize his problem and then I would try to help him work it out. I would not try to avoid him, because I love him, although I would not love his sin. This is also the way we must view our homosexual brothers. They are wrong, but it is up to us to lead them back on the right track. Many of them are not familiar with the Word of God, and most do not think what they are doing is wrong. They need to be told and helped as one would do an alcoholic or a drug addict. Just as with my friend who might be an alcoholic, I should not shun my friend or anyone who is a homosexual.

There is another side to this as there is with every coin. I have up to this point pursued the issue from a Christian point of view, and with the underlying thought that homosexuality is wrong. How would a homosexual or someone with a different view pursue this matter? We in America are always talking, writing, fussing an fighting

about the issue of freedom. We want religious freedom, social freedom, political freedom, economic freedom and so on, just to name a few. And with this underlying philosophy why can't one be free to do as he or she will with "their body". Besides, "they are not hurting anyone." And "what goes on in the privacy of one's own bedroom between two consenting adults is their business and their business only". I used quotation marks around the proceeding sentences, because they are just a few of the gay-rights advocates somewhat familiar phrases. They are sick and tired of being fired, harrassed and discriminated against just on the grounds of being a sexual prevert. This is important because they are treated like one found guilty without a trial. They also give other reasons for their somewhat questionable acts. Some say they have a gene abnormality, or are hermaphroditic, or just find better contentment with a partner of their same sex. But are they right to pursue the lust of their bodies, and where are they to find their partners: In the words of Anita Bryant, "They can't reproduce so they recruit," and with this remark I must flip the coin again.

I have tried to be fair and objective in my presentation of the homosexual point of view. But I feel I should in one way or another, refute every argument they have made. First of all, their bodies are not theirs, they belong to God. He made us what we are and can take away all we have. Just as women who sought the legalization of abortions, Continued on page 7



Dr. E.B. Turner,
Vice President At-Large

TO: The Officers, Pastors, Moderators and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Brethern and Sisters:

Now that our one day Session is over and we move toward our Annual Session, I announce to you my interest in being elected President of our General Baptist State Convention at our Annual Session October 1978.

MY COMMITMENTS

1. Our Constitutional Structure, the way and the work of our Convention.
2. A close and a harmonious relationship with our Woman's Convention. (This is our finest hour).
3. A Program of our Convention, by our Convention, for our Churches.
4. A Convention - sensitive, aware, and serving.
5. A Statewide effort to reach the unreached.
6. The younger pastors, involved, participating in the life and work of our Convention.
7. Building a new Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School.

SERVING OTHER BAPTISTS

1. Chairman, Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board
2. Moderator, Lumber River Baptist Association
3. Moderator, Lumber River Housing Development Corporation (100 apartment housing Baptist families)
4. Executive Committee, Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention
5. Member, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
6. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carolina

MY SERVICE TO OUR CONVENTION

1. Secretary of the General Board
2. Editor of the Baptist Informer
3. Member of the Executive Committee
4. State Sunday School Convention Instructor
5. Secretary, the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Building Committee
6. Member of the Personnel Committee
7. Member of the Constitution Committee
8. State Laymen's League Instructor
9. Member of the Administrative Committee
10. First Vice President
11. Vice President at Large
12. Author, Laymen's League Handbook
13. Contributor, The Usher's Manual
14. Secretary, the Administrative Committee

Noted Baptist Leader

Cited As Tar Heel Of The Week

Gatesville — The Reverend Dr. Howard Leslie Mitchell, who celebrated his 70th birthday on the Sea of Galilee, was cited April 30th by the News and Observer as "Tar Heel of the week." A retired agricultural extension agent (1933-1965), he is still active as pastor of three churches. For 44 years he has labored untiringly to insure a better quality of life and Christian education for black citizens.

Personalities for "the Tar Heel of the week", are selected on the basis of the importance of their contribution to society. Candidates are suggested by a friend or interested persons, and the News and Observer editorial

staff makes a selection based on human interest, age, prominence in the news, etc.

The following biographical sketch outlines the accomplishments of Dr. Mitchell:

Born: Jan 1, 1908, Gatesville
Family: wife, Elis Mitchell; son Howard Jr., a veterinarian in Bristol, Okla.; daughters, Barbara Walker and Patricia Taylor, both of El Paso, Tex.

Education: Shaw University; further study at Tuskegee and Hampton Institutes; Fellowship Center, Wallingford, Pa.; North Carolina State University; Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

Employment: agricultural extension agent, 1933-1965;

minister, Mill Neck Baptist Church in Como, New Hope Baptist Church in Gatesville, Union Branch Baptist Church in Corapeake; Information Referral Coordinator for aging program of Albemarle Regional Planning and Development Commission; director, Operation Medicare Alert; director, New Careers, Economic Improvement Council Inc., 1968-1971.

Awards: Distinguished Service Award, Shaw University; certificate of merit, North Carolina Council of Churches; Governor's Citation for Contribution to Total Development of North Carolina; honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, Shaw University.

Boards: N.C. Senior Citizen Federation; steering committee, Governor's Conference on the Quality of Life for Senior Citizens; Shaw University Divinity School Board; N.C. Health Coordination Council; Eastern N.C. Health System Agency; executive committee,



Dr. H.L. Mitchell

General Baptist Convention of N.C.; executive board, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention; moderator, Roanoke Missionary Baptist Association; president, Gates County Church Union Fellowship.



Rev. Martin L. King, Sr.

Dr. King Is Men's Day Speaker

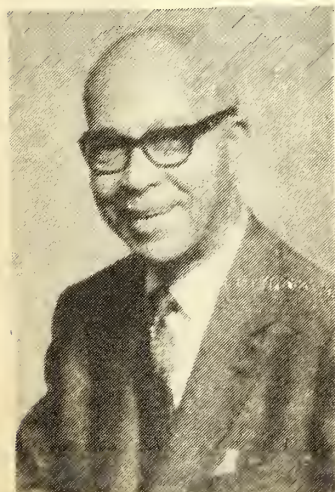
Weldon-Dr. Martin Luther King, Sr. - Pastor emeritus, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga. - will be the Men's Day Speaker at the First Baptist Church, Weldon, at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 18th. Dr. King, father of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is an internationally known lecturer and preacher.

The Pastor, Reverend John Bee Moore, and chairman of the Men's Day committee, Mr. Willard Ellis, have invited the public to help sponsor the program by donating \$10.00. Special seats will be arranged for those who send in the ten dollar donation by June 1st. The Church is located at the corner of 3rd and Mulberry Streets. All correspondences should be addressed to: Mr. Willard Ellis, 907 West 1st Street, Weldon. Phone 536-4548.

Boone's Sermons Addresses Available

Kinston — A volume of sermons, addresses and lectures by the late Dr. R. Irving Boone has recently been completed and published by his wife. The volume, emphasizing the convictions, faith and witness of Christian believers, is entitled *Good News Volume I*. Dr. Boone had intended to publish a 3 Volume collection of his sermons, addresses and lectures.

The work is of a very scholarly nature and is most inspiring. Copies of the book may be obtained for \$3.00 by writing to: Rev. R.B. Sykes 403 W. Oak Street, Goldsboro, N.C. 27530



Dr. R. Irving Boone

New Pastor

Ruffin To Mt. Shiloh

Williamston — Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church of Williamston, N.C. has called the Reverend William E. Ruffin of Tarboro, N.C. as their full time pastor.

The Reverend Ruffin is a native of Tarboro, N.C. After completing High School there, he earned the B.A. Degree from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md. He received his M.A. Degree in education from Coppin State College, Baltimore, Md.

Reverend Ruffin taught for fourteen years in the city system of the Public Schools of Baltimore, Md.

His seminary training was received at Baltimore Baptist School of Religion, Howard University School of Religion, and Virginia Seminary, Lynchburg, Va.

Rev. Ruffin was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Divinity from Baltimore School of the Bible for his outstanding work as a Pastor of the Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in York, Pa. where he pastored for eight and one half years.

He has traveled extensively in Europe and the Middle East. Twice he has visited the Holy Land. First in 1969 and then in 1971. He will be leading a Tarboro based group to the Holy Land June 25, 1979.

Reverend Ruffin is a business man and a civic worker in the city of Tarboro, N.C. where he lives. He is the Founder and Spiritual Leader of the Panola



Reverend William E. Ruffin

Heights Bible Caraven of Tarboro, N.C.

As the Pastor, Reverend Ruffin brings to Mt. Shiloh a background of Christian Education, involvement in community affairs, and dedication to the work of channeling the lives of young people to God.

He is married to Mrs. Loraine Wood Ruffin. They have one daughter, Mrs. Linda R. Tunstall of Tarboro, N.C., two granddaughters, Charlene and Nicole Tunstall.

I Am Proud To Be

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other misguided individuals make a similar statement. If our bodies were ours then we could control life and death directly, not individually as we have been known to do.

For every DO, there are then DON'Ts and we have to conform to laws just to maintain our society. Some men say it is wrong today and right tomorrow. That is because our laws change over time just as man does. But God's law never changes. Just as in the letter to the Romans in Roman 7:27, Paul writes about the sins of the Gentiles and their fall. He could also be writing about the sin of

the common man and his fall. In Roman 1:27, he says "the men and women gave up their natural relations and were consumed with passion for one another." The men were committing shameless acts with other men and were punished for their sins, and this goes for homosexuality also.

Most people think that what they do only affects them, but they are mistaken. Our friends, relatives and love one's are affected by our actions. That's why most homosexuals keep their actions hidden. Think of the hardship and embarrassment and anger that parents suffer

Midgette Installed At Autryville

Autryville — The Reverend Carroll Midgette was installed as Pastor of Union Hill Baptist Church, Autryville, N.C. on February 5, 1978.

The Reverend W.E. Beamon, accompanied by his male chorus and congregation from Second Baptist Church in Fayetteville, N.C. was in charge of the service. Reverend Beamon delivered the Installation message, charging the Pastor to recognize God as the head of the Church, the Pastor as the under shepherd, was instructed to let prayer precede any undertaking.

He charged the church to take a self inventory, to get in tune with the Holy Spirit, to become willing to follow the guidance and leadership of the Pastor, approved by God.

Dr. B.L. Rich, Moderator of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, presided over the service, and led the Covenant of Dedication, in which both the Pastor and the Church committed their vows and pledged mutual support.

Others appearing on the program were: Reverend R.P. Farrow - making the installation Prayer; Deacon Mayo

when they must confront the fact that their child is a homosexual. The thought is mind boggling if not emotionally disturbing.

Some can argue all they want for the advancement of gay-rights and their movement. We must all conclude that homosexuality is wrong-It's totally contradictory to the law of God and man. In the words of a soon to be famous poet, "If God had wanted man to lie with man, then back when it all began, he would have created Adam and Steve instead of Adam and Eve." A somewhat comic ending to a delicate issue.



Reverend Carroll Midgette

McAllister - presenting the key to the Pastor and Deacon Henry Munn - extending the welcome on behalf of the Church. Sister Irene Fennell brought greeting from Hall's Chapel Baptist Church where Rev. Midgette is also Pastor.

In attendance was the Pastor's family: Mrs. Catherine Midgette, is wife; Deacon and Mrs. Alvin Midgette and their two children of Charlotte, N.C.; his son and family and his daughter, Laverne. Other area Churches and Ministers witnessed the occasion.

The service culminated with a fellowship hour in the Fellowship Hall with refreshments for all. The Fellowship Hall was erected under the leadership of Pastor Midgette.

The Midgettes reside in Burgaw, N.C. Reverend Midgette also serves as Recording Secretary to the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association; chairman of the Municipal Board of Elections of Burgaw, along with many other varied duties and responsibilities.

Highlights Of The General Baptist's One Day Session

Church Co-Op

Wilmington — The January Dream of Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of the 355,000 Member and 1,700 Church General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.; Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Fairmont, North Carolina, Parole Commissioner and Four Term State Legislator, become a reality, Wednesday, May 10, 1978. At the Hilton Inn in Wilmington a State-wide Inter Faith and Inter Racial Co-op was organized, with more than 100 Charter Members paying one hundred dollars each plus a five dollar joining fee.

The Co-op is authorized to own, operate, manage, market, manufactory, lease, sell, or construct and contract the following components: (1) clergy clothing, (2) church furniture, equipment, supplies, instruments, literature and religious books, (3) purchasing and leasing of clergy-church vehicles, (4) insurance and real estate, (5) construction of low and moderate income housing, (6) professional Church Fund Raising, (7) Speech Research and Writing and (8) Group Purchasing.

The Membership goal of the Co-op is 250,000 members in two years and 500,000 in five years.

Dr. Johnson who was elected president of the North Carolina Clergy-Church Co-op stated, "He will seek to organize a National Co-op and he will contact National Religious, Civic and Political Leaders of all races within a few months.

A National Co-op could be the most effective and influential pressure consumer group in the Nation. Many inquiries have come from several states and significant industries, businesses and companies.

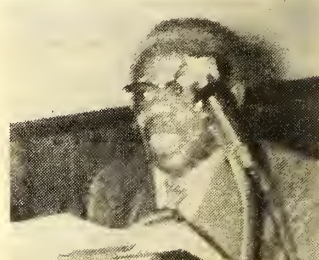
Other officers elected were: Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, Vice President, Raleigh; Dr. E.B. Turner, Secretary, Lumberton;



The moderators' Workshop.



Dr. Corbin Cooper - "Department of Cooperative Ministries"



Reverend Preston Pen-dergrass Convention Sermon, "God's Bugle Boys"



Reverend H.B. Ferguson, "Moderator of Moderators"

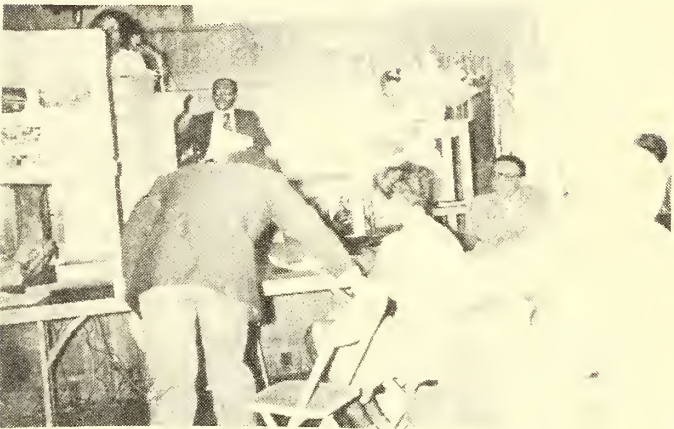


Reverend E.W. Wooten, "Walking on the Water"

Mrs. Johnnie B. McLester, Assistant Secretary, Durham; Marion Rex Harris, Treasurer, Fayetteville; Attorney Floyd McKissick, Chairman of the By-Laws Committee, Soul City; Benjamin S. Ruffin, Chairman of Promotions and Planning

Committee, Durham; and Attorney Daniel T. Blue, Co-op Attorney, Raleigh.

For Further Information Contact: Dr. Joy J. Johnson, Post Office Box 455, Fairmont, North Carolina 28340



A demonstration on the "Tithing Pack" by Reverend Thomas Walker and some members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rocky Mount.



Dr. C.C. Craig "giving his report."



Reverend Jeremiah Webb, Convention Sermon, "God"



Mayor of Wilmington - The honorable Ben Halterman



Dr. Wendell Somerville, "Lott Carey and General Baptist Convention are Twins"

Formed At Wilmington

Interracial, Interfaith Church Clergy Co-Op



Fayetteville businessman Marion Rex Harris (standing center) addressed the "capacity-crowd breakfast" at which the Church-Clergy Coop was formed. Harris stated that less than one percent of blacks understand how the dollar works. Blacks draw the lowest wages and pay the highest price for everything. Seated at the left of the head table is Mrs. Eva Clayton from the department of Natural Resources of Community Development, who also addressed the group. Also at the head table (left of Rex Harris) is Dr. J.J. Johnson, Ben Ruffin (right of Rex Harris), and John Edwards (far right) who also addressed the group. Floyd McKissick (not shown) of Soul City also challenged those present to: "Get a plan and apply business principles to it."



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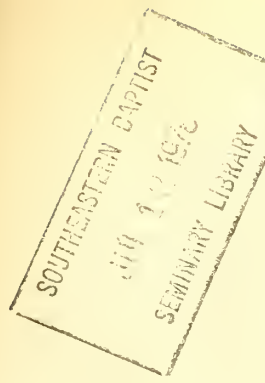
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Black Baptist Respond To Crisis Situation

Raleigh — "The black Baptists of North Carolina only respond to crisis situations." This is a charge that is quite frequently hurled at those who stand in the forefront of the financial drives for Shaw University and other Baptist endeavors. Is this charge true? Can the black Baptists of North Carolina be aroused to meet a need only when there is a crisis of some sort? It is a good question and one that every Baptist might well ponder.

During the month of June when the Shaw University Fund-Raising drive was being feverishly conducted by Baptist leaders across the state and nation, a cutting question was frequently asked: "Why is it that we never hear about Shaw University until they get into financial trouble?" This question raises several other vital questions: Is it that black Baptist are so disinterested in Shaw and other Baptist endeavors until they will not pay attention until a crisis forces them to? or is it a matter of the Baptist not keeping its constituents properly informed? Obviously there is some of both. Yet the question comes: "How much responsibility is there upon each Baptist to find out for himself what is going on? And how much responsibility is upon the Baptist leaders to disseminate pertinent in-

formation? Again it is obvious that there is responsibility on both sides.

But this is not the real issue. The real issue is the attitude of Baptists as it regards giving to the objectives of the Convention. Far too many Baptist laymen and leaders feel that they have no obligation to support the work of the Convention. Statements can be heard from many alumni to the effect that: "I paid for my education when I was at Shaw". "What do they do with so much money?" "They have been crying 'wolf, wolf' at Shaw every since I was a child." "There must be some mis-management of funds at Shaw." All of these statements reveals that there are some attitudes that need to be changed towards the Lord's work that is being done at Shaw University and through the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.

The emphasis — of — the Month feature of the Baptist Informer is one example of the Baptist leadership's efforts to inform the public about the objectives of the Convention. It seems to this writer that the questions that are raised about the Baptist program point to a serious need that exist in the Convention. Baptist need to know that records show that many Churches are giving at the same rate they were giving

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LAUNCHES FUND RAISING DRIVE — Dr. C.C. Craig, (2nd l), Executive Secretary, General Baptist Convention, presents Dr. John W. Fleming (2nd r), Interim President, Shaw University, with a check for \$31,490 to kick off Shaw Emergency Fund-raising Drive. Also shown are Lee Monroe (l), Director of Development and Thomas E. Kee, (r), Director of University Relations at Shaw.

Over 6,000 Raised

Robeson First In Shaw Fund Drive

Raleigh — Robeson County was the first County in the state to raise the suggested minimum amount allocated to the 100 counties in behalf of Shaw University - Dr. Joy J. Johnson, Chairperson for the Robeson County division of the Shaw

University Fund-Raising drive is shown in photo presenting \$2,000.00 to President Fleming to put Robeson County over the top. Robeson County, which includes the Fairmont and Maxton areas, is Co-chaired by Dr. Johnson and Dr. E. Burns Turner. The

Fairmont - Maxton area is co-chaired by Reverend H.E. Edwards, Mrs. M.T. Baker, Mrs. O.F. Johnson, and Dr. John J. Johnson.

Today of publication, the Robeson County group has reported \$6,135.00.

Shaw Launches Emergency Fund Raising Drive

Shaw University officials called a press conference today,

June 7, 1978, to announce the launching of an emergency fund-

raising campaign to cope with problems of financial crisis now

facing the institution.

In a special session on Monday evening, June 5, the Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina met to review fund-raising plans to assist Shaw in the campaign. Dr. Jerry Drayton, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Convention, reported that the vote to support Shaw in this fund-raising campaign was unanimous.

At the close of the meeting, Dr. C.C. Craig, the Convention's Executive Secretary, presented a check for \$31,490 to Dr. John W. Fleming, Shaw's interim president, to launch the campaign drive.

The fund raising being conducted by the State Baptists is one phase of an overall plan organized by Shaw trustees in an emergency session held on Friday, June 2, 1978. Other

phases include solicitations from alumni and friends on the state and national level, and from corporations and businesses. The alumni met on campus during the weekend to plan their strategies.

The University is in need of an estimated \$600,000 to meet short-term indebtedness and current operating expenses through the end of this fiscal year which ends June 30, 1978.

For long-range planning, University officials are conferring with Ketchum, Incorporated, one of the country's leading fund-raising counseling firms.

Dr. Joy J. Johnson, president of the General Baptist State Convention, issued a plea for strong support of this emergency fund-raising effort. Dr. Johnson emphasized that

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(L to R) Mr. Thomas Kee, Dr. John W. Fleming and Dr. Joy J. Johnson presenting \$2,000.00 to Shaw University.

Seed For Sermon Thought

"With or Without You"

By I.B. Horton
An Expository Sermon:
Text: Esther 4:13-14

"Then Modocai commanded to answer Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the Kings house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place: but thou and thy Father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether than art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Didactic:

"...For if they altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place..." It is evident from these words of Modocai that God will succeed in his purpose with or without you.

Introduction to the Problem:

Many individuals today feel that if they withhold their support form the program of the church that it will fail. Often this withholding is done because they are angry with the pastor or some other person. Many times they are selfish and indifferent. Others are forthless and draw back their support out of fear of the consequences of working with an unseen goal in God's name. This is a dead-weight in the Church program whether deliberate or accidental.

Those who draw back, for any cause, need to know that God's cause will succeed with or without them.

Theme Rationale:

God has given all men assurance that if they suffer with him, they will also reign with him. His Kingdom must come, and no one can stop it. Therefore, those who are wise work with the Lord Jesus Christ.

I. Think Not That You Shall Escape

It is made clear in the story of Esther that there is no escape from God. No matter where you are God's presence is there. He is aware of your capability. If you withhold your support for any cause God will still succeed but you will fail.

II. Help Will Come

Modocai told Esther that God is not totally dependent on you. He has unlimited resources but he is still depending on you to fulfill his will. You have been created for a purpose.

III. Share in the Victory

The Glory of Victor over sin and evil belongs to God in Christ Jesus, but he is willing that each of us share in that victory. No one can do what God has in-

tended for you to do.

Conclusion

Since God has designed the program so that all can share the joys of heaven, why not let it be with and not without you.

Human Rights A Moral Issue Asserts Coretta King

By Dan Martin

ATLANTA (BP) — The right to a job is a basic human right, Coretta Scott King told messagers to the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The issue of full employment is really not an economic or a political issue. It's a moral issue," she told messagers to the 121st annual Southern Baptist Convention at Georgia World Congress Center.

She said her husband, the late Martin Luther King Jr., "once said that as a nation we cannot really be a free people until all of our people are free. I say to you this afternoon that as a nation we cannot really be a great society until all of our people have a chance to share in that greatness."

Mrs. King, who substituted for her father - in - law, Martin Luther King Sr., as a speaker at the convention, reminded Baptists of the lack of support her slain husband received from white churches in his campaign for civil rights.

The lack of support, she said, resulted in the famous letter from Birmingham Jail "to the white clergymen of that city, reminding them of the great obligations we as Christians must face if we are to meet the challenges of Jesus Christ."

She told messagers: "And that, of course, is my message to you. That is the rush to bring the spiritual message of Christ to our brothers and sisters around the world, we must not forget that we have to care about their physical and mental needs as well."

She reminded Baptists that "not taking a stand against injustice, was, in my husband's view, siding with injustice and that it itself was blasphemy against the Lord himself."

Mrs. King, who was greeted with a standing ovation as she came to the podium, told Baptists she did not come to the SBC

"to criticize anyone or any group for what did or did not happen years ago in Montgomery or Birmingham or hundreds of towns and cities throughout our land... There is nothing anyone can do today to help turn back the fire hoses in Birmingham or the cattle prods in Selma."

The battles are won, she said, but the battle for economic rights for all citizens is just beginning. "It makes little difference that a black can now eat at a public lunch counter if he or she does not have enough money to purchase a meal," she commented, noting that the battle will not be a simple one.

"It will take extraordinary efforts to make up for those generations of misuse and neglect, but not to undertake them would only lead to further chaos and despair," she said.

Mrs. King noted that if Americans are serious about "wanting to restore the moral fabric of our decaying cities" then "we will do whatever is necessary to put everyone to work."

Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Martin Luther King Jr., warned the messagers that in their rush "to bring the spiritual message of Christ ... around the world, we must not forget we have to care about their physical and mental needs as well."

She also reminded Baptists of their lack of support her slain husband had received from white churches. Although King never spoke to the Southern Baptist Convention, his widow was warmly received with a standing ovation symbolic of the progress Baptists have made in their pilgrimage for racial justice.

Following her address, Forrest C. Freezor, retired Texas Baptist leader now living in Shelby, N.C., led the messagers in a moving prayer service for spiritual awakening.

Chiding the Baptist, Mrs. King added: "We cannot, I believe, talk about a spiritual awakening in America or anywhere else without understanding that we must awaken our own consciences to the needs of our brothers and sisters, to their physical as well as their spiritual needs."

She told Southern Baptists she had a two-fold prayer for them: "That your missionary zeal will be successful and that the true meaning of Christ' social gospel be understand and followed by all who hear the good news and believe.

Mrs. King, who lives in Atlanta, was introduced by Maynard Jackson, Atlanta's black mayor, himself the son of a Baptist preacher.

State Ushers To Convene

By S.L. FENNELL

Rocky Mount — The Ebenezer Baptist Church of Rocky Mount will host the Annual Session of the State Ushers' Convention July 11-13. The Baptist Diary has the place of the Convention "incorrectly" list as the St. Luke Baptist Church, Morehead City.

The Ushers are expected to have one of the best sessions in the history of the Convention according to observations made by convention leaders. The Pastor of Ebenezer, The Reverend Thomas L. Walker, and members of the Church have gone to great lengths to prepare for every need of the Conventioneers.

The following information will be of help to messengers who plan to attend the session:

1. The meals will be catered to the Church by one of our leading restaurants, and will be \$3.50 each.

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(d) Carlton House (Downtown) 215 N. Church Street Phone: (919) 977-0410 Rates: Single - \$16.00 (plus tax) Double \$22.00 (plus tax)

3. The directions to our church

are as follows: (We are located at 652 Raleigh Road.)

(a) Coming into Rocky Mount from the West, take Hi-way 64, which runs into Sunset Avenue; follow Sunset Avenue to Grace Street; take a right at Grace Street; follow Grace Street to Raleigh Road, turn right; come to the second Church on the right; (or you may come into Rocky Mount on Hi-way 97, which is the same as Raleigh Road. Pass the first two stoplights and our Church will be on the right.

(b) Coming from the North or South, take Hi-way 301, exit off at 97, pass two stop lights and the Church will be on the left.

(c) Coming East, take Hi-way 64, which is the same as Raleigh Road go through nine (9) stoplights and the Church will be on the right.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

To Sunday School

B.T.U. Presidents

Shaw University would like to have a few minutes of your program during your annual session.

There are two basic reasons for this:

1. To sell young people on Shaw and to recruit students from that group.

2. To build up moral and financial support for this Baptist-affiliated institution.

Send me one of your programs:

John W. Fleming
Interim President
Shaw University
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

Help Shaw While On Vacation

July and August are vacation periods for many of our ministers. Why not let me conduct services one of those Sundays with the honorarium going to Shaw?

Please contact me now. There are nine Sundays in those two months. Let me fill my calendar early.

If you do set aside a Sunday

during your vacation period for me, be sure to let your congregation know that the money will go to Shaw.

Let me hear from you today. A dollar invested in Shaw is a dollar invested in the salvation of a mind.

John W. Fleming
Interim President

Correction

We extend our apologies to the Little Hope Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Jeremiah Webb, pastor.

Because of a printing error in our 1976-77 Annual Report, their contribution of \$1,494.00 was omitted.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Leadership Training Conference Better Than Ever

By Thelma C. Horton
 Laurel Hill - The forty-first annual session of the Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, was held June 5-9, at the Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill. Mrs. Georgia Turner, Lumberton, is the president of the Convention and Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, Winston-Salem, the executive secretary-treasurer and Conference chairperson. Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, Goldsboro, was the class instructor and Mrs. Jettie Mae Lucas, Shelby, conference coordinator.



Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, executive Secretary of the W.B.H. & F.M. Convention urges all women and Baptist to meet her in Winston Salem.

Fifty-eight enthused women, interested in Christian growth and service, endeavored to prepare themselves to be more effective witnesses for Christ. They praised God and thanked Him for the Assembly, the North Carolina Baptist family and friends whose continued support of the Assembly has afforded them a place for spiritual renewal, study and recreation. The Evaluation Committee, chaired by Mrs. Annie L. Chadwick, Pollocksville, substantiated the sentiments of the participants. They reported that the atmosphere of the Conference was commendable.

Miss Bettie Chislom, administrative assistant to Dr. Horne, presided during the opening session and urged the women to relax, study and enjoy themselves. She presented Dr. Horne, who talked about the week's activities and suggested many ideas to insure a

wholesome week of democratic living.

The theme (a continuation from the 1977 Conference) was: "Preparing For Christian Growth and Service." The supporting scripture for the week's emphasis was (Acts 1:8) "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." The theme was supported by the spiritual: "Witness For My Lord."

Mrs. Hagar Jarman, Trenton, and the Worship Committee helped to set the tone for the success of each day. Hearts were lifted and inspired to accept the challenge to witness for Christ in these changing times.

A most interesting talk regarding the natural environment of the Assembly, was presented by Mrs. Annie L. Bryant of Supply. She endeavored to create an awareness of the bountiful provisions of Almighty God for our well-being. Everyone was urged to become more responsible stewards.

Mrs. Horton introduced the textbook as book No. 4 in a mission action series, which focused on skills related to Christian witnessing in the context of mission action. The book, *Skills in Mission Action No. 2* by Dorothy Thompson, was

designed to prepare one to witness, show the relationship of ministry and witnessing, and illustrate the necessity for the nurturing of new Christians. Mrs. Horton also taught the organization and structure of the Woman's Convention Program with special emphasis on the "stewardship of reporting". The discussion, held on Tuesday evening, "Missions versus Christian Duty" proved to be a most enlightening one.

The Sunday School Lesson was taught by the Assembly superintendent, Reverend James E. Kelly. Many sisters participated in a very lively discussion on "Resolving Conflicts". It was brought out that the various parts of the conflict must be identified before a solution can be given.

Mesdanes Rosa Holloway, Rachel Nunn and Ethel Standfield of Durham, shared their skills in Arts and Crafts. They urged the sisters to "use the Lord's blessings in a more excellent way."

With special emphasis on "doing one's best for the Master", Mrs. Lucas used her musical talent to add a little more "spice" to a well-seasoned program. She also conducted exercise classes each day, which were stimulating and challenging for everyone.

The Worship Service on Wednesday evening reminded us of the Morning Worship Hour in our Churches; it was indeed the most spirit-filled service of the week. The saying, "Oh, how our hearts did burn as we listened to the man of God, while he broke the bread of life," seemed to have expressed the feeling of the congregation. Speaking from the subject, "The Christian Testimony or Witness Without," Superintendent Kelly delivered a most dynamic and challenging message. The music was furnished by the G.W. Ware Gospel Choir of the Jones Chapel Church, Laurinburg. Reverend Kelly is the director of the choir.

In the midst of the thunder and rain, approximately 64 persons attired in evening fashions, were escorted to their tables to enjoy the second banquet to be held at the Assembly. The Banquet Committee has a great flair for arranging the tables, which were adorned with arrangements

of spring flowers, donated by the Scotland County Missionary Union, Mrs. Mable Kelly, president. Mrs. Horton served as Toast Mistress. The menu, consisting of baked turkey with all of the trimmings, was prepared and served by Superintendent Kelly and Mrs. Kelly. The sisters from Scotland County furnished pound cake for the dessert.

Lovely corsages of carnations were presented by W.B.H. & F.M. Convention President, Mrs. Turner and Dr. Horne by Mrs. Lucas. Greetings were extended by President Turner, Mrs. J.J. Johnson, Assembly Donor, and Mrs. Novella T. Whitted, W.B.H. & F.M. Convention Recorder. Mrs. Horton presented Miss Minnie C. Lyons, Durham, a W.B.H. & F.M. Convention life membership pen from the sisters of the Forty-first Leadership Training Conference in recognition of her many years of Christian Service at home and one the foreign field.

The surprise presentation left Miss Lyons speechless momentarily. Mrs. Jarman sang "Give Me My Flowers" to Miss Lyons following her acceptance remarks.

Mrs. Lucas presented Dr. Horne and led the singing of "Witness For My Lord". Dr. Horne spoke from the subject: "Footprints", in a most provocative manner. She raised a very stimulating question: "Is there anyone walking in your footprints?" She stressed the importance of an individual liking himself, because God has made us and that makes each of us count for something important. "This attitude," she continued, "will help us to like others, thus enabling us to fulfill our special role in the world." She urged the banqueters to follow in the "foot prints of Jesus." In her closing words, she related the story of the lost boy and called upon everyone to be concerned about the lost adult, the unsaved - the mission of the Church.

Others contributing to the success of the banquet were

Mrs. Luella Rhodes, Mrs. Rachel Nunn, Miss Ethel Standfield, Mrs. Ethel Clements and Mrs. Rosa Holloway.

As the conference came to a close on Friday, many sisters expressed a desire to remain for another week, and thanked each other for a week of Christian fellowship. Following the reports and the presentation of the certificates by Dr. Horne, a fellowship circle was formed and the conference ended with the singing of "Witness For My Lord" and the benediction.

Vacation Bible School Held Early

An early Vacation Bible School was instituted by the Endstreet Baptist Church of Scotland Neck, North Carolina during the week of May 22 through the 26, 1978.

The theme for the week was, "Jesus, God's Wonderful Gift." Classes were held for students from 2 years of age through retirement. The very capable instructors for the week were Sisters Louise Smith, Carolyn Smith, Gertrude Savage, Susie Pender, Flossie H. Smith, Bessie B. Pender, Brothers Ernest Smith, Jr., Phillip Cross and Dr. George E. Brown. Sister Estella A. Smith and Brother Melvin Pender were the Directors, Sister Daisy Smith was the secretary. Commencement exercises were held on Friday night. From the learning of the week, the students grew both educationally and spiritually as a result of their attendance during the Vacation Bible School. Total enrollment was 136. Dr. G.E. Brown is Pastor.

Love is the fulfilling of the law: it is grace, mercy, and justice.
 —Mary Baker Eddy

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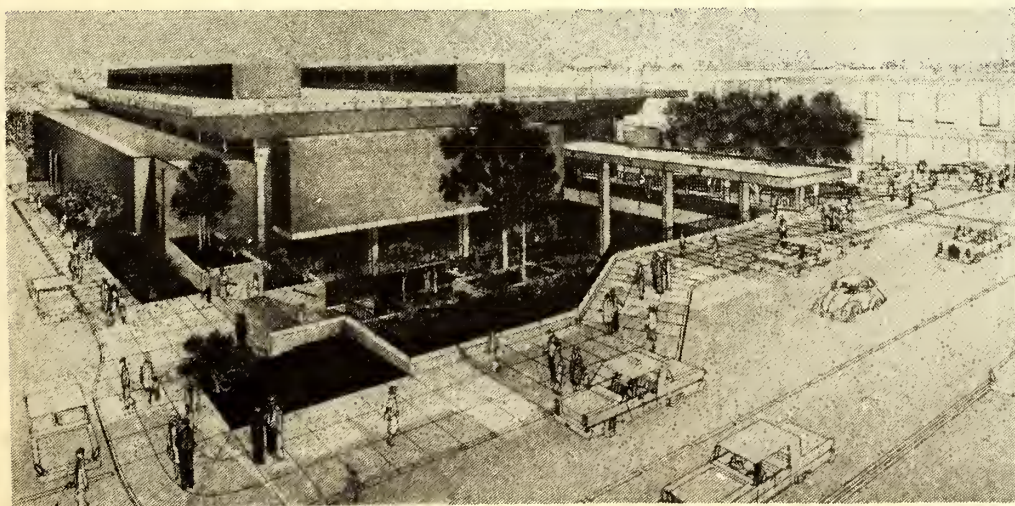
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Robinson, Mrs. McDougle and Mrs. Langston. I look forward to attending Athens Drive Senior High School. After High School I will attend Hampton Institute where I will probably enter the field of education and have a minor in communications.

I am a member of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, Raleigh, where Dr. W.B. Lewis is Pastor. Organizations which I belong to are: The Sunday School and the Junior Choir. I am also a Junior Deacon.

My favorite sport is tennis; my favorite hobbies are singing, dancing and playing cards.

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Black Baptist

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ten and even fifteen years ago while the cost of operating Shaw has escalated along with the cost of everything else. They need to know that while there may have been some misjudgements at Shaw, as there are misjudgements with all men, that the major cause of the problem is lack of regular and adequate support from Baptist Churches.

President, Joy J. Johnson reminded all those contributing in the current drive for Shaw that this should not interfere with the regular Unified program. Dr. Craig, Executive Secretary G.B.S.C., reminded the pastors that the G.S.B. Convention was first to come to the aid of Shaw University with — \$31,000 contribution.

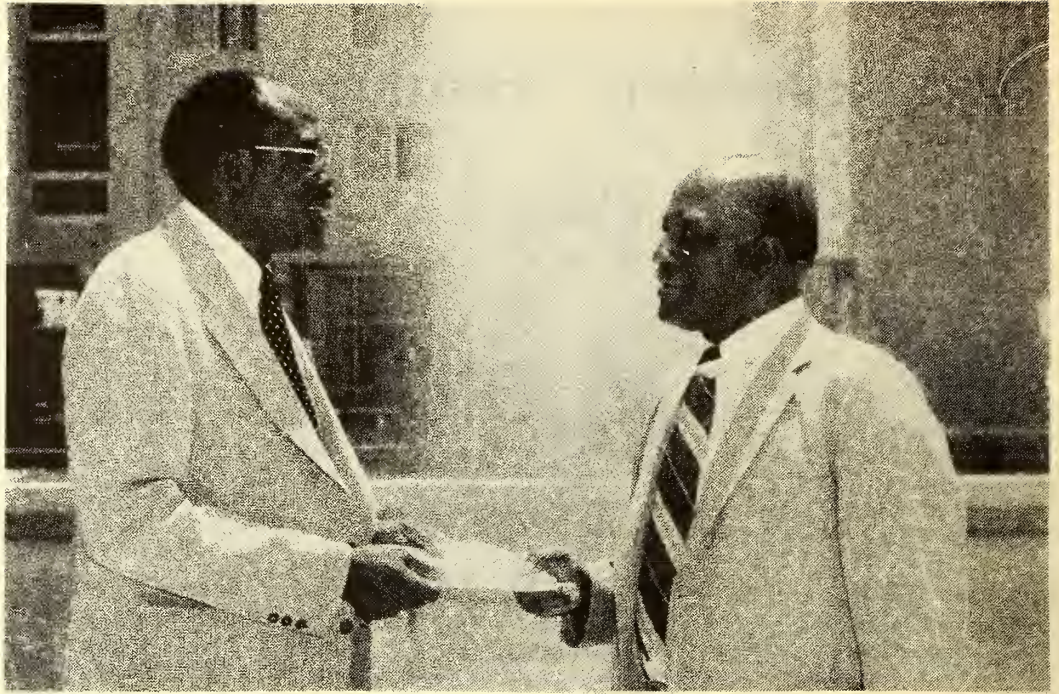
(Editor's Note: This article concerning State Missions is the sixth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptist and friends of

Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective: during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July — STATE MISSION; February and August — CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September — SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October — FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November — J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December — THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.

DON'T FORGET THAT AUGUST IS CENTRAL ORPHANAGE EMPHASIS.



Dr. E.B. Turner, Chairman of the Shaw Divinity School Board of Trustees, presents a gift of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) from the Shaw Divinity School's Board of Trustees for Shaw University's emergency financial drive to Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Chairman of the Shaw University Board of Trustees.

Scenes From Shaw Divinity School's Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet

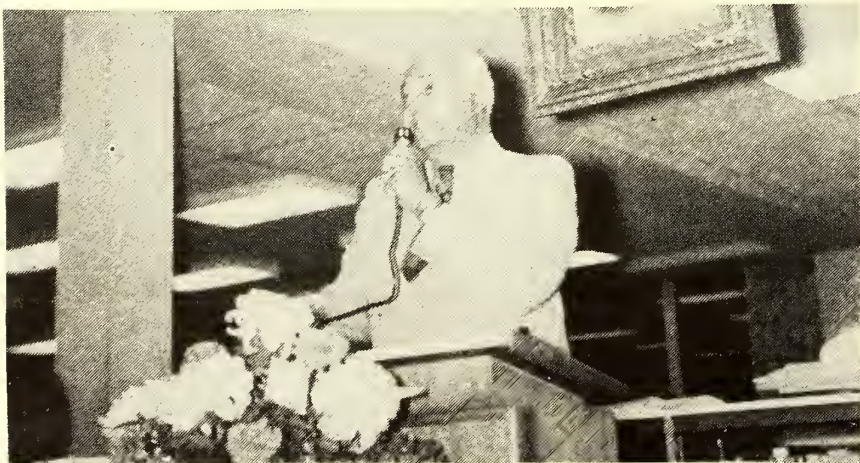
During the Banquet, Dr. Borders told the Banqueteers that: "Education removes cobwebs from your mind and Religion removes iniquity from your heart."



