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## Executive Secretary Announces Retirement

Raleigh, N.C. — In an unexpected move, February 16, before the Executive Committee Secretary of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., Dr. O.L. Sherrill announced his retirement from office, effective at the end of the fiscal year 1977.

The members of the Executive Committee were momentarily stunned, when at the close of his usual report to the Board, Dr. Sherrill shattered the calm atmosphere with the announcement that he would retire after 30 years as "Mr. Baptist." Although there had been hints in recent years that the illustrious and prominent Baptist leader would retire, the announcement came as a total surprise to everyone.

Known across the nation and the world as "Mr. Baptist", Dr. Sherrill was elected to office in 1947. He has grown with the Convention as it has moved through various periods of growth and development. He has served when a great number of outstanding presidents, and has survived many a battle which left presidents and followers scattered to the four winds. There is no doubt about it, the Convention has seen much progress during these years that Dr. Sherrill has been at the helm.

As the realization of what was being said broke through upon the group, there was a hushed almost reverent silence that settled upon the atmosphere.

Everyone present realized that there was a note of genuine greatness and Holy awe moving about from heart to heart and from

breast to breast. The voices of those who spoke trembled with audible emotion, as everyone struggled to retain himself from a demonstration which, if had come, would have overcome everyone present.

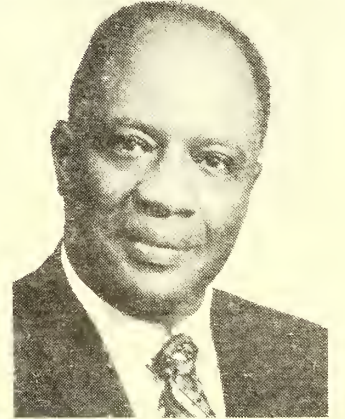
The Chairman of the Executive Committee, Dr. Jerry Drayton, Pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church, Winston Salem, proceeded to place the question before the Board which unanimously accepted the request of Dr. Sherrill. The complete text of his statement follows:

Dear Christian Co-Workers,

I consider it a very special privilege to have worked with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as its Executive Secretary since November 1947.

The challenge of these twenty-nine years has aided tremendously in my growth toward Christian maturity. My concept has been enlarged to the extent that I see our task as not just a job, but working together with Christ in His mission. I count it a blessing more each day to be associated with such a wonderful group of Christian men and women in Kingdom-building.

According to a statement in the Personnel Policies with regards to retirement, I have a few more years which I could be considered for service. The Statement reads as follows: "All Staff Members shall retire at the age of sixty-five (at the end of the fiscal year). However, the Convention may extend employment on an annual basis up to the age of seventy, provided the Employee's health and performance are satisfactory".



Dr. O. L. Sherrill

May I request the privilege of serving you in the capacity of Executive Secretary until the end of the fiscal year 1977, which will mark a completion of thirty years service.

May God continue to bless you mightily.

The appropriate Committees have been appointed to negotiate the terms of Dr. Sherrill's retirement.

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Mrs. M. A. Horne



O. L. Sherrill



J. J. Johnson



Mrs. J. B. McLester

## Workshop And Conference In Region Five

The General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Inc. Region Five consisting of Stanly, Anson, Union, Montgomery, Moore, Hoke, Scotland, Robeson, Cumberland, Sampson, and Bladen Counties, pastors, moderators, missionaries (youth, young adults and adults) and laymen will convene, March 8-12, 1976 at the First Baptist Church, North Main Street, Fairmont, President Johnson, pastor and Dr. E.B. Turner host moderator in a workshop and evangelistic conference.

The workshop will be Monday - Friday from 4 - 6 and 7 - 8 p.m. The workshop leaders will be Reverends O.L. Sherrill, C.C. Craig, Leo Williams, Mrs. J.B. McLester and Mrs. M.A. Horne. The evangelist will be Rev. C.E. Beamon and music by church community choirs directed by Mr. Waverly Camp, the newly elected layman league secretary and convention musician.

Send your request for housing accommodations to the all Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, 1976, Winston-Salem to the Baptist headquarters early.