Dr. William Holmes Borders addresses Shaw Divinity School's Fifth Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet, June 2.



Dr. E.B. Turner presents Henry Martin Tupper Award to Dr. O.L. Sherrill at Shaw Divinity School's Fifth Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet, June 2.



Dr. Raymond F. Harvey delivers final lecture at Shaw Divinity School Annual Church Leaders Conference, June 12-16.



Scene from Shaw Divinity School's Annual Henry Martin Tupper Memorial Banquet at Shaw University, June 2.

Spann Named Athletic Director At Shaw

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.
Raleigh, N.C. Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President of the Shaw University, announced today that Dr. William M. Spann will become the new Director of Athletics, effective June 1, 1978. Dr. Spann will replace Dr. James E. Lytle, who has been acting athletic director since 1974.

Dr. Spann is a graduate of

Shaw, receiving his B.S. degree in 1956, M.A. from Columbia University, and Ph.D from Middle Tennessee State University.

Dr. Spann was a varsity letterman in football and boxing at Shaw, serving as captain of the football team in 1955. He has coached varsity sports in football, basketball, tennis and

fencing. He was named CIAA Basketball Coach of the Year 1963-64, and in 1976, as Shaw's Women's Basketball Coach, was named CIAA Coach of the Year, Women's Division, after his team won the CIAA and NCIW Division III championships. He was athletic and recreation coordinator for Camp Leroy Johnson, New Orleans,

Louisiana for two years during his stint with the U.S. Army.

Spann has taught Health and Physical Education at Shaw from 1957-1972 and has served as director of intramural activities for 13 years.

A native of Charleston, S.C., Dr. Spann is married to the former Lillian Fladger, also of Charleston. She is employed in

the Wake County School System. Their daughters, Cynthia and Wilma are teachers in the Newark, N.J. and Richmond, Va. school systems respectively. The Spanns reside at 2901 Newark Drive in Raleigh.

In addition to his duties as athletic director, Dr. Spann will assume the position of Coordinator, Health and Physical Education Department.

N.A.A.C.P. Life Memberships Abundant At First Calvary

By S.J. Jones

The Rocky Mount local branch of the NAACP honored me and my wife at the YMCA on May 26 for leading the state and nation in life membership in the NAACP.

I am the Pastor of the First Calvary Baptist Church where we hold four \$500.00 life memberships and one-thousand dollar Golden Heritage. We are now working on the second Golden Heritage. The Church also won the award of the State last year and will be honored in Raleigh the 3rd Sunday in June on the State and National level.

The NAACP is not a racial organization, it gets as much support from Whites and other nationality as well as the Blacks, and especially the Jews. If it discriminates against any one I wouldn't put a nickel in it, because I don't believe in discrimination against any one, white or black.

Why it says the advancement of color people, because they need advancing the most. All other races come here seeking security, but we were brought here in chains plus made slaves. Therefore we need advancing up with the other races. That's where the organization gets its name.

The NAACP also feeds over fifty thousand hungry families a year. God is concerned about the whole man being free. The earth is the Lords and the fullness there of, the World and they that dwell there in. The silver and gold, the cattles upon a thousand hills. And He said, "if I was hungry I wouldn't tell any

body."

We don't own anything but sin. We didn't bring anything here and we sure can't carry anything away.

The NAACP is responsible for Blacks getting equal pay for equal work. There forth every Black Church should have at least one life membership.

Jesus was the greatest civil righteous leader the world has ever known and still is. He came to set the prisoners free, those people were hungry, He fed them. If they were naked He clothed them. Those that were lost and wanted to be saved came to him and He saved them. Those that were sick He healed them, in the 4th chapter St. John. The Jews and the Samaritans didn't have any dealing together because they had a racial problem. The disciple didn't want to go through there. But Jesus said, "it is necessary for me to go through there." So he waited at the well, so the woman came to the well that every body looked down on and He used that woman to break the racial barrier. Like wise in Luke 19, He ate and drink with Zacchaeus which was sinner and a publican. Jesus was criticized for eating and drinking with sinners, but Jesus said, "the well person didn't need a doctor." The Apostle Paul was born to be one of the greatest civil righteous leader that lived except Jesus.

God told Annas, he was a chosen vessel and a special missionary to the Gentiles, to break down racial barriers between the Jews and the Gentiles.

Rev. G. B. Gilchrist

Baptist Mourn Passing

Laurinburg — Baptists from across the state and nation gathered at the Bright Hopewell Baptist Church, Laurinburg last May 27, to pay their final respects to the memory of the Reverend G.B. Gilchrist. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. A.L. Byrd, Pastor of the Bright Hopewell Baptist Church and the Eulogy was delivered by the Reverend J.H. Ferfuson. The G.B.S. Convention was represent by G.B.S. Convention President, Dr. J.J. Johnson and Executive Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig. The service was held at 11:00 A.M.

Reverend Gilchrist will be long remembered for his ardent support of the work of the G.B.S. Convention. He was minister of Fairley Chapel Baptist Church, Washington Park, Laurinburg, Jones Chapel and various

Mayfield To Sponsor

Plane Trip To National Convention

By Dr. H.S. Diggs
Charlotte - Reservations to the Progressive National Baptist Convention in Los Angeles, California, August 6 through 12

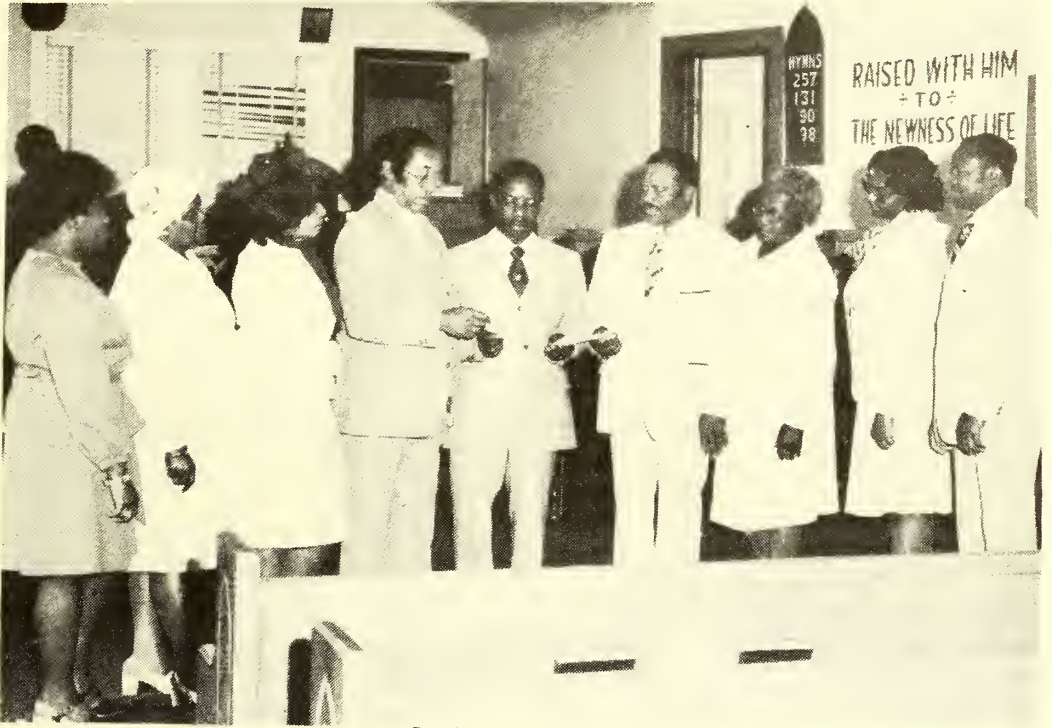
Make your reservation immediately for the chartered plane sponsored by the Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church Charlotte, Dr. H.S. Diggs,

Churches in Hoke and Richmond Counties. He served as Moderator of the Pee Dee Baptist Association for thirty years.

He was born April 5, 1895, and departed this life May 25, 1978.

Pastor. The address is 1064 Mt. Kisco Drive, Charlotte, 28213 Round trip fare including ground transportation is \$250.00. However, this does not include room and board, but all accommodations will be provided at the University of California.

The plane will leave Monday, August 7 from the Charlotte Municipal Airport and will return on Saturday, August 12.



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS GIVEN

Members of Cherry Chapel and James Mount Pilgrim Baptist Churches of Hobgood, met March 26, 1978 to donate their life memberships of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) each to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Participating in the ceremony were from left to right, Hattie Palmer; Blanche Brooks; Mrs. S.J. Jones; Rev. S.J. Jones, Pastor of Cherry Chapel; Clarence McClain; Rev. Cardus Brown, Pastor of James Mt. Pilgrim; Jennifer Fields; Ruth E. Fields and Fred Belfield of Rocky Mount, Former N.A.A.C.P. President.



Rev. Jones, 3rd from left

Black Divorcee, Califano Aide Resigns Family Conference Post

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — Patsy Fleming, a black divorcee who was appointed director of the 1979 White House Conference on Families, has resigned because new directors require her to share the post with a married Roman Catholic male.

Ms. Fleming, who has three teenage sons, had been appointed executive director of the Conference on Families by Joseph A. Califano, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW).

Mr. Califano dismissed as irrelevant questions about her divorced status when the appointment was made this Spring.

However, since then, there have been pressures from several groups to name someone from an "intact" family to share leadership of the conference.

A recent syndicated column by Father Andrew Greeley, who characterized the Fleming appointment as "incredibly inept," called widespread public attention to the controversy.

Father Greeley, a sociologist and syndicated columnist, wrote that most people tolerate divorce, but "however sympathetic they may be to the plight of an individual, they find it ridiculous for a President strongly committed to the sanctity of the marriage bond to

have a conference presided over by a woman for whom that bond has been broken."

President Carter promised to call a White House Conference on Families in a 1976 campaign speech before the U.S. Catholic Conference.

An aid to Secretary Califano confirmed that he had asked Ms. Fleming to accept a white Catholic male as co-director.

Ms. Fleming said she couldn't accept a co-director because it would change the post she had been offered initially. She is one of Secretary Califano's seven special assistants and will continue to work in that capacity.

Drug Abuse

by THOMAS JOHNSON

Raleigh — (Editor's Note: Thomas Johnson was the third place winner in the contest of Christian Journalism for Youth. The Contest was part of a Project-In-Ministry connected with the editor's study towards the D. Min. Degree at the Southeastern Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N.C. This is the final article in this series.)

I. DRUG ABUSE GROWING AMONG YOUTHS

In 1976 over half of American high school senior class members had tried marijuana, and almost a third of them admitted to using the drug currently — one in twelve using it every day. Other countries also reflect the trend to this and other, more damaging drugs. "You can find heroin in every high school, university and youth center." "Youthful addiction is a mounting problem, and, the victims seem to be getting younger every day". Because of the huge profits to be made, the drug distribution systems have made narcotics readily available to youths in school. "It is as easy to get drugs in schools as it is to get notebook paper." Drugged students continually sleep at their desks without interference from school authorities. "Teachers advised us that they are afraid to take any action relating to drugs," "because they will not be supported by the school authorities or by the child's parents." Youths who want to learn must continually be surrounded by this disruptive and unwholesome atmosphere.

II. ARE ALL DRUGS DANGEROUS?

The view that marijuana is harmless is increasingly common. One reason for this is the abundance of conflicting testimony from the scientific community. It seems that for every study that accuses the drug, another comes along that excuses it. Proponents even point out to certain useful medical properties. It is said to bring some relief from the symptoms glaucoma and asthma, the nausea and vomiting dealing with cancer chemotherapy. Armed with such favorable comment, many believe that marijuana is no more dangerous than alcohol or tobacco, and possibly less so. They feel that governments that ban the drug are cheating people of its pleasures. Many individuals just do not care about medical consequences of their actions, as by the huge number of tobacco users in spite of overwhelming testimony about the dangers. But those who do not care about medical and/or moral issues should have sufficient information upon which to base an informed decision.

III. IS MARIJUANA WRONGLY ACCUSED?

One factor behind such "long term effects" is marijuana's active ingredient, THC, that accumulates in fatty tissues of the body such as the neurons, tissues in the brain and the germ cells of the testes and ovaries. This contrasts with alcohol, which is water soluble and completely metabolized by the body into water and carbon

dioxide within a few hours: THC can still be detected weeks after ingestion. Marijuana's smokers are a matter of common observation in Jamaica. Apathy, retreat from reality and incapability or unwillingness for sustained concentration are also among the symptoms. One strong evidence of marijuana's effect on the mind is the fact that, after heroin, the drug is reported to be the second leading cause of admission to federally funded U.S. mental hospitals

IV. EFFECTS ON HUMAN RELATIONS

Significant differences in the family structure of users compared to nonusers. "Heavy marijuana smoking in our study correlated with a disruptive home life." An extreme example of such family disruption occurred recently in Texas, where a father went on trial for killing his twenty-year-old son. Recounting the circumstances that led him to kill the boy, the father said: "He was my pride and joy, and we did all sorts of things together — until all this happened three years ago." He began Valium and then he'd start again. He'd get a job, then quit, and spend the money on his stuff (marijuana). He kept maintaining he was all right." Of course, marijuana's damaging effects on the family seldom is so extreme, but is jeopardizing relationships with those we are closest to worth the temporary pleasures? Other relationships may also be affected. A high-school teacher commented about the effects of this drug, "I am becoming alarmed at the presence in classrooms of 'high' students. I would be last to say categorically that any of their intellectual skills have been drugs use, but I have noticed that in a group setting, the high person appears to have difficulty communicating even simple ideas verbally to the straight person, and vice versa. This 'harmless' intoxication has somehow built a wall. Clearly, not only what the drug does to users while they are under its influence, but the very fact that they often use it at inopportune times tells us something about it. The desire for marijuana may ruin one's good judgement. Rather than restricting it to be personal 'recreation', it often interferes with necessary activities of life. Users tend to center their lives around their own pleasures, frequently showing a general disregard for others. Their inhibited judgement may even become a potential danger to innocent people."

V. HAZARD TO OTHERS

The greatest concern I have about the drug "is its potential effect on automobile accidents in this country." Forty-two percent of those on low doses and sixty-three percent of those on high doses showed a lowering in their driving ability after smoking one marijuana cigarette. Unusual behavior included "the missing of traffic lights or stop signs; unawareness or inappropriate awareness of pedestrians or stationary vehicles." Do you think that people whose judgement is so poor as to bring their 'high' into the classroom

will show restraint when it comes to driving an automobile? Use of this drug is hardly just a 'personal' matter. Family, schoolmates, fellow workers and even total strangers may be affected and possibly hurt. Though the current scientific controversy tends to beloud marijuana's medical dangers, this does not mean that certain unquestioned dangers do not exist.

VI. PROVED MEDICAL HAZARDS

Aside from still controversial hazards such as brain damage, inhibition of cell growth, reduction in sperm production, chromosome damage and others, certain medical dangers remain that there is little disagreement on. One is lung damage. "Marijuana is far more irritating to the respiratory tract than tobacco." "It takes 20 years of heavy tobacco smoking to produce the same type of sinusitis, pharyngitis, bronchitis, and emphysema that one year of daily tobacco, accelerates malignant transformation of lung cells in tissue culture."

VII. IS IT WORTH IT?

Some may argue that marijuana is used for medical purposes. They believe it must be safe. But just because a drug is used successfully in treating sick does not mean that it is not dangerous. But what reason is there to take a drug that causes harm where there is no medical reason whatever for doing so? Should a person poison his body just for momentary pleasure? "Let us cleanse ourselves of every defilement of flesh and spirit", it is found in Bible (2 Corinthians 7:1). Some may feel if alcohol is accepted in most societies why not pot and coke.

On this point, it says in the Bible: "Drunkards will not inherit God's kingdom" (1 Corinthians 6:9, 10). For example, such loss of control may lead to disease and broken bones. To avoid such problems, the Bible urges that: "Each one of you must learn to gain mastery over his body, not giving way to lust like the pagans." (1 Thessalonians 4: 3-5 New English Bible). The Bible points out again that: "Thinking ability itself will keep guard over you, discernment itself will safeguard you, to deliver you from bad way." (Proverbs 2:11-13).

VIII. CHRISTIAN DOCTRINES AND BELIEFS

1. Creation — I believe God created people to bring the world into ordinary existence. So many people should be thankful that they are alive. I wish a lot of people were created in this world with the Holy Spirit. It is a hard job, but it is no harder and it is not any harder than Jesus Christ dying on the cross for his people.

2. Sin and the fall of man — I believe sin is an offense against religious law. It is a transgression of the law of God. And a fallen man is one of the worst people to look upon. A Christian can cut a fallen man down so low he will have to apologize.

3. Redemption and Salvation As Seen in Jesus — I believe if you have redemption and salvation in your heart you will get to heaven. To have redemption you have to be redeemed. To have salvation you have to have the deliverance from the power and affects of sin.

4. Living of the Regenerated Life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit — To be regenerated under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, you are an individual who is spiritually reborn. There are a lot of people who are

regenerated under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. But when God wants you he will take you. We loved them but God loved them best.

Thomas Johnson BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

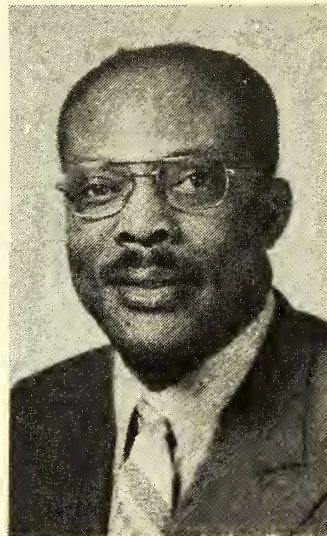


My name is Thomas Johnson. I was born in 1963 at Wake Medical Center to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johnson, Sr. My first home was at Washington Terrace, Raleigh, North Carolina. Two years after my birth our family moved to Biltmore Hills, where I now reside.

I have three sisters: Jeanette, Antionette and Yolanda; and one brother, Keith.

My former education began at the headstart program at Crosby-Garfield School when I was five years old. Later I attended the Raleigh Day Nursery. My first grade year was spent at the William Fuller Elementary School. Other schools include Helen Stough Elementary, Washington Six Grade Center, Fred Carnage Junior High, and Charles Aycock Junior High where I am a ninth grade student. Some of the teachers I remember are: Mrs. Currin, Mrs. Page, Mrs.

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Dr. E.B. Turner,
Vice President At-Large

TO: The Officers, Pastors, Moderators and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Brethren and Sisters:

Now that our one day Session is over and we move toward our Annual Session, I announce to you my interest in being elected President of our General Baptist State Convention at our Annual Session October 1978.

MY COMMITMENTS

1. Our Constitutional Structure, the way and the work of our Convention.
2. A close and a harmonious relationship with our Woman's Convention. (This is our finest hour).
3. A Program of our Convention, by our Convention, for our Churches.
4. A Convention — sensitive, aware, and serving.
5. A State-wide effort to reach the unreached.
6. The younger pastors, involved, participating in the life and work of our Convention.
7. Building a new Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School.

SERVING OTHER BAPTISTS

1. Chairman, Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board
2. Moderator, Lumber River Baptist Association
3. Moderator, Lumber River Housing Development Corporation (100 apartments housing Baptist families)
4. Executive Committee, Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention
5. Member, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
6. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carolina

MY SERVICE TO OUR CONVENTION

1. Secretary of the General Board
2. Editor of the Baptist Informer
3. Member of the Executive Committee
4. State Sunday School Convention Instructor
5. Secretary, the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Building Committee
6. Member of the Personnel Committee
7. Member of the Constitution Committee
8. State Laymen's League Instructor
9. Member of the Administrative Committee
10. First Vice President
11. Vice President at-Large
12. Author, Laymen's League Handbook
13. Contributor, The Usher's Manual
14. Secretary, the Administrative Committee

Installation Services Held At Mt. Pleasant

Jimmy Augustus Mumford, the fourth child in a family of fifteen children, was born to Johnny Best Mumford and Luella Chapman Mumford on August 12, 1941 in Lenoir County, Kinston, N.C. He attended and completed Savannah High School, Kinston, N.C. in 1961. He also attended the United Christian College, Goldsboro, N.C. and Lenoir Community College, Kinston, N.C.

He became a member of Greater Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Kinston, N.C. and served as a choir member, Superintendent of the Sunday School and Trustee. He answered his calling to the ministry on April 9, 1972 and worked as assistant pastor of Greater Mt. Zion Baptist Church and assistant pastor at Mt. Pleasant Church, Goldsboro.

At the present time, he is pastor of Shady Grove

Missionary Baptist Church, Mt. Olive, N.C. and Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C. He is a member of the Bear Creek Association, the Lenoir County Ministerial Alliance and the Western Ministers and Deacons Sunday School Union.

He is married to the former Hazel Battle and is the father of two children - Cedric Ray 15 and Debra Jean 13. They reside at 706 Girl Scout Rd., Kinston, N.C. He has been employed for fourteen years as a meat cutter for the Frosty Morn Meat Company of Kinston and as a fireman for one year with the Kinston Fire Department. His hobbies are: reading, repairing things and meeting people from all walks of life.

PHILOSOPHY: "Make promises sparingly. Live one day at a time."

Black Baptist Pastor To Visit USSR Churches

NEW YORK (RNS) — Five black Baptist preachers will travel to Russia to speak in Baptist and Evangelical Union churches in Moscow, Leningrad and Kiev, July 7-21.

The ministers are Henry C. Gregory, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington D.C.; Howard Fautroy, First Baptist, Detroit; Cecil Clark, Good Street Baptist, Dallas; Charles Walker, 19th Street Baptist, Philadelphia, and Wyatt Tee Walker, Canaan Baptist, New York.

The visit is sponsored by and partially paid for by the two Soviet churches. Two of the preachers, Wyatt Walker and Mr. Gregory, have been to Russia at least once before.

"I was told that when black ministers come there to preach, the churches are crowded, more so than when white American preachers come," he said. "They like to hear the Negro spirituals, but they don't shout like we do here in the churches. They do weep and say 'Ah-meem'

rather than amen."

In Russia, he said, "the sermons are all based on the Bible, not socially oriented. The social problems such as housing are left up to the government."

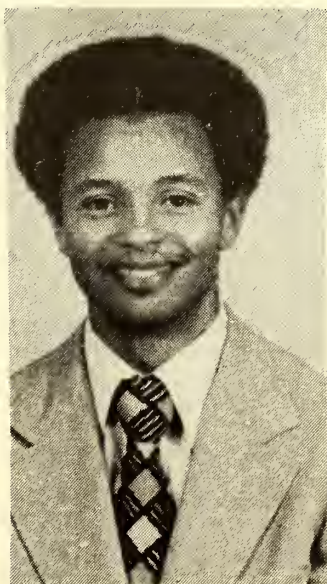
"I could imagine that the religious community has not been as free over there," he said. "It costs them something to be Christians. Most of the privileged positions in the government are held by Communist Party members. None of the church members I met were members of the Communist Party and it was implied that you have to give up status to belong to a church."

In 1971, Mr. Walker accompanied Dr. Ralph D. Abernathy, then president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, on a trip to Russia, East Germany and Czechoslovakia, arranged and paid for by the Russian Orthodox Church. He said then that the reception at First Baptist Church in Moscow was one of "feeling and emotion."

Seminary Student Selected Pastor Of Community Baptist

Durham — The community Baptist Church on Barbee Road, Durham, recently selected the Reverend Raymond Chase as its Pastor. He assumed his pastoral duties last April.

Reverend Chase is a native of Washington D.C. and the son of the Reverend and Mrs. Lendall W. Chase, Pastor of Rehoboth Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Va. He is a graduate of Norfolk, Va. and Associate minister of Rehoboth Baptist Church. Other activities include: membership in the Hampton Ministers; Conference, Hampton, Va.; membership in the Tidewater Metro Baptist Ministers; Conference; a student in the Master of Divinity Program, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.; and Athletic Director at Southeastern Seminary.



The Reverend Percy Raymond Chase



Reverend J.A. Mumford Goldsboro - The Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church Highway 13, Goldsboro Held Installation Services for Reverend J.A. Mumford Sunday June 11, 1978. The Photo shows Reverend Mumford in center of the Photo at the pulpit stand. (L to R) Reverend Ray Sykes, Reverend James Grimes and Reverend E.L. Daniels. Moderator of The Bear Creek Association who delivered the Installation Sermon.



Rev. and Mrs. S.J. Jones cut his birthday cake while Mrs. Christine Perry looks on.

Pastor Honored

Hobgood — On May the 5th, members of First Calvary Baptist Church celebrated their Pastor's birthday at the Church (Rev. S.J. Jones). The celebration was well supported by the members of both churches. The Cherry Chapel Baptist Church of Hodggood, North Carolina, where he is also

Pastor. The party was sponsored by the First Calvary Baptist Church.

Fifteen clubs from the First Calvary Baptist Church gave contributions plus the clubs from Cherry Chapel Baptist Church. Gifts were given from many friends after the program in the sanctuary.

The Pastor and his wife were ushered to the fellowship Hall where the banquet took place.

The menu was: Ham, Turkey, Potato Salad, Cranberry Sauce, String beans and Punch. Desert was ice-cream cake.

The chairman was Mrs. Christine Perry.



Dr. W.T. Bigelow (Pastor) gives prisoners a brotherly welcome to the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church on Tuesday night. Left to right: Weyman Snipes, Dr. Bigelow, John McLaurin, and Edward McGhee. Children: Christie and Gerald Jones.

Greater St. Paul Baptist Meets Youth Needs

The program presented by the P.A.C. Prisoners Against Crime on Tuesday night at the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church is one of a series of educational and developmental programs sponsored by the Youth Church. The programs are designed to promote positive development

among its members.

P.A.C. is an organization of prisoners from the Federal Correctional Institute of Butner, N.C. Its objective is to "speak to church groups, high schools, colleges and community-based programs..." in an effort to reach young people warning

them against specific habits and associations.

Other scheduled educational programs are forthcoming for the Youth at Greater St. Paul Dr. Bigelow advocates that the "total education" of youth extends beyond the traditional confines of the church.

Gov. Hunt Announces Citizen Affairs Schedule

Dear Minister:

A series of regional hearings is coming up in July, and I need your help in spreading the word throughout your congregation.

These hearings are the next step in the "North Carolina Tomorrow" survey process. You recall that last fall the State Goals and Policy Board, of which I am chairman, conducted the survey to find out what our people believed are the biggest problems facing the state and what they thought state government should do about them. Over 100,000 North Carolinians responded, making our program of citizen involvement the most successful one of any state in the nation.

For the last several months, the State Goals and Policy Board has been coming up with some ideas and suggested solutions. Now we need for citizens to tell us whether we're on the right track.

We'll be discussing a balanced growth policy for the state — how to bring more and better jobs into the state while protecting our smalltown lifestyle and unpolluted environment. We'll also be discussing government itself, as well as human concerns — welfare, health care, child development, the elderly. I believe that these topics will be of special interest to church and synagogue members. Good moral leadership and good citizenship, I believe, go hand in hand.

I want to make every effort to encourage church and synagogue men and women throughout the state to attend these hearings. Co-sponsored by the Board and the Governor's Office of Citizen Affairs, they are scheduled as follows. Each begins at 7:30 p.m.

Monday July 10 at Fayetteville Technical Institute Auditorium near Ft. Bragg Boulevard (exit at Grove Street off I-95-301).

Thursday, July 13, at T. Austin Finch Auditorium in Thomasville on the campus of Thomasville Junior and Senior High Schools (exit at N.C. 109 off I-85).

Monday, July 17 at Martin County in Williamston on the campus of Williamston High School off U.S. 17 south near the intersection of U.S. 64.

Wednesday, July 19, at Tuscola High School Auditorium between Waynesville and Clyde in Haywood County (Lake Junaluska exit off Highway 19 and 23).

I would appreciate your help in announcing these hearings and in organizing transportation for your congregation to them. I believe the active involvement in government problem-solving by concerned persons is vitally important. By working together we can make North Carolina an even better place to live and to work.

My warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,
Jim Hunt



Dr. Raymond F. Harvey (c) poses with officers of Ministers Institute during Annual Church Leader's Conference, June 12-16. Front row (l to r) Rev. R.L. Blue, Secretary of Ministers Institute Alumni, Rev. Wesley Grant, Co-Chairman, Dr. Harvey, Rev. J.L. Williamson, President of Ministers Institute Alumni, Dean James Z. Alexander; back row (l to r) Rev. Harvey Gillis, Secretary; Rev. Theodore McAllister; Rev. Eli McEachern, Chairman.



Rev. J.L. Williamson, President of the Ministers Institute Alumni Association, presents annual gift for Shaw Divinity School to Dean James Z. Alexander. Rev. R.L. Blue, Secretary, and Rev. P.G. Davis share in presentation.



Reverend Eli McEachern and Rev. Marian B. Glenn present annual gift of Church Leaders Conference for the Shaw Divinity School to Dean James Z. Alexander during Conference, June 12-16. Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Grant are in the background.



1978 Annual Church Leaders Conference

Shaw Launches

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this state and nation cannot afford to lose institutions such as Shaw and other privately supported institutions which have played a major role in educating minorities, and the culturally and economically disadvantaged youth of our county.

Dr. Fleming stated that the university is proceeding on schedule with plans for the 1978-79 school year. He also commended the Shaw faculty and staff on their cooperation and understanding during this critical period.

According to Mr. Thomas E. Kee, Director of University Relations, the state has been divided into 100 areas, representing the counties, with a chairperson and a co-chairperson for each county. "A suggested minimum goal of \$6,000.00 has been set for each county," (the goal for each county was erroneously announced as \$5,000.00 in an earlier release). This will give Shaw the \$600,000.00 needed to meet the June 30th emergency.

The basic plan, which was proposed by Dr. Joy J. Johnson, is as follows:

1. The formation of a committee of "100" - a chairperson and a co-chairperson has been appointed in each of the 100 counties of the state.
2. Each county chairperson has been asked to select ten (10) other co-chairpersons to work

with him-her in said county.

3. Each county - chairperson and the ten (10) co-chairpersons will seek to find five (5) persons who are willing and able to donate \$100.00 to Shaw University.

4. Each co-chairperson will be responsible for \$100.00 for his-herself and \$500.00 from the five (5) donors for a total of \$600.00 each. This will equal \$6,000.00 per county and \$600,000.00 statewide.

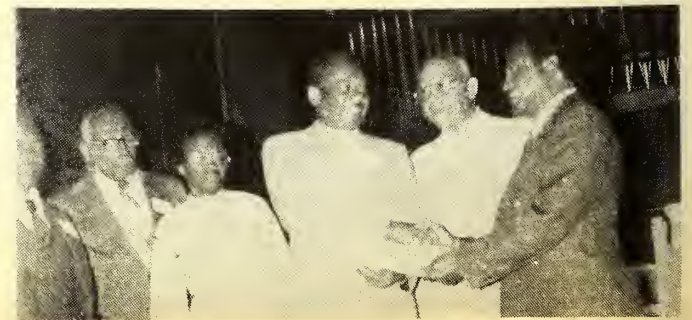
5. June 15th was the first

reporting period, and June 30th is the final reporting date.

6. All checks should be made payable to Shaw University. The name of the Church to which the individual belongs, with name and address should be included in the report.

7. Contributions in this effort can be solicited from any source, groups, denominations, or individuals.

8. This effort is to be considered over and above the amounts pledged to Shaw University through the Unified Program for 1978-79.



Rev. Eli McEachern, chairman of Ministers Institute, presents a special gift of \$1,117.00 for the Shaw Divinity School to Dean James Z. Alexander during Shaw Divinity School's Annual Church Leaders Conference, June 12-16. Sharing in presentation are (l to r): Rev. Nesley Grant, Sr., Co-Chairman, Rev. Paul G. Davis, Rev. Lou D. Jordan, and Rev. C. Bowen.

Scenes From Shaw Divinity Leader's Conference

Dr. Harvey told the ministers that: "Evil people are not by nature stronger than good people ... they just have a program going."

Reverend Eli McEachern, Pastor, New Testament Baptist Church, Madison, N.C., was elected as the new Chairman of the Conference.

Churchmen Urged To Join Co-op

By DT. J.J. JOHNSON

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A Vision, A Voice, A Venture, Convention Theme

2500 Share 94th Annual Session Women's Convention

By Mrs. Thelma C.
Horton

Winston-Salem — Some 2500 messengers and friends participated in the activities of the 94th Annual Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of N.C., Auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. The five day meeting, July 17-21, was held at the Winston-Salem Benton Convention Center, Mrs. Georgia McNeill Turner, President, Lumberton, presiding and the Shiloh Baptist Church and its illustrious Pastor, Dr. J. Ray Butler, as host.

The convention, which comprises three main departments — senior, young adult and youth — got off to a good start. More than 600 persons attended the fifth Annual Pre-Convention Fellowship Banquet Monday evening, July 17. President Turner presided over the impressive and spirit-filled affair. The featured speaker was Rev. J.D. Ballard, Minister, United Metropolitan Baptist Church, Winston-Salem. Speaking from the Convention theme: "A Vision, A Voice, A Venture", he used: "The Making of a Prophet or Missionary" as a subject. He stated that "The making of a man depends upon the constituency of the area around him." He further stated that when one sees God, he sees himself and will also recognize God as the voice of authority, power and petition. Other program personalities for the

banquet occasion included David B. Lucas, George H. Graves and Ms. Gwendolyn S. Goodwin as soloists. Dr. E.B. Turner, Vice-President at large, G.B.S. Conv. and Dr. Corbin Cooper, Cooperative Ministry, Baptist State Convention, greeted the august body.

President Turner delivered her first annual message in the midst of "amen" and "Praise God." Using "A Venture with God," as her subject. She emphasized the blessings of a "poor memory." "A poor memory is not always a liability. If we forget the right things, it can well be our greatest assets." In referring to the problems of our world, she said, "Missionaries, we need God's live coach to touch our lips, so that we can talk as Christians ought to talk ... touch our eyes so that we can see our brothers and sisters right beside us ... touch our ears so that we can hear the cries of the needy, even our own families, for that matter," then we can venture out to do business for the Master. She recommended that everyone "venture out with love. Since love makes us different people. Many difficult people have been brought to throne of Grace by love. And on this venture for God we must have faith, for faith is a way of living as well as a way of thinking. Do you know that faith - stands - leaning on God's Word. We may come upon all kinds of problems on our venture for God, but be sure you are on His mission and He will take care of

you." She closed her message with the hymn "I Heard The Voice" by Horatius Bonar.

Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, retiring executive - secretary - treasurer, was praised by President Turner for 28 years of faithful service to the Convention as president and as executive secretary - treasurer. On November 10, 1978, a banquet will be given in Dr. Horne's honor at the Raleigh Civic Center. Having been called affectionally "Mrs. Baptist" and "Financial Wizard", Dr. Horne stood with dignity, amid mixed emotions and gave a most outstanding report. With retrospective glances, she vision she experienced in March, 1949, prior to her election as president. She talked about the press of the convention for 28 years and praised God. She expressed her appreciation to her fellow labors with Christ and concluded her report by saying, "I have done my best." The delegates responded by standing.

The total amount of money received from all sources for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1978 was \$224,732.97. The total amount received during the 94th session was \$54,817.61.

She also reported that Mrs. Ethel Bittle, Charlotte, has given \$500.00, as a memorial to Mrs. Bittle's son, to be used to send underprivileged children to camp. Mrs. Bittle will receive a trophy during the One Day Session of the W.B.H. & F.M. Convention in January, 1979.

Greetings were extended by several Baptist officials. Among them were: Mrs. Vera M. Slade, president Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, USA; Mrs. Louise Slater, Director of Woman's Work, Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention. Mrs. Slater extended greetings to the North Carolina Baptist family and expressed appreciation for its' continuing leadership. Mrs. Slater stated that North Carolina would receive the "third Mile Plaque" in recognition of its outstanding stewardship.

The theme: "A Vision, A Voice, A Venture," was discussed by the following persons: A Vision - Mrs. Leah Parker, Newton Grove; A Voice - Mrs. John B. Moore, Weldon; A Venture - Mrs. Mabel Williams, Rocky Mount. The wrap-up - Mrs. Mattie Johnson, Fayetteville.

The worship committee, chaired by Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Durham, set the tone for each day, emphasizing the theme.

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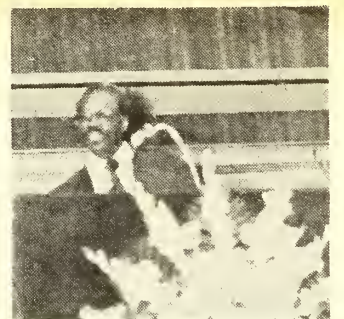
Shaw Crisis Still Critical

Baptists, Friends Urged To Continue Fund-Raising

Winston-Salem — Dr. Stanley H. Smith, President, Shaw University, addressing the messengers during the 94th Annual Session of The W.B.H.&F.M. Convention last July 20, stated that the financial situation at Shaw is still critical but the school will live. He appealed to the messengers to go back home and continue to gather support for Shaw University. "The black students are in the state universities on a 'Revolving Door' policy," he stated. He explained that blacks are being admitted to the state universities but they are flunked out because the white faculty members are not prepared to deal with the needs of black students. Many black students are not prepared to handle the situation they face in the state universities. Therefore there is a continuing need for the black private schools.

Schools like Shaw will help the black student learn how to solve problems and how to learn, because many of them have not learned this in the public schools. They don't know how to think, he pointed out. "When they graduate they don't know how to do anything." He referred to the words of the educator Whitehead, who said: "Education must be a living process and therefore must be useful." He also stated that people in the 25-45 year age group will be invited to Shaw to continue their educational process.

It was pointed out by Dr. John Fleming interim president of Shaw, and Dr. Smith, that the current Fund-Raising Drive has

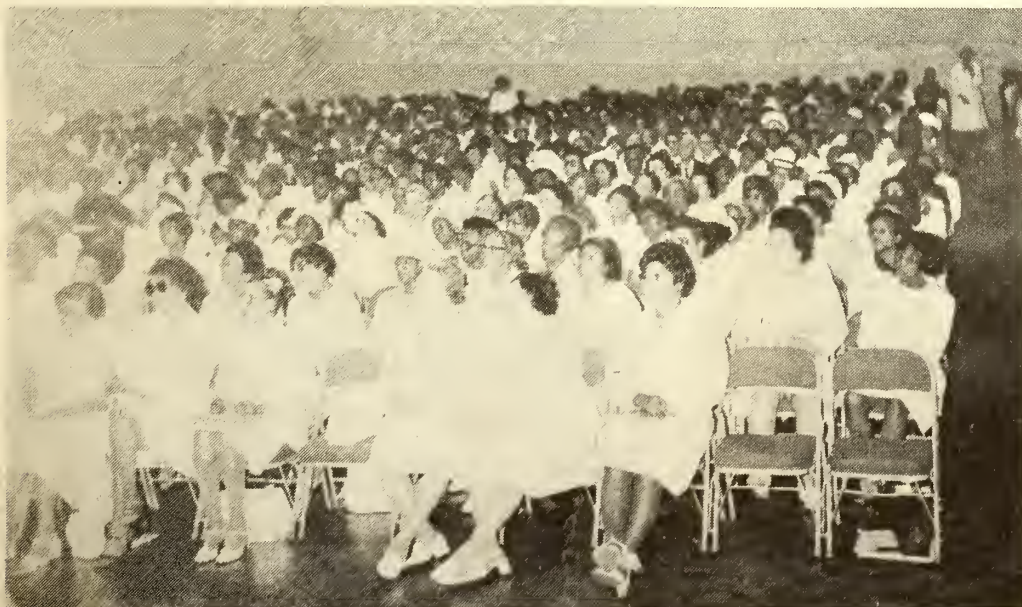


Dr. Stanley Smith addressing the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv. July 20.

realized approximately \$225,000.00, a third of the \$600,000.00 needed to meet the crisis at this time. Both emphasized that the drive had been extended until July 31st and urged everyone to keep working to realize the \$600,000.00 goal.

Dr. Smith pointed out the one million dollars plus, which the Federal Government has approved for Shaw is the usual grants that Shaw gets for specific projects and student aid. This money cannot be used for the current indebtedness.

A check up meeting held during the week of the W.B.H.&F.M. Convention's 94th Annual Session revealed that County Chairman are busily working to reach their goals. President Joy J. Johnson urged the "Committee of 100" to keep working and to contact every possible source of revenue. Many of the large counties will have to contribute more since some of the smaller counties are not able to meet the \$6,000.00 quota, set on all the 100 counties throughout the state of North Carolina.



A portion of the thousands that thronged the Benton Convention Center during the 94th Annual Session of the W.B.H.&F.M. Convention, July 17-21.

Chartered Plane Trip To National Convention

By Dr. C.C. Craig

Raleigh — The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. has chartered a plane for the National Baptist Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, September 4-8, 1978. Passengers will board the plane at the Raleigh - Durham Airport on Monday, September 4 at 10:00 p.m. and will arrive in New Orleans at 11:30 p.m. We will leave New Orleans on Friday, September 8 at 10:00 p.m. and will arrive in Raleigh at approximately 11:30 p.m.

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Coming Events

The Annual session of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention, U.S.A., Inc. will convene at the Fairmount Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 28 - September 2, 1978. Please make all reservations through the Fairmount Hotel. The host church is the Greater Tulane Baptist Church, 214 N. Johnson Street, New Orleans La. 70112, Reverend Andrew W. Gilmore, Pastor.