C. C. Craig



E. B. Turner



Leo Williams



W. E. Beamon

## To Study Vital Areas

Fairmont — The Region Five Workshop and Evangelistic Conference will offer instruction in areas vital to the progress of the Baptist Church.

Based on the theme "United Ministries: A Responsibility of Christians, the Conference will offer a look at the State Convention, Its Structure and Objectives, the Responsibilities of Pastors and Church Officers; the Functions of the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union; and the Responsibilities of the Church Musician and Ministers In Worship."

Two other areas, the role of Christian Women In Missions and The Christian Responsibilities and Rights of Women In The Church, will be studied.

Pastors and lay persons throughout the region are urged to attend this workshop and to bring a donation for the unified program. A special offering for the earthquake victims in Guatemala is asked.

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## Baptist Plane

# National Baptist Sunday School And Training Union Congress

Raleigh — The National Baptist Sunday School and Baptist Training Union Congress of the National Baptist Convention, Inc. will meet in San Francisco, California, June 21-25, 1976.

The General Baptist State Convention is chartering a first class jet for this event. The plane will leave the Douglas Airport in Charlotte on Monday, June 21 and will return on Friday, June 25. Reservations have been made at the Hyatt House, Union Square in downtown San Francisco, accommodating two persons per room.

The cost of this ideal trip is only \$375.00, which includes your round trip fare from Douglas Airport, Charlotte to San Francisco, California, transportation from the airport to the motel, baggage handling, and room at the fabulous Hyatt House, Union Square. A deposit of \$50,000 will reserve a seat for you on the plane, and the remaining amount will be due by May 17, 1976.

Please fill out the form below and send your deposit

today!! All checks or money orders are to be made payable to the General Baptist State Plane.

For further information contact O.L. Sherrill or C.C. Craig at Baptist Headquarters, Raleigh, North Carolina.

## Shaw Establishes Criminal Justice Program With Grant

RALEIGH — Shaw University and eight other predominantly black colleges and universities have received a grant totaling \$751,00 from the U.S. Justice Department's Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) to develop professional training for criminal justice careers for blacks and other minorities.

Shaw University has received \$64,000 matched with \$31,000 of its own monies to total \$95,000 for the 18 month pilot program.

According to Dr. Lorenzo Thompson "Criminal Justice tracks or courses are being developed within the Department of Public Administration at Shaw."

Research conducted by the Justice Department showed that major colleges and universities fail to interest blacks and other minorities in criminal justice careers and small institutions generally have not offered the training.

Dr. Thompaon said, "The area of Criminal Justice has turned off blacks because they have been geared toward white concepts and values. Shaw's program will seek to train persons in Criminal Justice areas to be broad thinkers."

The program will focus on several areas of Criminal Justice including law enforcement, corrections and juvenile delinquency.

# Attention !

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## West African Tour

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The Spiritual Safari with Mrs. M.A. Horne as hostess, a West African tour to Nigeria and Liberia will depart from New York City on November 22.

A \$1,289.00 round trip tour price from New York City includes first class hotel accommodations, 2 meals per day and travels. Airport taxes and visa fees are estimated at \$35.00 per person.

We will visit Liberia and Nigeria including Monrovia, Brewerville, Port Harcourt, Lagos, Ibadan etc. Join us as we visit the schools, clinics, churches and mission stations we have helped to build as we continue to give unstinted support through our Lott Carey Convention. See the Wendell C. Somerville School and the Students in Action at Port Harcourt.

In Monrovia we will visit the executive Mansion where we will meet Dr. and Mrs. Tolbert and friends.

In Lagos we will attend the second World Black and African Festival of Arts and Culture, there will be a variety of exhibits. In Lagos and Liberia we will also visit the Southern Baptist Mission Stations and the Firestone plantation (the largest in the world).

See the rapid growth of Africa, as well as the customs, style, educational facilities of our people.

We have tour members from North Carolina, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Virginia and Washington — WHAT A FAMILY! Come On And See God's Creation.

Upon request we will forward you a brochure of the tour. One hundred (\$100.00) dollars will enroll you as a member. On receiving your first payment other information will follow. Full payment is expected on or before September 30, 1976.

Pastors, Laymen, Sisters, may I hear from you?

Sincerely,  
Mrs. M.A. Horne  
Post Office Box 1818  
Raleigh, N.C. 27602

## Motherhood

## Has Crisis Period

The first three years — or the "period of crisis" — of motherhood, from the onset of pregnancy to the child's third year, are the subject of an intensely personal, painfully honest yet powerfully affirmative book: *The Mother Knot* by Jane Lazaare (McGraw-Hill, \$7.95).

The point of view is entirely that of a mother, and the gripping work is written in the form of a memoir which relates the profound physical and psychological changes experienced by a young woman who is becoming a mother for the first time. The development of the child and the responses of the father

# Woman's Page----

## Dr. Priscilla Brodie Keynote Speaker At Mid-Year Session Women's Convention

By Thelma C. Horton  
Raleigh — Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie, Franklinton, the first Black woman and the second woman to receive the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, was the keynote speaker on Saturday, January 17, for the twenty third annual mid-year session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, Inc. The spirit filled session was held at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium.

From the Convention theme, "Reach Out and Touch", she spoke using the subject "The Touch of Christian Women". She stated that "there are many kinds of touches and their efforts or effects are different. The touch be it hand, word, influence or deed of Christian women is different from worldly women. This touch has potency or power from the Holy Spirit, which uplifts, whereas, the touch of worldly women has the seed of degradation, as in the case of Sampson and Delilah". She suggested the touch of truth, opportunity, unselfishness and compassion as guidelines by which the "Touch of Christian Women" may be evaluated. In her conclusion, she stated that when one reaches out with the touch of truth, opportunity, unselfishness and compassion, he has a touch molded by Jesus Christ. When we, she continued reach out and touch as Christian women we need not fear, we need not doubt, nor worry; for though we don't know, what the future holds, we know who holds the future.

Mrs. C.E. McLester, Durham, president of Woman's Convention, greeted the 2,000 delegates with praise and thanksgiving for their continued loyal support. They adopted a financial budget of \$250,000 for their Objectives. They also pledged to continue their efforts to "go out" and win 500 souls to Christ.

"Know Your Convention" was the subject Executive Secretary Treasurer M.A. Horne used to talk about one of her greatest concerns, The

are subordinate — it is her story.

The book begins as the woman lies in the delivery room giving birth to her second child. Why, she asks herself, am I daring to do this again? The balance of the volume attempts to answer that question.



DR. BRODIE AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MRS. M.A. HORNE. DR. BRODIE'S MESSAGE WAS QUITE STIMULATING.

Woman's Convention Program. She announced that the ninety-second annual session of the Woman's Convention will be held during the All-Baptist Assembly, August 2-5, at the Winston Salem Convention Center and the Pre-Convention Banquet (\$10.00 per plate) speaker will be Dr. F.G. Sampson, Detroit Michigan. She pleaded with the sisters to consider the increased postal rates, and urged the appointment of someone to keep up with the Helper's expiration date. Failure to receive the Helper during the fifth month of each quarter will indicate that the subscription has expired. All persons should notify the office when one's address changes.

Mrs. Horne presented Dr. Corbin Cooper, Director of Cooperative Ministries. He brought "good news" and announced another educational opportunity for Baptist Women in N.C.: a level of study beyond the Institute level and yet, within the reach of any person wanting to study. Courses such as: Dynamics of Teaching; Public Worship; Educational Administration; Leadership Development; Fundamentals of Music; various Bible and History

classes; Ethics and Church Doctrines may be taught in the local community to 12 or 15 persons over 16 years of age.