Pastor. Reserve rooms at the St. James Inn, 134 Rowan Street, Box 246, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.

The Annual session of the State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress to be held with the Friendship Baptist Church, 340 First Street, Hickory, N.C., Reverend D.U. Cooper, Pastor, August 8-10. Theme: "Rediscovering the Foundations of Christian Education." The James F. Wertz Oratorical Contest for Young People will be conducted under the direction of Mrs. Emaretta T. Felton, 1812 Armstrong Street, Fayetteville, N.C. 28301.

The General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. will convene in Annual session, October 23-26, 1978 at the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Dr. C.R. Edwards,

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12:00 p.m. - Lunch
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2:00 p.m. - Workshop Session 4
3:00 p.m. - Adjournment

NOTES

Cost: The cost is \$49.00 inclusive of registration, banquet, and lodging fees. Make checks or money orders payable to The Shaw Divinity School for workshop.

Registration: It is to be conducted in the lobby of the Student Union.

Banquet: It will be 7:00 p.m. in the Student Union Ballroom.

Dorms: Shaw's men and women dorms are to be available.

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At Central Orphanage

Time To Pull Down And To Build

Oxford — "Then the Lord put forth his hand, and touched my mouth. See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." (Jeremiah 1: 9-10)

The word of the Lord God Almighty came to Jeremiah when God got ready for some of the old practices of the nation to be uprooted. God often gets weary with what is going on and puts a stop to it. This is what he did in Jeremiah's day. He put an end to the corruption that had developed in Israel. So often evil will continue so long until there are those who get satisfied with it and accept it as the way things are to be.

Nevertheless there are times when one must examine what is going on and discover what needs to be discontinued and what needs to be preserved. Such is the case now at the Central Orphanage. The old building that has outlived its

usefulness must be "pulled down." Not only must it be pulled down but a new one must be built. The following photo and account reveal the pressing need at the orphanage.

(Editor's Note: This article concerning Central Orphanage is the sixth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptist and friends of Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and Pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the



Old girl's building - Central Orphanage

The twelve little girls now living in this building must be moved. The building has been condemned by the fire inspectors and the State Department of Human Resources.

Now after many years of service, we were notified April 21, 1978 that it is mandatory that we replace this building in compliance with regulations of the Child Care Services Division of the North Carolina Department of Human Resources.

UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSION; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March

and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and

December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL). DON'T FORGET THAT SEPTEMBER IS SHAW UNIVERSITY EMPHASIS.

At Baptist Assembly

Dedication Of Chapel Highlights Baptist Family Picnic



Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President of G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc., giving the dedicatory prayer as all the assembly joined hands. (Dr. Johnson and his wife gave the original 50 acre track of land which comprises most of the Assembly grounds.) Left to Right: Dr. J.C. Harris, Moderator, Rowan Baptist Association; Mrs. Nancy Hairston Young, President, Rowan Woman's Auxiliary; Miss Bettie Chilsom, Assistant to the Executive Secretary; Dr. Johnson; Mrs. Helen Falls, President of the Missionary Circle, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. Horne and Mrs. Omega Johnson, wife of Dr. J.J. Johnson.

Laurel Hill — The dedication of a new chapel at the Baptist Assembly was the highlight of the day's events during the Baptist Family picnic last July 8. Baptists from every section of North Carolina and some from other states gathered at the Baptist Assembly for the dedication and picnic occasion. A capacity crowd flowed into the humid chapel and worshipped in 85-90 degree heat as the dedicatory and consecration service was held.

Dr. Bethenia D. Horne, Executive Secretary of the W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. of N.C., declared that: "It shall be called The Chapel of God." The Rowan Baptist Association and the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary donated the funds for the erection of the chapel. A check for \$500.00 was presented to Dr. Horne by Mrs. Nancy Hariston Young, President of the Rowan Woman's Auxiliary and Mrs. Helen Falls, President of Mount Zion's Missionary Circle Winston-Salem, where Dr. Horne holds membership. The money is to be used to complete the chapel. The Rowan Baptist Association has given over 43,000 in the last five years.

The dedication sermon was delivered by Reverend Frank Bullock, Moderator of the Tar River Baptist Association. His message was: "There is a lad here", and the text was (St. John 6:5-14). He told the congregation that the people, who were on the mountain when Jesus fed the five thousand, saw the two fish and five barley loaves and doubted saying: "What are these among so many." He concluded that when you give what you have to Jesus, it is always more than enough to meet the need.

Dr. Horne declared in her dedication ceremony that chapel was built to the Glory of God and to the service of mankind.



Baptist from all over North Carolina unload at the Baptist Assembly during the Baptist Family Picnic last July 8. There were many bus loads of people along with numerous cars and trucks. The picnickers enjoyed a day of swimming, baseball, basketball, hiking, and eating. Many home-cooked food dishes were exchanged as friends reunited for the first time in many years. The fellowship and relaxation were among the many aspects picnic event that made it enjoyable. Reverend James F. Kelly, Superintendent of the Assembly was an excellent host and sang "Bless This House" during the dedication service.



Youth who attended the first week of the Youth Bible Camp at the Baptist Assembly.



A portion of the hundreds who attended the Dedication of "The Chapel Of God" at the Baptist Assembly last July 8, 1978.

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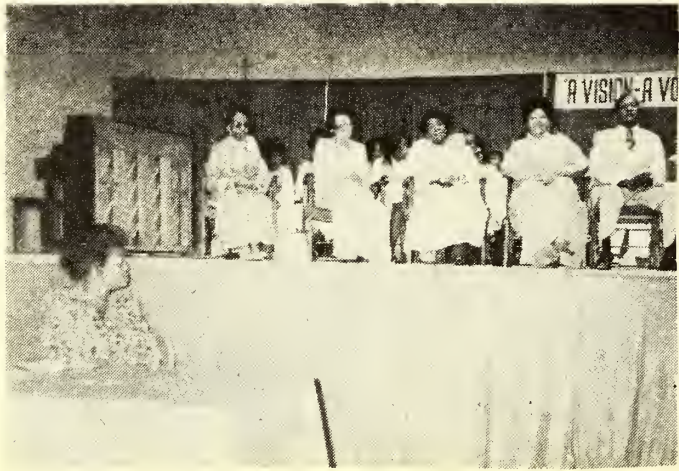
94th Session: A Vision, A



The newly elected officers of the W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. smile after their installation following the 94th Annual Session last July 21.



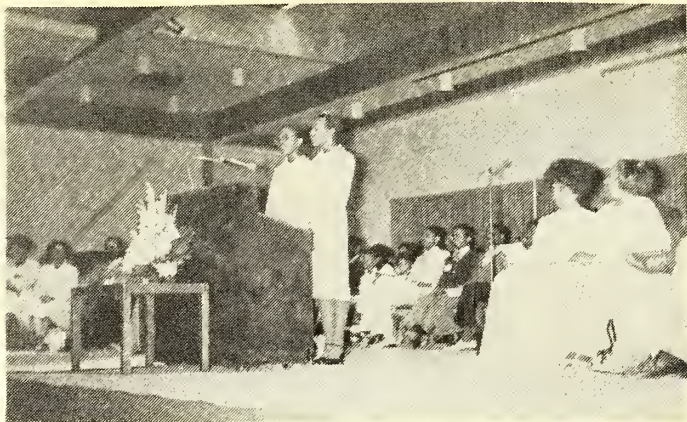
The State Youth Supervisors "March For Africa" during W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. They reported \$1,208.50.



L. to R. — Dr. Horne, Mrs. Louise Slader, Dr. Doris Johnson, Mrs. Vera Slade, Dr. Jerry Drayton. They are enjoying music before the address by Dr. Doris Johnson.



Messengers present gifts to President, Mrs. Georgia Turner as she prepares to give her annual address.



Bernardeane and Bernardette Horton sing "My Tribute" during Youth Session when Mrs. Eva Pratt was given a "This is Your Life" July 20, during W.B.H.&F.M. Convention's 94th Annual Session.



Young Adult leaders line up after their presentation before the W.B.H.&F.M. Convention last July 20. L. to R. Dorlene F. Eaves, President; Rev. Wayne Hines, 2nd Vice-president; Sharon Jones, 3rd Vice-president; Linda C. Triplin, 4th Vice-president; Joycelyn V. Johnson, Secretary; Barbara S. Keller, Assistant Secretary; Julia McDonald, Worship Chairman; Louise Lassiter, Music directress; and Donald Crawford, President.

94th Session

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taught the Mission Study Class each morning, using "The Listening Woman, I am," as the text book.

Some 128 women and men, all dressed in white, participated in the "Life Membership Pin March." They wore their pins with a sense of duty and pride; dedicated to the things which seek to evangelize the world.

Reverend J.C. Harris and Reverend James E. Kelley, Youth Bible Camp Director and Assembly Superintendent, respectively, expressed their gratitude to the delegates for their support of the work and strongly urged them to send more children to camp and to the Leadership Training Conference.

Dr. Calvin C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer's G.B.S.C., greeting was challenging and stimulating. He called upon the churches to give 10 per cent of its budget to support the G.B.S.C. objectives. He pleaded with the women to help return "man" to his rightful place in God's order of things.

The Honorable Dr. Doris L. Johnson, President of the Senate, Bahama Islands and Co-ordinator of the Bahamas National Baptist Women's Convention, delivered a spirit-filled, and thought-provoking message.

Speaking from the subject, "The Inconstant Christian," she related the story of Demus, (Timothy 4:10) and challenged each delegate to be steadfast and unmovable. She raised the question: "Does the Christian life demand too much?"

The Young Adult Department had a banner year. Miss Darleane Eaves, President, presided and delivered her first annual message, centered around the convention theme. She related the story of Isaiah and other Biblical characters who had visions. She challenged the young adults to be still and listen for the voice of God and to work where one is needed.

Also highlighting the young adult sessions was a skit written by Ms. Sharon Jones, portraying the theme, and a play presented by Forsyth M.C. Union. The Inspirational message delivered by Rev. Thomas Cullers and the mission study by Director Daniels was a real awakening.

The Mars Hill Baptist Church

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The "Life Member Pin March" being directed by Dr. Horne.

Voice, And A Venture



Personalities: L. to R.: Mayor, Winston-Salem, Mr. Wayne A. Corpening; Mrs. Georgia Turner; Dr. J.R. Butler, host pastor, and Dr. Joy J. Johnson.



Mrs. Vera Slade and husband after session.

94th Session

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entertained the Young Adults with dinner and a special program of recognition for all directors, entitled "Involvement," by Mrs. J.V. Harris.

The 53rd Annual Session of the Youth Department was held with David Lucas, Shelby, presiding and Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, State Supervisor.

President Lucas spoke from the subject, "Witnessing For Christ or Does The Cat Have Your Tongue?" He urged them to follow Jesus' method of witnessing. Witnessing calls for courage compassion and hard work.

A tribute: "This is Your Life, Mrs. Eva Merritt Pratt" proved to be one of the most outstanding features of the Youth Session. She was recognized for 42 years of continuous Christian service as State Youth President, Associate Supervisor, Supervisor and Editor of The Missionary Helper.

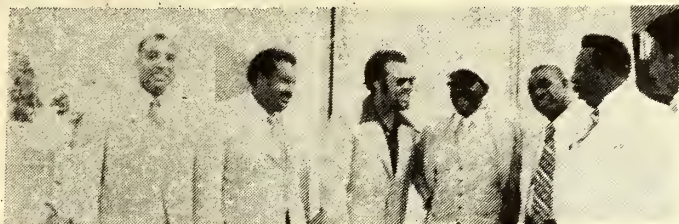
Music was furnished by the 250 voice choir under the direction of Michael Lennon, Winston-Salem with Jeanne Kee as soloist.

Mrs. Pauline Reid, Goldsboro, was program chairman and narrator. Tributes were presented by Past President James Lewis, Jewel Edwards Dunn, Audrey Key and President Turner, Mrs. J.B. McLester, Dr. Berthenia D. Horne and Mrs. Luella D. Edwards. A duet, "My Tribute" was sung by the twins, Bernardeane and Bernardette Horton, accompanied by Miss Lorie Williams, Goldsboro.

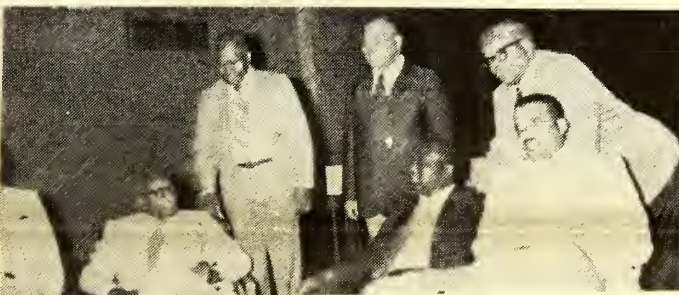
Mrs. Mitchell presented Mrs. Pratt with a plaque and a love offering. The past presidents presented her a single yellow rose.

Ceremonies for the Financial Drives were held with Gaston County as the winner for the Have-A-Heart Contest. After Mrs. Clara Ballentine, Johnston County, presented the slide talk: "A Venture Into Africa", twenty-eight supervisors adorned in white dresses and African head-dress marched, reporting 1,175.00 for Foreign Mission.

The minister's wives and widows fellowship enjoyed a business luncheon. They presented a discussion on the



The Brethren enjoy fellowship outside the Hyatt House



Fellowship inside the Convention Center



Reverend Lorenza Lynch preaching during the W.B.H.&F.M. Conv. last July 18.

theme with emphasis on the minister's wife. Participants included Sisters John B. Moore, Weldon, Maricella Kerry, Charlotte, and J.B. McLester, Durham. Madmes. Melving Bell, Wadesboro and Louise Gause, Shallotte, rendered a solo. All officers were re-elected, Mrs. Omega F. Johnson, Chairman.

Hearts were lifted as the men of God broke the "Bread of Life". The Rev. Luther Coppedge, Pastor, Johnston Piney Grove Baptist Church, Clayton, talked from the theme. He expounded that when one is able to see God as he is, then we will be able to see ourselves.

Reverend Lorenza A. Lynch, Pastor, White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, preached a soul-stirring sermon, using Revelation 4:8 and 11; 14:6-7 as his text. He pointed out the origin of ones Christian Missionary heritage and challenged the congregation to bring their lives into harmony with the qualification of the missionary.

Rev. H. Wesley Wiley, Pastor, Convent Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. lifted hearts as he challenged the delegates to "move from the edge" and become committed to the Lord's work.

Rev. Charles Bullock, pastor St. James Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, in his sermon, dealt with "Sin as the basic problem in the world." He said that this need can be met by presenting the plan of salvation. This can be achieved when one comes to God and experience him in a personal relationship. His sermon was entitled, "Salt, A Necessary Commodity." (Mark 9: 49-50)

Dr. Percy High, Pastor, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Durham, preached from the text Judges 6:32. His subject was: "Earning a Nickname". He declared that people will give you a "Nickname" if you do something outstanding. He stated that Jesus has earned many "Nicknames" because of what he has done for us; Prince of Peace, Lord of Lords, etc.



First Vice-president W.B.H.&F.M. Conv., Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, shares a light moment with Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President G.B.S.C. of N.C., Inc.



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Remaining Laymen Events This Year

Raleigh - As the year draws near to end, it is therefore necessary for us to take a look at a calendar for the remaining part of the year of our Lord 1978

September, 1978

Aug. 28 - Sept. 2, 1978

Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention

New Orleans, La.

September 16, 1978

Study Commission

Metropolitan Baptist

Rocky Mount, N.C.

9:30 a.m.

October, 1978

October 23 - 27, 1978

General Baptist State Convention

and N.C. Laymen's League

First Baptist, Fayetteville

November, 1978

November 10, 1978

Testimonial Banquet

Dr. M.A. Horne

Raleigh Civic Center

November 24 - 26, 1978

Lay Retreat

J.J. Johnson Assembly

Laurel Hill, N.C.

Please send in membership roster along with \$3.00 per member to State Headquarters. The deadline is August 21, 1978

CRITERIA FOR THE "LAYMAN OF THE YEAR" AWARD

It is suggested that copies of the criteria, when they are adopted, be freely circulated to all local Laymen's Leagues.

I. The man shall be nominated by a letter from his church signed by (1) The Clerk; (2) The Chairman of Deacons; and (3) The Pastor. If the candidate is either one of the named lay officers, then the Chairman of Trustees shall sign in his stead.

A. The following conditions shall be required of all candidates, and each letter should state forthrightly that its candidate meets these requirements:

1. He should maintain active membership in his church and support it financially.

2. He should maintain membership in an organized Laymen's League.

3. He should be rendering some form of productive service in his church.

4. He should have fulfilled his responsibility as the head of his family if he is married.

5. He should be diligent and honest in his personal occupation.

6. He should not be connected with any activity which might be questionable.

B. The following achievements will merit extra consideration in comparison with other candidates, and should be clearly described in the letter:

1. He could be a Tither, with a record of giving one-tenth of his earnings to God's work.

2. He could have rendered services which required considerable time and effort.

3. He could have showed positive leadership in planning and supporting some project for human betterment.

4. He could have suffered for righteousness sake Tribulation: Suffering as a test of righteousness. Crucifixion: Suffering as a punishment for righteousness.

II. He shall be approved by the

Committee of the Laymen's League Convention.

A. Required of all candidates:

1. The church making the recommendation must have a record of membership in, and support of, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

2. The Laymen's League of which the candidate is a member must have a record of membership in, and support of, the State Laymen's League Convention.

B. The candidate shall be selected above other nominees on the basis of extra serving, giving, leading, sacrificing, or

From Foster Memorial

Church Name Changed

Rev. Jeremiah Webb,
Pastor

Rocky Mount — The Little Hope Baptist Church of 1911 South Church Street, Rocky Mount, N.C., celebrated its 89th Anniversary on Sunday, June the 4th and during the week of June 12th - 18th.

During this celebration, the name of the church was changed to Foster Memorial Baptist Church in honor of the late pastor, Rev. T.V. Foster, Sr.

The theme for the week was: "We've Come This Far By Faith."

Special services were held on various dates by area ministers. They were as follow:

Sunday, June 4th — Rev. William Bowden, Pastor, Barnes Chapel Baptist Church, Wilson, N.C.

Monday, June 12th — Rev. George W. Dudley, Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Tuesday, June 13th — Rev. F.C. Barnes, Pastor, Red Budd Holiness Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Wednesday, June 14th — Rev. A.R. Martin, Pastor, St. Mark Methodist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Thursday, June 15th — Rev. Willie Burston, Pastor, Washington Branch Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.

Friday, June 16th — Rev. Solomon Jones, Pastor, First Calvary Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.

The Sunday morning service began with Sunday School under the supervision of the Superintendent, deacon Frank Hunter. The Pastor, Rev. Jeremiah Webb delivered the morning message, followed by Communion and Dinner.

Special guests were members of the Thomas Memorial Baptist Church, members of the late Rev. T.V. Foster's family and others from Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Greta Scrugg grand daughter of the late Rev. T.V. Foster Sr. contributed to the musical part of the celebration a heartfelt solo.

The Anniversary Celebration concluded Sunday, June 18th at 5:00 p.m. with Rev. J.H. Staton and Harts Chapel Baptist Church of Tarboro, N.C. At this time the history of the church

suffering which he has done.

III. All letters of nomination shall be postmarked no later than September 1 of a given year and shall be addressed as follows:

Awards Committee
Baptist Laymen's League
Convention

General Baptist State Convention

Waverly Camp, Jr.

603 S. Wilmington St.

Raleigh, N.C.

IV. The award, consisting of a plaque, will be given at the Annual fall meeting of the General Baptist State Convention.

was read by Mrs. Doretha Staton and the unveiling of the new name, Foster Memorial Baptist Church, by deacon T.V. Foster, Jr.

Each message delivered during the celebration was inspiring and challenging to the congregation.

Souvenir Books consisting of the past, present and future are being published. They will be completed in a few weeks.

At a meeting recently, the members of the Church unanimously elected to rename the Church in honor of its late pastor, the Rev. T.V. Foster, Sr., who became pastor of Little Hope in 1922 and remained its leader until his death a few years ago.

Like many Baptist Churches, Little Hope had its beginning in a bush arbor as a place to worship. It provided a place for shelter against storms and, to some extent, protection from weather during early wintry winds. The services were later moved to the home of the late Evander and Francis Byrd.

Foster was named Pastor of the Church in 1922. He was a native of Edgecombe County and received his early education in the schools in Rocky Mount. He also attended Hampton Institute in Virginia.

In addition to his pastoral work at Little Hope, Foster also served as moderator of the Neuse River Baptist Association and, later, as Moderator Emeritus. He also served as president of the Tar River Ministers and Deacons Union and, at one time, president of the local Minister's Alliance. Foster also served on many committees and boards in the State Baptist Convention.

For many years, the late pastor worked enthusiastically in the spiritual, educational and civic life of the community. He was a charter member of the Civic Forum here that played an active role in community development. He was considered a great preacher and teacher.

The Rev. Jeremiah Webb succeeded the Rev. Mr. Foster in 1974, and is continuing the growth, both spiritually and physically, of the former Little Hope Church.

Mt. Zion Moves To New Church

Reverend Ervin Millsaps,
Pastor

Drexel — June 4 was an exciting day for the members and friends of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Drexel, as they marched into their new church edifice. The dedication service was held at 3:00 p.m.

The master of ceremonies for the impressive service was deacon Calvin Johnson and the dedication sermon was delivered by the Pastor, Reverend Ervin Millsaps. Others who assisted during the service were: Reverend W.P. McIntosh, Pastor, Presbyterian Church, Morganton; Reverend Johnson, Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church, Morganton; and Reverend Walter Tidline, Pastor, Smith Grove Baptist Church, Hiddenite, N.C.

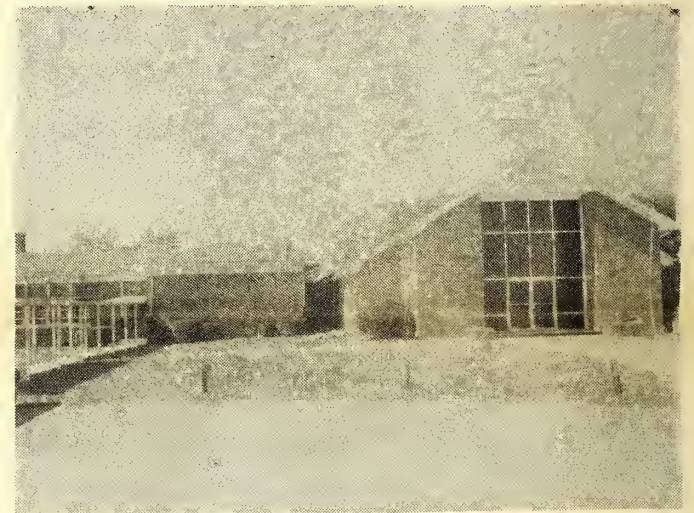
Pastor Millsaps was installed as Pastor of Mount Zion, March

13, 1976. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held May 22, 1977.

The Lord has allowed Pastor Millsaps along with the Church family to march into the new office on June 4, 1978. Under the leadership of our beloved Pastor, Millsaps, "the Lord has done great things for us, where of we are glad."

Reverend Ervin Millsaps is the son of Mrs. Alma W. Millsaps and the late Reverend Anthony B. Millsaps. He was born December 18, 1936 in Hiddenite, N.C.

Mount Zion Baptist Church is about 18 miles west of Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, N.C., where the State Sunday School and B.T.U. Congress will convene August 8 - 10. Pastor Millsaps will be one of the speakers for the theme address during the Congress.



The New Mount Zion Baptist Church edifice, Drexel, N.C.

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Our Churches And Shaw University

By John W. Fleming

Harry S. Truman kept a sign on his desk which read, "The buck stops here." Those of us who remember his administration know that he was no buck passer. He dealt with problems and issues with firmness and sincerity.

It seems to me that the matter of Shaw's survival calls for the Baptist Churches of North Carolina to say, "The Buck stops here."

Shaw is Baptist-affiliated; Shaw has supplied many leaders, ministers and laymen, for Baptist churches in this state. Shaw has conducted workshops, seminars, conferences, etc., designed to improve and increase church leadership. Shaw has promoted a type of education that has not overlooked the role of character development.

You have (the churches) responded well to our emergency fund drive, but the time has come, and now is, for Shaw to move beyond the crisis-to-crisis type of survival. What we are advocating is consistency and regularity in financial support.

The buck can stop with the churches if our ministers and lay leaders would only initiate and support a simple plan, a plan that will not strain or work an undue hardship on anyone. This plan calls for W-E-E-K-L-Y, not W-E-A-K-L-Y, giving. It calls for four categories of weekly giving: 25 cents, 15 cents, 10 cents and 5 cents.

Let us illustrate how effective this can be with a hypothetical case. We take a church with 400 members and divide it into four categories of 100 each. The first group would be asked to give 25 cents per week; the second, 15 cents; the third, 10 cents; and the fourth, 5 cents.

Look at these surprising results:

- 1) 100 members, 25 cents per week equals \$1,300.00 per year
- 2) 100 members, 15 cents per week equals 780.00 per year
- 3) 100 members, 10 cents per week equals 520.00 per year
- 4) 100 members, 5 cents per week equals 260.00 per year

Total \$2,860.00

Think of it! In a year, by this plan, a 400-membership church can give \$2,860.00!

We say this plan is workable. We say that it can be of value to Shaw in its battle of survival.

Let us expand our hypothetical case to include 200,000 of our 350,000 black Baptists in North Carolina, breaking them down into groups of 50,000 each:

- 1) 50,000 members, 25 cents weekly equals \$650,000 per year
- 2) 50,000 members, 15 cents weekly equals 390,000 per year.
- 3) 50,000 members, 10 cents weekly equals 260,000 per year.
- 4) 50,000 members, 5 cents weekly equals 130,000 per year.

Total \$1,430,000.

In a word, less than two-thirds of the total Black Baptists of this state could give, without strain and without hardship, \$1.5 million per year!

Such giving, along with student fees, and contributions from other sources would bring Shaw's financial condition out of

the red and place it in the black.

If any minister is willing to launch this plan in his church, please let me know. Those who are willing to venture out will encourage others to do so. Write me, if you are willing:

JOHN W. FLEMING
Shaw University
Raleigh, N.C. 27611

Let each Baptist church say of Shaw's financial needs, "The buck stops here!"

Editor's Note: Dr. Fleming asked the editor to comment on this article. In the discussion that followed, it was revealed that the IMPLEMENTATION aspect of this plan is incomplete. Knowing that implementation is

one of the most vital parts of any fund-raising plan, the following suggestion have been made.

1. Pastors who serve churches that are already mobilized with the necessary machinery and know-how are herewith requested to put the above plan into operation immediately.

2. Individuals who have suggestions about how this plan can be effectively implemented are requested to send the suggestions to Dr. Fleming immediately. All suggestions may be sent to Dr. Fleming in care of Shaw University or the Baptist Informer.

3. Pastors, Moderators and Baptist leaders are requested to

make personal contact with Baptist Churches located in remote areas.

4. In order to avoid an unbearable volume of book work and weekly collections, urge

contributors to make donations monthly, bi-monthly, semi-annually, and annually.

5. Send all contributions to Shaw University immediately.

Minister Named To Board

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Reverend Ronald L. Swain, University Minister, and Director of Religious Life and Counseling at Shaw, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Haven House, Inc.

Haven House, Inc. is a non-profit agency serving residents of Wake County, operating two group homes, one for boys and

one for girls, each with a capacity of eight residents. The program provides a therapeutic alternative to alienating situations at home and also serves as an alternative to training schools.

Rev. Swain's election to the board was announced by O.C. Pennington, Chairman of the Board. His term will run until 1981.

Shaw Professor Publishes Book On Gandhi

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — A Shaw University Professor, James D. Hunt, has culminated six years of travel, study and writing, with the release of his book, GANDHI IN LONDON, published May 25 in New Delhi, India.

Dr. Hunt, who teaches religion, wanted to know more about the political and spiritual growth of Mahatma Gandhi, the non-violent leader of the freedom movement in India. Gandhi's teachings have been influential among reformers the world over, including Martin Luther King, Jr. and many anti-war protesters.

In his studies of Gandhi, Dr. Hunt found that little was known of his early adult years when his philosophy was maturing. Most of this time Gandhi lived outside of India, first as a law student in London and then for 20 years as a lawyer in South Africa, where he first put into practice his political strategy of non-violent action.

Dr. Hunt conceived the book during a seminar in South Asian history at Duke University in 1971. He was awarded a

fellowship from the National Endowment for the Humanities for a year's study and research in London. There he tracked down names, dates, documents, buildings, organizations, and people who could shed light on the Mahatma's five journeys to the British capital. In 1974 Dr. and Mrs. Hunt visited India to consult original manuscripts and letters preserved in the Gandhi Memorial Libraries of New Delhi and Ahmedabad.

The book shows that Gandhi charted a uniquely individual course, making unexpected allies, and thought deeply about the problem of identity and the problem of violence. His philosophy of non-violent action was first tested in the fight against South African racism beginning in 1906.

The book was produced in India by Promilla & Company, of New Delhi, and will be distributed in the USA by South Asia Books, a Columbia, Missouri firm.

Dr. Hunt is currently at work on further studies at Gandhi's development which will explore the relation between his politics and his religion.

Shaw Launches Upward Bound Component

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The Upward Bound Program at Shaw University has officially begun its 1978 Summer Component. There are sixty-eight (68) high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors participating. Classes are held daily on the campus of Shaw University and workshops are held twice weekly.

On Sunday, June 11, the program held its Annual Opening Day Program. The guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Hazel Logan, Vice-Principal of Aycock Junior High School. Mrs. Logan was previously a teacher in the Upward Bound Program.

On Wednesday, June 14, Ms. Joyce Perry, Guidance Con-

sultant in the Wake County School System, spoke to the faculty and staff. Ms. Perry has also taught in the program.

During the first week, one of orientation, the students heard various speakers. Among these speakers were Bill Riddick of the Drug Action Program; Lavern Reed from the Family Planning Center; and Joy Johnson, President of the N.C. Baptist State Convention, a member of the N.C. State Parole Commission, and former State Legislator.

Classes have begun and the students are finding themselves involved in decision-making, new responsibilities, and total awareness of both themselves and others.

Shaw Hosts Workshop

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University hosted the Women's Educational Equity Proposal (WEEP) writing workshop, Wednesday, June 21, 1978, presented and conducted by the Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development, based in San Francisco, California.

The WEEP program is funded through the U.S. Office of Education, and provides technical assistance to individuals in writing proposals and applications and seeking financial support to develop projects that promote educational equity for women.

The WEEP Act was passed as part of the Special Projects Act of the Educational Amendments of 1974 and supports a broad range of activities aimed at eliminating sex bias in every area of education, thereby providing educational equity for women and girls.

The one-day, tuition-free, workshop at Shaw was one of a series that will be held in 28 states, beginning in March, and continuing through July 1978.

Dr. Elizabeth D. Koontz, Assistant State Superintendent for Teacher Education, N.C.

Department of Public Instruction, was moderator for the workshop's general assembly, and aided the Far West Laboratory personnel in its conduction. Ms. Margaret Robinson, Co-Director, and Ms. W. Pearl Howell, Project Associate, led the individual sessions with assistance provided by resource personnel.

The resource persons were ones with experience as successful proposal writers and grantees who served as facilitators for participants who needed their technical assistance in projects they wished to propose.

Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter, Vice President, Research and Evaluation, and Mrs. Rosalie Williams, Director, Academic Skills Center, Shaw University, were coordinators for the workshop.

Resource persons were Mrs. Jackie Kaalund, Consultant, Shaw University; Pat Fundenburk, N.C. Department of Cultural Resources; Dorothy Burnett, Chairman, Department of Teacher Education, A&T State University; Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, Director, N.C. Health Manpower Development Program; and Barbara Holmes, Director, AIDP, Fayetteville State University.

Shaw To Prep Students

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Academic Skills Center, Shaw University, announced today that Shaw University will offer extensive and intensive instruction in basic skills of Reading, English and Mathematics to a limited number of high school students to help them prepare to pass the competency examinations which will be required next year.

This instruction will be tuition-free. Participants must meet the following qualifications: (1) be between the ages of 14 and 21, (2) be unemployed, and free to attend classes daily, Monday through Friday, July 10 through August 21, 1978 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., (3) be prepared to

purchase class materials (textbooks, notebooks, pencils, pens, etc.), and (4) have a grade average of "C" or below.

Students that meet these qualifications may pick up application blanks at their churches or from the Registrar's Office at Shaw University. Application forms and final report cards should be brought, in person, to the Conference Room of Meserve Hall on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, or Saturday, July 5, 6, 7, or 8, 1978 between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Additional information can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Rosalie B. Williams at 755-4848.

Gethsemane Installs New Pastor

Salisbury — The Gethsemane Baptist Church, Salisbury, has installed Doctor Alexander Owen Walker as its Pastor during an impressive and sacred service last July 9. The Reverend J.L. Stowe presided over the services and the installation sermon was delivered by Dr. O.L. Hairston, Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. Others sharing in the ceremonies were: Reverend Robert Cox, prayer; Reverend John Gaston, the charge to the pastor; Reverend S.R. Johnson, the charge to the Church; Trustee William Agnew, presentation of keys; Deacon David Butler, presentation of gifts; and Deacon Robert Ealy, presentation of Pastor to pulpit.

Dr. Walker was officially called to Gethsemane, March 19, 1978, and under his capable leadership it is anticipated that great spiritual and civic progress will be made in Salisbury and its neighboring

N. C. Native

Silver To Head Maryland Convention

Baltimore, Md. — The Reverend Matthew R. Silver, Pastor of the Concord Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland, has recently been elected to the office of president of the United Baptist Missionary Convention of Maryland, according to the Lott Carey Herald. He has served that convention in several official capacities for a number of years. For the past 18 years, he has been Pastor of Concord Baptist Church and has been an active Pastor for 27 years.

The Reverend Mr. Silver is a native of Halifax County, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina, with the A.B. degree and holds the Master of Divinity degree from the Shaw Divinity School. He also did further study at the Ecumenical Institute, St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore,

communities.

Dr. Walker comes to Salisbury from Locust Grove Baptist Church in Brown Summit, where he had been pastor since 1967. Prior to that, he was pastor of Coat's Chapel Baptist Church, Coats; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Dunn; and Turlington Grove Baptist Church, Erwin.

He holds the bachelor of theology and doctor of divinity degrees from the Clarksville School of Theology, Tenn., and has completed courses in cardinal teachings of the Bible at Nyack Missionary College, a ministers institute course at A & T University and an institute on family life problems given by the Greensboro Family Life Council.

He taught Sunday School in his hometown of Bunnlevel and served as Sunday School superintendent and Deacon at Churches in Linden and Fayetteville.



Rev. Matthew Silver

Maryland, and the School of Religion at Howard University, Washington, D.C.

Reverend Silver is married to the former Theopha Harris of Wilkesboro, North Carolina. They have five children.

Co-Pastor

Greensboro, N.C. — Dr. Lois J. Anderson (Mrs. C.W. Anderson) was recently elected Co-Pastor of the United Institutional Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C. She will work in cooperation with and under



Dr. Lois Anderson

the direction of the Pastor, Dr. Charles W. Anderson, Sr. Her specific duties will be that of Director of Hour of Power Services each Sunday at 7:27 a.m. and Minister to the sick and shut-ins. Dr. Anderson attended Public Schools in New York City, and holds a B.Th. from John Wesley College, Greensboro, N.C.; B.S., Winston-Salem State University. Further study - Graduate School of Education, N.C. A & T State University; honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree, John Wesley College. She is the wife of Dr. Charles W. Anderson, Sr.; mother of two sons, Charles, Jr., an ordained Minister, graduate of Shaw University, M.Div., Hood Theological Seminary; Norman Bruce, graduate student in Psychology, University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She is in constant demand as speaker for Women's Day and other religious activities.

A Tribute To Mrs. Lessie Robinson

Clinton - Mrs. Robinson was born in Clinton, N.C. November 5, 1895. Her parents, Mr. William and Mrs. Louisa Beamon, (Natives of Sampson Co.) lived about three (3) miles from town. She began school at the age of six (6) years. She attended Union Academy, and Normal Industrial. At the age of fourteen (14) she entered Fayetteville State Normal Boarding School. She attended 3½ terms there; she was then sent to Shaw University for two terms.

She began her teaching experience at an early age, after having taught for six years, she began attending Summer School. She spent three sessions at Fayetteville State Normal, one at A. & T. College, Greensboro, N.C. and two sessions at



Mrs. Lessie Robinson

Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va.

She met and married Rev. Edward L. Smith of Rocky Mt., N.C., to that union nine children

were born, five are now surviving. Most of her marriage life she lived in Philadelphia, Pa. While there she became a loyal member of Miller Memorial Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived a long and happy life as long as he lived. After his death she moved back home to Clinton, N.C. Later she married Elder Robinson who was residing in Clinton, N.C.

She was then reunited with her first loved church, First Baptist, where she first joined at the age of twelve years. She served in many capacities, one of which was musician for Sunday School and Church. At present she is a member of the Missionary Circle, the Missionary Gospel Chorus and the Daughters of Zion.

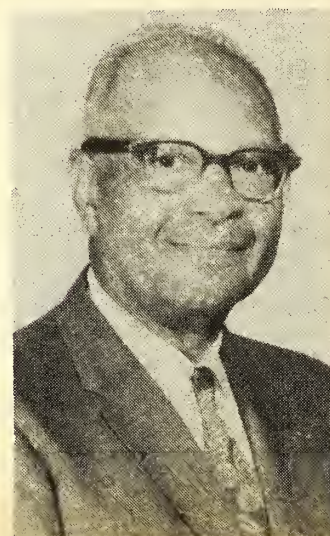
Cooper Joins Divinity School Trustees

By J. RAY BUTLER

On April 5, 1978, Henry D. Cooper of Ahoskie, North Carolina, became the first Laymen's representative to be appointed on the Board of Trustees of the Shaw Divinity School. Brother Cooper is a 1929 graduate of Shaw University and is now retired from a successful career of 42 years in the field of education.

In his statement of acceptance of this responsibility for the Divinity School, Brother Cooper said, "I consider your appointment of me to be one of the highest honors which I have received; but I realize that you are not just out to give people honors. There is great work which needs to be done, and there are sacrifices which must be made by those of us who wish to see the Shaw University School continue as an effective agency in Kingdom building."

Brother Cooper received the degree of Master of Arts at Hampton Institute, and has done two summers of work toward a doctor's degree at Columbia University. During his 38 years as principal of the Robert L. Vann high and elementary school at Ahoskie, the school grew to include over 2,000 students and 73 teachers. He has



Rev. Henry Cooper

been president of the Northeastern District Teachers Association, president of District No. 1 Parent - Teacher Congress, President of the Northeastern School - masters' Club, and president of the Bertie - Hertford - Gates Shaw Alumni Club. He is a member of the New Ahoskie Baptist Church, where was Editor - in - Chief of the Church's 100th Anniversary Book in 1966, and he has also

edited and printed other booklets for the Church. He has arranged and printed the Church's program bulletin each Sunday for 16 years, has served as chairman of numerous Shaw Day and Men's Day projects, and is a regular member of the 2B Sunday School Class. He was state-wide Laymen's worker for our General Baptist Convention during the years 1972-1974, and was named Layman Of The Year in 1974.

Dr. J. Ray Butler of Winston - Salem, president of the Shaw National Theological Alumni Association and also a member of the Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board, told The Baptist Informer, "I feel that Brother Cooper would be a good person whom the churches could invite as speaker for such special events as Men's Day, Shaw Day, or Divinity School Day. We strongly recommend that every church plan in its budget to give at frequent intervals a liberal contribution for each of the objectives of our State Convention, and here is an excellent means of getting these needs placed before the people."

Here's wishing for Brother Cooper a successful term of service for the Shaw Divinity School.



Reverend W.C. Horton, Moderator of the New Bern Eastern Association, kneels in front of one of the groups making the trip to the Baptist Assembly last June 17.

Two Bus Loads Strong

Eastern Baptist Visit Baptist Assembly

News From New
Bern Eastern
Association

New Bern — An interested group of members of the New Bern Eastern Missionary Baptist Association and the B.T.U. Department took a trip to

the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly, Laurel Hill, last June 17. The group consisted of 75 percent youth.

Reverend James Kelly, superintendent of the Assembly, met the group with gracious hospitality and assisted them in

exploring the camp grounds. The group enjoyed a delicious picnic dinner in the spacious dining room. The two Trailway Bus loads of picnickers were greatly impressed with the beauty and serenity of the assembly.

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Retiring Progressive Baptist President

Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr. To Address GBSC State Convention's One Hundred-Eleventh Annual Session On October 23-26

Raleigh - The retiring Progressive National Baptist Convention President, Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., will address the Fourth Annual President's Prayer Breakfast, October 26, when the General Baptist State convention convenes in Fayetteville at the First Baptist Church, Dr. C. R. Edwards, Pastor. Dr. Kilgore, who is retiring as President of the Progressive Convention because of the two-year tenure rule, captured the national spotlight during his administration because of the many innovations he brought about. He is a native of North Carolina and the Pastor of the

Dr. J. A. Nimmo To Preach Tuesday Evening Sermon

Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California.