The Young Adult Department met in the lower level of the auditorium with Director Bronnie H. Daniels, Winston Salem, and President Natalie Mitchell, Reidsville, in charge. As a salute to the Bicentennial Year, they presented a special tribute entitled, "As It Was - As It Is". The 367 Young Adult men and women assembled enjoyed the narration by President Mitchell. Six scenes depicted: (1) The Creation, (2) The Arrival (3&4) Escape and Freedom and the Emancipation, which included Underground Railroad and Harriet Tubman, also N.C. Black History (5) Why Can't I, included bus boycott with Mrs. Rosa M. Parks and Freedom Marches (6) Where Are We?, which included school desegregation. Hats off to Reba Archie, Donald Crawford, Darlene Eaves, Doris Wilson, Rita Currie, Paulette McNeil, Louise Gause, Sharm Jones, Jerrye Griffin, Bernice Miller, Ellen Johnson, Waverly Camp, Alice McLain, Ruth Smith and Hermena Bostick for a job well done.

Mrs. Eva M. Pratt, Durham, Youth Supervisor, reported that the Youth had a grand session with their president, Miss Elizabeth Brooks, Gastonia, presiding. A panel discussion on "The Responsibilities of the Youth Officers" was enjoyed by all. Plans for the Youth Supervisors' Financial Project, featuring the "Spirit of 76" will be announced later.

Dr. Charles W. Ward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, presented Reverend C.R. Trotter as a "Builder of Churches and Builder of Men". The Good Hope Baptist Church pastor preached from the subject Phillipians 3:13). He said, "As we work together for a common object in our family life, it is also important that we work together for a common goal in the Convention." This kind of unity he continued, will turn our prayers into reality. He urged every delegate to put Christ first in all things and to make Christ's goal our goal. We should strive to do the will of God.

The session was adjourned and many delegates were convinced that they needed to make the Convention Theme, "Reach Out and Touch" a part of their daily lives.

# Shaw University, A Model Of Quality Education

RALEIGH — (Editor's Note: The following featured article concerning Shaw University and Shaw Divinity School is the first in a continuing series of articles, which is to be published in connection with the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's program of monthly statewide emphasis on the Objectives of the Convention).

## "HE COUNTED NOT HIS LIFE DEAR UNTO HIMSELF"

It was to be expected that the writer would be instinctively drawn to the flat marble slab that covers the crypt containing the remains of Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, founder of the Shaw University. As the writer stood there, hat in hand, looking reverently down upon the crypt's marble slab and reading the words: "He counted not his life dear unto himself that he might lift Godward his Brother", sacred memories began to flood his soul. It was over 20 years ago, in 1951, when the writer first heard the story of Dr. Henry Martin Tupper. A frightened wide-eyed freshman, in 1951, the writer sat in the Chapel and listened intently as Dean Payne gave a brief history of the institution.

Dean Payne related the events of the first day on which Dr. Tupper and his lovely bride arrived at Shaw from New York. Dr. Tupper had been a Union soldier during the Civil War, and seeing the plight of the Black people, he resolved that he would dedicate his life to the betterment of Black people. Taking his \$400.00 mustering-out pay he returned to North Carolina where he purchased land for a school for Blacks. When things were established, he sent for his wife, who upon her arrival on campus saw a whipping post where the slaves had been chained and whipped. She could not bear the thought of "the inhumanity" and wanted the post moved. Dr. Tupper had several of the students to pull up the post, and when it was up, stated that he wanted to be buried on that spot. The request was granted.

When the Chapel hour was over the writer went out and found the Grave. Standing there he resolved in his heart that he too would "count not his life dear unto himself so that he might lift Godward his brothers". Every day during the greater number of years that the writer spent at Shaw he went to the grove to reset his sights. This keeps his goal ever before him.

Somehow as the writer stood amidst the concrete marble and bricks it did not seem the same as it did in the serene grave where grass grew and trees shaded the grave sight ... where a bird could occasionally be heard calling as if to bring a "message" from the great Beyond. The writer looked about the modern campus and observed the busy flow of students and workers going swiftly about their task. Gone was Shaw Hall, the central dormitory for girls at that time. Gone was the Campus Inn that was at that time located immediately behind the Church

building. Gone was the use of Estey Hall, another women's dormitory. Gone was the use of the Greenleaf Chapel and the Dining Hall beneath it. Gone was the west campus. Yes, the old Shaw was gone ... But what about this new Shaw ...? What is it like? Is it stronger ... better? The writer decided that he would find out.