General Baptist State Convention officials have announced that the 111th Annual Session of the Black Baptist body will be held October 23-26. The Executive Secretary, Dr. C. C. Craig, has expressed hope that when the convention meets, he will be able to announce that one million dollars has been raised during the 1971-1978 fiscal year. The one million dollars is the amount budgeted for that fiscal year. If the goal is reached, it will be the first time in the

history of the convention that a million dollars will have been realized during a fiscal year. Dr. Joy J. Johnson, who initiated many new outreach programs, led the convention to adopt the million dollar budget. He has continued, throughout the four years he has led the convention, to urge the Baptist of North Carolina to put forth every effort to realize the million dollars.

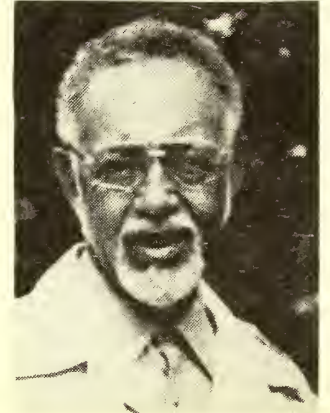
Although the idea for the million dollars originated with Dr. Johnson, it has been Dr. Craig - the work-horse Executive Secretary - that has

labored tirelessly everyday, encouraging pastors and leaders throughout the State and nation to support the convention's objectives. He has announced that convention personnel are expecting to experience one of the greatest sessions in the convention's history.

Dr. Thomas Kilgore is the featured speaker for the President's Fourth Annual Prayer Breakfast, which will be held at the St. James Inn, Fayetteville, Thursday, October 26, 1978, at 7:30 A.M. The tickets for the breakfast are available at the Baptist Headquarters, 603 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, N. C. 27601. Breakfast tickets are \$6.00 each and there is a limited number, due to the size of the banquet hall, which will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Another outstanding feature of the session will be a sermon by Dr. J. Allen Nimmo, Pastor, Tenth Street Baptist Church, Camden, N.J. He will preach on Tuesday evening, October 24th.

Directions to the First Baptist



Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr.

Church - Fayetteville - those entering Fayetteville from the North or South on highway 401 will turn west on Moore Street and continue two blocks to the Church. Those entering on highway 95 or 301 will follow 401 where the two highways intersect and proceed to the heart of Fayetteville and turn west on Moore Street two blocks to the Church.

Call For Deeper Christian Commitment Issued

Hickory - Messengers to the 105th S.S. Congress & 78th B.T.U. Congress session stimulating and informative challenge to "be more serious and to make a deeper commitment to Jesus Christ last August 8-10 when the congresses met at Friendship Baptist Church in Hickory, Reverend D. U. Cooper, pastor. Workshop leaders and speakers alike voiced a concern about the lack of sincerity and preparation among S. S. and B. T. U. personnel in the local Baptist Churches. Dr. C. C. Craig, Executive Secretary G.B.S. Conv., addressing the Congress stated that: "Christians cannot grow and develop properly under preaching alone - important as it is - we need teaching and training also." Dr. J. C. Harris, in his role as discussion leader and substitute preacher, pointed out: "The Sunday School is a workshop and we must have tools in order to do

work. The Bible is the chief tool of the S.S. If the student can't afford a Bible, the Church should provide one for him."

The theme: "Rediscovering the Foundations of Christian Education," was thoroughly expounded by many able speakers. The Congress was well attended by a representation from every part of the state and the messengers seemed eager to take an active part in the activities. The young people were especially active; they took part in the discussions, the singing, and Oratorical Contest. The young people were often heard to express a feeling of disappointment in the caliber of leadership which they all-to-often find in the S.S. and B.T.U. One young man who expressed a feeling of disappointment stated that: "we ought to at least have someone in the class who knows more about life and the Christian religion than the students."

On the positive side of the

session, the workshop leaders were well prepared and the officers had to force the messengers to bring the sessions to a close in most instances. All of the addresses and sermons were excellent, both president Lassiter and Bellamy were at their best. Mr. Bellamy told the congress that; "It is not the size of the load, but the way one carries it."

President Lassiter continued to admonish the congress that: "we are here to learn, and we want to make sure that what we do is in line with the scriptures and Baptist Doctrine." His address called on the congress to "Rediscover the foundations of Christian education."

Hospitality at the Friendship Church was second to none that we have found throughout the state. The meals were delicious and reasonably priced. There was ample parking even though the church was filled to capacity during most sessions. The cordial atmosphere gave one the feeling of "being at home." When the writer was unable to secure lodging in any of the local establishments, Pastor Cooper and his lovely wife invited him to their modern home, where he received the V.I.P. treatment for a very restful night's sleep. All praises be to our God, for he has surely been among the good people of Friendship Church in Hickory.

This was not an election year, so all officers succeed themselves for another year's service.

HOTEL AND MOTEL ACCOMODATIONS

General Baptist State Convention held with First Baptist Church, 302 Moore Street - C. R. Edwards, Pastor - October 23-26, 1978.			
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2 miles from Church			

Note: There are certain advantages to the Convention if you stay at St. James Inn. 150 rooms have been blocked for the Convention. If you wish a FIRM confirmation, send \$10.00 deposit. The Presidential Breakfast will be held there Thursday Morning. All hotels are requesting the reservations be made at least two weeks in advance if possible. Please indicate to all that you are attending the General Baptist State Convention.



A portion of the hundreds that attended the S.S. & B.T.U. Congress last August 8-10, Friendship Baptist Church. The camera captured the serious atmosphere of the congress.



The First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C. The site of the 111th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., October 23-26. Dr. Chancy Rudolph Edwards, Host Pastor.

The President's Pen

The Doctors, C.C. Craig, O.L. Sherrill, J.W. Fleming and George Debnam, pastors, moderators, captains, members, churches, associations, auxiliaries, unions, alumni and friends are to be congratulated and commended for their significant financial response to the Shaw University Emergency Fund Drive. It was only a scratch on the surface of what North Carolina Black Baptists Friends and Shaw Alumni are capable of doing for their beloved institution. Although we did not reach our desired goal of \$600,000.00, the conscientious concern for the institution was manifested and magnified as never before by pastors and laymen who had never been motivated to contribute or previously been involved.

This impetus and impact must be continued religiously annually to maintain the image and prestige of the University. The county by county captain campaign committee must become a permanent part of Shaw's financial structure in order to get more efficient, effective responses and results.

Shaw University Board of Trustees never overhauling and oiling. There is too much mouthing and little or no money donated or generated by the Trustees. Each Trustee should be required to donate \$1,000.00 annually and generate at least another \$5,000.00. Further, Shaw Trustees should increase their number to one hundred of which one third should be representatives of the General Baptist State Convention. If the Trustees expect greater support and financial involvement from the pastors and laymen of the Convention, they must provide greater participation and representation and not just token representation. No one wants taxation without representation. All Board members should have initiative, vision, ability and financial viability.

With each 100 Board members donating one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and each generating an additional five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00), this would give a total for the Trustees of \$600,000.00.

I challenge the Board of Trustees to immediately consider, confront and commit to these conscientious Christian concerns for Shaw is far from out of the woods and over the hills financially. The Convention needs Shaw and Shaw needs the Convention.

There is still an opportunity for pastors and laymen to become charter members of the Clergy Church Co-op, just by sending your check to \$105.00 payable to Clergy Church Co-op to Dr. E.B. Turner, 302 Lincoln Street, Lumberton, North Carolina 28358. The \$100.00 is 100 percent refundable and \$5.00 joining fee.

Certificates for charter members and the By-laws will be presented to the members at the St. John Inn, Fayetteville, N.C., Monday, October 23, 1978 at 5:00 p.m. Get your membership in now.

Custom Printing Company, 1500 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, N.C., Mr. Charles Ethridge, owner has given significant sacrificial services to Shaw University and the General Baptist State Convention during the Shaw University Emergency Fund Drive. Therefore, all pastors and churches are urged to patronize his Typewriter - Mimeograph and Printing Sales and Services Business.

Thanks,
Joy J. Johnson

Families Experience Problems

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP) — Southern Baptist families and homes are hurting according to Wallace Denton, professor of family life and child development at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Ind.

"I believe Southern Baptists are beginning to see the need of the family and are providing conferences on marriage enrichment, parental guidance and sexuality," Denton said. "We're realizing that if Christian leaders do not speak out on these issues, then families will turn elsewhere."

Denton led several seminars on human sexuality and sex education during the Church Training Leadership Conference at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Conference Center. The seminars were sponsored by the

The Pearl Of Great Price

Seed For Sermon Thought

By I.B. Horton

A Textual — Topical Sermon:

Text: Matthew 13:44 "Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy of it goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

A Therapeutic Sermon:

"For what is a man profited if he gain the whole world and loose himself, or be cast away?" (Luke 9:55) The Bible makes it plain that what the child of God has to gain through faith in Jesus Christ is far more valuable than anything the world can afford. Our reward as Christians is not material gain but something far more valuable.

Introduction to the problem:

How often do we hear church members complain about how hard it is to serve the Lord. Many of them are not willing to give up anything to gain the joys of the Lord's salvation. The parable that we have under consideration reminds us that if we are to gain heaven and the salvation that is in Jesus Christ we must let go some things that at one time were of great value to us.

Theme Rationale:

family ministry department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

"During my conferences on sexuality, I try to communicate the concept that sex is one of God's best and greatest gifts to man," Denton said. "Properly understood and experienced it becomes one of the most powerful bonds between a husband and wife."

"As a Christian layman I also encourage parents to take the responsibility of teaching their children about sex in a way that affirms it as a part of God's creation," he added. "The alternative is that children will gain their information from peers, movie scripts, song lyricists, schools, and other sources."

Denton was one of eleven speakers who provided a variety of conferences on marriage enrichment, senior adults, communication, financial planning and other topics for the participants.

"Family problems are being experienced by church people as never before so there's a need for Christian education programs," said Joe Hinkle, secretary of the family ministry department.

"Families come in all sizes and varieties in today's society. To enrich family life in our convention, the church must zero in on all these needs and minister to each one," Hinkle said. "If the church is truly the family of God, it needs to understand all the members so that it can effectively act as a body to evangelize and serve others."

If one is able to "let go some things" which once seemed valuable, he is then able to use the "price" thereof to secure something more valuable.

Discourse:

Once upon a time a man was digging in a field and came upon a "pearl-of-great-price." He hid the pearl, went and sold all that he had and bought that field; whereupon he became owner of the field and the pearl. He knew what he was doing all the time and most important of all, he knew that the pearl that he had found was more valuable than all that he possessed.

I. There is A Pearl of Great Price

Because of the many disappointments of life, there are those who have lost hope of finding that "good" that they once sought. But there is a "Pearl-of-Great-Price," there are spiritual values that are very real that are hidden from the natural eye but can be seen when "dug up" by the spiritual eye in the "field of our daily labor."

II. One Cannot Always Tell His

Grandparents

Day Set

WASHINGTON (BP) — President Jimmy Carter has proclaimed Sunday, Sept. 10, 1978, as "National Grandparents Day."

In calling on government agencies and voluntary organizations to plan appropriate activities to recognize the contributions of grandparents to the nation, Carter said: "I urge each citizen to pause and to reflect on the influence his grandparents have had in shaping his own destiny, and on the legacy bestowed upon our contemporary society by his grandparents' generation."

Carter noted, "Just as a nation learns and is strengthened by its history, so a family learns and is strengthened by its understanding of preceding generations. As Americans live longer, more and more families are enriched by their shared experiences with grandparents and great-grandparents."

The president praised the sacrifices of earlier generations that produced much progress and pointed out the responsibility of the elders of families for "setting the moral tone" and "passing on the traditional values of our nation."

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No Room For Quitters

By Atondra Michele Williams

Hickory - (The first place winner in the Junior Oratorical Contest Of The State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress). She is a native of Laurinburg, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Reverend R.L. Milhouse, pastor, Pee Dee Baptist Association.

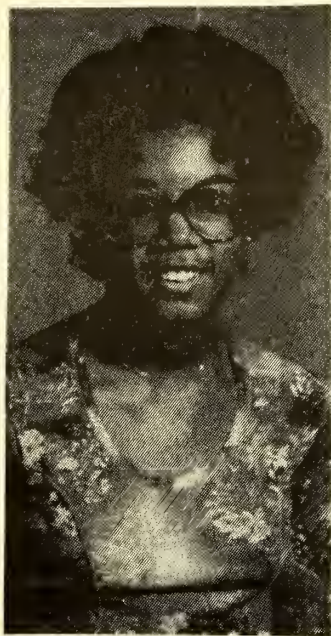
No room for quitters ... think about it a moment. We have no room nor time for them.

Quitters seem to serve no important purpose, except sitting back with their 'I can't's' and discouraging others.

The progress we have made from out past history to this present day is astonishing.

When the Blacks and other minority groups were finally considered equal to the majority group, we began to work harder to prove ourselves, to maintain our sense of equality; for then, there was no room nor time for quitters. Today, we have a Black Ambassador to the U.N., Andrew Young, and a Black Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Patricia Harris. They aren't quitters - you can see that for yourselves.

If the Blacks had decided to quit when Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation in 1863, we would again, probably be slaves, until another great one such as Frederick Douglas, or John Brown, or Harriet Tubman came along to help us again. It would be a while because there are too many quitters in the world today. However, the Blacks wanted to prove them-



Atondra Williams

selves equal. They wanted no less than to be equal, so that's what we have now, equality.

No room for quitters. If the founder of the Congress of Christian Education decided to quit after the first few mistakes, would it exist? If the discoverer of penicillin, Alexander Fleming, decided to quit after his first mistake, would he have the priceless antibiotic we have now? If the misters of today would stop trying to help and lead others in the right way, what would we do in the field of leadership if we were all quitters? The things we now have and the things we still want or

need has been and will be done by the persurers of this land.

If we would fill the world with ones who decided to do nothing and accomplish little in their lifetime, or just sit around and take up space, where would we put the leaders of this world? The ones that accomplish many things are still working and striving to accomplish better ones.

How many people do you know that give up easily, without a fight. How many of you have tried to help them instead of standing back and criticizing them? About 3/4 of the time we may place the blame on the person themselves for not trying and giving up, but in the other 1/4 of the time, the blame goes on 'self for not trying to help them.

You see, I'm no quitter. I have a goal and I'm striving to reach it. When I do, I'll place another higher and strive to meet that one. For nothing is too high if you work at it.

There's no room for quitters. Where would we put them? Do we want them to be seen and discourage others? Or do we want them at all? There's no room for quitters because:

1. There is no room for them.
2. There has to be room for the accomplishers.
3. They discourage others.
4. There is no time for them.
5. They seem to serve no important purpose.

Whether your goal be great or small, it does serve a purpose, because there is no room for quitters.

Families Experience Problems Today

Minneapolis (AP) — A report of an eight-year "action research" project by an agency of the American Lutheran Church says the family is not necessarily the best teacher about sex.

"We can no longer assume that the family is necessarily equipped to share information about sexuality and facilitate development of sexually healthy human beings," the report says.

It was drawn up by the church's service and Mission division on the basis of a study program on sexuality at the University of Minnesota's Medical School, involving 8,000 students and professionals such as doctors, clergy, social workers and counselors.

"The issue of human sexuality is critical to the life and health of the church and the planet on which we live," the report says.

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Middle Ground Women's Union

Witnessed Best Session Ever

By Mrs. Carrie Alexander

Robinsonville — The Middle Ground Baptist Women's Union witnessed one of the best sessions ever when it met last August 5-6 at Christ Temple Baptist Church, Robinsonville. The theme of the session was: "Forgiveness," based on (Colossians 1:14). The opening sermon on Saturday morning was delivered by the Reverend H. Hammond, pastor, Christ Temple Baptist Church. He spoke from the subject: "Just a Voice In The Wilderness," (St. John 1:23). On Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Annie Small discussed the theme, and during the evening session the Reverend William Price

delivered a very encouraging message entitled: "Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled," (St. John 14:1). The session was closed Sunday with the 11:00 A.M. sermon being preached by the Reverend Walter Atkins, entitled: "No Charge" (St. John 19:30).

Twenty-two Churches were represented at the enthusiastic session and fourteen new members were added to the roll. We had a warm fellowship and witnessed the Lord working among us. The Union closed with prayer and herey: "Know we that we will be him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit," (I John 4:13). Dr. G.E. Brown is moderator.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Leasie Dunn Horton was born the daughter of Mark and Correnna Dunn, April 16, 1896 in Neuse Township of Wake County. She was called to her reward August 1, 1978.

On December 24, 1922, she and the Reverend Avery Horton were united in holy wedlock and to this union were born six children: two sons and four daughters.

She accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized into the fellowship of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church of Neuse, North Carolina. On moving to Raleigh, she became a member of First Baptist Church: Here she was an active member of the Dorcas Bible Class and a group leader in the Missionary department for 15 years. She remained active and faithful until her passing.

Survivors include the widower, three daughters - Mrs. L. Miriam Croumer of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Paltine D. Jowers of Baltimore, Maryland and Mrs. Annie L. Hooker of Raleigh, North Carolina; two sons - Avery T. Horton of Silver Springs, Maryland and Reverend I.B. Horton of Goldsboro, North Carolina; two daughters-in-law, Mrs. Ramona Horton and Mrs. Thelma C. Horton, two sons-in-law, George Croumer and

Johnnie E. Jowers, 12 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, two brothers, Mark Dunn and Orange P. Dunn, a host of other relatives and friends.

In Memory Of

Mrs. Leasie Webb Dunn Horton

(Editor's Mother)

What is death that we all fear? It is here, there, and its everywhere,

It takes the young and the old, Even the babes in to the fold, And oh, the sting, The seemingly endless pain, For those who hold life dear.

What will we face in some out of reach tomorrow,

Will there be joy, or sorrow? We will see as we are seen, But what will we see

When there we be, Will we see the Holy City, Or the bottomless pits of horror?

What is there behind the door, A journey in to the unknown, forever-more?

From light we cross a thin line,

Entering the darkness of another time,

Until we reach some far and distant shore.



Mrs. Leasie Horton

Death is only a stepping stone,

From this tabernacle, to our Heavenly home.

If we let God abide,

He will stand by our side,

Our tears will abate,

When we enter the gate, And we will meet again, around the Throne.

By Sadie Boone

Rockingham Co. Union Honors

Executive Secretary Horne

By Bettie J. Chislom

Eden — The Rockingham County Missionary Union held its quarterly meeting at the newly erected Saint Paul Baptist Church, Eden, North Carolina, the Reverend Joy J. Howard, pastor. The Saint Paul Baptist Church is unique relative to worship, outlay, and spaciousness. It is well planned and erected in a stately and sturdy manner.

Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, executive secretary and treasurer of the Woman's Convention was guest speaker. She spoke from the theme: "Willing - Dependable - Responsible Leadership." She stated that "a leader needs to know where he is going. Aimless Leadership is bound to be poor leadership. Objectives become clearer as the leader forges ahead with God's approval and the Bible as his guide. Dr. Horne stated further that the admired leader is one who refuses to give up even in the face of apparent failure. Through amens and hallelujahs she admonished the congregation to "be a leader ... you can learn to lead and to lead

better ... you must keep on learning if you are to be an effective leader."

At the close of the dynamic message the Union headed by Mrs. Lucinda Broadnax honored its guest speaker in a most unusual and tangible manner.

The Youth Union presented Dr. Horne with a beautiful corsage of red roses. The Young Adult Union presented a black and white plaque as a token of appreciation to Dr. Horne for

having the vision and to see the need of a State Young Adult Department — Thus numerous Young Adult Departments have been organized throughout the state of North Carolina. The senior Union also presented a gold plaque with befitting words to the honoree. Mrs. E.L. Kirby presented the speaker. Mrs. Addie M. Neal is corresponding Secretary.

The Church was filled to capacity with adults, youth, laymen and ministers. Among the ministers present were pastor Roy J. Howard, Dr. E.L. Kirby and the Reverend B.H. Bonham accompanied by his choir. Refreshments were served following the service.

Shaw Emergency Drive Officially Closed

Raleigh — Dr. Thomas Kee, director of Public Relations at Shaw University, has announced that the 1978 Emergency Fund Raising Drive for Shaw University officially closed July 31. At a recognition banquet August 15th, the total raised stood at \$275,000.00, approximately one half of the \$600,000.00 goal set in June. A committee of 100 persons — one in each of the 100 counties — was appointed by the Trustees of Shaw and the Executive committee of the General Baptist State Convention, to head the drive in each county. A general quota of \$6,000.00 for each county was set; this would have netted \$600,000.00 state-wide if each county captain had realized his goal. It was suggested that the committee structure be maintained on a permanent basis after the current drives ended; to continue to raise funds in order to prevent a similar financial condition from reoccurring. Steps are being taken to keep a substantial amount of funds coming to the Baptist institution.

Dr. Thomas Kee, expressing thanks on behalf of Shaw, said: "The Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Shaw Trustee, Dr. George Debnam, the President of Shaw, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, The President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Dr. Joy J. Johnson, The Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Dr. C.C. Craig, The Shaw University Faculty, and administration, the chairman of the Executive Committee of the

General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc., Dr. J. Ray Butler, the County Chairman, and other Shaw Emergency Fund-Raising Drive Personnel, are deeply grateful for the contributions and kind considerations that everyone has made during the Financial Drive."

Below is listed the churches that have been reported to date contributing \$1,000.00 or more and those contributing \$500.00 or more.

- One Thousand Dollars or More**
- First Baptist, Fayetteville — \$2,490.00 — C.R. Edwards
 - First Pleasant Hill, Fairmount — \$3,401.00 — J.J. Johnson
 - Shiloh, Maxton — \$1,204.00 — H.E. Edwards
 - Mecklenburg Association — \$1,000.00 — J.B. Humphrey
 - First, Chapel Hill — \$1,750.00 — J.R. Manley
 - First, Charlotte — \$1,000.00 — J.B. Humphrey
 - Friendship, Charlotte — \$1,000.00 — C.W. Kerry
 - Martin Street, Raleigh — \$3,750.00 — P.H. Johnson
 - University Park — \$1,000.00 — J.E. Palmer
 - First, Nazareth — \$2,115.00 — C.R. Mosley
 - Ebenezer, Charlotte — \$1,500.00 — A.B. Sutton
 - First, Raleigh — \$3,018.31 — C.W. Ward
 - Mt. Zion, Asheville — \$1,200.00 — J.W. White
 - First Cosmopolitan — \$1,100.00 — W.B. Lewis
 - Wake Association — \$2,000.00 — W.B. Lewis
 - Mt. Carmel, Charlotte — \$1,000.00 — J.C. Riddick
 - First Emanuel, High Point — \$1,000.00 — L. Curtis



Some of the County Captains that attended a recognition banquet at Shaw University last August 15. The purpose of the banquet was to show appreciation for the work that County Captains had done and to encourage them to keep working in the interest of Shaw. Dr. C.C. Craig presented the Dr. Stanley H. Smith with a check for \$35,000.00 from Baptists and friends. L. to R. (Front Row) Dr. J.J. Johnson, Mrs. Mary Freeman, Mrs. Omega Johnson, Mrs. Clara Ballentine, Dr. Stanley Smith, (Back Row) Rev. A.J. Turner, Dr. Gould, Dr. J.W. Fleming, Dr. Paul Johnson, Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Reverend O'Klee Lewis, Dr. C.C. Craig, Dr. J.B. Humphry, Rev. James Felder, and Mr. Thomas Kee.

- Hill Street, Asheville — \$1,650.00 — N.M. Avery
 - First, Lumberton — \$1,000.00 — E.B. Turner
 - Shiloh, Winston-Salem — \$1,100.00 — J.R. Butler
 - Mayfield Memorial, Charlotte — \$1,000.00 — H.S. Diggs
 - First, Winston-Salem — \$1,000.00 — Epps
 - United Memorial, Winston-Salem — \$1,000.00 — J.D. Ballard
 - First, Fuquay — \$1,250.00 — Richard Wright
- Five Hundred Dollars or More**
- Watts Chapel — \$850.72 — Weaver
 - Ebenezer, Wilmington — \$800.00 — Lee
 - Galilee Baptist, Winsto-Salem — \$500.00 — W.C. Hay
 - First Mt. Zion, Rocky Mount — \$825.00 — G.W. Dudley
 - Mt. Zion, Winston-Salem — \$500.00
 - Mt. Calvary, Shelby — \$525.18 — Raper
 - Shiloh, Shelby — \$500.00
 - Waco, Washington, \$500.00 — H.L. Rederick
 - Greater Mt. Sinai — \$500.00 — N. Kerry
 - Lawson Chapel — \$600.00 — A. Wright
 - First, Concord — \$500.00 — V.M. Worthy
 - New Providence — \$800.00 — W.H. Brock
 - New Hope — \$500.00
 - East Cedar Grove Ministers & Deacon — \$500.00
 - Mud Creek Baptist Association — \$500.00 — H.B. Ferguson
 - First, Franklinton — \$500.00 — Brodie
 - Wake S.S. Conv. — \$600.00 — H.L. Morgan
 - Guiding Light Association — \$500.00 — L.A. Reid
 - Thomasville Furniture Co. — \$500.00 — W.E. Banks
 - West Durham — \$500.00 — H.J. Cobb
 - Goodwill Madison — \$500.00 — B.H. Bonham

(Editor's Note: This article concerning Shaw University is the sixth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptist and friends of Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSION; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL.



At Shaw Recognition Banquet, Dr. Stanley H. Smith, (l) President, Shaw University receives a check for \$35,000.00 from Dr. C.C. Craig (c) Executive Secretary of G.B.S. Conv. and Dr. Joy J. Johnson, President, G.B.S. Conv.



Mrs. Clara Ballentin (c) smiles as she presents a check for \$1,000.00 to Dr. Stanley H. Smith, (l) Shaw University president, Dr. Joy J. Johnson (r) smiles approval.

Ask Not What Shaw Can Do For You . . .

By John W. Fleming
Baptist of North Carolina Shaw University needs you. No one has to be told what Shaw means to the Baptists of this state. "Ask not what Shaw can do for you but what you can do for Shaw."

You can help Shaw become a self-supporting institution. You can help Shaw become a viable educational institution. You can help Shaw continue its program of developing the educational potentials of boys and girls, men and women. You can help Shaw in its task of developing church

and community leaders. And you can help Shaw in its effort to employ capable people for the tasks which it has vowed to do.

How?
By giving regularly and consistently at love's behest.

By sponsoring Shaw Days. By becoming a recruiting agency to help keep the student population at an acceptable level.

By initiating the plan for weekly giving that was enunciated in the last edition of the **Baptist Informer**.

By becoming a goodwill ambassador for Shaw.

The days of handouts from philanthropic groups are fast becoming an event of the past. Institutions must be supported by their constituency. In the case of Shaw that means the alumni and churches will have to increase their support.

I want to concentrate this statement on the churches. By their nature churches are service-rendering institutions. The money which they raise is supposed to be used in the service of mankind. No church should consider itself a banking business storing up large sums

of money when there are organizations worthy of their support.

I have vowed that the churches of the General Baptist State Convention can support Shaw. I am available for Shaw Days, conferences, conventions, associations, etc., in the interest of Shaw. There are also two choirs, the United Heritage (Gospel) Choir, and the University Chorale Society, for programs designed to promote and aid Shaw. You can contact me by writing:

John W. Fleming

Shaw University
Raleigh, N. C. 27611

Let us work together for a greater Shaw University, one of which all of us can be justly proud. Remember, our strength is in unity, unity of purpose, unity of aspiration, and unity of efforts.

Voluntary support is good for the soul. It is an indication that you have made the decision without coercion. But churches voluntarily supporting Shaw is not just a gift, but a wise and prudent investment in the welfare of young people.

Youth Oratorical Participation Is Super



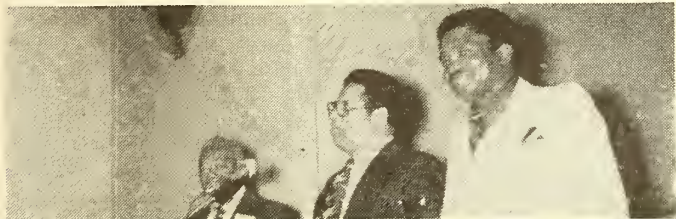
Senior S.S. & B.T.U. Congress Oratorical contestants: L to R. Mrs. Beatrice Branch, director; Lavette Griffin, Bonnie Faye Linen (third place winner \$50.00 - St. Louis Baptist Church, Chinquapin, N.C., Reverend W.E. Martin, pastor, Middle District Association.), Cynthia Kay Dew (first place winner - \$150.00 - Foster Memorial Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C., Reverend Jeremiah Webb, pastor, Neuse River Association.), Redelia Stanley (second place winner - \$100.00 - Horace Grove Baptist Church, Evergreen, N.C., Reverend E.M. Williams, pastor, Lumber River Association.) Thallia B. Lilly, and Mrs. Emaretta Felton, director, Junior division.



The Youth messengers of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congress (August 8-10, Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory) sing under the leadership of Mrs. Frances B. Tate (holding mike). They sang with the spirit and with talented understanding.



Dr. Charles W. Ward, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. Dr. Ward gave a lecture on "Baptist Doctrine." He told the State S.S. and B.T.U. congress (August 8-10 - Friendship Baptist Church - Hickory) that Baptists ought to take the time and effort to learn the doctrine of the Baptist Church. He praised the young people for their keen insights and concern for the future of the church. He urged them to strive for the standard of excellence in their christian endeavors. But he also admonished them to remember that adults have more experience and wisdom in spiritual matters and in life in general. They should respect their elders, he said.



State S.S. Congress President, Att. James Lassiter (l); former Shaw President, Dr. J.W. Fleming (c) and State B.T.U. President, Mr. James Bellamy make the appeal for funds for Shaw during the recent session held at Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory.



Mrs. Yvonne Mitchell, Supervisor of the State Youth Department of the W.B.H. & F.M. Conv. address the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congress last August 8-10 at Hickory. She told the messengers that the women are working towards development of a year-round program for youth. The church and Christian program should be full time, she declared.

"No Room For Quitters"

Hickory - If there has been any doubts about the future of the Missionary Baptist denomination, its Sunday Schools and Baptist Training Unions, they were substantially removed by the youth who participated in the Annual S.S. & B.T.U. Oratorical Contest last August 10th. The Oratorical Contest, held during the 105th Annual Session of the State S.S. Congress and the 78th Annual Session of the B.T.U. Congress, took a new form this year being divided into junior and senior divisions. The junior division (grades 9-12) was under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice Branch, Murfreesboro, and the senior division (high school graduates) was under the direction of Mrs. Emaretta Felton, Fayetteville. Prior to this year, there was only one division.

The youth participants spoke on a variety of topics; "Good News in A Time of Crisis," "Christ is The Answer," "Daring God's Work," "No Room For Quitters," "The Master Is Able," "A Recipe For Happiness," and "Will There Be Peace On The Earth?"

Mrs. Felton declared that: "Young people are sincere and just as sound as any person in a generation." Each of the contestants was required to compose, memorize, and deliver the address without the use of notes. All of the participants received a certificate of recognition and appreciation.

Some statements which demonstrated the insights, wisdom, and resourcefulness of today's youth include the following: "A Quitter is one, who for one reason or another, runs away from a challenge." "Job suffered because God wanted the devil to know that Job served him because he loved him and not because God blessed him." "There ought to be a general 'house cleaning' in the Sunday School teacher department in most Churches because many of the teachers are so woefully unprepared." and "The Young people are seeking answers in the Church because they want a high moral standard to live by; therefore they want teachers and leaders who know more about life than they do.

Most of the compositions were well composed and superbly delivered. The Baptist Informer has promised to publish the addresses that become available.

"Will There Be Peace On Earth"



Junior S.S. & B.T.U. Congress Oratorical Contestants: L. to R. Regina Howard, Valerie Hope Chambers, Pamela Mason, Sandra Lenoir, Johnathan Bland, Marvin Connelly (third place winner - \$5.00 - ninth grade, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Valdese, N.C., Reverend Ervin Millsaps, pastor, Mt. Catawba Association.), Jeanette Tyner (second place winner - \$10.00—eleventh grade, Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, N.C., Dr. C.M. Creecy, pastor, Northampton County Association.) Atondra Michele Williams (first place winner - \$15.00 - tenth grade, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Laurinburg, N.C., Reverend R.L. Milhouse, pastor, Pee Dee Association.), Tonjus Button, Linda Carrington, Rosa Williams, Walter Boston, Jr. and Roberta Milhouse.



Officers of the State S.S. and B.T.U. Congresses line up in front of Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory, to discuss the progress of sessions. L. to R. Mr. J.T. Dockery, Assistant Recording Secretary, S.S. Congress, Mr. Althornton Canda, First Vice-President, S.S. Congress, Att. James L. Lassiter, President, State S.S. Congress, Mrs. Emaretta Felton, Director, Junior Oratorical Contest, Mr. James Bellamy, Jr., President State B.T.U. Congress, Mr. Richmond Turner, First Vice-President, B.T.U. Congress, Mrs. Ineash Wicker, Second Vice-President State B.T.U. Congress, and Dr. J.C. Harris, First Vice-President G.B.S. Convention of N.C., Inc.



Reverend Leo Williams addresses the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress last August 9th at Friendship Baptist Church, Hickory. He represented the department of Christian Education of the G.B.S. Conv. seen on the platform is Dr. E.B. Turner (l), who represented the G.B.S. Conv. in the absence of the President, Dr. Joy J. Johnson; Dr. C.C. Craig, (c), who told the congress that: "The Christian cannot grow and develop properly under preaching alone. We need teaching and training."; and Mr. Waverly camp, Jr. (far r.) who represented the Laymen and the Church Music department.



Dr. Jordan C. Harris addressing the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress: "How exciting it can be to began to hear God speak through His word."



Dr. O.L. Sherrill greeted the S.S. and B.T.U. Congress last August and told the messengers: "The Baptists must support the cause. Baptist can do. Baptist want to do. Baptist are doing."



Dr. Robert H. Wilson
Executive-Secretary,
Foreign Mission Board.

Foreign Mission Mass Meeting

The Ninety-Eighth Session of the National Baptist Convention of America, presided over by President James Carl Sams, will close on Sunday, September 10 in Session at the Union Baptist Church Denver, Colorado. Rev. Andrew L. Bowman, Host Pastor, with the National Baptist Foreign Mission Board's Mass Meeting.

This meeting is planned to be extraordinary with "The Echoes of Blood" of Indiana; a special choir group from the St. John Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas; and other singing groups are expected to be in attendance. Additionally, the preacher for this Mass Meeting will be the Executive-Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Robt. H. Wilson.

Persons attending this Annual Session of the National Baptist Convention of America are especially invited and urged to plan now to share this meeting in support of the work of Foreign Missions.

Fat Americans Stealing Food

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)—Americans who overeat are actually consuming food that "belongs to someone else," says a Southern Baptist missionary to Bangladesh.

James McKinley who has worked in Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, for 20 years, also says those who drive big cars that get poor mileage are competing with the poorest farmer for fuel to light his lamp. As Americans consume, the price goes up and is soon out of reach for the poor farmer.

McKinley's family was in Bangladesh through the nation's war of independence and through repeated typhoons that killed tens of thousands of people.

"During the last Bangladesh flood," he says, "three-fourths of the country was under water. The rice crops were destroyed and the water lingered so long that the next crop could not be planted. We lost half the harvest of the entire country for a year.

"It created chaos. Laborers flocked to the cities seeking food. They starved ... These people literally starved to death in the streets while the world watched."

Southern Baptist response to hunger needs is "crisis oriented" according to McKinley. He refused to make plans on how to

New Bern Missionary Baptist Assn.

Messic - The Annual Session of the District Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Convention Auxiliary of the New Bern Eastern Missionary Baptist Association met at Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Messic, North Carolina, Pastor Moderator W.C. Horton, July 20-23, 1978. The Spiritual Awakening Devotion was led by President W.F. Peed and others.

During the Convention, many unforgettable sermons were preached. Thursday night, Rev. W.E. Beaman's topic was "Your Religion At Work". Friday morning, Rev. A.W. Jones' topic was "A Little Talk With Jesus Makes It Allright". Saturday night, Rev. C.D. Bell's topic was "Don't Let Nothing Separate You From Your God". Sunday Morning, Rev. P.A. Hunter preacher on "Come Down Zacchaeus Out of The Sycomore Tree". Sunday afternoon, Rev. J.S. Moore preached on "Somebody in The Church Still Got Their Shoes On".

Other highlights of the Convention was the Oratorical Contest. Some of the topics discussed by the youth were: (1) Get yourself together, because time is running out. (2) Are you ready for the trip to Heaven? (3) Love (4) If you want to go to heaven get right with God.

During the Convention President Peed appointed a committee on Resolution. The resolutions in its entirety follows and the Convention requests that it be printed. The committee was made up of youth, ages range from 11 years to 18 years and 3 adults.

"President Peed, Vice-President Himbry, Officers, members, and friends of the District Sunday School Convention:

Therefore, be it resolved: We, your committee on resolution, would like to submit the following report: First-Abortion

We are against abortion because it's murder. Abortion is

spend hunger relief gifts when they were coming in during the mid-1970s because "as soon as the crisis wore off, Southern Baptist giving would fall," he said. "and that is exactly what happened. We do not have a long term commitment to solving this problem."

McKinley calls for a changed life style that involves eating less, driving smaller cars, foregoing luxuries and giving more to world needs.

"All of us know world hunger is a chronic problem," he says. "It is present and going to be with us a long time. If we are really concerned, we have to level off and commit ourselves the next 10 or 15 years to a certain amount. This will give those in third world countries a sense of direction."

McKinley has been planting funds available through hunger and relief efforts of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in food-for-work projects that pay workers in wheat or cash to dig a pond or build a road that will help people supply their own food.

1st Annual Foreign Mission Conference

The National Baptist Foreign Mission Board will hold its first Annual Conference and Benefit Dinner Monday, September 4, 1978 (Labor Day) in Denver, Colorado. The Conference will begin Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. with the Union Baptist Church, Host for this Annual Session and continuing throughout the day. At 7:30 P.M. at the Denver Hilton Hotel the Benefit Dinner will culminate the activities of the day.

Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker, the celebrated aide to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the illustrious pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ of New York, will be the Dinner Speaker. The Conference's program consist of many of the general officers of the Convention. Namely, Dr. S.M. Lockridge, California; Mrs. Fannie C. Thompson, Arizona; Rev. Jerry Jerkins, Tennessee; Dr. O.B. Williams, Oregon; Dr. J.B. Adams, Florida, and Dr. F.H. Dunn, Louisiana. The activities of the day will also include sermons from three dynamic speakers - Keynote Message: Rev. Mac Charles Jones, Atlanta, Georgia; Noon Sermon: Dr. Nelson Smith, Birmingham, Alabama, and rev. Melvin Wade, Los Angeles, California. Dr. Robt. H. Wilson, Executive-Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, stresses that this first Conference on Missions will be extraordinary for it not only includes a President's Period with words from our President of the Convention, Dr. James Carl

not accepted in God's sight under any conditions. We do not have the right to destroy life because the Bible says "thou shalt not kill."

Second-Drug Abuse

The Problem of drug abuse doesn't have an age limit. It is a problem among all ages. Drugs shouldn't be legalized because people might take an overdose. Even a regular dose of drugs will slow down your body activities. Parents should keep all medication out of the reach of children.

Third-ERA

We are against it because it will cause family units to be destroyed. Women shouldn't do the same job as men. On some jobs men and women will be required to share the same facilities and this shouldn't be.

Fourth-Common Law Marriages

They shouldn't be accepted because it's a sin. In common law marriages, couples haven't been united in holy matrimony; they haven't made any commitments. Children are not secure in these situations. The children are not learning to function in society.

Fifth-Lesbians

We are against ladies living with ladies and men living with men in the manner of lovemaking.

Sixth-Child Abuse

We are against it. Parents shouldn't take their angers and frustrations out on children.

Chairman - Metildo B. Jones Secretary - Sharon Gaskins Members: Annie Mason, Pete Jenkins, Josephine Himbry, Timmy Fisher, Chery Thomas, Timothy Williams, Valarie Horton



Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

Sam, but Echoes from the Mission Fields from six of our Superintendent of Missions who will be in attendance also.

Make plans today, if you are attending the Annual Session at Denver, to arrange your schedule to share in this Conference. If at all possible plan to be in attendance during the entire Conference Day, and if not, do plan to attend the Benefit Dinner that Monday evening!

Dinner tickets to benefit Foreign Missions are only \$25.00; however, if you cannot be in Denver you can send your check to purchase a Sponsor ticket (tax-deductible) in support of the work of Foreign Missions.

Laymen's Winter Retreat

North Carolina State
Laymen's League
Sponsors

"A Laymen Winter
Retreat"

J.J. Johnson Baptist
Assembly
Laurel Hill, N.C.

Come for a weekend of Bible Study, Fellowship, Christian Recreation, and Good Eating

Open to all men and boys of our General Baptist Convention

Retreat fee \$15.00 per person (includes food and lodging)

Arrival time - 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 24, 1978

Departure time - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 26, 1978

Please write Baptist Headquarters to pre-register as soon as possible Deadline - November 3, 1978
Waverly Camp

Confusion

Winston-Salem — In a recent fellowship banquet in Winston-Salem, Dr. Corbin Cooper, in his greetings, stated that he had finally learned the difference between a conservative, a liberal and a moderate. A conservation believes in prayer in public schools but is against busing. A liberal believes in busing but is against Prayer in public schools. A moderate insists that his children pray all the way to school on the bus.

Weldon Man Named To Post

A Weldon man has been named to the Governor's Jobs for Veterans Committee.