## INTERVIEWS

Mrs. Roberta Lightner, secretary to the University President is a landmark figure at Shaw. "I have been here 27 years" she stated "and I've seen Presidents come and go. We have made progress under each of them." Question: Is the new Shaw a better Shaw than the old one we knew? "Yes, I would say that we have made substantial progress through the years ... You have to keep moving ... and we have moved under each president we've had. This year has been a quite positive one, Shaw has come a long way. I was here with Dr. Robert Daniels who served from 1936-1950, and I have seen many changes that have made the school better."

Dr. Archie Hargraves, President, was asked, "how would you define the situation at Shaw today?" "Positive, in 1971, we had an indebtedness of \$1,900,000. Today we have reduced that indebtedness to \$55,000 in June of 1975," he answered.

"What can a school like Shaw do to enable the student to be able to respond positively to the vital issues of today's world?" we asked. "It can and does equip the student to understanding the changes that are taking place in society and how to meet the challenge of these changes. For example, we no longer live in an industrial society. In our American society today we have 65 percent of those employed, engaged in services rather than in industry. We are therefore living in a post - industrial society. At Shaw we have the kind of Program that will enable the student to render those services with a high degree of efficiency," he concluded.

Some of the Programs that he referred to are: The U.Y.A. Cooperative Education Program. A program funded by the Federal Government in which a student may work on a job that is related to his or her major and receive pay so that they can pay tuition as well as gather job experience. Another vital program at Shaw is the science program. The Federal Government has given grants - in-aid which have enabled Shaw to supply and maintain an up-to-date science building. Walking through the three story science building gave the writer the impression that here indeed is progress. It seemed to the writer that a student could get anything that is needed by way of science training at Shaw. A far cry from 1951.

Responding to questions relating to racial problems, politics, and the Black Church, the President was very emphatic about what he feels. "The reason for the breakdown in



**SHAW HAS RICH HISTORY** — Shaw University is the third oldest predominantly black institution of higher education in the United States. Shaw currently enrolls over 1500 students in a variety of areas including radio-tv-film, music, public administration and biology.

values today is due to the fact that most people do not have a primary religious experience. Most religious experiences are second hand at best. (1) We need to encourage our Black people to use their minds ... to think. (2) We need to help students examine the world around him/her and find means of communicating with a primary source of Being (God)". In laymen's language he is simply saying that we need to lead our people back to God ... to the new birth experience ... to dependence on God, rather than on things.

As the writer pondered these things, it seemed that there was an inner voice saying: "The need today is still great for men who will not only discover God for themselves but will 'Count not their lives dear unto themselves that they might lift Godward their brethren.'" Herein lies the hope of Shaw, the hope of American Society, yea, the hope of the world.

A third area of emphasis that concerned the president was that of sharpening the student's sense of appreciation of the Beautiful. A fourth area was concerned with developing in the student a sense of understanding of the Truth and Beauty and the ability to "Do-It" ... that is, how

to think and act ... how to actually bring about change".

The writer was deeply impressed with the deep concern that the students, faculty, and administration have in quality education.

## ENROLLMENT

Mr. Warren Massenburg, a director of University Relations, pointed out that while enrollment has steadily dropped at many private and Black colleges, that Shaw's enrollment is steadily increasing.

## FOOD SERVICE

In an interview with Mr. Ray Davis, director of Food Services at the University, it was learned that students get their money's worth in the dining hall. It is difficult to please 900 students but Mr. Davis does his best to keep complaints to a minimum. He stated that fresh food is purchased daily and that in his travels and work at other colleges and school's Shaw's food service is second to none. There is a Federal Work Aid Program whereby a student can work in Food Service and receive wages as a supplement to their tuition. Mr. Davis has been at Shaw for five years. A typical meal consists of a choice between two meats, milk, salad, dessert, two vegetables, and one starch.

## SIGNS OF

## PROGRESS

As a general observation, the campus is well kept, and buildings are generally in a state of good repair. The writer was pleased to note that the University church had recently been painted and that a room for a new heating and air condition system was being constructed onto the rear of the campus church.

## SUPPORT SHAW

Every member of the Baptist Church should visit and spend some time on Shaw's campus. A day of this sort would enlarge the vision of the individual and enable him - er to understand why we need to raise every dollar we can for the support of Shaw. During the month of March, every pastor, moderator and leader of any sort in Baptist churches are being called upon to not only emphasize Shaw but to encourage everyone to send as much as possible to the school.

## SHAW DIVINITY SCHOOL

In recent months a fire destroyed a good portion of the downstairs of Meserve Hall which houses the Divinity School. The Divinity School is now completely separate from the University. Enrollment is at its all time high level, having 50 students on Campus and 26 enrolled in the Seminary Without Walls Program. When this writer visited the Seminary Without Walls, the instructors were busily engaged in the work of preparing cassette tapes for the students' lessons.

Study resources in the Seminary Without Walls Program are provided by use of cassette tapes, Adjunct Professors, tutors, discussions with peers, metropolitan institutional resources and the candidate's own church.

You can listen to them when you choose. When your busy schedule permits you may learn in your car, study or bedroom.

What is Shaw like today ... is it stronger ... is it better? This writer is convinced that it is, that Shaw is moving on solid ground. In the Science field one can pursue a career in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, Pre - Health Science, Environmental Science, Speech Pathology, and Engineering. The Athletic Program is sound, the education program is undergirded by basic support and aid in reading skills, and financial aid can be secured. Tuition and fees are \$1888 per year, room and board \$870 per year. You may qualify for financial assistance through: National Defense Student Loan, Basic Education Opportunity Grant, College Grant, University Grant - In - Aid, and other loans, grants and scholarships. ... See PHOTOS FOR OTHER ASPECTS OF SHAW STUDENT AND CAMPUS LIFE.

Go ahead!! Send that contribution today — "Do It". Baptists are proud of Shaw and the Baptist Cause will be greatly hindered if the school ceases to cultivate Christian minds. "Pro Christo et Humanitate" — "That Religion and learning may Go hand in hand and character grow with Knowledge."

## Pastor Is Promoted

Martinsburg, W. Va. — Chaplain Frederick D. Terry, former pastor of the West Durham Baptist Church was promoted to the rank of Lt. Colonel during his annual training at Tooele, Utah, August 1975, effective September 1975. Chaplain Terry is assigned to 510 Army Depot, Baltimore, Maryland and covers subordinate units in Hagerstown, Frederick, Cumberland and Baltimore, Maryland. Terry has completed several military schools' training. In 1961 he completed the Basic Chaplain's Course at Ft. Slocum, N.Y., the Advanced Chaplain's Course at Ft. Hamilton, N.Y. in 1968; and Command General Staff School, Riverdale, Md., August 1975. As a Reserve Officer, Chaplain Terry served with several units in North Carolina before leaving the State.

During his pastorate in Durham, Chaplain Terry led the congregation in relocating from Thaxton Avenue to its new location at Nixon and Athens Streets. He was active in civic and community activities during his pastorate.

In 1971, Chaplain Terry accepted a position with the Veterans Administration as Chaplain, and works as a civilian Chaplain at the Martinsburg V.A. Center. Since being at the Center, he has been selected to attend several training conferences. Among them are Chaplains' Seminars, Newark, N.J. and Hampton, Va.

Chaplain Terry is married to the former Alberta Gibson of Raleigh, N.C., who also taught in the Durham County School system. They are the parents of three children.

## Shaw To Establish Day Care Homes

RALEIGH — Shaw University officials have announced the receipt of a grant for \$62,423.00 from the North Carolina Department of Human Resources, Division of Social Services to establish a network of Family Day Care Homes in the Southwest Wake County area.

An analysis of the findings of several surveys by Shaw University indicates that adequate day care is not available in Wake County for pre-school children from low income families.

The University plans to provide Wake County with 6 family day care homes consisting of a total of thirty children between the ages of 1 through 5 years of age.

The program incorporates several components such as home care, social services, parent involvement, medical services, nutritional services and student involvement.