I.H. Hillard of 414 West Fourth St. took the oath of office July 15 at the Royal Villa in Greensboro after being appointed by Gov. James Hunt.

According to Hilliard, the committee will function as liaison between the governor's office and the veterans' organization to "bridge the gap between the news media and veteran of World War II, serving in Europe.

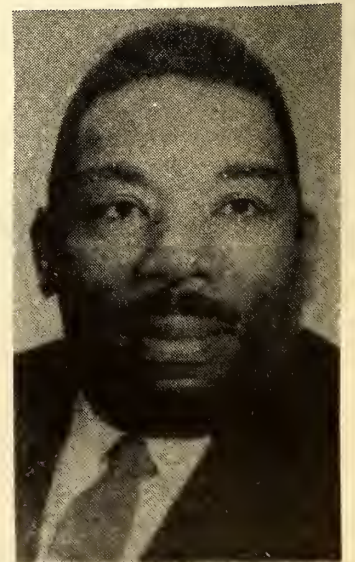
The new appointee is retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farmers Home Administration. He is second vice-chairman of the Halifax County Democratic Party, a member of the Weldon School Board and Treasurer of the N.C. Black Elected and Appointed Officials.

His civic involvement include serving as trustee of the Roanoke Valley United Way and membership in the Halifax County Mental Health Association, American Legion Post 407 and the Halifax County Democratic Party, a member of the Weldon School Board and treasurer of the N.C. Black Elected and Appointed Officials.

His civic involvements include serving as trustee of the Roanoke Valley United Way and membership in the Halifax County Mental Health Association, American Legion Post 407 and the Halifax County Branch of the NAACP.

A member of First Baptist Church in Weldon, he is on the executive board of the Layman's League of the Baptist State Convention, treasurer of the Roanoke Valley Teen Challenge Outreach, and a member of the area chapter of the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.

Commenting on the appointment, Hilliard said, "I am thankful that the governor has provided me this opportunity to help, in an official capacity, veterans to find jobs. I pledge my past experience as a veteran, a retired professional and a Christian layman to this task. I am sure this part of the governor's program will be successful."

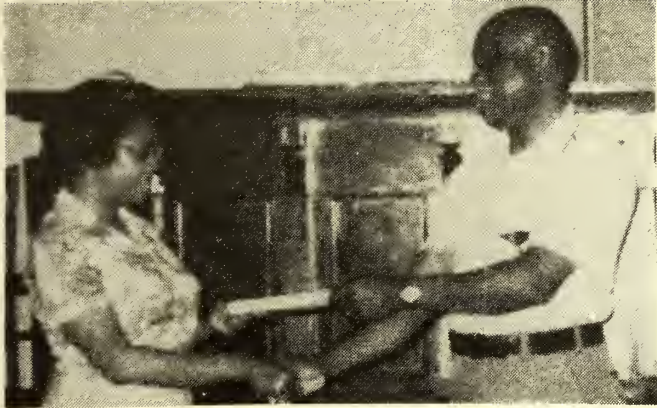


I.H. Hilliard

Raleigh News



Dr. W.B. Lewis, Moderator of Wake Baptist Association, presents certificates at the close of the Institute; Three hundred attended the Institute.



Mrs. Annie Alston, Chairman of the Central Orphanage Committee, of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, presents Mr. H.V. Bryant a check in the amount of \$297.00 to help with the Orphanage development. Other members of the Committee are: Mrs. Dorothy Nelson, Mr. Ollie Bates, Mrs. Virginia Gill, Mrs. Norma Smith, Mrs. Jean Walden, Mrs. Willie Andrews, Mrs. Ann Daniels, Mrs. Dorothy Monk, Mrs. Gladys Sanders, Mrs. Marion Todd, and Mrs. Geraldine Williams.



The United Institute of the Wake Missionary Baptist Association and its Auxiliaries hold United Institute. Sunday School Convention of the Wake Association, Deacons and Ministers Union of the Wake Association, B.T.U. Convention of the Wake Association, and the Missionary Union of the Wake Association. Dr. W.B. Lewis, Moderator



Reverend W.C. Wilkerson (in robe) holding the shovel during the groundbreaking at St. Luke Baptist Church. Dr. S.R. Johnson (far right) holding shovel.

St. Luke Holds Groundbreaking

Salisbury - The St. Luke Baptist Church of Salisbury held a groundbreaking ceremony last June as the members embarked on a new building venture. The church will celebrate its one hundredth birthday in 1979. The

Reverend W.C. Wilkerson, pastor stated that he is confident that the building effort will be a success even though the membership is lower than one hundred.

Baptist In National Conference

By Homer Eggers

Have just participated in the Third Annual Baptist Scouting Conference at Philmont Scout Ranch and Explorer Base in the Rocky Mountains in northeastern New Mexico Lineberry, Greensboro First Baptist layman, served as Chairman of the Conference and is the National Chairman of the Association of Baptists for Scouting.

Buie, community relations specialists of A&T State University and Vice President of the General Greene Council, B.S.A., served as a Conference Workshop Chairman.

The purpose of this workshop type of conference was: SCOUTING — "A Resource Program for our Churches' Ministry with Youth and Families."

Strong nationwide testimony was given to the evangelistic outreach, educational, community service and leadership development opportunities past, present and future through the ministry of Scouting.

This Third Annual Conference was the best attended and was representative of the following:

- All sections of the Nation
- The following Conventions:
 - +American Baptists Conservative Fellowship
 - +National Baptist, Inc. and National Baptist of America
 - +National Association of Free Will Baptists
 - +Southern Baptists
 - +Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Baptist: laypersons, denominational workers, director of missions, home missionary professional Scouter and church related staff members.

GOALS FOR THE FUTURE WERE OUTLINED

- A. To organize "100" local

In response to the many Pastors and Moderators who have asked for my service the answer is "Yes", N.C. Baptist do have a choice for the Presidency of the General Baptist State Convention, John R. Manley.

I ask for your support because at this point in time our convention needs capable, strong, committed and forthright leadership. No gimmicks, trick or hidden agendas, just LEADERSHIP.

Re-Claiming our power, prestige and Position as Christian Baptist.

Re-Vitalizing our concern for the Constitution and Structure of the Convention.

Re-Possessing Shaw University as a Church related institution.

Establishing a convention owned Endowment for Shaw (It can and must be done).

Re-establishing Credibility with our Executive Secretaries, staff and auxiliaries.

Re-Dedicating ourselves to the Unified Plan, Unified Program and Unified Budget.

Re-Committing our faith in the Executive Committee and the General Board.

How can it be done? LEADERSHIP!

Over 30 years of service and support to the convention and its



Pictured during the groundbreaking Sunday were (L-R): Dr. N.M. Avery, speaker for the anniversary ceremony; Dr. H.B. Ferguson, moderator for the Mud Creek Baptist Association; Deacon James Thomas, chairman of the board of the Church; and the Reverend L. C. Ray, pastor of the Church. (Photo by June Glenn, Jr.)

Groundbreaking

Fletcher - Ground was broken for a new educational wing at the Greater New Zion Baptist Church in Fletcher Sunday afternoon during a joint ceremony in observance of the Church's 52nd Anniversary and the breaking of ground for the

new addition to the church.

The starting date for the new building will be June, '78. The building will include men class rooms, a new Pastor's office, a conference room, a large fellowship hall and two rest rooms.

Association of Baptists for Scouting Chapters, 1978-1980

B. To plan and conduct "20" mini-type Philmont workshops (Nationwide)

C. To communicate through

many methods and means the following message to Baptists: "SCOUTING IS A MOVEMENT THAT HELPS OTHERS — CHURCHES — SERVE YOUTH"



DR. J.R. MANLEY

objectives. Over 30 years in the active pastorate. Church Builder, Civic and Community Leader.

Has served the Convention in the following positions:

Member of the Executive Committee, General Board and Third Vice President of the

Convention. Also Second Vice President and Recording Secretary of the Convention.

"Yes", the Baptists of North Carolina have a choice, Not "against" anything or anybody but "for" a strong and united Convention. J.R. Manley, President.

Courses Set For Laypersons

WAKE FOREST, N. C. - Three courses will be offered for church members this fall at Southeastern Baptist Seminary here. The courses are Missions, The Church and Twentieth Century Opportunities; The Gospel of Mark; and The Life Of The Spirit and The Life Of The Church.

Teaching the course on Missions, The Church and Twentieth Century Opportunities will be Dr. Alan P. Neely, Professor of Missions at Southeastern Seminary. The course will be offered on Monday evenings from September 11 thru December 11 at 7:30. It is open to high school graduates and provides two (2) semester hours of credit.

The Gospel of Mark will be taught by Professor of New

Testament Donald E. Cook and is to be offered on Thursday evenings September 7 thru December 14 at 7:30. Enrollment is open to high school graduates and provides two (2) semester hours of credit.

Dr. Glen T. Miller, Associate Professor of Church History, will teach The Life Of The Spirit and The Life Of The Church on Thursday evenings from September 7 thru December 14 at 7:30. Enrollment for this course also carries two (2) semester hours credit and is open to college graduates only.

The cost of enrollment is \$15. Registration and other information may be secured by writing the Registrar, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, P. O. Box 712, Wake Forest, N. C. 27587.



Members of Cherry Chapel Baptist Church, Hobgood, at their ground breaking service, Sunday, June 4. Rev. S.J. Jones, Pastor is shown with shovel.

Groundbreaking At Cherry Chapel

By S.J. Jones

Hobgood - The Cherry Chapel Baptist Church had their ground breaking service the 4th Sunday in June on a two acre sight on Highway 122.

Rev. S. J. Jones is the pastor. He has been pastoring a little less than four years there. The

church has paid out a life membership of the NAACP. It is now working forward to paying out a Golden Heritage.

The members of Cherry Chapel are hoping to start accepting bids for the new church next year. They hope to continue so they can enter into the new

church by the last of 1979 or the first of 1980, if it is the Lord's will.

Cherry Chapel also supports the hungry program. The church will cost around \$200,000.00. The spirit of the people is high and now they have a mind to work.

Senate Passes Own Version Of Credit Aid

By Carol Franklin

WASHINGTON (BP) - The Senate has rejected tuition tax credits for elementary and secondary school students but has given overwhelming approval to such credits for college and postsecondary vocational education.

The Senate passed 56-41 an amendment by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D.-S.C., which removed all references to elementary and secondary education from the bill. Final passage of the measure was by a vote of 65-27.

The bill now goes to a conference committee with the House of Representatives to resolve differences between the House and Senate versions. Sens. Russell Long, D.-La., Abraham Ribicoff, D.-Conn., Lloyd Bentsen, D.-Tx., Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D.-N.Y., Bob Packwood, R.-Ore., Robert Dole, R.-Kan., and William V. Roth, R.-Del., were appointed conferees. The House conferees will be appointed soon.

Six of the seven Senate conferees voted in favor of tuition tax credits for all levels. Bentsen opposed the credits for elementary and secondary students but voted for the measure in its final form.

The House version of the bill was passed 237-158 on June 1. That measure includes elementary and secondary students in its provisions. The amount of credits offered in the House bill are smaller, however.

The Senate version would allow parents to claim a tax credit of 50 percent of tuition for college or postsecondary vocational students up to a maximum of \$250 per student. This would become effective August 1 of this year. On October 1, 1980, the tax credit would increase to a maximum of \$500.

The House bill would allow the taxpayer to reduce federal income taxes by 25 percent of the amount spent on college tuition up to a maximum of \$100 per student this year, \$150 in 1979 and \$250 in 1980. At the elementary and secondary level

the credit would allow 25 percent of tuition up to \$50 per pupil this year and \$100 in 1979 and 1980.

The Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution opposing tuition tax credits at its annual session in Atlanta This year. The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the denomination's government relations agency in Washington, has actively worked against passage of any such measure by Congress.

The Carter administration also opposes tuition tax credits. Carter has threatened to veto any such measure that comes to

him. He and Health, Education, and Welfare Secretary Joseph A. Califano are pushing expanded federal college scholarship programs for middle-income students.

Opposition to tuition tax credits has focused on the issue of the separation of church and state, the possible re-segregation of school, the high cost of the credits, and benefits to upper-income taxpayers.

Catholic and private school groups have lobbied heavily for the bill, claiming that the courts would rule tuition tax credits constitutional.

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HOUSTON (BP) - The annual Single Adult Conference sponsored by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission viewed "singleness" as a factor common to all individuals and stressed the idea that single adult ministries belong in all churches, regardless of size.

About 1,000 single adults from the Southwest, ranging in age from early 20's to early 80's, attended seminars at First Baptist Church in Houston.

Baptist "have traditionally assigned the single adult ministry to larger churches," said James K. Varner, pastor of

the Woodhaven Baptist Church of Houston. Varner, whose 500-member church has an active single adult program, said that churches of all sizes should minister to all people -- single or married. He noted that half the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention and other major denominations have fewer than 200 members.

Sarah Frances Anders, director of the sociology department at Louisiana College, said that single adults compose about 35 percent of the adult American population and in fact, "We are all born single."

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NOVEMBER 10TH — BERTHENIA D. HORNE DAY

HONOREE'S FORMER PASTOR TO KEYNOTE TRIBUTE BANQUET

By Thelma C.
Horton

Dr. Kelly O.P. Goodwin, pastor emeritus, Mount Zion Baptist Church, Winston Salem, will keynote the "Tribute

Banquet" honoring retiring executive secretary-treasurer, Dr. Berthenia Dunlap Horne. The gala occasion, sponsored by the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention

of North Carolina, will be held on Friday, November 10, 1978 at 6:00 P.M. at the Civic Center, Raleigh, N.C. with Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, Woman's Convention President, presiding, assisted by Mrs. Clara N. Hayes, Chairperson of the Executive Board.

Friends and associates from far and near will be in attendance to express their good wishes and affection to one who has "prayed and slept, cried and rejoiced, walked and talked, and given the best of her service to God and her fellowman". She has completed twenty-eight years of service to the convention as president and executive secretary-treasurer. During these years, she has labored unceasingly and has helped the convention experience a continuing growth in service that has expanded throughout North Carolina, the nation and the world.

In a recent publication, Dr. Horne gave an abbreviated report of the growth of the convention since her election as president in August 1950 up to this present time. "During these Years—, she stated, I have seen the Numerical growth of the Woman's Convention from meeting in the Shaw University Campus Church to meeting in City Auditoriums and in Convention and Civic Centers. I have seen the Financial growth of the Woman's Convention from \$22,000.00 annually, to over \$278,000.00 annually. I have seen the Spiritual growth of the Woman's Convention report from seventy-five (75) souls led to Christ annually to more than one thousand (1000) souls reported led to Christ. I have seen growth in Circles, Unions, Auxiliaries, District Conference and in Individuals. I have seen the Convention grow from two (2) departments to three (3) active departments. I have seen the Convention grow from one annual meeting to three (3) annual meetings. I have seen the Convention organized into ten (10) Year-Round Committees thus giving hundreds of women something to do. I have seen the Woman's Convention spear head the erection of a J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly now in use as a Camp, Retreat, Meeting

Place, with seven Buildings, a Swimming Pool and Recreational Facilities. I have seen the Convention grow from four (4) Major Objectives to six (6) Major Objectives."

Because of her travels throughout Europe, Africa, the Holy Land and Haiti, Dr. Horne possesses a deep concern for those in the foreign lands. This concern was recognized in 1976 during the annual session of the National Convention, Dallas, Texas. Mother Horne, as she is affectionately called by many, was crowned "Queen of the Nation" for reporting the largest amount of money to help build a hospital wing in Malawi, South Africa. Her success as "a financial wizard, has earned the Woman's Convention the distinction as "Best Stewardship Convention" in the Nation by the National Woman's Convention U.S.A., Inc.

She is presently serving as Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Women's Auxiliary, Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, USA; member of the Board of Directors and Associate Director of Finance for the National Woman's Convention USA, Inc.

In 1977, during the One-Hundred and Twelfth Founder's Day observance at Shaw University, Raleigh, the following citation (written by Dr. John W. Fleming, Interim President, Shaw University) was read by Dr. O.L. Sherrill.

BERTHENIA DUNLAP HORNE DOCTOR OF HUMAN LETTERS

MR. PRESIDENT: Berthenia Dunlap Horne is truly a great woman. Her service to the Baptist of this state, the nation, and the world is deserving of recognition and honor. Her greatness lies in the nature of her task and in the manner in which she has performed it. She has devoted her life to Christian missions, at home and abroad, primarily through the vehicle of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina. In serving that organization as president and now as executive secretary, she has exhibited vision, sincerity, and integrity. She has viewed missions as a heart



Dr. Berthenia D. Horne

beating inwardly and outwardly, the inward beat as home missions and the outward beat as foreign missions. Our honoree has been obedient to the Great Commission and faithful to her calling.

MR. PRESIDENT, I deem it a special privilege to present Berthenia Dunlap Horne, for whom giving is living and living is giving, for the honorary degree DOCTOR OF HUMAN LETTERS.

Dr. Horne, who was recently distinguished with the title "Mrs. Baptist" by Dr. C.C. Craig, executive secretary treasurer (GBSC) and president J.J. Johnson in presenting a plaque in her honor stated "You have done more than any Baptist in the state of North Carolina (Baptist Assembly)", has rendered a most valuable service to the Baptist Family and its allies wherever there has been a need. We cannot, in all fairness, evaluate adequately the value of her services and contributions, yet we can be sure that they far exceed any tangible thing we can render towards her."

Personal contributions and communications of gratitude will be graciously appreciated. Please send them to the Woman's Convention Office, immediately, so that they may be included in a "Book of Remembrance" and presented to Dr. Horne during the Tribute Banquet.

Many outstanding Baptist Leaders have been invited to honor Dr. Horne with brief tributes. Out of State program

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Dr. Kelly O. P. Goodwin

National Woman's Convention Appoints Horne Chairperson, Budget Committee

When the Woman's Convention, Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., held its Annual Session in New Orleans, La., September 4-10, 1978, president Dr. Mary O. Ross graciously and with eloquence of praise and successful leadership appointed Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, Chairperson of the Budget Committee of the National Woman's Convention. Dr. Horne has served for more than four (4) years as Co-Director of Finance in the National Woman's Convention.

Dr. Ross stated: "We have observed North Carolina, we have observed closely the leadership and the outreach of its Executive Secretary. We

know of her works, her faith and her ability to get things done. I hereby appoint Dr. Berthenia D. Horne Chairperson of the Budget Committee of the National Woman's Convention." Dr. Horne accepted the position with dignity and humility. When she was called to the front, the entire Convention stood and applauded with confidence that the job could be done.

Budget Committee members are: Dr. Susie C. Holley - 1st Vice President, Florida; Dr. Blanche Carter - 2nd Vice President, California; Mrs. Sandy Ray, Corresponding Secretary, New York; Dr. M.B. Gaillard, Treasurer, Alabama; and Mrs. Zee Baron, Youth Director, Arkansas.

111th Annual G.B.S.C. Session-October 23-26

First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, N.C.

From

The President's Pen

My tenure of service as president of the General Baptist State Convention comes to an end at the Annual Session of the Convention Meeting at the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Dr. C.R. Edwards, pastor; October 23-26, 1978.

These have been the most challenging and demanding four years in my entire ministry. Never have I witnessed such Christian commitment, cooperation, conscientious concern and support demonstrated by the majority of the clergy and laity of the Convention. Their criticisms and confrontations were beneficial and opened new doors for communication and involvement.

The pastors, moderators, ministers, missionaries, laymen, General Baptist officers, Baptist Informer editor, executive officers, staff and auxiliary officers were most generous and genuine in support of my administration the past four years. I could not have asked for anything more. There were differences and difficulties but never any danger of division or disruption.

To all of you I am most grateful and appreciative for your sincere dedication and loyalty to the kingdom and objectives.

Christian growth, development and cohesiveness were the predominant characteristics of the administration. Efficiency and effectiveness became the priorities. All of these resulted in greater spiritual and financial involvement and support.

As my tenure comes to an end, I realize and recognize only a few of my goals have been reached. However, the most important goal — soul saving



Dr. Johnson

has been reached this year. So these two factors are significant enough to shout about and thank God for the victory.

Dr. C.C. Craig is commended and complimented for his daring devotion, dedication and stewardship as Executive Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention. No one has done so much in such a short period of time. "Hats off to you brother Craig."

Further, I pray that the next administration exceeds and excels all others in every respect. Therefore, to all my brothers and sisters, God's richest blessings and benedictions upon you all. Amen. Many thanks to all.

You are invited and requested to be present for my final Presidential Breakfast, Thursday, 7:30 a.m., October 26 at the St. James Inn, Fayetteville. Dr. Thomas L. Kilgore, Jr. guest speaker. Get your tickets now. Only a limited number of seats will be available.

Write the Executive Secretary, 603 South Wilmington St. Raleigh, N.C. for your tickets and send \$6.00 for each.

Joy J. Johnson, President

From

The Executive Secretary's Desk

To the Officers, Moderators, Pastors and Members of the General Baptist State Convention:

My first year's work as your Executive Secretary has been a real challenge, and also gratifying as we have had the best possible support and cooperation from all of the officers, auxiliaries, boards, committees, Moderators, pastors and members of the Convention. We have some of the best pastors and members that the Lord has anywhere in the world.

Because of the dedication and loyal support of our leaders and followers, we have had the best year financially in the history of our convention. I hope that I can announce in our forthcoming annual session, October 23-26, 1978, in Fayetteville that we have realized a million dollars for the fiscal year 1977-78.

Many thanks to our pastors and church members for responding in a beautiful way to the recent financial need of Shaw University. Shaw University is our church related school and we must continue to give sacrificially for its support.

We are looking forward to the annual session of the General Baptist State Convention, October 23-26, 1978 at the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, Dr. C.R. Edwards, pastor.

Our annual session will be a period of fellowship, inspiration, information and rededication. We will hear reports on the stewardship of our work and together map plans for the future of our convention. The Program Committee, chaired by Dr. C.W. Kerry, has provided for the Convention a meaningful program. All of the sermons, addresses and the discussions will be centered around the theme: "The Responsibility, Relevancy, Relationship and the Response of the Christian Church in the Community."

The Laymen's League Session will begin on Monday, October 23 and continue through Tuesday afternoon, October 24. Sermons for the Laymen's session will be preached by: Dr. A.B. Sutton, pastor of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte and Dr. A.C. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Bladenboro.

The Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention will begin on Tuesday evening, October 24. The highlights of the evening will be the Welcome Program by the host church and a sermon by Dr. J.A. Nimmo, Camden, New Jersey.

Wednesday morning session, October 25 will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a devotion. The theme: "The Response of the Christian Church in the Community", will be discussed by Reverend T.M. Walker, pastor of the Friendship Baptist Church Gastonia.

Following the theme discussion, there will be reports from the Executive Secretary and the auditor. Greetings will be given by: The Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey convention Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, the Director of Cooperative Ministries Dr.

Corbin Cooper and the Superintendent of the Central Orphanage, Mr. H.V. Bryant.

Following these reports and greetings, Dr. J.J. Johnson, President of the General Baptist State Convention will give his annual address.

The highlights of the Wednesday afternoon session will be: reports and greetings from the auxiliary Presidents, election of officers, and a sermon by Dr. J.E. Palmer, pastor of the University Park Baptist Church, Charlotte. Wednesday Evening Session will be highlighted Shaw University. Dr. Stanley Smith, president of the University, will give the address and Shaw University Chorale Society will render the music.

Thursday Morning, October 26 at 7:30 a.m., the President's Prayer Breakfast will be held at the St. James Inn. Dr. Thomas Kilgore, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California will be the Guest Speaker.

The devotion for the morning session will begin at 9:30 a.m. The theme: "The Response of the Christian Church in the Community" will be discussed by Reverend F.H. Goldsmith, pastor of the Bethel "A" Baptist Church, Brevard. Following the theme discussion, we will have highlights from the Shaw Divinity School Reports of

Committees, Installation of Officers and a Closing Sermon by Reverend Clifford Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clinton.

Evangelistic services will be held each evening at 10:00 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Our annual session promises to be a mountain top experience. We encourage all of our pastors and as many members who are available to attend.

Please do not forget our objective which is to give financial support to Shaw University and the Shaw Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage. President Johnson joins me in asking all pastors, moderators and other leaders to bring or send a liberal contribution from their church or churches to help the Convention meet its obligations.

We are living in the most crucial period of the human race. There is no time for idle hands and slow-dragging feet. It is a time for courageous and heroic living; a time for sacrificial giving of body and soul for the Cause of Christ.

May God give us the courage to meet the challenge of our day.

I hope to see you in Fayetteville at the Annual Session, October 23-26, 1978.

Sincerely,
C.C. Craig

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A Recipe For Happiness

By Cynthia K. Dew

Hickory — (The first place winner in the Senior Division of the Oratorical Contest of The State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress. She is a native of Rocky Mount, Foster Memorial Baptist Church, Reverend Jeremiah Webb, pastor, Neuse River Association.)

Before we can begin to use a recipe, we must first understand the purpose for using it, and the results that are anticipated — we must follow the directions.

Many of us wonder "what is happiness?" Happiness is a contentment in mind, and its purpose is a step toward heaven. The ingredients that we're to use are inexpensive, yet, very valuable. They are:

- (1) Salvation
- (2) Prayer
- (3) Faith
- (4) Love
- (5) Thankfulness

Before we begin mixing the ingredients, we must be sure that we wash our hearts and minds, otherwise, the ingredients won't mix well. In doing so, we:

- (1) Drain away all troubles from the mind
- (2) Wash away all doubt
- (3) Sift away all weakness
- (4) Pour all confessions out of the heart
- (5) Wash away all hatred
- (6) Rinse away all sadness

For the best results: **WE MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.**

Now we're ready to add the ingredients. First, seek salvation, which is the main ingredient, (for there's only one kind) and as for the amount to use — it's all or none. Salvation gives Happiness a special touch and extra binding power.

Second, pour prayer into the heart, which gives Happiness a unique flavor. For, through our petitions our needs are met.

Third, pour faith into the heart, which gives Happiness a divine power. In Hebrews 11:1, it reads "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Along with faith, add virtue.

Fourth, Sprinkle liberally with love, which gives Happiness an added sweetness. For, love covers a multitude of sins.

Last, but not least, pour all the thankfulness you have into the heart. In 100 Psalms verses 4 and 5, it reads, "Be thankful unto him and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."

After mixing these ingredients well into the heart, we must let them set until they stick to the bottom of the heart. Next we take the top part that hasn't quite stuck and pour it all into the mind and let it set until it sticks.

By now, we should feel a cohesiveness in our hearts and minds, and we know it too, because:

- (1) The load on our shoulders is much lighter
- (2) The prayer in our hearts is more meaningful
- (3) The faith in our God is much stronger
- (4) The things we do and say are much sweeter

(5) Everything around us is more beautiful

By the time that all of this happens, we know that we have Happiness.

There are no substitutes for these ingredients, just as there are no substitutes for:

- (1) The greatest word, which is God
- (2) The deepest word, which is the Soul
- (3) The longest word, which is Eternity
- (4) The swiftest word, which is Time (meaning right now)
- (5) The strongest word, which is Right
- (6) The tenderest word, which is Love
- (7) The sweetest word, which is Home (meaning in heaven)

If you're in need of Happiness, why not try this recipe? But remember, for the best results: **WE MUST FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.**



Cynthia K. Dew



Left to right: Rev. Derious Johnson, pastor of Providence, Rev. B.F. Daniels of Winston-Salem, N.C. and pastor of First Baptist Church in Lexington, N.C., Mrs. Nancy Love, Mrs. Sadie Brooks, Mrs. Phillis McNeil, Deacon Genell Brooks, Mrs. Anna Horton, Mrs. Mozelle Warren, Deacon Ernest Smith, Rev. S.L. Fogle, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., Mrs. Benner Moses, Mrs. Deloris Warren.

Providence Baptist Breaks Ground

By MRS. ANNA HORTON

WINSTON-SALEM — It may have been raining last Thursday, August 3, however, it was bright and sunny for about 35 members, friends and guests of the Providence Baptist Church located at 319 Nelson Street.

It was a happy occasion when the members began singing, "The Church's One Foundation," after which the Reverend B.F. Daniels of Winston-Salem, who is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, N.C., gave the opening prayer. The Reverend Derieux Johnson, pastor of Providence Baptist, read the scripture. Mayor Roger Swisher

made remarks of congratulations and expressed gratitude for a great undertaking and for upgrading the town and its streets. Mr. Crowell extended best wishes and offered his continued support.

Mr. Genell Brooks, Chairman of the Building Fund Committee, had the honor of lifting the first shovel of dirt. His mother, Mrs. Sadie Brooks, who is the oldest member of Providence Baptist, lifted the second. Mrs. Nancy Love and Mrs. Benner Moses were next, and Mrs. Phyllis McNeill represented the Youth Department of the Church in the Groundbreaking. Mr. Ernest

Smith, chairman of the Trustee Board, was followed by the Reverend S.L. Fogle, a former pastor of Providence, now serving at the St. Paul Baptist Church in Greensboro, N.C.

Other guests present were Mrs. B.F. Daniels of Winston-Salem, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Walker and Mrs. Elzora Cunningham of the First Baptist Church, Kernersville and Mrs. Brenda Harris of Foster Grove Baptist Church at Jamestown, N.C.

The Rev. Fogle gave the dedicatory prayer, and the Rev. Johnson pronounced the benediction.

200,000 Sign

Commitment To Counteract Racism

By Religious News Service

LONDON (RNS) — More than 200,000 signatures to an Affirmation pledging commitment to a society freed from racism have been received by the Community and Race Relations Unit of the British Council of Churches (BCC).

The Affirmation was launched when members of the Council's Assembly unanimously signed a statement last November welcoming the multi-racial society and committing themselves to oppose racism.

Archbishop Donald Coggan of Canterbury was the first to sign, and with others commended it to Christians throughout Britain. It includes a pledge to work for social peace and justice and to rid society of racist practices.

The statement also said that the racial policies and racial activities of the National Front — now calculated to be Britain's fourth largest political party — were contrary to the Gospel and contrary to the true interests of the nation.

Local Councils of Churches were informed and wrote for copies of the Affirmation, as did the national Church of Scotland (Presbyterian). The copies were distributed to congregations. The Roman Catholic Church of England and Wales also commended the Affirmation to all congregations for signature.

From "Crisis Giving" To 'Christian Giving'

by

John W. Fleming

Some years ago in the *Development News Report from Shaw University*, someone, not identified, wrote:

"...we must lift our standards from 'Crisis Giving' to 'Christian Giving.' 'Christian giving is constant and continuous. 'Crisis giving' is spasmodic, and comes forth only in emergencies."

I have been appointed Co-Director of Public, Church, and Alumni Relations with special emphasis on church relations.

Vitality Of Church Depends On Preaching, Says Professor

MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP) — The health and vigor of a church is directly related to the health and vigor of its preaching, a Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary professor told 300 students, faculty and area religious leaders at the Mill Valley, Calif. campus.

"Statistics show that about five million sermons are preached each year in this country to people from all walks of life," said John H. Parrott, professor of preaching. "They're everyday folks who spend their weeks working and then go to church on Sunday for the one time they feel they can get closest to God. If the gospel is

delivered to them in the proper manner, they will thrive spiritually and so will the church."

The former pastor outlined ways to test a sermon.

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in the churches, through my appearance to make an appeal, through the appearance of Shaw's Chorale Society or the United Heritage Gospel Choir, through articles that will appear in the *Baptist Informer* from time to time, through sending a representative to sessions of conventions, associations and through other various and sundry methods.

Let us get busy organizing Shaw Days for the year. Send me a date on which I can come to your church to promote Shaw and its cause. Let me know if you also want the United Heritage Choir (gospel) or the Chorale Society. Together we can recapture that glorious heritage which once marked Shaw as unique in black education. Together we can provide educational opportunities for boys and girls who otherwise would not have those opportunities. And together we can develop that type of character educational that is so needed today. An education of the HEART as well as the MIND. Let us be up and doing while it is yet day, for the night will soon come when no man can work. Churches contact me!

John W. Fleming
Co-Director-Public,
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Overflow Attendance At Lott Carey's Annual Session

By S.R. JOHNSON

(Editor's Note: This article concerning Foreign Missions is the sixth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help the Baptist and friends of Baptist of our state and elsewhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders, and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about; and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of monthly statewide emphasis is: January and July - STATE MISSION; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - J.J. JOHNSON ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL).

DON'T FORGET THAT NOVEMBER IS J.J. JOHNSON ASSEMBLY EMPHASIS.

Lott Carey is the only independent organization of its kind among blacks and operates on a half million dollar budget. Eighty-six per cent of this is used for foreign missions and fourteen per cent is set aside for operational expenses with headquarters in Washington, D.C., 1501 11th St., N.W. Dr. Sommerville heads the

executive offices and is assisted by Mrs. Louise Slater who supervises the Women's Department. There has never been a division or irregularity in Lott Carey's history.

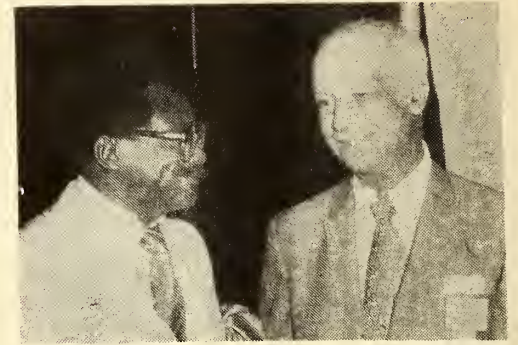
New Orleans, LA - "If the negro church doesn't change it's attitude, people are going to leave it," Dr. Theodore Jemison, National Baptist Convention General Secretary, told 4,000 delegates here at the 81st meeting of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention at the Fairmount Hotel, August 28 through September 1, hosted by the Greater Tulane Baptist Church, Rev. Andrew Gilmore, Pastor.

Returning Dr. J.D. Bussey, of Washington, DC, as its President, meeting here for the first time in its history, just the week before the National Baptist assembly here, Dr. Jemison appealed for unity among negro Baptists.

"Negro Baptists who split over dirt 70 years ago are dead and it is now time for Baptists unity. In unity there is strength. There is no time for division." Dr. Jemison appealed for preachers to dress, act, live and to pastor like ministers should. Preachers must live what they preach. The church today must be the front and not the middle man. Her influence has got to be felt throughout the community and the church ought to be the one who meets the needs of the people rather than the agencies downtown. Feed the hungry, care for the sick, administer to the needy, lift up the drunkard, prostitute and dope addict, this is the church's responsibility. Stop sending them to agencies and leaving them there. It is our responsibility to be what we



Mayor Noel Taylor of Roanoke, Va. with Dr. C.C. Craig of North Carolina General Baptist Convention Secretary discussing points of interest at Convention.



At left Rev. Andrew Gilmore, of New Orleans, welcomes Dr. W.C. Somerville, of Washington, D.C., Executive Secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention to the 81st Annual Session here at the Fairmount Hotel, Greater Tulane Baptist Church, Rev. Gilmore, Pastor, was host for the meeting attended by 3,000 delegates.

preach."

"World crisis are increasing and the church must not ignore them", President Bussey told the delegates in his annual address. "The church must open it's eyes, see and do something about the challenging crises. Christless Christians must awake from their slumber. They have a gospel for this world's crises. Courage, action and patience will get the church through the present dilemma", he declared.

The annual report of Dr. W.C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, Washington, DC, showed that 216 ministers had led their congregations in giving over \$1,000 for foreign missions. Merit certificates were presented for this unusual leadership among member churches.

Returned to office with President Bussey were, First Vice President Rev. G.L.

Bowick, Pittsburgh, PA; Second Vice President, Rev. Benjamin W. Robinson, Richmond, VA; Recording Secretary Rev. J. Jasper Freeman, Norfolk, VA; Assistant Recording Secretary Rev. C.W. Ward, Raleigh, NC; Statistician, Rev. L.J. Shipmon, Youngstown, OH. In the Women's Department, Mrs. Vera Slade, Ahoskie, NC, was returned as President; Miss P. Michele Felton, was again chosen to be President of the Youth Department; Mrs. Doris Robinson, Richmond, VA, Director, with Mrs. Mary B. Hendricks, Washington, DC, as General Supervisor of Youth.

This year's budget of over \$500,000 exceeded all previous years.

Those appearing on program during the week, included Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, Winston-Salem, NC, who gave the Laymen's League annual ser-

mon; Dr. W.W. Payne, Baltimore, MD gave the convention sermon; Rev. A. Russell Awkard, Louisville, KY, whose church gave the largest amount, \$6,600, was the speaker for the Women's Department; Dr. Rose Butler Brown, Providence, R.I., was Class Director; Mrs. Leola Bowick, Pittsburgh, PA; Mrs. Bessie Mason, Baltimore, MD;

Mrs. Irma Jean Palmore, Columbus, OH; Dr. E.A. Parham, Columbus, OH; Rev. Leroy Fitts, Editor, of the Lott Carey Herald, of Baltimore, MD.

Delegates were welcomed to the city by the first black Mayor of New Orleans, Mr. Ernest N. Morial.

Next year's session will be held in Washington, DC, President J.D. Bussey, host Pastor.



216 men and women of Troas where churches gave \$1,000 to the convention. President Bussey of Washington, DC, of Lott Carey Convention, is welcomed to New Orleans, LA by Mayor Ernest Morial, with Pastor A.W. Gilmore, host pastor of

Tulane Baptist Church and D.W.C. Somerville, Executive Secretary of Washington, DC.

Lott Carey Women's Auxiliary

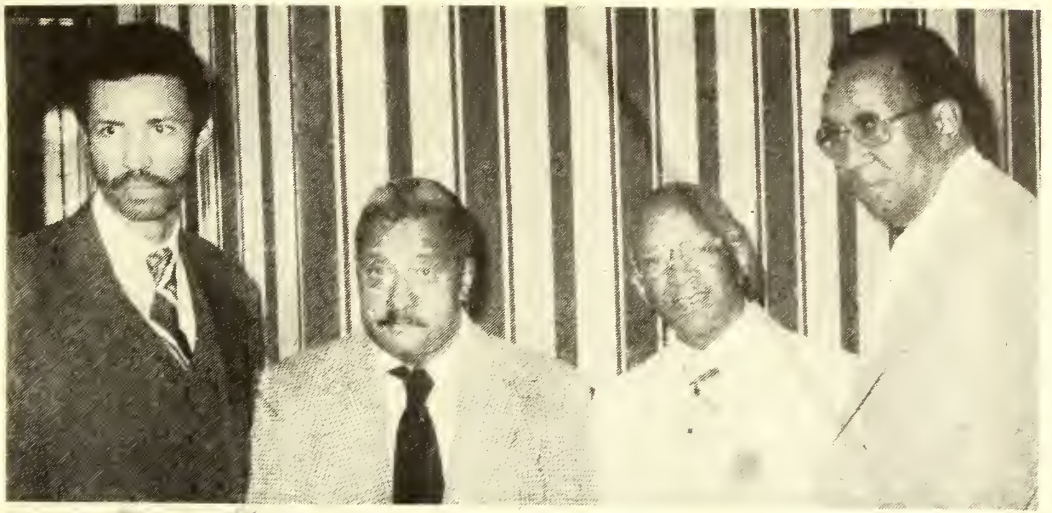
The Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention convened in New Orleans, La., August 28 — September 1, 1978 with headquarters at the Fairmont Hotel, Dr. J.D. Bussey, President — Dr. W.C. Somerville, Executive Secretary.

The Women's Auxiliary experienced one of its greatest sessions as well as the parent body, the Youth Department and Laymen. Mrs. Vera M. Slade of Ahsokie is president of the Women's Auxiliary, Mrs. Louise Slater, Washington, D.C., is Director of Women Work. President Slade gave her second annual message Thursday evening. The message was well prepared, well delivered with

Christian dignity and poise.

North Carolina received its 2nd Stewardship Plaque and is well represented in the Auxiliary. Dr. Berthenia D. Horne serves as chairperson of the Executive Board; Mrs. J.B. McLester is Director of the Christian Education Classes; Mrs. Carol Mayo and Mrs. Georgia Thompson, Winston-Salem and Durham respectively are members of the Spiritual Preparation Committee; Mrs. Maxwell Grier, Winston-Salem is chairperson of the Resolution Committee and Miss P. Michelle Feldon, Winton, is president of the Lott Carey Youth Department.

The 1979 Session will be held in Washington, D.C.



The Rev. W.W. Payne, second from left, who preached the annual sermon at the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention's 81st session at the Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, LA. discusses the sermon with the Rev. A. Russell Awkard, Louisville, KY at left. The Rev. H.W. Wiley, Washington, DC and the Rev. C.R. Edwards, Fayetteville, NC.

Women In Workshop

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Middle District Union of the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association sponsored a workshop at the St. John Baptist Church of Falkland, July 31 - August 4.

The theme of the workshop was: "Organization and Structure of The Woman's Convention Program." (People with a mind for mission). Mrs. Thelma Horton, Vice-President of the State Convention, served as the instructor and resource person for the workshop.

Each evening's session was concluded with a message delivered by a minister from the association; ministers delivering sermons were: Rev. James Sheppard, Rev. Kenneth Hammond, Rev. C.B. Gray, Rev. Hugh Walston and Rev. George Smith. Mrs. Myrtle Wilson, President of the District's Woman Auxiliary and Ms. Carrie Williams, Vice-president, served as coor-

dinator for the workshop. Rev. J.R. Person was host pastor.

The workshop was well received by all who attended and a much better understanding of the Convention's program is now shared by the workshop participants.

BTU & Sunday School Workshop Held

The eighth one-day workshop of the BTU-Sunday School Convention served as the workshop director. The theme of the workshop was: "Christian Commitment". Instructors for the workshop were: Ms. Carrie Williams, Mr. J.W. Grimes and Mr. Batchelor. Rev. J.R. Person, Moderator of the association, delivered the workshop sermon.

The series of workshops are being held to upgrade the Sunday School and BTU programs of member churches of the association and are open to the public.



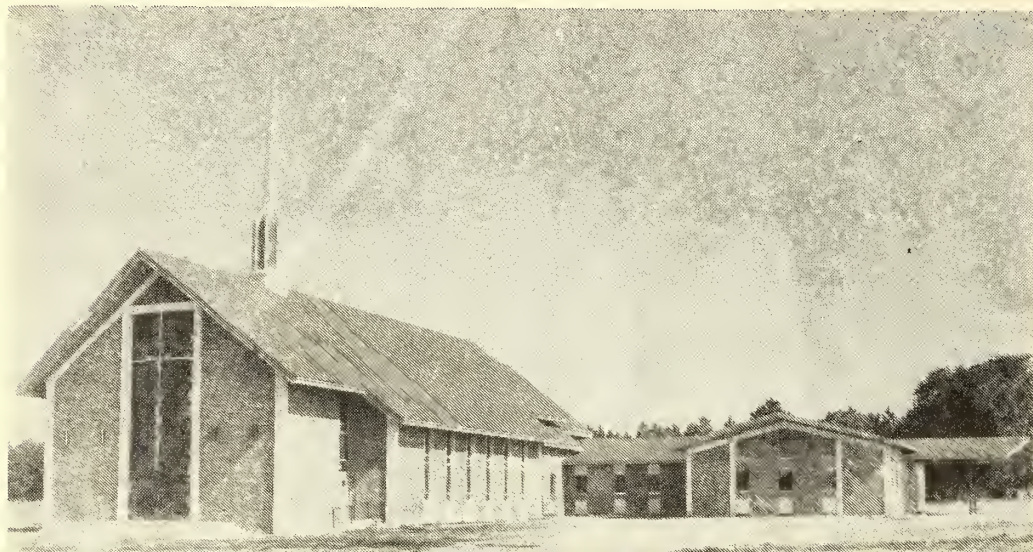
Dr. J.D. Bussey, President of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention from Washington, DC, at left, points out features of the organization on opening night at the musical at the Fairmont Hotel in New Orleans, LA, to Juanita David, Director, NY, Dr. W.C. Somerville, Washington, DC, Convention Executive Secretary and the Rev. A.W. Gilmore, host pastor of New Orleans, on Monday night at the opening August 28.



An overflowing crowd attended the Convention musical at the Fairmont Hotel on Monday night. Members of the official staff look on with marked attention. Third

from the (Front) left is North Carolina's Rev. Wesley Grant, Asheville. Front row, far right J.D. Bussey, Washington, D.C.

General Baptist State Convention Birthplace Rebuilt



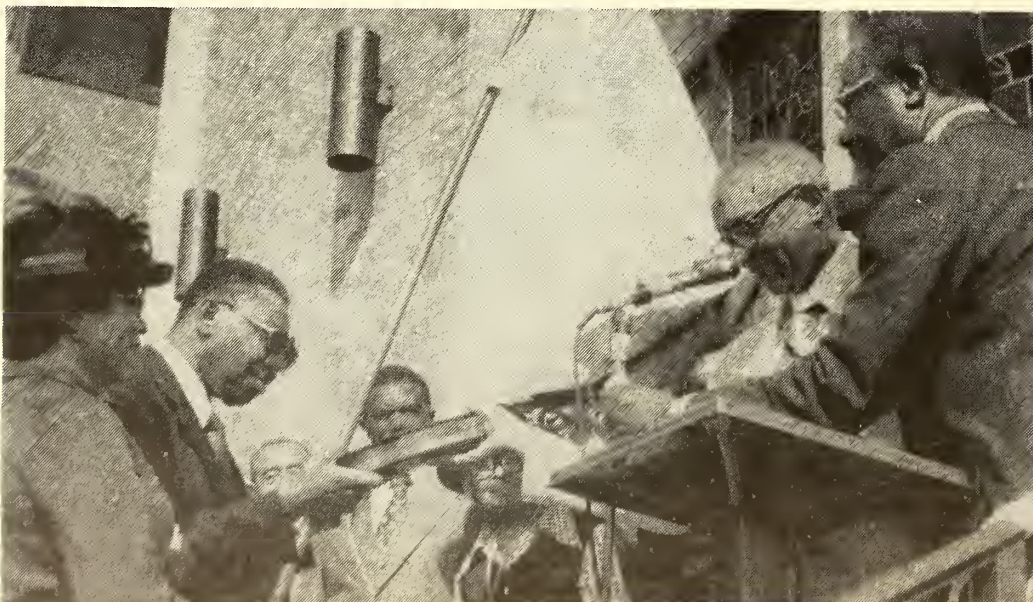
The First African Baptist Church — Goldsboro newly rebuilt birth place of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc.



MARCH COMMEMORATES ORDEAL — Several hundred members of First African Baptist Church, led by pastor Rev. Isaac B. Horton, make the journey from the former First African Baptist location at W. Pine St. to the newly-constructed home of the church on Harris St. After a fire destroyed the church in 1973, a trailer was used at the W. Pine St. site until the new building could be completed, at an estimated cost of \$750,000.



Eugene A. Brown, chairman of the board of trustees and building committee for the First African Baptist Church, performs the ribbon-cutting at ceremonies opening the new church building on Harris St. The first service in the new building was held Sunday morning, following a march from the site where the former church building had burned down.



Reverend I. B. Horton receives a new Bible before entering the new Sanctuary.

By Goldsboro News
-Argus

Goldsboro — A crowd of several hundred persons marched from a trailer on W. Pine St. to a new church building on Harris St., Sunday morning, September 17, ending an ordeal of more than five years for the congregation of First African Baptist Church.

The former church building, located on W. Pine St., was destroyed by fire February 12, 1973.

Work on the new Harris St. site has been underway since then, at an estimated total cost of \$750,000.

Describing Sunday as "an exciting day" marked by a strong turnout and good response, the church pastor, Reverend Isaac B. Horton, said the new church building contained a capacity audience of 560 to 600 persons as the first official service was held.

Rev. Horton noted that that Sunday was probably the finest day that any of the church members would ever see in their lifetime. It was First African Baptist Church's Finest Hour.

At approximately 9:45 a.m., the congregation marched from the old site to the new one in a line more than a block long, led by the pastor.

A ribbon-cutting performed by Eugene A. Brown, chairman of the church's building committee and trustee board, was the highlight of ceremonies initiating worship service at the Harris Street Church.

Persons attending the ribbon-cutting included Conrad Wessel, building architect, James Daniels, contractor, Goldsboro Mayor Ben Strickland, and Mrs. Sarah Lane, the oldest member of the church at age 94.

A pulpit Bible donated by American Savings and Loan Association was presented to Rev. Horton by Mr. E.A. Brown on the front step of the church. The name of the church is engraved on the front of the Bible and a dedication page is included on the inside.

After the morning service, the church gained four new members, according to Rev. Horton.

The day's sermon, titled "The Great First African Fire," related how great and tragic events change the course of history for the better.

The church fire can be compared to the crucifixion of Christ, Rev. Horton explained, in their untimely and tragic nature, yet the end result is victory and joy.

Convention of North Carolina, Inc. was organized at the First African Baptist Church in 1867. A little band of ex-slaves and ministers of the Gospel met and declared their intention of uniting their efforts of Evangelism and Kingdom building. The first name chosen for the Convention was: "The Education and Missionary Convention, known today as the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

The opinions of men cannot be substituted for God's revelation.

—Mary Baker Eddy

If one would be successful in the future, let him make the most of the present.

—Mary Baker Eddy

The future that we study and plan for begins today.

—Chester O. Fischer



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For Sermon Thought 'Be Strong In The Lord'

By I.B. Horton

A Textual-Topical Sermon:

TEXT: Ephesians 6:10
"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."

A Didactic Sermon:

"I am the vine, ye are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit; for without me ye can do nothing." (St. John 15:5)

Jesus Christ would have his disciples to keep in mind, always, that power and strength for the task of Christian service can be found in him alone. True "strength" is within the soul, not in the physical elements of our being; sterling character, Faith in God and impeccable integrity.

Introduction to the Problem:

In this world of sorrow, trial and temptation, where can one find strength to serve the living Lord and patience to bear it all? The verse of scripture which is under consideration here, reminds God's people that the strength we need is found only in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Theme Rationale:

If those, who are in Jesus Christ, continue to "stand fast" in faith, there will be a continuing stream of "refreshing power and strength."

Discourse:

There is probably no single Christian, in the history of the Church of Jesus Christ, who has been called upon to give to himself in suffering and sacrifices as was the Apostle Paul. But his life is an example - par-excellence - of what it means to be a Christian. In his obedience and submission to the will of Jesus Christ, Paul discovered how to "be strong in the Lord."

I. There Is Strength For The Task

The constant warfare of the forces of evil against the people of God often leaves them depleted, dejected, and at the very threshold of defeat. More often than each of us would like to remember, there is something within that whispers: "Oh what is the use?" And there is a yearning to have just a little

more strength than seems to be available.

Here we are admonished to "be strong in the Lord." There is strength for the Task in the Lord. He is a never-ending supply. When we look at the sun coming up every day and remember how many thousands of years it has come up and feel its healing rays, we know that there is an unlimited supply of energy with God. No doubt about it, our God has a store house of power.

II. The Strength is in The Lord.

How many soldiers, under fire, are prone to forget that their "strength" is in the Lord who orders the battle, not in the weapon that is in one's hand. Our shining example of this truth is David in battle with Goliath. (I Samuel 17-22) We know that all the material resources that come to us can and do aid in the battle of life. But we know that even the little seed in the earth can't grow unless our God gives it command. True security is found only in a "faith" that is able to face anything that life can bring upon it. (Philippians 4:11-14)

III. Stand Firm in The Lord

No one can do anything as long as they are afraid of it. Much of the failure in the lives of God's people today is due directly to fear that there is not enough strength to do the job. The scriptures say that we have to affirm in our hearts daily that the Lord is able and that we are trusting in Him. James declares that nothing will be given to a doubter. (James 1:6-7)

Conclusion:

Therefore be strong in the Lord, not only in the things that you can see with the natural eye. The strength and power and might are in God but it takes faith to draw it out. We need to stand up on our feet and look the enemy square in the eye and say: "In the name of our God, I shall overcome with great strength, for all power is in his hand." With a great victory the people of God who stay in the "vine" Jesus Christ, shall "Be strong in the Lord" to the glory of His Holy name.

News From Morning Star

Raleigh — Reverend S.R. Spencer received his high school education at Pee Dee Institute, Hamlet, N.C. He graduated from Shaw University - class of 1925 and Northern University School of Religion - class of 1928. Pastored the Community Baptist Church, Jersey City, N.J.; returned to Raleigh in 1932. He was called to First Baptist Church, McCuller, N.C.; Cary Mt. Zion Baptist Church; Hensen Chapel Baptist Church; Bethel Baptist Church.

Reverend Spencer founded and built Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church in 1933 at 628 South Quarry Street, Raleigh, N.C. On January 14,



Rev. S. R. Spencer

1977, the General Baptist State Convention, with 375,000 members presented to Rev. S.R. Spencer a meritorial award for 50 years of dedicated Christian Service.

The Church celebrated its 46th Anniversary on September 24, 1978. Dr. O.L. Sherrill preached the Anniversary Sermon at 4:00 p.m. and a reception followed at 5:00 p.m.

Rare Tablet Found Near Tel Aviv

Religious News Service

JERUSALEM (RNS) — A rare clay tablet covered on both sides with cuneiform Akkadian script — dated between 1240 and 1230 B.C. — has been found at the Biblical town of Aphek, near the sources of the Na'mein River in the Samarian foothills northeast of Tel Aviv.

The discovery was made recently at the end of the seventh excavation season directed by Prof. Moshe Kochavi of Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology, assisted by American college students.

The tablet is a 41-line letter from a person call Kukhlina of Ugarit, a famous city in northwestern Syria, to Hayya, the Egyptian ruler of Canaan, who resided at Aphek.

The Ugarite asked the Egyptian governor to see to the restoration of 250 measures of wheat had been that "taken unlawfully" by one of Hayya's subjects.

In a few days we will meet in Fayetteville, N.C. and determine the Leadership of the General Baptist State Convention for the coming year. That determination will be made by the Pastors, Moderators and Laymen. This determination must be made prayerfully and thoughtfully.

What are the issues at hand?

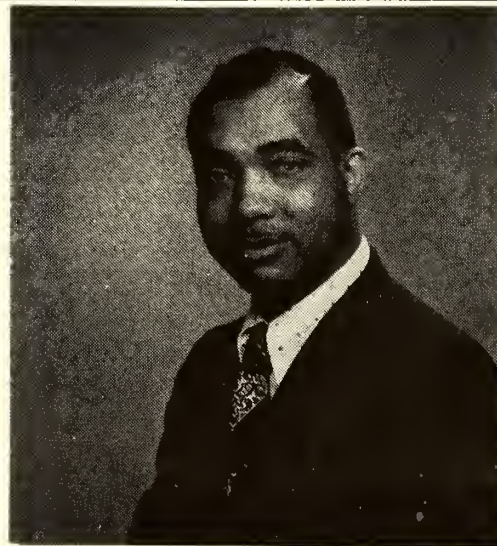
First and foremost, capable, strong, committed and forthright LEADERSHIP. You spell it, J.R. MANLEY.

Secondly, a revitalization of our concern for the Constitution and structure of the Convention. This is a J.R. Manley Commitment.

Thirdly, Re-Possessing Shaw University as a Church related Institution. J.R. Manley is a Shaw Graduate.

(A.) Establishing a Convention owned Endowment for Shaw, over and above our regular support. (It can and must be done).

(B.) Re-directing our School of Divinity to a position of reliancy and concern. (Too few persons are entering the ministry from our churches.) J.R. Manley holds a Bachelor Degree from the Shaw Divinity School, and a Masters Degree from Duke University.



DR. J.R. MANLEY

Fourthly, Re-dedicating ourselves to the Unified Plan, Unified Program and Unified Budget. Experience and involvements prepares J.R. Manley for this job.

Fifthly, Re-establishing Credibility with our Executive Secretaries, Staff and auxiliaries. J.R. Manley has the attitude and know how.

Sixthly, Re-committing our faith in the Executive Committee and the General Board, J.R. Manley knows how to work

with and through Committees and Boards.

If your concerns are any or all of these, you can support J.R. Manley.

Keep in mind, We ask not your support "against" anything or anyone. We ask your support "For" the LEADERSHIP that will give us a strong and United Convention.

The Committee to Elect J.R. Manley President of the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina.

News From Pleasant Grove

Dr. Samuel Austin, Guest Evangelist

Wendell — During the week of September 10-15, 1978, the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Wendell, North Carolina, Reverend John Mendez pastor, observed one of the most soul stirring and outreaching revivals in its church history. The guest evangelist was Dr. Samuel Austin, the eminent pastor the Brown Memorial Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y. Dr. Austin ministers to a membership of over 5,000 which is still growing. He has been the evangelist in revivals through out the United States and many other parts of the world-in Africa, Italy, Bahama's, India and Japan. He is also a lecturer in the Ministers Division of our National Congress of Christian Education.



Dr. Samuel Austin

Because of this Revival, the Holy Spirit added more than 25 new converts to the church and a multitude of witnesses each night; leaving witness as to how the power of the gospel can change lives still.

Harris Offers For Vice-President-At-Large

To the Baptist of North Carolina, I wish to express my thanks to you for permitting me to serve as First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. For the past four years, I have done my best to honor the position, as you have honored me with the opportunity. May I ask for your continued prayers and support for the General Baptist State Convention.

Since I have served as First Vice President, and since the Convention has provided a constitutional structure to train leaders to share the responsibilities in leading the Convention; and since in most cases the next man in line of Vice President has moved up, I feel that our efforts should always be one of working together and looking for positive signs of growth.

Therefore, I offer my services to the General Baptist State Convention for the position of Vice President At-Large. I pledge to serve the position with honor and vision; giving my support to the constitutional structure and interpretation of the Convention.

If we are going to continue to do God's bidding, we must stop

separating component parts of the church. The cause of Christ is for unity and where there is unity, there is strength. Let us pray that God will guide our convention and we will do what is right and fair.

My experience includes the following:

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF
Jordan Clifton Harris, Jr.

AGE: 45

PERSONAL: Jordan Clifton Harris, Jr. the son of the late Jordan Clifton and Elizabeth Harris, Sr.; a native of Louisburg, North Carolina; ordained a Baptist Minister October 7, 1953.

EDUCATION: Riverside High School, Louisburg, North Carolina. Graduated from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina with the A.B. degree and the M. Div. degree. Received a Certificate in Pastoral Care at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Done further studies at A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina. Received the Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Shaw University Divinity School in May 1975.

PASTORAL AND

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATIONS: Dr. Harris' pastoral and religious affiliations includes twenty-four years of pastoral experience. Former pastor of Symona Grove Baptist Church, Oxford, North Carolina; St. John Baptist Church, Aberdeen; Social Union Baptist Church, Nashville, First Baptist Church, Wadesboro and at the present, the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Statesville, North Carolina and New Shepherd Baptist of Cooleemee, North Carolina.

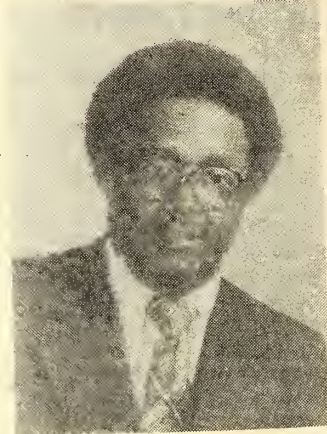
First Vice President of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Member of the General Board, Executive Board, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, Coordinator of the Budget Committee and Committee on Evangelism.

Director of the Youth Bible Camp of the Woman's Convention.

Member of the Board of Trustees of Shaw University Divinity School. Former Chairman of the Pastors' Conference of Shaw Divinity School.

Moderator of the Rowan Baptist Association.

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY AFFILIATIONS: In 1965, organized and wrote the first Program Development Grant for Iredell County's Anti-Poverty Program. Former Chairman of the Board of



Dr. J. C. Harris

Directors of I-CARE (anti-poverty program).

Chairman of the NAACP Education Committee.

Secretary of the SMCD Memorial Foundation of Statesville, North Carolina.

Drew up and submitted a petition to the Mayor and City Council for the establishment of the Statesville Housing Authority in 1964.

Member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Legal Aid Corporation. Member of the Finance Committee of the Legal Aid Board.

Recently appointed by Governor James B. Hunt to the Citizens Affairs Council of the Governor's Office.

EMPLOYMENT OTHER

THAN PASTORAL: Part-time Counselor of Mitchell Community College, Statesville, North Carolina.

Dr. Harris is married to the former Leola Thompson of Lumberton, North Carolina; they have one daughter, Rhonda, age 15.

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Dr. Carter Named Academic Dean

By **CHARLES F. Blalock, Sr.**

Raleigh, N.C. - Dr. Stanley H. Smith, President of Shaw University, announced the appointment of Dr. Wilmoth A. Carter as Vice President of Academic Affairs and Research, effective immediately.

Dr. Carter, who was serving as Vice President, Research and Evaluation, has previously served as Director of Self-Study, and Vice President, Academic Affairs.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Smith underscored and emphasized "the extent to which teaching and research complement each other in academia and the expectations for faculty involvement in the areas of teaching, research, and service."

Dr. Carter replaces Dr. Kalyan Ghosh, who has assumed the position of Vice President, Academic Affairs at Shaw College in Detroit.

Shaw Professor To Forum

Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. - Dr. Vinton M. Prince, Jr., Associate Professor of History and Afro-American Studies at Shaw University, was one of the featured speakers at the Atomic Industrial Forum, held in Houston, Texas, September 10-13, 1978.

Dr. Prince spoke on "The Politics of Direct Action Campaigns."

The Atomic Industrial Forum is the primary trade association for the Nuclear Industry, with membership from all branches of the industry as well as those involved with Nuclear Power per se.

The Houston meeting drew participants from all regions of the country with 26 different speakers. Only three were from universities and colleges.

November 10th

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participants are Dr. Wendell C. Somerville, Executive Secretary and Treasurer of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Missionary Convention, Washington, D.C.; Dr. Mary Agnes Jordon, former president Lott Carey Women Auxiliary, Portsmouth, Virginia; Dr. Susie C. Holley, president of the Florida Woman's State Convention and 1st Vice president of the National Woman's Convention U.S.A., Inc. Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Mrs. Sandy F. Ray, Corresponding Secretary, Woman's National Convention,

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Music will be rendered by four outstanding soloist among North Carolina Baptist, Mesdames J. Mims and Hortense Fleming, Thomas Kee and David Lucas. The illustrious Chairwoman of the WBH&FMC's Executive Board, Mrs. Clara Hayes, will present the gifts.

May the blessings of our Lord continue to be with Dr. Horne in health and happiness, so that she may continue to give her services to those who are in need of "salvation".

Durham Rabbi To Teach At Shaw

By **Charles F. Blalock Sr.**

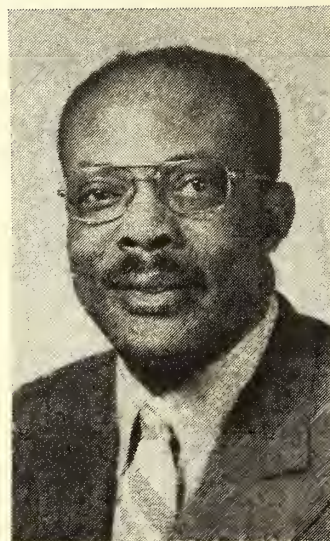
Raleigh, N.C. - Rabbi Efraim Rosenzweig, of Durham, N.C. will perform a resident lectureship at Shaw University this year. Rabbi Rosenzweig will

teach accredited courses in Judaica.

Rabbi Rosenzweig, ordained at Hebrew Union College in 1928, served as Rabbi of Judea Reform Congregation until his

retirement in 1976.

The lectureship is endowed by the Jewish Chautauqua Society, the educational project of the National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods.



Dr. E.B. Turner,
Vice President At-Large

TO: The Officers, Pastors, Moderators and Members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. Brethern and Sisters:

Now that our one day Session is over and we move toward our Annual Session, I announce to you my interest in being elected President of our General Baptist State Convention at our Annual Session October 1978.

MY COMMITMENTS

1. Our Constitutional Structure, the way and the work of our Convention.
2. A close and a harmonious relationship with our Woman's Convention. (This is our finest hour).
3. A Program of our Convention, by our Convention, for our Churches.
4. A Convention - sensitive, aware, and serving.
5. A State-wide effort to reach the unreached.
6. The younger pastors, involved, participating in the life and work of our Convention.
7. Building a new Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School.

SERVING OTHER BAPTISTS

1. Chairman, Shaw Divinity School Trustee Board
2. Moderator, Lumber River Baptist Association
3. Moderator, Lumber River Housing Development Corporation (100 apartments housing Baptist families)
4. Executive Committee, Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention
5. Member, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.
6. Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lumberton, North Carolina

MY SERVICE TO OUR CONVENTION

1. Secretary of the General Board
2. Editor of the Baptist Informer
3. Member of the Executive Committee
4. State Sunday School Convention Instructor
5. Secretary, the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly Building Committee
6. Member of the Personnel Committee
7. Member of the Constitution Committee
8. State Laymen's League Instructor
9. Member of the Administrative Committee
10. First Vice President
11. Vice President at-Large
12. Author, Laymen's League Handbook
13. Contributor, The Usher's Manual
14. Secretary, the Administrative Committee

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TWO RECORDS BROKEN AT 111TH ANNUAL CONVENTION

Million Dollar Budget Met - Million Dollar Plus Budget Set

Largest Delegation Attendance In Convention History

Turner Defeated As Butler Casts Support To Manley

Fayetteville — More than 1500 Delegates and messengers assembled in the First Baptist Church, Fayetteville last October 23-26, constituting the 111th Annual Session of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The host church, pastored by Dr. C.R. Edwards, was filled to capacity as 951 registered messengers elected Dr. John R. Manley to the presidency of the Convention. This was the largest number of registered messengers ever recorded in the history of the Convention. The theme: "The responsibility, Relevancy, Relationship and Response of the Christian Church in the Community," was thoroughly expounded by an array of outstanding preachers and lay speakers. (See related stories inside).

The 29th Annual Session of the State Laymen's League Con-

vention was held simultaneously with the General Session. Laymen have always played a vital role in the work of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Their session opened Monday afternoon before the General Session commenced on Tuesday evening. The laymen session was highlighted by workshops, sermons, addresses, musical selections, and was concluded with a fellowship Breakfast Tuesday. Dr. E.B. Turner, pastor of First Baptist, Lumberton was the speaker at the breakfast, and he challenged the laymen to be: "A man after God's own heart." He pointed out that men like that are badly needed in our Churches today. They should remember, he said, that Dr. Charles Keyser said that: "Great men of the Church remain great, not because of their contributions but because

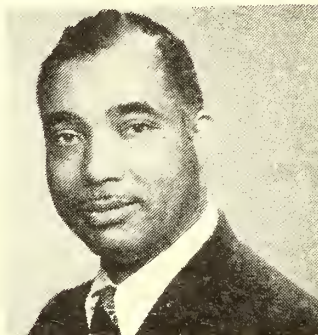
of the attitude they possessed while making their contributions." The outgoing president, Mr. John W. McQueen, in a dynamic message urged the laymen to get involved and to make Jesus their Lord.

The main issue which drew the record-breaking group together was the election of a new president for the General Convention. Dr. Joy J. Johnson, who has served the Convention for the last four years, was not eligible for re-election because of the Convention's four year tenure for presidents. Suspense among the 355,000 member body mounted as three leading pastors announced their candidacy for president: Dr. E. Burns Turner, First Baptist, Lumberton, Dr. John R. Manley, First Baptist, Chapel Hill, and Dr. J. Ray Butler, Shiloh, Winston-Salem. The three pastors have been friends and supporters of the Convention for more than 30 years. The competition between them was positive in that each realized that in a Baptist body, everyone is eligible to run for any office when ever they choose to do so. During the session, a woman delegate asked if a woman could run for president of the Convention, and was informed that anyone who is a member of the

Convention is eligible to run. The suspense was heightened when in a last minute move, Dr. Butler declined his nomination and asked his supporters to join with Dr. Manley. Only registered messengers were permitted to vote for the president by secret ballot, which revealed that Dr. Manley edged Dr. Turner 339 to 344. Following the close contest, the Convention voted to make the election of Dr. Manley unanimous. Dr. Manley pledged to keep the unity of the Convention by upholding the constitution of the body.

One outstanding feature of the Black N.C. Convention is that it is the only State Convention in the state of N.C. among Blacks. This cannot be said of any other state in the nation. North Carolina Black Baptists are proud of the fact that in spite of differences of opinions there has never been a split of unity, and the new president called upon all elements to work together to accomplish greater things in the future than they had accomplished in the past.

Not only did the delegates break the attendance record in the 111th Session, they also raised over one million dollars during 1977-78, for the first time in the history of the Convention. The Executive Secretary, Dr.



Dr. J. R. Manley
New Baptist Head

C.C. Craig was given a plaque and named the "Million Dollar Executive Secretary." Dr. Johnson was given a plaque and named the "First Million Dollar President."

A budget of one million and forty thousand dollars was adopted for the ensuing Convention year, 1978-79. Messengers, delegates and leaders were urged to return home and begin raising the new budgeted amount.

Emphasis was not all on finance and the election, but the Convention was challenged by outgoing president, Dr. Johnson, to seek to lead at least 1,000 souls to the Lord Jesus Christ during this Convention year. He reminded the Convention that raising funds without the love of Christ in the heart was: "the heart of hypocrisy and that winning souls is what the Christian Church is all about."

The final finance report revealed that the delegates reported in excess of \$40,000.

Resolution Adopted At G.B.S.C. 111th Convention

Fayetteville - Oct. 23-26

I
Whereas, the President elect has outline proposals for future programs and whereas these proposals represent action related to the Philosophy and Thrust of the Convention.

Be it resolved that we support the President elects' proposals and that the Convention cooperate with him in implementing the same.

II
Whereas, the Testing Program is not a teaching technique within itself that can guarantee competency, and whereas the Hunt-sponsored bill on Competency Testing become a law that will eventually end in a depletion of the small black Colleges and Universities, and whereas the administering of the test is likely to cause a decided increase in high school drop-out.

Be it resolved that

1. The General Baptist State Convention go on record as opposing the use of the Competency Testing Program as a tool and that it join forces with others in the repeal of the Competency Testing law.

2. The Convention urge that the emphasis on Competency be placed where it should be — on Classroom instruction.

III
Whereas the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3, have been convicted and received long years of sentences from circumstantial evidences, and whereas it has been established that paid witnesses were used in the conviction and whereas they are used as Political prisoners.

Be it resolved that this convention request of Governor Hunt a complete pardon of the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3.

IV
Whereas, the new ethic and premissive Abortion laws of our Country and now liberalized, thereby causing grave concern among Followers of the Life Style of Jesus,

Whereas, the fact that humane life within the womb cannot be denied by law, allows humans to be killed because they are socially burdensome.

Whereas, the bases for the Christian concept, as found in Genesis, lends itself to natural processes for pro-creation, commanded by God "To be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth."

Be it resolved that The General Baptist State Convention of N.C. encourage and uphold the teachings and the purpose of mankind in life.

Be it further resolved that the Convention will encourage the teaching of the attitude of the "right to life" the right to be born and the sacredness of the normal sex act that continues the increase of life as set forth by God.



(From right to left) Dr. John R. Manley, newly elected Chief of the G.B.S.C. heads the line as the newly elected officers faced the Convention for installation last October 26 in Fayetteville, First Baptist Church. Officers, who were installed by Dr. K.O.P Goodwin, Winston-Salem, are Dr. Manley - President, Dr. J. Ray Butler - Vice President-at-Large, Dr. J.B. Humphrey - 1st Vice President, Dr. Charles Ward - 2nd Vice President, Dr. S.A. Raper - 3rd Vice President, Dr. H.L. Mitchell - 4th Vice President, Rev. R.T. Gilchrist - Secretary, Rev. W.B. Lewis - Asst. Secretary, Rev. T.R. Lewis - Statistician, Rev. E.W. Wooten - Historian, Rev. Wesley Grant - Chorister, Mrs. Wesley Grant - Pianist, Mr. Waverly Camp - Director of Music (not shown), Rev. C.W. Anderson - Parliamentarian (not shown), and Mr. Arthur Williams - President of Usher's Convention (center).

From

The President's Pen

Thanks is a small way to express the deep feelings of humility and appreciation in my heart, both to God and to the Black Baptist Constituency, for the honor, trust, confidence and challenge you have given me by electing me president of our great Convention. However, it is the only word that comes close to expressing the feelings in my heart, therefore I use the traditional word, "thank you, thank you, thank each of you."

The spirit of cooperation and unity expressed by Dr. Jerry Drayton's motion and the convention's vote to make the election unanimous is gratifying indeed. One of the things that makes our Convention so great is that deep beneath the surface is the spirit of the Christ, the spirit of love, the spirit of fellowship, and the spirit of unity. Certainly that spirit is deep within me and I intend to use the office of president to serve our God and the entire constituency of the Convention. We have a great past and Dr. J.J. Johnson, our immediate past president — as well as the others — has led us to new heights. The present beckons each of us to work while it is day for when night comes, no man can work.

The objectives of the Convention are more vital today than they were when they first became our objectives. Shaw University and the Shaw



Dr. Manley

Divinity School are more necessary today than they were when Henry Martin Tupper first founded them. The need for Foreign Missions is more crucial today than it was when Lott Carey first sailed to Africa. The need for Central Orphanage is more crucial today than when it was first founded. The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is a more necessary area of concern than it was when it was first conceived. The need for State Missions which helps to strengthen our local churches is more crucial today than at any time in the past.

Great plans have been made and great plans are in the making to add success to strength. Let us go forward as a mighty army.

For Busy Pastors

Seed For Sermon Thought

How Long O Lord

By I.B. Horton

An Expository Sermon:

Text: Psalm 13: 1-6 "How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord? How long wilt thou hide thy face from me."

A Therapeutic Sermon:

"How many an anxious faithless mind sits grieving o'er its lot, and frets, and pines day and night as God has lost it out of sight, and all its wants forgot." — P. Gehardt

Introduction to the Problem:

Often there is a feeling among the Lord's people that they have done enough...that they have suffered all that they can stand. The deep emotional cry from deep within the soul is: "How long, O Lord, how long? Must my sorry situation never end?"

Theme Rationale:

It is alright to complain to God and tell Him what the heart feels and desires, if one can go on like the Psalmist to verse 6 and say: "I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me."

Discourse:

Psalm 13 is divided into three distinct parts, according to the Interpreter's Bible. It reflects the deep seated feelings of the Psalmist and this reflection is often akin to the feelings in the deep recesses of our own hearts.

I. The Complaint

As Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn says "Freedom in the western world seems to be tilted in the direction of evil." The evils in our day often produces in us a

From

The Executive Secretary's Desk

To the elected officers, Moderators, pastors and members of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.: The Annual Session of our convention is now history and the record is that we had a great session. Much good was achieved and new standards were established.

Our convention was a mountain top experience. We were inspired in many ways by the preaching of the Gospel, informed from the reports and strengthened by the communion of friend with friend and the communion that we have with our God.

Many thanks to all of our officers, moderators, pastors and members for making our one-million-dollars goal a reality. With dedicated leadership and fellowship such as we have among us in our state, "it does not, yet appear what we can do." As we attempt great things for God, we can expect great things from God.

Our fiscal year, 1978-79, offers us a greater challenge in the support of our programs and objective. Our adopted budget for Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes is \$1,047,780.00. Dr. J.R. Manley, our newly elected president of the convention, and the other officers join men in asking all of our dedicated moderators, pastors and members to help our convention meet its challenge by giving their full support and cooperation to the work of the Convention.

As an organized body of seventeen hundred churches, three hundred and fifty five thousand members and one thousand and two hundred

feeling that somewhere God ought to put an end to our suffering. This can be, and is, healthy if we are honest about how we feel. God knows, and we should get off to ourselves and have our feelings out.

II. The Appeal

Verse 2-3 express to God the Psalmist's desire to have some relief from his condition which could have been brought on by a variety of circumstances; sickness, change in fortune, trouble with enemies, family conflict, etc.

Tell the Lord what you want. He has said: "Ask and it shall be given you."

III. The Expression of Confidence

Past experience with God reveals that He can be trusted to do what is right and come to the rescue of His people. In the hands of God, anybody can be equal to anybody else. God in Jesus in that life makes the difference.

Conclusion

If God gave so freely of himself on the cross of Calvary, certainly he will with Him freely give us all things. He is acquainted with grief and sorrow. Therefore, never say, and "now this" when trouble is added to trouble. But remember that he knows just how much we can bear and we are never left alone to bear it all.

pastors, we can pool our resources in an effort to respond to the need of Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions and the Central Orphanage. This is what our convention is all about.

Many of us have heard the legend that when Jesus returned to heaven, he was confronted by an angel who said to Jesus: "I understand that you went to the earth on a mission to save the world. Yet you died and had never traveled beyond Palestine. How will the world be saved?" Jesus replied: "I called twelve disciples. I expect them to tell others and others to tell others. I told them to go into all the world..." The angel said: "Well suppose Peter, James and John go back to fishing and Matthew goes back to collecting taxes?" Jesus told the angels: "I am depending on them, I have no other plan."

Within the next few weeks, letters will be sent to all of our pastors challenging them to do one of three things:

1. Lead their church to give ten per cent of its budget to missions and Christian Education.
2. Lead their church to give an increase for our fiscal year 1978-79 of not less than fifteen per cent over the amount that the church gave for the fiscal year 1977-78, or
3. Lead their church to accept a suggested quota.

It is my prayer that the Lord will lead more of our churches to give a tenth of its budget for missions and Christian Education. The following pastors led their churches to give the tenth of their budget to missions and Christian education: Dr. H.L. Mitchell, Mill Neck Baptist Church, New Hope Baptist Church and Union



Dr. C. C. Craig

Branch Baptist Church; Reverend Frank Bullock, Jr., Saint Hope Baptist Church, Pilot Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church and Sandy Ford Baptist Church; Reverend A.A. Ponder, Ellis Chapel Baptist Church; Dr. C.R. Edwards, First Baptist Church, Fayetteville; Dr. J.J. Johnson, First Baptist Church, Fairmont; Reverend J.E. Arnette, Metropolitan Baptist Church; Reverend William S. Epps, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem; Dr. M.P. McCleave, Edwards Grove Baptist Church; Reverend J.N. Coble, Henderson Grove Baptist Church; Dr. S.A. Raper, Mount Calvary Baptist Church; Dr. L.C. Riddick, Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Dr. E.H. Martin, Antioch Baptist Church; Reverend R.E. Blount, First Baptist, Ansonville; Dr. J. Ray Butler, Shiloh Baptist Church; Reverend J.D. Ballard, United Metropolitan Baptist Church and Reverend Charles T. Bullock, Saint James Baptist Church.

With your prayers and support, we hope to make the fiscal year 1978-79 a banner year for the Lord.

Sincerely,
C.C. Craig

LAST CALL FOR CHARTERMEMBERSHIP IN CLERGY-CHURCH COOP, NOVEMBER 15, 1978.
\$105.00 Make your check to: Clergy-Church Coop and send to Joy J. Johnson, P.P. Box 455, Fairmont, N.C. 28340 or E.B. Turner, 302 Lincoln Street, Lumberton, N.C. 28358. The \$100.00 is returnable upon demand and \$5.00 is for joining fee.

Correction!

We are very sorry that the Star of Bethel Baptist Church, Hendersonville, Reverend J.C. Moore, pastor was not listed with the Churches that contributed \$500.00 or more during the Shaw Emergency Drive last June - July. Star of Bethel contributed \$600.00.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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Johnson County Missionaries

Sponsor Well Attended Banquet

Raleigh — The Woman's Missionary Union of the Johnston District Baptist Association sponsored a banquet at the Ballentine Restaurant, Cameron Village, Raleigh, recently.

The meeting was called to order with prayer and a blessing of the food by Reverend A.A. Crum, moderator of the Johnston District Baptist Association.

Our president Sister Clara Ballentine was at her best as she made every one welcome and happy as she presided over the occasion. Dr. Weaver was presented to make remarks and give gifts and recognitions to some members of the Watts Chapel Baptist Church. Said Dr. Weaver, these are beautiful ladies, who have done and are still doing beautiful Christian work. They are some of the best and very supportive in everything. This achievement is won by them in missionary work. Although one sister, Ella Fletcher is 80 years old, she too, works and does not complain.

Some of the members recognized were: Sisters Ella Fletcher, Peggy Cotton, Lydia Burt, Josephine Draper, Mary

Thomas, Alice Williams and Rev. Sister Marian Glenn.

Sister Ballentine recognized Sisters Joyce Powell, Private Secretary, Janie Clayton, Young Adult Supervisor, Fannie Wilder, Banquet Chairperson, Emma Vinson, Maxie Gilchrist, and Peggy Glenn, who is a poem writer.

Strickland Grove Baptist Church, Four Oaks, gave recognition to Mrs. Willie Mae Carrol for the service she is giving to God's work. Although Sister Carrol has a handicap, she does not let this get in her way. She teaches her Sunday School class, does church work, is a member of the Missionary Circle and she very seldom misses a county-wide Missionary Union. She is trying to help save souls. Her church gave her a monetary gift and Mrs. E.B. Coad composed a poem and dedicated it to her.

Mrs. Yvonne Mitchel, our state worker for our youth, encouraged everyone to keep pushing forward, and help youth to keep climbing the mountains of faith. If we take them to God in prayer, if we walk the straight and narrow path before our



Johnston County Missionary Banquet

youth, some of them will strive to live religious lives. It is up to us as Christians to try to save the lost.

The banquet Chairperson, Mrs. Fannie Wilder explained that the purpose of this banquet is to help some deserving college

students. This is to be an annual affair. If we can help someone on the way educationally and spiritually then our working will not be in vain. In return the college student might see that God is the way, He is the light and that God will help in the time

of trouble. Although sometimes you may seem almost at the bottom, God will help anyone over the hills.

The Banquet was well attended and some expressed the desire to come to the same place next year.

Recommendations To The General Baptist Convention

Fayetteville — (Editor's note: The following recommendations were unanimously adopted by the 11th G.B.S.C. last Oct. 25. They were presented by the out-going president Dr. Joy J. Johnson and all were adopted. When he took office as president 4 years ago, all of the recommendations that he presented to the Convention were unanimously adopted. This is some what a record for a president of the General Baptist State Convention).

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF N.C., INC., MEETING AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. DR. C.R. EDWARDS, PASTOR OCTOBER 23, 1978

1. That the General Baptist State Convention or Auxiliaries hold no Annual or Semi-Annual Sessions during any Annual or Semi-Annual Sessions of the National Baptists Conventions, for we are all one in God and goals.