A variety of materials will be used in the home to implement a sound educational experience and home care.



**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS AT SHAW** — The Student Government Association of Shaw University is involved in several community projects including the Big Brother Big Sister program of the Wake County Mental Health Department. They are (sitting left to right) Abena Briscoe, vice president; Joe Jackson, president; Dkaye Davis, business manager; Cornell Well, chief justice.

Standing, from left are Patricia Williams, Secretary; Stephen D'Arbeau, Assistant to the President; Janice Blackstone, Secretary; and David Lanier, Attorney General.



**HISTORIC SITE AT SHAW** — Estey Hall, erected in 1873 on the campus of Shaw University, is reported to be the oldest education building for black women in the United States. In 1973 Estey Hall was entered in the National Register of Historic Places after receiving similar recognition on the state and local levels. Plans to restore the exterior and renovate the interior are being considered.



**TRAINS IN SPEECH AND HEARING** — Harold Lewis (center), area coordinator for the speech and hearing department at Shaw University teaches students to operate an audiometer, a machine used to evaluate a person's hearing. The students, left to right: Rose Holman, Gladys Christmas, Ellen Williams and Freda DeCoster, are senior level speech and hearing majors.

## College, Career Gap Bridged

RALEIGH — The Center for Cooperative Education at Shaw University has adopted the phrase "Learning A Living" as the program's motto and according to Don Benson, that's the program's ultimate goal. Benson, director of the program describes Cooperative Education as a tool to "help students combine theory and practice". Co-op as it is called most often is a program designed to give students on the job training in the area of their major or career interest. Students participating in the program earn hours of credit towards their graduation.

According to Don Benson, "in order to approve a particular job as a Co-op assignment for a particular student, the staff must be reasonably confident that the job will make a significant contribution to the student's development. The staff is most likely to approve a job if it appears to be capable of providing substantial experience directly related to the student's major area of study and-or career interest, but in some cases student development might be served best by approving a job which would enable the student to gain greater self-knowledge and knowledge of the world by working in an unfamiliar field or living in an unfamiliar environment.

Credit is awarded at the rate of 3 credits for four weeks of satisfactory full-time work or its equivalent. Normally, the student must be employed at least six weeks to receive Cooperative Education credit. However, the co-op staff may approve an assignment of less than six weeks if it involves intensive work and study. The typical Co-op assignment continues for one semester, and the student who successfully completes such an assignment receives nine credits."

"A student's performance is evaluated on the basis of a job description, a student evaluation of the employer, an employer evaluation of the student, a paper written by the student, and on the job visitation by faculty or staff members."

The Shaw faculty is increasingly involved in such experimental learning programs as Cooperative Education. "The classroom can no longer serve as the primary source of information in a rapidly changing world. We are learning to use the classroom, instead, as a laboratory for analyzing and synthesizing information which comes from experiences in the larger environment," said Benson.

"We find that students who have combined theory with practice by participating in the Co-op program generally get the best jobs and enter the best professional schools following graduation," he added.

From The President's Pen:

# What's Happening To The Contemporary Family?

Much is happening to the contemporary family. The masculine domineering image has practically disappeared for better or worse. So has the fatherly stereotype image. The feminine image has changed immensely. Due to many factors the contemporary family is disintegrating fastly.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, "America divorces in 1975 exceeded one million". Also for the second year divorces exceeded marriages.

The U.S. divorce rate began rising in 1962 and accelerated in 1968. By 1973 divorces had reached the rate of 4.4 per 1000 population, exceeding the previous record of 4.3 established in 1946 immediately after World War II. The most recent rate was 4.7.

The center said that while the divorce rate has been rising the national marriage rate has been dropping about 4 percent at a time when the number of Americans of marriageable age is increasing.

During the October 1974, September 1975 period, it said there were 2,145,000 marriages compared to 2,232,000 divorces during the same period one year earlier.

Look further at what's happening to the contemporary family. The crime rate of teenagers has tripled in the last decade. The drug use and abuse rate by fifty percent, suicidal and homicidal rate nearly doubled, the illegitimacy rate among girls between the ages of 10-13 practically doubled, abortions, child abuse, neglect, and support legislation have increased significantly.