2. That the General Baptist State Convention encourage and commend all members to tithe and operate the Baptist Church in accordance with the New Testament and Church Covenant. Above all, that all members and pastors resolve their differences and disputes in the church rather than in the courts.

3. That all General Baptist Members and Churches increase their spiritual and financial support to Christian Mission and objectives of the General Baptist Convention.

4. That the General Baptist Convention Pastors and Churches cooperate with the Department of Co-Operative Ministries, Dr. Corbin L. Cooper, Director, to increase the number of college students working with local churches during the

summer in Vacation Bible Schools, recreation, visitation, evangelism and etc.

5. That the General Baptist Pastors and members encourage, request and support our political, elected and appointed officials to reform our Welfare System to create human decency, dignity and respect for the family rather than desertion and defraud.

6. That the General Baptist State Convention pastors and members support Educational Systems, educators, parents and politicians that strive for quality education and equality in education. Further, that we become more involved in Parent-Teacher Organizations, Volunteer Educational Programs and offer our services on education committees and boards. Also, visit our schools and our children's teachers. Show total concern for the educational systems that help to determine the life styles and destiny of our children. Above all, that we encourage and help our youth to remain in school and study to be competent and competitive in job opportunities and promotions.

7. That the General Baptist Convention pastors and members encourage and request industry, business and government to pay fair and just wages for labor based on fair and just profits. This will result in several favorable factors:

- (1) Control inflation
- (2) Increase productivity
- (3) Reduce larceny and fraud
- (4) Increase efficiency on the job
- (5) Reduce lay-outs and lay-offs
- (6) Stop moon-lighting
- (7) Increase employment
- (8) Enhance better relationship and rapport with employers and employees

8. That all General Baptist Convention qualified voters VOTE in the General Election on TUESDAY,

NOVEMBER 7, 1978.

9. That all General Baptist Convention qualified voters VOTE for JOHN R. INGRAM for U.S. SENATOR on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1978 because of his stand and support for consumers, nondiscriminatory insurance rates and minority causes.

10. That all the General Baptist Convention qualified voters in the Seventh Congressional District VOTE for the re-election of CHARLIE ROSE to the U.S. House Representative on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1978 because of his positive votes on:

- (1) Expansion of the Food Stamp Program
- (2) The Equal Rights Amendment
- (3) The extension of the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to June 30, 1982
- (4) Giving Washington, D.C. residents the right to elect their representatives to the U.S. Congress
- (5) His vote and support of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Bill.

(6) Also, for his leadership role on the Agriculture Committee, Continuing Price Crop Support, Food Lunch Program, Concer Research, and assisting in establishing a U.S. Department of Education.

11. That we pray and commend and support President Jimmy Carter and other International Leaders for their conscientious concern for peace in the world, but especially in the Middle East, South Africa and more specifically in Rhodesia and Namibia to give majority rule.

12. Further, that we commend the President for his stand on Human Rights at home and abroad. But inform him that the 355,000 North Carolina General Baptists and millions of other Americans overwhelmingly concur, endorse and support Ambassador Andrew Young's philosophy and position on human rights. Also, we demand there be no restraints, restrictions, reprimands or reprisals upon his freedom of speech as guaranteed by the Constitution.

13. That the General Baptist State Convention join other Christian Organizations and Institutions to encourage Congress to maintain the Internal Revenue 1040 Form (long form) that permits itemized deductions for tax payers who may desire. Each year the Internal Revenue Service is giving more financial incentives for standard deductions. Thus, eroding the funding of Christian charitable, or non-profit organizations and Institutions.

14. That the General Baptist Convention pastors and members contact or write their representatives in the North Carolina General Assembly to

encourage and request them to support and vote for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and the Constitutional Amendment to give Washington, D.C. residents the privilege and right to elect their own representatives to the U.S. Congress. Further, request and urge them to ratify these significant Constitutional Amendments during the January, 1979 General Assembly.

15. The General Baptist membership and all other registered voters be urged to support and vote for the only Black candidate on the Statewide Democratic Ticket. That is THE HONORABLE JUDGE RICHARD C.

ERWIN, the first and only Black Appellate Court Judge in North Carolina. Do not neglect this great privilege and opportunity to help operate our government on TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1978.

Again, may I express my sincere appreciation to the ministers, missionaries and members of the General Baptist Churches for the opportunity to serve them as their president for the past four years. Also, for their dedicated support and cooperation in setting a new record in giving and soul winning.

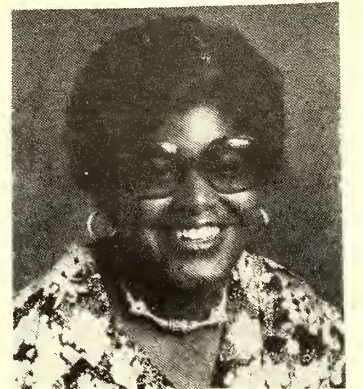
Sincerely,
Joy J. Johnson, President

Outstanding Youth

By Ms. L.R. Jones

Cary — Ann Yvonne McKinney is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow McKinney at Cary, N.C. Born August 1, 1962, now 16 years of age, she is a superstar. Ann is very active in her church, school and community. In her church activity she has served as president of the New Home and Durham Youth Department with Mrs. Annie Rogers, supervisor, and now serving as secretary in the same department. She has been a delegate to the Youth Bible Camp for 2 years and is now serving as President of the Youth Choir at her church: The Hatcher Grove Baptist Church, Morrisville, N.C., Rev. Robert L. Fuller, pastor. She is a member of the North Carolina Gospel Musical Association, which is under the leadership of Mr. A. Gene Conyers.

Ann attends Cary High School, Cary, N.C., where she maintains a "B" average. There she is a junior serving on the Student Council. Ann is also a member of the Future Homemakers of America and a member of the School Choir. She also is a participating character in a Black History play written by Rev. Stanley McClamb, a senior



Ann Yvonne McKinney student at Shaw University.

With an alto voice, she loves to sing gospel music. Her favorite songs are: "It's Been A Good Day," "I Made a Vow to the Lord," "Thank You Lord" and "I'm Saved." Miss Lillie Jones, the youth adviser of the church says: "Ann has a lovely personality, a million dollar smile and an ambition to work for God only. When asked to do, she does it with a great big smile. I consider Ann a dedicated Christian youth in our society." Her hobbies are signing and cooking. Her favorite sport is softball.

She (Ann) is remembering our Creator in the days of her youth.

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November 15, 1978

Baptist Assembly To Host Laymen's Winter Retreat

Laurel Hill — (Editor's Note: This article concerning the J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is the sixth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help Baptists and friends of Baptists of our state and everywhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of MONTHLY STATE-WIDE EMPHASIS is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - THE J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL).

DON'T FORGET THAT DECEMBER IS THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL EMPHASIS.

"A LAYMEN WINTER RETREAT"

"And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Soul: there is nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines; and Soul shall despair of me, to seek me any

more in any coast of Israel: So shall I escape out of his hand." (I Samuel 27:1)

This verse of scripture looks into the heart of David - shepherd boy and King of Israel - and reveals the wisdom which the Lord God showed unto him when his life was threatened - by the jealous King Soul. A study of the Old Testament book I Samuel will reveal that after David slew Goliath, he became a national hero in Israel because of his many military defeats of Israel's enemies. His popularity among the people aroused a jealous spirit in Soul and caused him to believe that David was a threat to his position as king. In his fearful, blind rage, to protect himself against the imagined intentions of David, he attempted on many occasions to destroy David. Therefore, David was inspired by God to leave the country in order that his life might be secured.

Few, is any, of God's people in this generation will ever be called upon to face such dangers as was David called upon to face. Neither will any have to run from country to country for the safety of their life: excepting of course, those in Communist Countries like Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn. But the threat of harm to one's inner being is very real, because every work the righteous does for Jesus is a threat to the forces of evil. And it often becomes necessary to retreat, as David did, to somewhere where God can restore, protect, and redirect the soul.

The J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly is such a place, where one can "come apart from the storms of life and rest awhile." This is the very purpose of the

Hilliard Named Laymen Head

Fayetteville — Mr. Isaac H. Hilliard, a Weldon laymen from First Baptist Church has been named to the top post of the State Laymen's League. Hilliard, who has been active in the Convention for many years will succeed Mr. John McQueen who has served the Convention for 4 years. He has been outspoken on vital issues and brings to office a zeal that promises to carry the League to higher heights. His courage and forthrightness has won him the respect of laymen across the state.

In accepting the highest position in the League, Mr. Hilliard stated: "I humbly accept this challenging responsibility of leadership. I know that God will direct me in this venture ... He has already said he would.

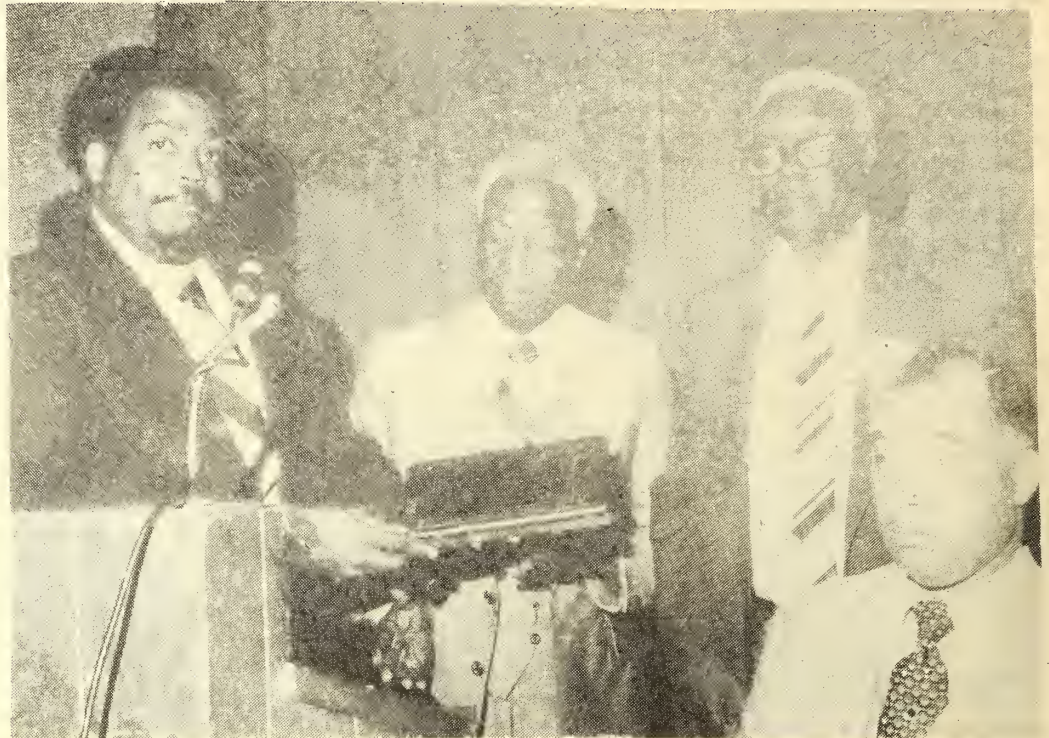
The foundations established by the late C.F. Graves, Frank Marshall and John McQueen will be used to encourage men of this Convention to become more active in this the greatest LayMovement the world has ever seen.

Pray for me, the signs of the time indicate that the second-coming of Jesus Christ is near at

hand. As we look around, we see that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. I call on every ordained preacher in the G.B.S.C. to help the laymen in their efforts to spread the good news."

The laymen adjourned their session on a high and jubilant note as out-going president Mr. John McQueen electrified the congregation with his closing address. He stated that he was thankful for the growth of the League under his four-year tenure. The purpose of the League he stated is to worship, fellowship, give and receive inspiration and above all to work together to further the cause of Christ.

During the 81st Annual Session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention, convening in New Orleans, La., Mr. John McQueen was elected President of the Laymen's League Auxiliary to the Lott Carey Convention. He has pledged himself to work as hard for that Convention as he has for the N.C. group. This indeed is a signal honor, not only for Mr. McQueen but for N.C. Baptist laymen as well.



Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr. presenting the "outstanding Laymen Award" to Mr. John McQueen, the out-going president of the State Laymen's League; Mr. O.A. Dupree (r) who received the Laymen Award looks on; Dr. John R. Manly, newly elected G.B.S.C. president (seated) listens intently.

Assembly; to provide a place where Christian people can get away from the materialistic influences of the work-a-day world, and be re-inspired to keep on fighting the good fight of Faith. And at the same time engage in wholesome recreation and enjoy the serenity of the great and beautiful out-of-doors.

We are pleased this month to share the Emphasis of the Month article with our State Laymen's League Convention. The articles here relate to the past activities of the Laymen of our Churches throughout the state, as well as the up-coming Laymen's Winter Retreat. The activity reported here illustrates one way that Baptists can make use of the Assembly. There are many Baptists, pastors, and Churches in our State Convention who support the Unified Plan, yet are not aware of the existence of the

Baptist Assembly, and still others have never seen the Assembly, and still others have a warped image of the purpose and nature of its resources.

Each Laymen and Laymen's league throughout the state is urged to send as many laymen as possible to the upcoming retreat which is outlined below.

Retreat Schedule of Events

LAYMEN'S WINTER RETREAT
North Carolina State Laymen's League Sponsors
"A Laymen Winter Retreat" J.J. Johnson Baptist Assembly

Laurel Hill, N.C.

Come for a weekend of Bible Study, Fellowship, Christian Recreation and Good Eating.

Open to all men and boys of our General Baptist Convention. Retreat fee-\$15.00 per person (includes food and lodging). Arrival time-5:00 p.m., Friday, November 24, 1978.

Departure time-8:30 p.m., Sunday, November 26, 1978.

Please write to the Baptist Headquarters to register as soon as possible. When registering, please give your name, age, church, pastor and association. Make checks payable to Laymen League, GBSC.

Deadline-November 17, 1978.

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(L. to R.) Dr. E. Burns Turner, presiding officer; Mr. John McQueen, out-going president, State Laymen's League shakes hands with Mr. Isaac H. Hilliard newly elected president and offers words of congratulation and encouragement.

Shaw Radio Station Holds Workshop

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — WSHA-FM, the educational radio station of Shaw University, has been selected by the U.S. Department of Commerce to train the staff of NOAA Weather Radio. NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) is the parent body of the National Weather Service.

WSHA-FM was selected to train the members of the National Weather Service at Raleigh-Durham airport in techniques and procedures in weather broadcasting.

The National Weather Service is expanding its service to include 24-hour weather broadcasting through a Weather Radio Network. This service will be available to anyone that has a receiver capable of picking up the broadcasts.

Weather broadcasts will be tape-recorded messages that will last from three-to-five minutes, and will be replayed continually, guaranteeing reception any time of the day or night at the push of a button or the twist of a dial.

These messages will be revised every three to four hours, depending upon the weather. When severe weather threatens, forecasters at the weather service office will interrupt the broadcasts with storm warnings, either "live" or

taped, as the situation demands.

This Weather Radio Service, when completed in North Carolina, will extend from the mountains to the coast, and may be picked up on receivers that are available for home, car, or boat. Adaptations to these receivers will make them able to receive weather messages when traveling from one locale to another.

Paul Vandergrift, coordinator of Radio - TV - Film at Shaw University, which operates WSHA - FM, said "this is one of the most important projects with which we have become involved. We're honored that we were selected for such an important mission". Giving the majority of credit for success to his students, Vandergrift added, "it's a tribute to these young men and women's ability and professionalism. Academically, they are students, but they perform like pros".

Meteorologist Richard Jones, when asked of his evaluation of the workshops, had words of praise. "It was very informative. It improved my capabilities as a weather broadcaster." Commenting on the overall program, he added, "It will greatly enhance the quality on NOAA Radio."

NOAA Radio will be in operation across most of North Carolina by fall.

Shaws Student's Honored

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — The 1978-79 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges will carry the names of 30 students from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina who have been selected as being among the country's most outstanding campus leaders.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory have included the names of these student based on their academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and future potential.

They join an elite group of students selected from more than 1,000 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Outstanding students have been honored in the annual directory since it was first published in 1934.

Students named this year from Shaw University, Raleigh, North Carolina are: Anderson, Jacqueline A.; Avery, Nilous M.; Bourne, Michael A.; Cheek, Pamela S.; Christopher, Anthony; Cox, Mable I.; Dezonie, Richard H.; Evans, Joseph E.; Gaffney, Deborah A.; Godard, Patricia D.; Hall, Cathis M.; Jack, Ibiba H.; Lee, Louis A.; Linton, David C.; Manor, George; Maultsby, Stephanie; Norris, Cornell; Parker, Verona L.; Roach, Samuel; Robinson, George O.; Turner, Frank J.; Uchebo, Patrick I.; White, Yolanda R.; Williams, Mildred; Williams, Patricia A.; Wright, Barbara S.; Funnie, Patricia; James, Joseph; and Jons, Mozelle.

Shaw Professor Attends Confab

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Washington, D.C. — Shaw Professor Elizabeth B. Cofield, a Wake County Commissioner, was among 40 county officials attending a White House briefing on hospital cost-containment. (Wake Medical Center is responsible to the Wake County Commissioners, through the County Manager.)

The National Association of Counties (NACO) held a

prebriefing on hospital cost-containment at its national headquarters in Washington, D.C. NACO supports cost-containment efforts because county governments pay 10 percent of the \$17 billion Medicaid bill, pick up the health costs of unsponsored persons (those persons inadequately or not covered at all) and run 45 percent of the public general hospitals in the United States.



Bishop Jones (l) F.W.B. Church of N.C. and Alabama presents a check for \$500.00 to Dr. E.B. Turner for the Shaw Divinity School - 111th Annual Session B.G.S.C. of N.C., Oct. 25.

Shaw Holds Fall Convocation

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Raleigh, N.C. — Shaw University held the Fall Convocation, Friday, September 22, 1978, commemorating the formal opening of their 114th academic year.

Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw University, delivered the convocation address, stressing the need for the private, predominantly black colleges such as Shaw.

"The only realistic possibility (for black students) at the present and for a long time will be the predominantly black private colleges such as Shaw University".

"These are the colleges that have developed the expertise down through the years to take black students where they are, keep them in the baccalaureate mainstream and graduate them."

In his first major address since assuming the presidency July 1, 1978, Dr. Smith told the gathering "black students are increasingly being forced to the periphery of the school as a social system, losing a sense of belonging and experiencing failure in the development of feelings of self-confidence."

Shaw Grad Joins WJMD

By Charles F. Blalock, Sr.

Cleveland, Ohio — Curtis Shaw, general manager of Radio Station WJMD, has announced the addition of Ms. Pamela A. Owens to his administrative staff as Assistant Traffic Director.

Ms. Owens is a 1977 graduate of Shaw University, with a B.A. degree in Radio-TV-Film.

WJMD is a black-oriented station, owned by United Broadcasting Company, ranking 5th in the twelve station market.

Ms. Owens' duties will include production scheduling, commercial logging, and continuity preparation. WJMD airs in excess of four hundred commercials a day.

"Her experience with WSHA-FM at Shaw will be a great asset in the execution of her duties," said Shaw.

Smith also told faculty and students that Shaw must conform to the reality of its pinched economic situation, and shed the "wealth illusion" it has operated under for too long.

He urged energy conservation and told students to pay their bills. "The delinquent bills of students are quite substantial and they are hurting," said Smith.

More than 65 percent of Shaw students receive total financial aid and at least 95 percent receive some aid. Two-thirds of the entering freshmen come

from families with incomes of \$10,000 or less, the same amount didn't take college preparatory courses and an equal amount ranked in the middle of their high school graduating classes.

"Students with similar backgrounds frequently flunk or drop out of predominantly white universities," said Smith. "We must continue to attract more of such students." He added that the school must also develop a good basic curriculum emphasizing reading, writing and arithmetic.

Prayer Before Commission Meetings Is Upheld By Federal Judge

By Religious News Service

DULUTH, Minn. (RNS) — Commissioners of St. Louis County may begin their meetings with an invocation by an unpaid clergyman, U.S. District Judge Edward J. Devitt has ruled.

The judge dismissed a suit by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union (MCLU) and several taxpayers asserting that the practice violated the First Amendment ban on the

establishment of religion.

In a memorandum accompanying his order, Judge Devitt said there is a difference between the board's practice and compulsory prayer or Bible-reading in schools, struck down in several U.S. Supreme Court decisions.

He said none of the decisions would justify forbidding the county board to ask an unpaid clergyman — a different one at each meeting — to give an invocation.



Mr. Howard E. Wesley standing by the A.B. Dick Offset Printing Press donated to the Shaw Divinity School by Dr. Joy J. Johnson at an approximate cost of \$800.00. Proceeds from his recent publication "The Voice of Joy Crying In The Wilderness" will also go towards the cost of this machine. A public offering was taken during the 111th Annual Session of the G.B.S.C. of N.C. Oct. 25, where the presentation was made. Mr. Wesley is a co-worker with Mr. Charles Etheridge, owner of CUSTOM PRINTING AND REPAIR SERVICE, 1500 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, N.C.

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Federal Agency Announces Religious Accommodations

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Civil Service Commission announced in Washington new guidelines permitting federal employees to make up time taken off because of religious requirements.

The federal agency's new procedure came just days after Congress passed a bill mandating federal agencies to make

such accommodations for their workers.

Sensitivity to the particular religious needs of individual employees has grown in the past few years, partly as the result of a 1977 Supreme Court decision which ruled that private companies may not be required to make special accommodations if

they can prove that to do so would result in "undue hardship."

While the new law and guidelines affect only federal workers, they are seen by many observers as the first step toward wide - sweeping public policy to make it easier for persons to adjust work schedules

for religious purposes.

Persons affected by the new law and guidelines include Jews, Seventh Day Adventists, Seventh Day Baptists, and members of the Worldwide Church of God, among others.

The Civil Service Commission's guidelines state that "an employee whose personal religious beliefs require the

abstention from work during certain periods of time may elect to engage in overtime work for time lost for meeting those religious requirements."

Employees may perform such overtime work in advance or make it up after the fact, the regulations state, but in no case will be employee be paid on a special overtime scale.



Dr. John R. Manley was surrounded by well wishers following the hotly contested race for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention in Fayetteville, Oct. 25.



NEW OFFICERS NAMED AT LAYMENS 29th ANNUAL SESSION

(L. to R.) Mr. Mack Hicks - 3rd Vice President, Goldsboro, Mr. Charles Porter - 1st Vice President, Charlotte, Mr. Isaac H. Hilliard - President, Weldon, Mr. Vance Raye - 2nd Vice President, Fayetteville, Mr. Davis Little - Secretary, Lumberton, and Mr. Zeno Borders - 4th Vice President, Shelby, (not shown).



A portion of the 1500 or more messengers, delegates and friends who packed the First Baptist, Fayetteville, Oct. 23-26, for the 111th Annual Session of the G.B.S.C. of N.C.

After 30 Years Of Marriage

Dr. & Mrs. Celebrate Anniversary With Church Wedding

Mrs. Queen L. Weaver and Dr. Frank B. Weaver were feted with a 30th wedding anniversary celebration by their son, Frank C. Weaver, and the Watts Chapel Baptist Church of Raleigh, on August 26. Married in the home of a minister, the Weavers have always longed for a church wedding.

The church, of which Dr. Weaver is pastor, served as a beautiful setting for the ceremony. The renewal of marriage vows was performed by Rev. Love Henry Whelchel of the Russell Memorial C.M.E. Church of Durham.

Escorted to the altar by her son, the bride wore a white wedding gown and veil sequined with pearls and complemented by pearl earrings

and necklace to celebrate thirty years of marital bliss. She was attended by Mrs. Chester Debnam, Matron of Honor. Chester Debnam, Chairman of the Deacon Board, was the best man. Serving as bridesmaids and ushers were over forty-five church officials and members, all dressed in a rainbow of colors.

A reception was held immediately after the ceremony in the fellowship room of the church, which was beautifully decorated. To fulfill the Weaver's dream, their son and Mrs. Clara Ballentine, on behalf of the church, presented them with a night's stay in the bridal suite of the downtown Holiday Inn, Raleigh.



Dr. and Mrs. Frank B. Weaver

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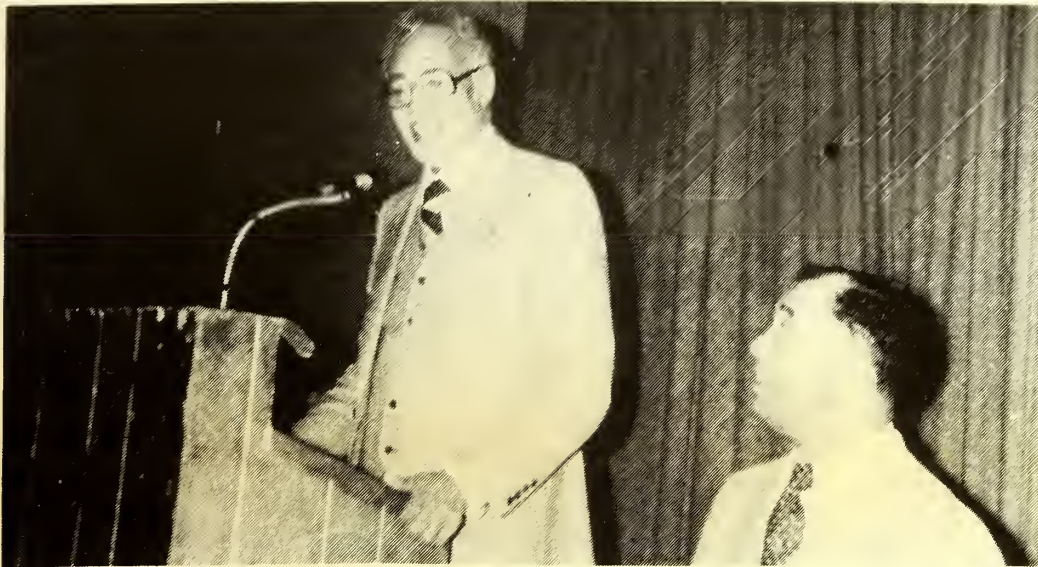
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111th Convention Personalities

In Memory



The three major contenders for the Presidency of the G.B.S.C. of N.C. line up before the delegates at the 111th Annual Session just before the vote was taken. From (L. to R.) Dr. John R. Manley, Dr. Joy J. Johnson, out-going president (at pulpit), Dr. E. Burns Turner, Dr. C.R. Edwards, host pastor, and Dr. J. Ray Butler. The seriousness of the business at hand is reflected in the faces of these well-known Baptist Leaders.



Dr. Thomas Kilgore, pastor, Second Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, delivers a dynamic address to the delegates at the President's 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast during the 111th Annual Session of the G.B.S.C. of N.C. at the St. James Motel, Oct. 26. Dr. John R. Manley looks on. He told the delegates that: "There is no death for the Church, God always saves the remnant." His subject was: "Change, the Church and the Future," based on the Old Testament Story in II Kings, the 6th and 7th chapters. Like the characters in the Bible story: "We can't go back - this is change, we can't sit still - or we die, we must choose the option of vision and take a chance," he stated.



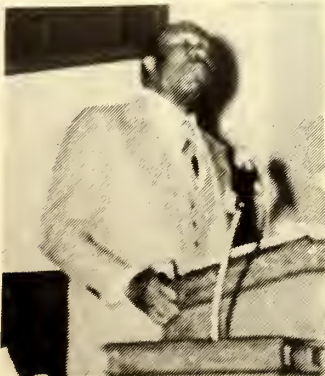
Dr. Berthenia D. Horne
"Thank God for each of you...I am not retiring from service, I am retiring from office at G.B.S.C. 111th



Dr. Roland Perry
"I love Jesus because he'll reach out his hand when all others forsake."



Dr. S.W. Mack
"If you keep on running, somebody will help you."



Rev. A.B. Sutton
"A Good Man Hanging out with a Bad Crowd"



Dr. Joy J. Johnson sounds gavel for the last time as president as he declared the 111th Annual Session of the G.B.S.C. in session last Oct. 25.



"A preacher needs a vision".
Dr. J.A. Nimmo

Raleigh-Rev. Jesse Monroe Patterson departed this life May 9th, 1978. He was born to the parents of Mr. Troy J. Patterson and Mrs. Ida Horton Patterson. He was born November 3rd, 1887 at Bever Creek, Wilkes County, North Carolina.

Rev. Patterson was the grandson of a slave. He often told the story how the Patterson's got their name. His grandfather Robert and his brother Harvey Pat-Carlton. He said after a dispute between Mr. Carlton and his grandfather and brother, Mr. Carlton was afraid that the Patterson brothers were going to leave his plantation, so he put them up for sale. Because his grandfather and brother were honest, dependable, and hardworking men, Mr. Carlton considered the Patterson brothers to be very valuable men. So his grandfather was sold for \$1000.00 and his brother was sold for \$800.00. They were sold to a family from Patterson, North Carolina by the name Patterson. That is how they became Pattersons.

Rev. Patterson told how his father Mr. Troy Patterson purchased his farm, he bought 200 acres of land while he was a baby in his mother's arms. He told how his father walked to Virginia and worked and sent money back to his wife and paid for his farm. Rev. Patterson was the oldest of 14 children. He cared for the children while his father and mother went out to work. Rev. Patterson and his brothers and sisters had a good relationship, up until his death. They respected him as the oldest brother. His survivors are Rev. George Patterson of Ohio, Mrs. Mary Cooper and Mrs. Francis Morris of Virginia, and Mrs. Ida



Rev. Jesse Patterson

Mae Patterson of Lenoir, N.C.

Rev. Patterson was often asked, what his answer to living a long life was. His answer would be "HONOR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER THAT THY DAYS MAY BE LONG UPON THE LAND WHICH THE LORD THY GOD GIVETH THEE". He said his father taught them to love and to have respect for each other. He said he always obeyed his parents.

Rev. Patterson preached until the week he got sick and went into the hospital. While he was in the hospital, after he had had several strokes, his speech wasn't clear and it was hard to understand what he was saying. When he first entered the hospital he preached, or prayed for about two weeks.

May He Rest In Peace.

When someone goes home to God
To dwell within His heart...

The love we shared is within us still

It never can depart

And oh, What Peace it is to know

That others world is fair...

And only the perfect happiness
Can touch our loved one there.



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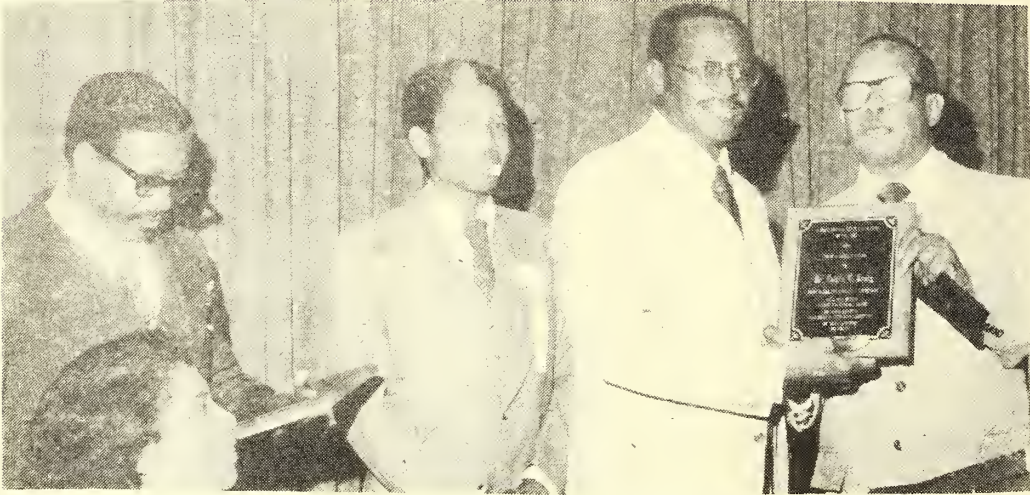
Awards Given At GBSC 111th Convention

Fayetteville — Dr. John R. Larkin of Raleigh was recipient of the "Public Service Award" during the President's 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast,

Fayetteville - Dr. John R. Flemming received the "Higher Education Award" for his work in raising funds for Shaw and keeping the school alive during a

most difficult period. Dr. George Debnam, Chairman of the Shaw board of Trustees, received the "Layman Award" for his outstanding service to the Shaw University.

Other Awards Given



Dr. Jerry Drayton, Chairman of the Executive Committee, G.B.S.C. (r) presents a plaque to Dr. C.C. Craig naming him the "First Million Dollar Executive Secretary." Looking on is Dr. Joy J. Johnson (center) who received a plaque naming him the "First Million Dollar President." Holding the plaque (l) is Dr. Jr. Ray Butler, Chairman of the General Board G.B.S.C. Mrs. Omega Johnson wife of the out-going president (seated) looks on. The plaques were presented because they led the Convention in raising its first Million Dollar Budget in the history of the Convention. The awards were given during the President's 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast, October 26th, Fayetteville, St. James Motel.



Dr. C.R. Edwards, host pastor, First Baptist, Fayetteville, receives the "Coveted" Stewardship Award for leading his church to give the largest single amount contributed to the United Program during the 1977-78 fiscal year.



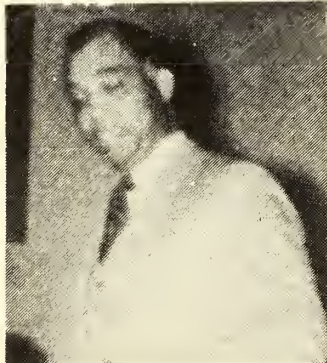
(L) Rev. S.R. Jones, Rocky Mount, who led his Church to purchase 5 Life Memberships in the N.A.A.C.P. receives the Human Relations Award. A golden medallion was presented to him by Rev. Jeremiah Webb. Dr. Johnson (center) looks on at the President's 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast, Oct. 26, Fayetteville.



Mr. Charles R. Jones (l) accepts the "Religious News Reporting Award" for Mr. P.R. Jervay of the "Carolinian", a Raleigh based weekly newspaper, which Jervay has declared is "Dedicated to the spirit of Jesus Christ." The award was presented during the President's 4th Annual Prayer breakfast, Fayetteville, October 26. The paper was commended for eliminating the degrading type of news which is concerned only about financial gain.



Dr. J.J. Johnson receives plaque from Dr. Jerry Drayton for 4 years of dedicated service to the G.B.S.C. as president.



There is no doubt about who won the election as Dr. J.R. Manley approaches the pulpit after the election ballots were tallied last Oct. 25 in Fayetteville during the 111th Annual Session of the G.B.S.C. of N.C.



Rev. S.A. Raper (R) receives the Stewardship from out-going president Johnson during the President's 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast. He won the award for leading the smallest number of members to give the largest contribution to the Unified Plan. He is pastor of Mt. Calvary, Shelby.



Dr. Coleman W. Kerry, Jr. (L) pastor, Friendship Baptist Church, Charlotte, receives the "Christian Service Award" from Dr. Joy J. Johnson during the President's 4th Annual Prayer Breakfast, Oct. 26. He was given the award for his many acts of service to the Convention without pay.

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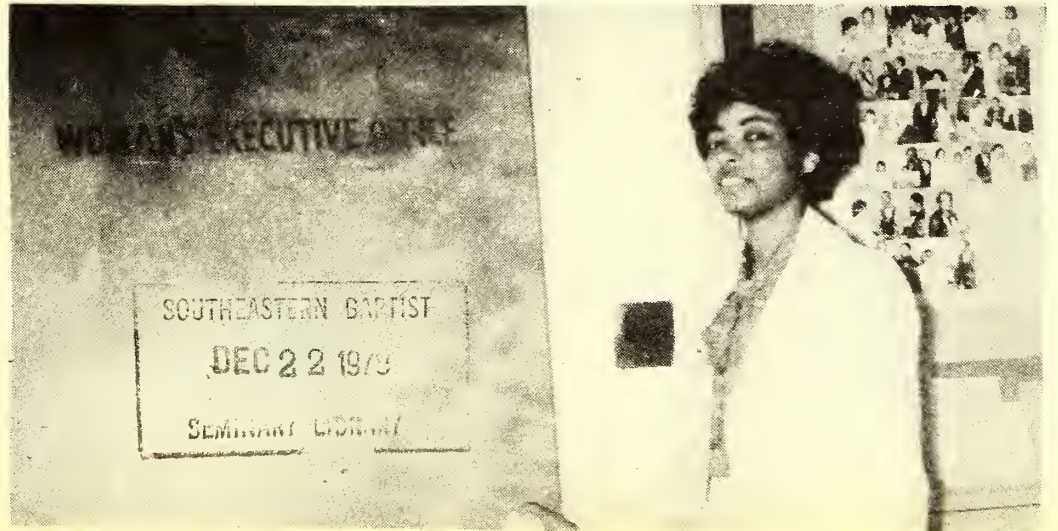
Horne Testimonial Heartwarming Success

Raleigh — After a prayerful search for more than a year, the Black Baptists of North Carolina have elected Dr. Priscilla A.

Brodie as the Executive Secretary-Treasury of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Mission Convention of N.C., Inc., to succeed Dr. Berthenia D. Horne who will retire January 1, after 28 years of service to the Convention. Dr. Brodie was elected November 20, by the executive committee of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. upon recommendation of the personnel committee. There was a spirit of togetherness as the members of the board reviewed her qualifications and were satisfied that the best person available had been selected.

In accepting the position, Dr. Brodie said: "My dear brothers and sisters, it is after much

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Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie

Woman's Executive Secretary Treasurer Elect

Just Thanks

To: The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention The General Baptist State Convention - Friends and Relatives -

Raleigh — Eyes have not seen, Ears have not heard and Hearts have not felt the honors you bestowed upon me November 10, 1978 in the Raleigh Civic Center.

With deepest humility accept my thanks and please know I am grateful. Thanks to the Retirement Committee, Pastors, Churches, Senior, Young Adult, Youth Departments, Laymen, Individuals for the finance, plaques, literature, wearing apparels, cards, letters, jewelry, steak knives, the Beautiful Book of Remembrance, stationery, your love and prayers.

Thanks for your attendance. Thanks for my friends and relatives that came from Florida, Washington, D.C., New York, Virginia, Philadelphia and from the Mountains to the Seashore in North Carolina. A special thanks to Dr. S.R. Johnson, Salisbury, the Public Relations Coordinator - Dr. Johnson demonstrated great professional know-how.

You have been kind to me. I love you. Your cooperation and Christian concern made me a stronger Christian. I have grown spiritually and intellectually. I have no regrets. I have no apologies, I have done my best.

Above all, thanks to my heavenly Father for the vision, the faith, the insight and will power to do His will. Lord I thank Thee.

Sisters, continue to Reach Out and Touch-Seek lost souls. Cooperate with your pastor. If he is the pastor of the Church-he is the pastor of the Missionary Department. LOVE HEALTH HAPPINESS. (See Related stories inside.)

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A Merry Christmas And A Most Prosperous New Year
To All Of You From All Of Us



(Seated L. to R.) Dr. John R. Manley, President of G.B.S.C., Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, retiring W.B.H. & F.M. Convention Executive Secretary, Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary of the G.B.-S.C. (standing L. to R.) Ms. Shirley Williams, Secretary to the Baptist Informer and to the Director of Laywork and Church Music, Mrs. Gladys Watlington, Bookkeeper, (WHFM), Miss Bettie, Chisolm, Administrative Assistant (WHFM), Miss Ivery Williamson, Stenographer (WHFM), Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., Director, Church Music and Laymen Work, Mrs. Mary Washington, Part-time Secretary to the Convention, Mrs. Captola J. Latta, Secretary to the Executive Secretary and to the Director of Christian Education, and Mrs. Margarie W. Dunn, Administrative Assistant (GBSC).

We Have Seen The Star Of Bethlehem

Merry Christmas And
A Most Prosperous
New Year To All
Of You From
All Of Us.

"And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now

go even to Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us." (Luke 2:15)

Our Baptist Headquarters Staff joins in extending warmest greetings to you and best wishes for the most joyous Christmas ever. One of the real joys of the

Holiday season is the opportunity to revive our lives through sharing with the "wonder of wonders - the Wonderful Christ". He imparts to the human heart the greatest gift - the spirit of an indefinable dimension - the substance for living.

Christian Education Presents Church Study Course

One-day meeting, State Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress will be held with the First Baptist Church, Raleigh, Dr. C.W. Ward, pastor, Saturday, February 10, 1979, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Each pastor is asked to lead his church in sending a representative from its Sunday School and a representative from its Baptist Training Union to this very important session.

We shall endeavor to examine the educational task of the church in its comprehensive scope as it relates to curriculum, reaching, teaching and training all persons of all ages; as it relates to the whole of life; as it is directed toward lost persons as well as Christians; and as it includes the whole message of the Bible. The Theme is "The Framework of Christian Education."

Our financial goal for the one day session is ten thousand (\$10,000.00) dollars. Our registration goal is to reach all of our churches and associations through the ministry of teaching and training.

May God bless us together,
Reverend Leo Williams, Jr.,
Director

Mr. James L. Lassiter,
President, Sunday School
Congress

Mr. James Bellamy, Jr.,
President, B.T.U. Congress

From

The President's Pen

Chapel Hill — The prevailing Spirit at our executive committee meeting held in the Baptist Headquarters, November 20, 1978 was none other than the Spirit of the Christ. As we grappled with matters of great concern to our convention, including the alleged irregularities during the recent election in Fayetteville, N.C. and witnessed brother after brother of variable opinions standing for putting all our differences and misunderstandings behind us and joining together behind the elected officials in full support of the program of the Convention, it was nothing less than the Spirit of the Christ. This Spirit continued to prevail as the committee unanimously selected Dr. Priscilla Brodie as our next Executive Secretary of the Women's Auxiliary, succeeding the dynamic and efficient leader, Dr. Berthenia Horne. The spirit of togetherness reached its climax for me when one of the brothers who had brought allegations, stood and said, "Mr. President, I want you to leave us now and if you don't, I am going to tell you about it." Thus you see that I can sing the

song, "A Charge To Keep I Have, As Well As a God to Glorify."

Now permit me to charge the moderators, pastors, members and auxiliaries of our great Convention to use our energy, time and talent to focus on the work of the Convention, the work of Christ in our local churches and the work of the Spirit in our hearts. Such a focus will assure that the Spirit of Christ will remain with us and guarantee each of us a real blessed Christmas not only in December but throughout the year. My deepest prayer for each of you is, that you will experience such a Christmas. Let us pray for each other and may our churches be actively involved in bringing peace with justice to the earth.

I hope to see each of you at the Civic Center in Raleigh, N.C., Friday, January 12, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. at which time we will commemorate the memory of the late M.L. King, Jr. with a banquet as four of our pastors speak on different aspects of the spirit of King reflected in their own work in their local churches.

Oh No! If So, Why?

An editorial by Wilson W. Lee-1426 Church Street - Statesville, N.C. 28677

Statesville — According to an article in The News and Observer, a hint has been made of a possible split in the General Baptist Convention of North Carolina, or the need for a separate convention. "Our first approach to such a suggestion, idea, or hint is to deplore the judgment, action, and the decision of Christian brothers. Whether the hint was made to jolt individuals into line with a factional thought or not, we still deplore it. Togetherness, if not unity, among us is of such supreme importance that we can at least afford the luxury of plural institutions especially when these institutions have as their mandate, the interest of the people. Conventions are supported by whom? ... the people. It would be a greater expense to the people to maintain two conventions than one convention; and if the people will be wise enough, there is much more

than can gain from one convention than from two or many.

Let us as Christian brothers take a hard look at who we are, where we are, and just where we should be going. We are a black minority in a white society that has just a little more than a decade ago, permitted us to use desegregated restrooms. We are just beginning to see a glimpse of equal justice; reality of justice in the courts still evades us. We are at the bottom of the totem pole in employment. We represent less than one per cent of the wealth of the nation. The black principal has largely faded from the class room and the black teacher for the future is going through some very real challenges.

However, we have problems among ourselves that could be solved by us if we could only take heart, courage, and utilize unrestricted vision. By unrestricted vision, we mean removing self as the prime object, out of the way, and allowing self to become the

From

The Executive Secretary's Desk

Dear Pastor and Members:

The General Baptist State Convention is counting on you now, as it has counted on you in the past, to give full support to Shaw University and the Divinity School, Foreign Missions, State Missions, the Central Orphanage and other causes. With a sense of dedication, a full commitment and a spirit of togetherness and cooperation, it does not yet appear what we are capable of doing.

As believers in Christ, we are a great people with a great assignment, which is laboring together with God in making the world a better place in which to live by seeking to bring man into a right relationship with God.

instrument for the good of the whole. What are some of the things that should claim our attention and require our service. One, the black family is breaking down. Many of our black youth have gone rampant in crime. Black on black crime is almost an expression of the day. Our elderly are afraid to live in many of our own communities because of the danger of being mugged, robbed, and murdered by our own black people. Our homes are not safe while we struggle to earn an honest living. Approximately seventy per cent of the prisoners in North Carolina are black. There is a chance that one will say that many were placed there unjustly. Right you are. Justly or unjustly is not the question here, but the very crux of our argument ... that the church should concern itself with the problem at hand rather than to divide itself into fragments only for the glorification of individuals rather than the salvation of the mass, the people.

Two, the black man has not come fully to appreciate himself and his ability to influence his people to a destiny set by God. He is still timid and indecisive. Since the black church is the only institution left in tact, the burden of teaching, persuading, and demonstrating full and true manhood is more mandatory than ever. We are people whose population soar into the millions, yet we have less than one doctor to every five thousand persons. No segment of the black population represents the capitalistic system, other than in theory and emotion. The black man is still begging his bread, politics, acceptance and tolerance. He is still considered the adult child in a society which seeks to manipulate him at will.

Brothers, this is not to say that we have not struggled, nor to imply that we are not still struggling; indeed we have, and many of us will not cease in this struggle until justice and equality become an American reality. For those who might regard this as a scathing rebuke, it is none of the sort. We have not sought to "come down hard" on any one; we are part of the struggle, and for our part, we are concerned with the mass. Let us remain together, there is little strength in fragments of anything. Christianity seems to us to require it; we beg it for the good of the people.

As we move forward toward the end of realizing our financial goal for the fiscal year 1978-79, we urge all of our churches to do one of three things: 1. Give a ten per cent of their church budget to missions and Christian Education, 2. Give an increase for the fiscal year 1978-79 of not less than fifteen per cent over the amount which was given for the fiscal year 1977-78 or, 3. Accept the suggested quota from the Baptist Headquarters for the fiscal year 1978-79. We would like for each pastor to send a response to one of these suggestions within the next thirty days.

In keeping with the spirit of Christmas, which is centered around the Biblical truth: "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life" John 3:16 (RSV), we would like for each church to make a sacrificial contribution to the Unified Program on or before December 31, 1978.

On January 12, 1979, all roads, from the four corners of our state, will lead to the Civic Center, 500 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, to a banquet honoring the late Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. at 7:00 p.m. Tables will be reserved for eight persons per table for one hundred dollars. Individual tickets can be secured for a donation of twelve dollars and fifty cent.

The theme for this event is: "The Spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Freedom's Road".

The banquet speakers will address themselves to the following aspects of the theme:

"The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Community Projects", "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Municipal Matters", "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Housing Projects", "The Spirit of Martin L. King, Jr. in Political Affairs."

The Convention is counting on the Moderators, Pastors and Churches to help make this banquet in memory of Dr. M.L. King, Jr. a memorable occasion.

Since this banquet will be held on Friday night, January 12, 1979 prior to the One Day Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, I have reserved one hundred rooms at the Holiday Inn, Downtown Raleigh for persons who desire overnight lodging. The special rates are:

Single - \$24.00, Double or Twin - \$30.00

You may contact the Holiday Inn, Downtown, 320 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, N.C., telephone (919) 832-0501 or the Baptist Headquarters. Please indicate that you are affiliated with the General Baptist State Convention.

Thirty rooms have been reserved also at the Downtown Golden Eagle, 309 Hillsborough Street, telephone (919) 833-5771. The rates are:

Single - \$19.00, Double - \$23.00, Twins - \$25.00

Please confirm your reservation for lodging on January 12, 1979 on or before January 5, 1979

Thank you in advance for the cooperation that I know you will give.

Corrections

The following errors were made in our last Annual Report:

1. Cedar Grove, Mocksville, Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, Pastor, was listed under the Yadkin-Davie Association and it should have been listed under the Rowan Association.

2. Dr. N.M. Avery is pastor of the Hill Street Baptist Church, Asheville, Mud Creek Association.

3. The Reverend C.W. Pate is pastor of the Lakes Chapel Baptist Church, Middle District Association.

4. Mt. Carmel, Charlotte, Dr. L.C. Ridick, Pastor, contributed

\$5,150.00 for designated gifts and his total contributions should read \$15,000.00 instead of \$9,850.

5. First Baptist, Lumberton, Dr. E.B. Turner, Pastor, contributed \$102.10 to the Central Orphanage and his total should read \$6,875.79 instead of \$6,775.89.

6. Metropolitan Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, Dr. J.E. Arnette, Pastor, gave 10 percent of the Church's budget to the Unified Program, also, for the fiscal year, 1977-78.

Naturally, I regret that these errors were made. Please accept my apology.

Letters-to-the-editor express the personal opinion of the writer and not necessarily that of the editor or Convention officials. All letters must be signed with the understanding that the editor reserves the right to decide which letters will be published. Letters should offer constructive criticism about the Convention program in general.

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113th Shaw Founder's Day And Homecoming Observed

Raleigh — "Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine, Oh what a foretaste of glory divine," echoed across the Shaw University Campus from the lips of the Chorale Society, directed by Mr. Harry H. Gil-Smythe, last November 10th, signaling the beginning of Founder's Day activities. After the wreath was placed on the Founder's Grave by "Miss Shaw University 1978," (Miss Stephanie L. Maultsby) the academic Procession moved to the Raleigh Civic Center.

The highlight of the Founder's Day activities was an inspiring address by Mr. Richard A. Beattie, Deputy General Counsel, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington, D.C. He told the receptive and responsive audience that: "great progress has been made since the 60's and we can make progress in the present. We in the administration do not intend to see that progress falter." He stated that much aid is available to blacks through graduate and professional scholarships. The most encouraging statement given was: "out of 104 colleges

that have failed in recent years, not one was black. This exemplifies the ingenuity of black leaders to cope with a very frustrating situation."

The audience was also thrilled by the appearance of actor Louis Gossett, Jr., upon whom was conferred the honorary degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

Founder's Day activities were interspersed with Homecoming events. A luncheon was held in the Student Union Building dining room for Alumni and friends, at which time honored personalities were presented and financial gifts donated. Mrs. Florence Whitley, class of 1913, was the honored personality. \$12,000 gift from the Woman's Baptist Homes and Foreign Mission Convention of North Carolina was presented by Miss Betty Chisolm. Numerous other contributions were received. Mr. Fredrick Lux, Goldsboro, received the Elijah Shaw National Alumni Award for outstanding service to Shaw University.



Color Bearers, Gary Mayo (L) and Van Sharpe (R) lead the Academic Procession to the Tupper Graveside during Founder's Day at Shaw last November 10th. Mrs. Rosolie Williams, Chief Marshal, bears coat-of-arms. (center)

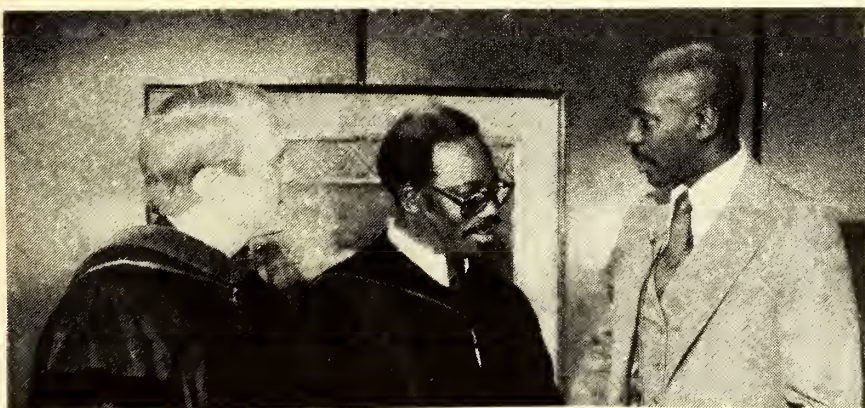
Great Progress Has Been Made Since The 60's — Beattie



Dr. O.L. Sherrill, chairman, Shaw Board of Trustees, Dr. Stanley Smith, and Dr. John W. Fleming, co-director, Public, Alumni, and church relations, accept check for \$12,000 from Ms. Betty Chisolm, presented by Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.



"Miss Shaw University," Miss Stephanie L. Maultsby, places a wreath on Shaw's Founder's Grave during Founder's Day activity last November 10th.



(From L. to R.) Mr. Beattie, Dr. Smith and Louis Gossett, Jr.



Dr. Stanley Smith, Mrs. Florence Whitley, class of 1913, and Mr. Thomas E. Kee.

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A Night To Remember . . .



Some 2,000 Baptists and friends observe Horne Retirement Banquet.

By Thelma Horton

Some 2,000 well-wishers from as far away as New York and Florida arrived at the Raleigh Civic Center on November 10, at 6:00 P.M. to participate in a "Tribute Banquet" honoring Dr. Berthenia Dunlap Horne, retiring Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina.

The gala occasion, characterized as "a night to remember" was an emotional packed event. Mrs. Georgia M. Turner, Lumberton, president of this august body served as Toast-mistress.

Dr. Horne was praised for 28 years of continuous service to the Convention as president (18 years) and as executive secretary-treasurer (10 years). Many tributes were paid to her. One individual said, "She is, indeed, an excellent minister of Jesus Christ". Another compared her with the "Virtuous Woman" in Proverbs 31.

Among the large number of gifts and plaques she received, was a beautiful gold-toned crown symbolizing the crown "laid up in heaven" for her.

Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, State Young Adult Director, made the presentation on behalf of the Young Adult Department.

Tributes were presented from the Woman's Convention - The Executive Office by Miss Bettie J. Chislom, Administrative Assistant, WBH&FMC; State Youth Department, President David Lucas, Supervisor, Yvonne Mitchell and Vice-President Letita Lewis; Youth

Bible Camp - Dr. Jordan Harris, Director of Activities; Baptist Assembly - William Jackson, Camp Expert, Baptist State Convention, Asheboro; Woman's Convention and Mrs. Harriet S. Jones, Raleigh. Representing the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. were: Dr. C.C. Craig, Executive Secretary - treasurer; Dr. O.L. Sherrill, former Executive Secretary, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Chairman, Executive Committee; Dr. C.R. Edwards, former president of General Baptist and Lott Carey Conventions; Dr. J.J. Johnson, immediate past president; Dr. John Manley, President; The Central Orphanage, Supt. H.V. Bryant; Dr. E. Burns Turner, Chairman, Shaw Divinity School; Shaw University, Dr. Stanley Smith, president and Dr. John W. Flemming, Co-Director, Public, Church and alumni Relations; Former Secretary Cooperative Ministries, Dr. W.R. Grigg; The Woman's Missionary Union, Miss Nancy Curtis, Director; The Department of Cooperative Ministries, Dr. Corbin Cooper, Director. Representing the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention were: Dr. Wendell Somerville, Executive Secretary Treasurer, Washington, D.C.; Woman's Auxiliary, President Vera Slade, Ahoskie; Dr. Mary Agnes Jordan, Portsmouth, Va.

Other personalities include Mrs. Sandy F. Ray, Corresponding Secretary National Woman's Convention, U.S.A., Inc. and Dr. Susie Holley, First Vice-President, National Woman's Convention and President Florida State

Woman's Convention. Also Mrs. Essie Lennon, Winston Salem and Forsyth County and Rev. Wesley Wiley, Washington, D.C.

As the soloists paid tribute in songs, hearts were lifted and inspired to "fight on 'til death". They were Thomas Kee, Shaw University; Mrs. J. Young Mims, Henderson; David Lucas, Shelby; Mrs. Hortense Fleming, Raleigh and Mrs. Willie Jordan-Williams, Raleigh, accompanied by Mrs. Ruth S. Hasley.

Dr. Horne's former pastor, Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin, pastor emeritus, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Winston Salem, delivered the Keynote address. He was presented by Mrs. Helen W. Falls, president of Mt. Zion's Missionary Circle.

Mrs. Clara Hayes, Chairwoman, Executive Board, WBH&FMC presented "A Book of Remembrance" to the Honoree, from the Convention, which includes letters, tributes, and other messages from well-wishers.

The following "Acrostic" by J. Young Mims, Henderson, entitled: "IN GRATITUDE ... A TRIBUTE" appears to speak the sentiments of many who shared in "A Night To Remember..."

In Gratitude

...A Tribute

By J. Young Mims

T - is for TRIBUTES of love, and gratitude which we bring; While she can smell the roses, and hear our glad voices ring.

W - is for sure WINNER, for the WILL to do her best: For WORK to advance His Kingdom as she faces each contest.

E - is for ENLISTMENT — the golden key to success; Her appeals are so urgent, the only response is - "Yes."

N - is for a special NEED in far-away Brewerville; A plea goes out for library books — there are vacant shelves to fill.

T - is for TRAINING WORKERS — an objective near to her heart; Not only does she send them — she goes to do her part.

Y - is for YEARS of service with the Woman's Convention; Her outstanding leadership merits National attention.

E - is for EDUCATION — just think what our plight would be, Were it not for Central Orphanage and Shaw University.
I - is for INFORMATION —



Brent Washington, Brooklyn, N.Y. nephew of Dr. Horne, escorts her into the banquet hall. Brent is a senior at St. Augustine College, Raleigh.

something the library shares On our Lott Carey Campus where students know "someone cares."

G - is for GROWTH and GIVING, for GRACE which sustains anew; She lives and gives by God's plan as every good steward should do.

H - is for HUMILITY — that noteworthy Christ-like way; For good HEALTH and HAPPINESS which we wish for her today.

T - is for TIME to arise and go hence to foreign lands — India and West Africa have proof of our helping hands.

Y - is for YOUTH DEPARTMENT, with highest commendations; For YOUNG ADULTS, the most recent of her visualized creations.

E - is for EXPANSION of programs and objectives; We thank God for a leader who follows His directives.

A - is for ASSEMBLY — the J.J. Johnson Retreat At peaceful Laurel Hill, where Baptists in fellowship meet.

R - is for vast RESOURCES, wisely and prayerfully used; To reach out and touch lost souls who are weary and confused.

S - is for STAFF and SUPPORTERS and for our dear Saviour, too; For SERVICE through His guidance — SISTER HORNE, we Honor You!

Reading from top to bottom — from letter T to S — You'll find three words denoting our slogan of gratefulness.

T-W-E-N-T-Y E-I-G-H-T Y-E-A-R-S-!



Mrs. Bronnie Daniels of the Young Adult Department, Forsyth County Missionary Union presents Dr. Horne with a "money crown."



Mrs. Burnell Stackhouse (r) presents Dr. Horne (l) with a "money tree" from The Robeson County Missionary Union. Mrs. Clara N. Hayes (c) looks on.

Retirement Banquet Honors Dr. Horne

President Turner Speaks

Co-workers:

This has been a blessed year, 1978 for our Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention. Together we have done a tremendous job in supporting the Lord's work through all facets. Thank you again for your every prayer. God's grace be with you all.

On behalf of our Planning Committee for the Retirement Recognition Honoring Dr. Berthenia D. Horne, our Official and Administrative Staffs of our Woman's Convention, we thank all of you and the many friends who helped to make this a beautiful and Very Special Occasion. Even as God blessed the land with the much - needed rain, you came - But this is really what we expected of you. The years of service given by our Executive Secretary Dr. Horne, merited your being there. Thank you Sisters and Brothers, for a job well done.

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures for ever. 1 Chron. 16:34
We are confident that you have

observed the Thanksgiving season in the spirit of thankfulness for God has blessed us in so many ways during the year past. May we go forward to serve in humility and gratitude.

The New Year is just across the horizon, a month, not many days. But before the year ends - we celebrate the birth of Christ. How fitting - to end the year with a beginning, Christ's birth. As we move through the passing days of preparation, do be reminded that Christmas is more than gifts, carols and a Beautiful Story. It is God's promise of life and Eternal Glory.

Please keep in mind our Mid-Year Session, January 13, 1979 at 9:00 A.M., Civic Center, Raleigh.

Presidents of Circles, Unions, District Conferences and Auxiliaries: Please bring a Liberal Sacrificial offering for State Missions. Let us continue doing our best for God and His Kingdom.

May each of you be blessed with a Blissful Christmas and a Joyous, Comforting New Year.



Dr. Horne holds plaque from Shaw University, honoring her for Meritorious service, Judge Richard C. Erwin, (r.) and Dr. J.J. Johnson (r.) offer congratulations.

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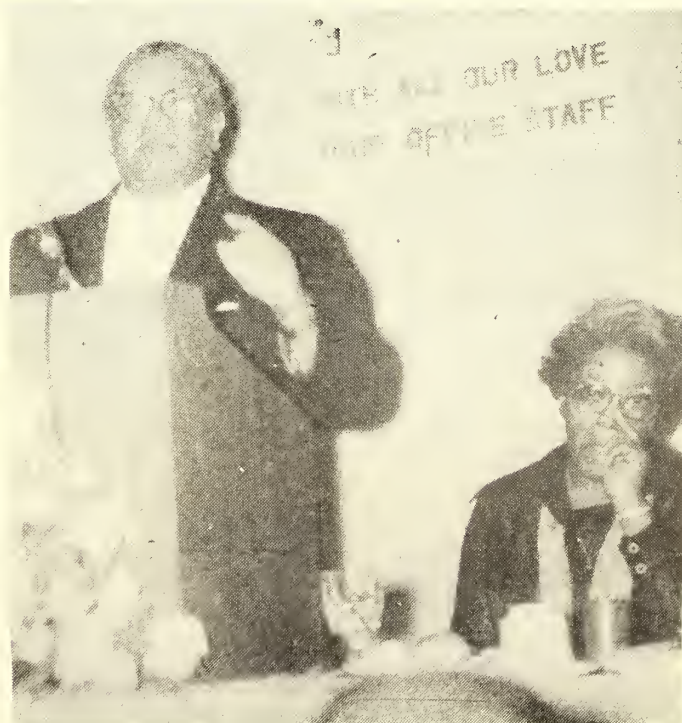
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Lott Carey Personalities: (L. to R.) Dr. J.D. Bussey, President Lott Carey, Dr. Mary Agnes Jordan, Dr. Horne, Mrs. Vera M. Slade, Dr. W.C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, Lott Carey.



Head-table Personalities: Dr. J.R. Manley, Dr. J.J. Johnson, Mrs. Nancy Curtis, Director W.M.U. Baptist State Convention, Dr. Corbin Cooper, Mrs. Sandy Ray, Brooklyn, N. Y., Dr. Susie Holley Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 1st Vice President, Woman's National Convention, U.S.A., Inc., Dr. John Fleming, Dr. Stanley Smith, President, Shaw University.



Dr. K.O.P. Goodwin delivers the testimonial address, Pres. W.B.H. & F.M. Conv., Mrs. Georgia Turner (r) looks on.

Honor To Whom Honor Is Due

Raleigh — (Editor's Note: This article concerning the Shaw Divinity School is the sixth in a continuing series. Articles in this feature emphasize the six (6) major objectives of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. The purpose of this feature is to help Baptists and friends of Baptists of our state and everywhere become more familiar with the work of our State Convention. One of the objectives is emphasized each month.

All Baptist departments, auxiliaries, leaders and pastors are asked to secure financial support for "That Objective" during the month of its emphasis. It must be talked about, preached about, prayed about, and as much support as possible should be given through the UNIFIED PROGRAM.

The schedule of MONTHLY STATE-WIDE EMPHASIS is: January and July - STATE MISSIONS; February and August - CENTRAL ORPHANAGE; March and September - SHAW UNIVERSITY; April and October - FOREIGN MISSIONS; May and November - THE J.J. JOHNSON BAPTIST ASSEMBLY; June and December - THE SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL).

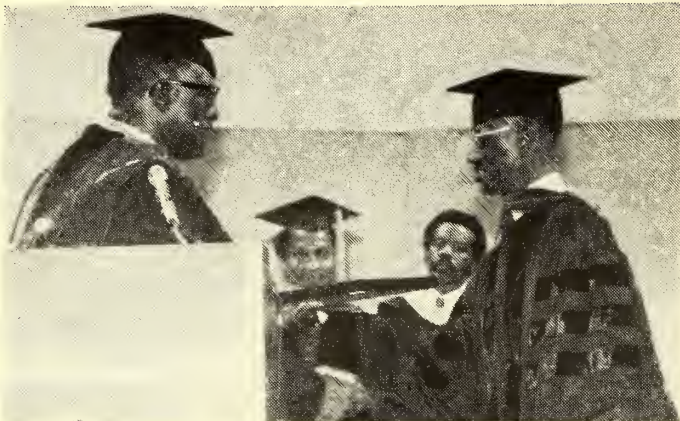
DON'T FORGET THAT JANUARY IS STATE MISSIONS.

"Render, therefore, to all their dues: Tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor." (Romans 13:7)

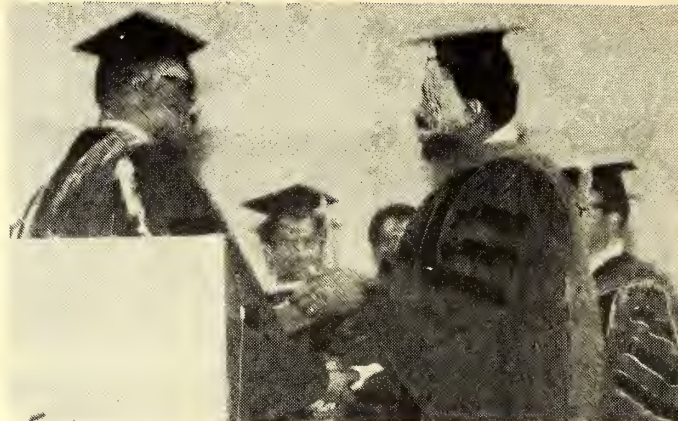
**Ballard, Person
 Honored At
 Founder's Day**

The Shaw Divinity School conferred honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees on the Reverend James Donald Ballard and the Reverend Joseph Randolph Person at Shaw University's Founder's Day Convocation, November 10, in Raleigh's Civic Center.

The Reverend Ballard was cited as a pastor with a passion for "... Cultivation of the mind; the Baptist cause, social justice, and preaching." The Reverend



Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Chairman Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School, confers Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree upon The Reverend Joseph Randolph Person.



Dr. O.L. Sherrill, Chairman Board of Trustees, Shaw Divinity School, confers Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree upon the Reverend James Donald Ballard, Winston-Salem.

Monthly Emphasis

First Annual International Seminar Scheduled

The Shaw Divinity School will sponsor its First Annual International seminar, December 26-29, in Nassau of the Bahamas. Participants will leave Raleigh - Durham airport on Tuesday, December 26, 9:00 a.m. and return to Raleigh - Durham, Friday, December 29 at 3:27 p.m. The cost is \$350.00 per individual person or \$600.00 for couples. This includes the following:

Round trip from Raleigh - Durham via Eastern Airline

Four days and three nights - Deluxe Hotel Accommodations at the Emerald Beach Hotel, Tennis and Golf Club

Round trip transfers from the airport to the Emerald Beach Hotel

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 Four hours of study for

Person was cited as a "leader of men" for his leadership roles in Virginia and North Carolina. The Reverend Ballard is pastor of the United Metropolitan Baptist Church of Winston Salem; the Reverend Person pastors the Saint John Missionary Baptist Church of Falkland and the Craven Corner Missionary Baptist Church of Havelock.

ministers

Two hours of study for wives
 Two hours of study for lay persons

All hotel and transportation taxes

Baggage handling in and out of hotel

Services of an experienced tour guide

Printed materials for seminar sessions

A Certificate awarded by the Shaw Divinity School will be presented to those who attend these sessions.

The Inter-national Seminars and Workshops planned and conducted by the Dean and Faculty of the Shaw Divinity School will center on the 'Pastor and his work, The Role and Work of The Pastor's Wife, and The Lay-person And The Church.'

Responsibility

The Shaw Divinity School, through and by its designated representative accepts the responsibility of making the arrangements for the trip;

Planning the seminar sessions and workshops and;

Providing information to all persons desiring to make the trip.

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Workshop Held

The Shaw Divinity School conducted its First Annual Christian Leadership Workshops for Deacons, Church Secretaries, and Church Music Leaders, August 11-12, on the Shaw University campus. The two day event began with a banquet on August 11. Workshops for the various groups were conducted on August 12. The banquet speaker was Dr. Robert L. Taylor, Pastor, Fourth Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia. Workshop leaders were Dr. Priscilla Brodie, Mr. Waverly Camp, Ms. Martha S. Jones and Dr. C.R. Trotter. Eighty-five persons registered for the conference.



Mr. Arthur Williams, newly elected president of the State Ushers Convention, Louisburg, addressed the 111th Annual Session of the G.B.S.C., Oct. 26, Fayetteville. Mr. Williams is returning to the office of president of the State Usher's Convention. He serviced the post for many years until he was removed from the office because tenure.

84 Enrolled In Degree Program

Eighty-four students are enrolled in degree programs of the Shaw Divinity School for the first semester of the 1978-79 academic year. Thirty six are

candidates for the Master of Divinity degree; forty eight are candidates for the Bachelor of Theology degree.



The Shaw Divinity School's First Annual Christian Leadership Workshops, August 11 -12, 1978.

Laymen's Corner

Hill Street Saturday Night Sessions 'Pay Mental Health Dividends'

Asheville — HS (Hill Street Saturday sessions) is the name of a summer program initiated at Asheville's Hill Street Baptist Church. This program was held Saturdays 6:30 a.m. till 11:00 a.m. and Thursdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the church's education building and Hill Street Middle School gym.

Dr. N.M. Avery, pastor and Mrs. Hazel Jackson, coordinator of educational activities of the church, in searching for ways to re-enforce the health, reading and math skills of the community, parents and children, designed this special program.

With the results of the competency test in North Carolina, requests from parents, community residents, church workers and the church's education committee came forth classes for students who need extra drill in math and reading.

Also ... members do listen attentively to the minister's sermon. After listening to Dr. Avery emphasizing the need for healthy bodies and minds, adult members requested classes in health. Dr. Avery pointed out in a sermon that "Jesus grew in wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man. Since Rousseau believed that the body must be vigorous to obey the soul, Dr. Avery suggested that we be more concerned about the care of our bodies because a healthy soul should dwell in a healthy body."

As a result of this sermon, Mrs. Lucille Ray, Mrs. Robbie Williams and Mr. Johnny Bailey coordinated physical fitness, health and nutrition classes. With an enrollment of 46 ranging in age 4-72, these classes were organized under the Nutrition Education Program of the Asheville City Schools.

There were 32 students enrolled in reading with the largest enrollment being in grades 7-12. Twenty-nine students were enrolled in math and some students come as far as Black Mountain, N.C. Seven teachers and two experienced teacher assistants worked with these students one hour weekly. Three teachers, two teacher



"Hill Street Saturday Session" in progress. The sessions were at Hill Street Baptist Church Educational Building and the Hill Street Middle School gym.



Dr. N.M. Avery and family pose for the cameraman at one of the Saturday Sessions. Mrs. Avery directed the reading activities and taught reading to students in grades 4-6. Ken, a junior at Shaw University, assisted with the physical fitness activities. Kryste, a freshman at Shaw, assisted the math teacher K-3, and Cici and Nian participated in all the classes.

Church Music For Christmas

As the Christmas season approaches, let us keep in mind the true spirit of the occasion — "the birth of Jesus Christ". As choir members, music directors and others, its our responsibility to — "Go Tell It On The Mountain" — tell the good news that our Savior is born.

Below, you will find a list of music suitable for use doing this season.

In the following order: Athemns; Composer; Choir; Publisher.

Christ Came to Bethlehem, Williams, Young People, H.W. Gray Co.;

Christ The Lord is Born, arr. Bitgood, Young People, Galaxy Music Co.;

Glory To God (Messiah), Handel, Adult, G. Schirmer, Inc.;

O Holy Night, Adam, Adult, G. Schirmer, Inc.;

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, Bach, Adult, Galaxy Music, Co.;

Break Forth, O Beautoues, Heavenly Light, Bach, Adult, Galaxy Music, Co.;

Hallelujah Chorus (Messiah), Handel, Adult, G. Schirmer, Inc.;

Awake, Awake, McKinney, Adult, Broadman Hymnal.

Spirituals:

Mary Had A Baby, Negro Spiritual, Tuskegee Music Press;

Poor Little Jesus Boy, Traditional,

Rise Up Shepherd and Follow, J.B. Herbert, Rodeheaver Co.;

Go Tell It On The Mountain, J.W. Work, Tuskegee Music Press;

Amen, Amen, Traditional.

In the following order: Hymns; Composer; Hymnal.

Angels, From The Realms Of Glory, H. Smart, All Baptist

Hymnals;

While Shephards Watched Their Flocks, Handel, Broadman;

Angels We Have Heard, Traditional, Baptist Hymnal;

Silent Night, Griher, All Hymnals;

Away In The Manger, Murray, All Hymnals;

O Come All Ye Faithful, Traditional, All Hymnals;

Joy To The World, Handel, All Hymnals;

Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne, Matthews, Broadman Hymnal.

And many others

It is hoped that you will use all available sources to prove variety in planning your Christmas music for:

1. Song feast (Carols)
 2. Candelight services
 3. Sunday School Programs
 4. Cantatas
 5. Christmas caroling
- Waverly Camp, Jr.

Jackson, to contact the student's teachers and get materials or suggestions for working with the student.

The response for materials was so great that a library has been set up with graded materials and children may borrow materials to use at home.

In the physical fitness area, exercise were learned that could be done at home. Walking and jogging became a popular activity. With the Pator, Dr. Avery, leading the group in jogging activities, some senior adults purchased pedometers to measure their walking and jogging during the week.

Health activities included sessions led by college students, nurses, nutritionists, and teachers. Area explored included values clarification, self actualization, care of the body, development of the body and proper diets.

There were many advantages and disadvantages of the program, but the greatest advantage was that the psychological effect of the program was desirable, thus, paying rewarding dividends in mental health.

Teachers spent time planning prior to meeting students and at the close of the session they met to evaluate the program, and offered suggestions for expansion.

Dr. Avery and Mrs. Jackson look forward to changes in the program next summer and area already exploring the possibility of tutorial sessions during the school year for children in the community and regular nutrition classes for adults and children.

assistants and one college student worked with math students from beginning math through Algebra II.

Teachers made assignments for homework during the week and recommend that the students spend thirty minutes to one hour daily on assignments.

Some teachers setup a time for students to call or come by their home to check their work. One teacher, Mrs. Jacqueline Clark, used the church van to transport her high school students to CP&L where she is employed.

Employees discussed how they use math in their work.

Reading students attended a special movie as guest of Asheville City Policeman.

All teachers and workers volunteered their time and the materials were donated. Most students pre-registered and this allowed the Director, Mrs.



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prayer, meditation and with honor and humility that I dare launch out for God in accepting this mantle; a challenging and sublime responsibility. Like many Biblical characters as Moses, Gideon, Jonah, and Mary - the Mother of Jesus - I have wondered, "Why Me?" But then as they submitted to the will of God, so must I submit.

Thus will you join hands with me, be you sisters or brothers, and include me in the fellowship that exists here and extends out onto the field? Let us hold unto God's unchanging hand. Reach out with me to foreign mission and state mission, for reaching together, our reach will go far and unitedly. Let nothing cause dissension between our hands — not even new ways versus traditions, not even self-esteem versus self-sacrifice, not even new leadership versus old leadership, not even malice versus love. Then with united hands we can help somebody and our living will not be in vain.

Truly I realize that I am receiving a responsibility and work which have been conducted zealously and productively by noble and God-fearing women. It also comes to me that if they had not made the trip through trials and tribulations by the grace of God that we would not be the recipients of gifts created out of their courage, their sacrifice, and their vision. It is my hope that we have no less faith and courage than they, that we have

no less vision than they, and that we exemplify no less sacrifice than they.

Let us remember:

'A charge to keep we have, A God to glorify, who gave His Son our souls to save, and fit them for the sky.

To serve the present age, Our calling to fulfill, O may it all our pow'rs engage to do our Master's will."

Dr. Brodie is a native of Franklinton, N.C., the daughter of Reverend and Mrs. O.H. Brodie. She is the first Black woman and the second woman to receive the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. After receiving her early education at B.F. Person High School, Franklinton, she continued her training at Shaw University, Raleigh, where she received the B.A. Degree in English. After teaching a few years at B.F. Person — Albion High School, Franklinton; Shaw University; and J.B. Dudley High School, Greensboro, Dr. Brodie returned to her pursuit of higher education, earning the Master of Divinity with Religious Education Degree for Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She received the Doctor of Ministry Degree in 1975. At present she is an instructor in Religious education at the Shaw Divinity School.

New Era Assn. Held Forty-Ninth Session

Chadbourn — The 49th Session of New Era Association was held at the St. John Baptist Church, October 13-15th, Chadbourn. New officers were elected, they were Reverends Samuel Stanley, Moderator, and Ramon Smith, Vice-Moderator. The following officers of the auxiliary were re-elected: Sister Carrie Leach, President, who has served us faithfully for the past 17 years. Sister Esel Frink, Vice-President, Sister Essie P. Best, secretary; Financial secretary, Sister Clara Hick-

man; Advisor for the young adults, Sister Marie Simmons.

We were blessed to have Sisters Lizzie Bullock from Boston, Mass. and Lillie Harris of Pittsburgh, Penn. as our guest. Other ladies present were members of the session. Also in this session, an award was presented to Sister Nina Parker for having the most attendants present in this session. She is the president of the Cherry Grove Missionary Circle, Rev. Samuel Stanley, pastor.

Death Claims Noted Religious Leader

Dr. Hylton James Passes While Giving Benediction

Obituary

Brooklyn, N.Y. - "How sweet it is at evening, After a long and well spent day, To close the eyes in slumber, And rest from the toil of the day."

Hylton Lancaster James, the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. William H. James who was born on August 2, 1908 in Richmond, Virginia closed his eyes in slumber on the evening of November 8, 1978 and went to his rest after a well spent life.

He was one of seven children, all of whom preceded him to eternal rest.

Rev. James received his early education at St. Emma's Academy of Virginia and his advanced education at Hampton Institute in Virginia.

He was born into a Christian family and at an early age he eagerly accepted Christ. He then joined the fellowship of the Fifth Street Baptist Church and in obedience to the Divine command, was baptized.

As a young man he heeded the call of the Master and entered the ministry of our Lord where he served untiringly for forty-nine years.

As a young minister, he met and was joined in holy matrimony to Nannie P. Bartley. To this union two children were born.

During his ministry, he pastored the following churches before being called to Berean Missionary Baptist Church:

Hickory Run Baptist Church, Brunswick, Virginia

First Baptist Church, Waverly, Virginia

Shiloh Baptist Church, South Hampton, Virginia

First Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia

Eighth Street Baptist Church, Wilmington, Delaware.

Under his profound leadership at Berean, two churches were set apart: White Memorial Baptist Church, pastored by the late Rev. Gerald White and Bethesda Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. Charles Nesbitt. Six ministers were licensed and ordained to preach the Gospel: Rev. Kenneth Eldridge (Deceased), Dr. Robert Earl Bartley, now pastor of First Baptist Church,



Dr. Hylton L. James

Steelton, Pa., Dr. William T. McKee, Executive Secretary, Education and Missionary Board American Baptist Convention, Dr. Charles Nesbitt, pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church, Rev. Domingo White and Rev. Blanton Harper, Jr. Two ministers were licensed by him: Brother Curtis Wells and Brother Glen Wilson.

One of Dr. James's last official acts was the installation of his son in Christ, Rev. Blanton Harper, as pastor of the New Hope Baptist Church, Braddock, Pa. Dr. James claimed this to be a one in a life time occasion: to baptize, license, ordain and install a minister of Christ.

In addition to his sacrificial pastoralship, Dr. James served for several years as Moderator of the East Baptist Association of N.Y., Inc., President of the

Hampton Ministers Conference and the New York Ministers' Conference.

At the time of his demise he was a member of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention of America, Organizer and President of the Berean Missionary Baptist Church Evangelical Bible Institute.

He leaves to mourn their loss: a wife, Mrs. Nannie P. James; two children, Hylton James, Jr., Los Angeles, California, and Mrs. Barbara Mae Jackson, Lakland, California; and other relatives and friends.

"Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me, Let there be no mourning at the Bar, When I put out to sea."

Five Nights Of Training

By Louvenia Ford

Fountain — The Reids Chapel Baptist Church, Fountain, N.C., held its training institute the week of October 2-6. Classes started at 7:30 P.M. and lasted one hour. The class was taught by Dr. G.E. Brown of Williamston, N.C.

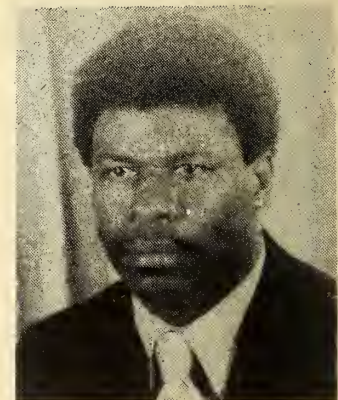
Some of the things that were taught or discussed were: The church, the differences between officers in the church, and officers of the church, their duties and church etiquette. Many questions were asked and answered.

Rev. Earl Brown Honored

Reidsville — Reverend Earl M. Brown was honored by the First Baptist Church, Reidsville, North Carolina, Sunday, September 24. A program of music by the combined choirs of the church and a paper of appreciation was presented. Gifts, a plaque and a love offering were presented the Brown family.

Reverend Brown delivered his farewell sermon at the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the above date.

He leaves Reidsville to take over the Pastorate of the Fifth Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.



Reverend Earl M. Brown, Reidsville Pastor Honored

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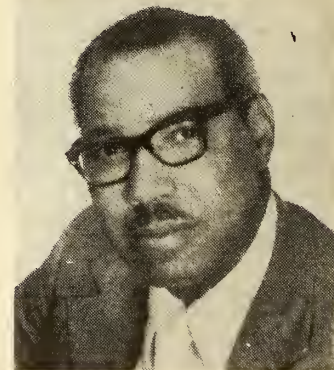
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This is to express my thanks and gratitude for your concern, Prayers and responses during my recent illness.

The many cards, flowers, visits, services, gifts, and all of the wonderful things you did beyond the call of duty, inspired and strengthened my recovery.

Thank you one and all.