In 1975 American school children committed 100 murders, 12,000 armed robberies, 9,000 rapes, 204,000 aggravated assaults and 270,000 school burglaries, according to the February issue of NEA Reporter, published by the National Education Association, The Parent Organization of NCAE. Vandals costs schools, the taxpayers, \$600 million-about the same amount as the school spends on text books.

The U.S. Senate Subcommittee found last year that 70,000 teachers were victims of serious assaults and that, between 1970 and 1973 murders increased by 18.5 percent, rapes and attempted rapes 40.1 percent, robberies 36.7 percent, assaults on students by 85.3 percent, assaults on teachers 77 percent and burglaries 11.8 percent.

Statistics on violence in North Carolina are not available but NCAE reports indicate that vandalism may not be as serious here as it is in major metropolitan areas.

Vandalism has been attributed to many causes - from spontaneous capriciousness to "just plain meanness", and in other cases to the need for money or good to fence," the NCAE

Report concluded.

"Other reasons cited are: that buildings are attractive because they are deserted, the kids have nothing else to do, their parents are too lax, there is too much violence on television, crime is rising all over and in all categories, and the vandals are sending a message to society".

Premarital relations and shacking have played havoc with family life. These unhealthy relations have produced unwanted children, increasing unemployment, welfare, desertions, child abuse and neglect, mental frustrations by both couples and parents. In many cases the children ended up in foster care facilities at the expense of the taxpayers. Therefore premarital "bedding" is no bargain.

The Protestant Church has liberalized its thinking on divorce, abortion and homosexuality, however the New Roman Catholic Declaration condemns the modern erosion of sex standards. It emphasizes the importance of sexuality and the moral goodness of sexual union in marriage. It adds that sex gives a person the biological and spiritual characteristics that largely condition his or her progress toward maturity and involvement in society.

Out of this high view of sex, the church statement hits at the contemporary confusion downgrading of sex standards and widespread aberrant modes of behavior that violate the true moral exigencies of the human being.

The decline in sex morals is linked with the loss of a sense of God and has been shown by commercialization of vice, with unrestrained licentiousness of so many public entertainments and publications, as well as with the neglect of modesty.

The corruption has infected education and general mentality says the 6,000 word analysis drawn up by Vatican office on sacred doctrine. It adds:

"Moral criteria and modes of living hitherto faithfully preserved have been very much Christian. There are many people today who have come to wonder what they must still hold as true.

Singled out for specific censure were premarital relations, homosexuality and masturbation.

Today there are many who vindicate the right to sexual union before marriage, at least in these cases where a firm intention to marry and no affection required this completion which they judge to be natural. But this view is contrary to Christian doctrine which states that every genital act must be within the framework of marriage. The lesson of history and experience teach that love must find its safeguard in the stability of marriage, if sexual relation is truly to respond to the requirements of its own finality

and those of human dignity". Thus ends the new Roman Catholic Declaration. Therefore each committed mutual Christian must make his or her own declaration based on high moral, ethical standards or principles.

Finally, in the future says U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORTS January 12, 1976 issue, only a few parents will insist on large families. Presently it costs \$32,000.00 to raise one child to age 17: by 1985 it will cost \$50,00.00 to raise one child to age 17: by 1985 it will cost \$50,000.00; more wives will be employed, less divorces because of increase in the marriageable age, more single and childless couples, less home building, more condominium living, reduction in employees' work week to 34 hours by 1985, more comfortable compact cars and house type recreation with all these innovations and more time on our hand family drinking problems will increase unless there are immediate preventions and cures. Now there are 10 million American working alcoholics, not counting dope addicts.

The future of the family is left in our hands especially those who have courageous conscientious Christian convictions and high ethical codes of conduct plus a genuine sense of modesty.

The contemporary family, if it is to be viable must be committed to Christian conscience and conduct in practice.

The London Daily Telegraph January 3, 1976 summarized what other nations think of U.S. The editorial began: "It is time: American friends spoke out with some nasty questions to the so called liberal east-coast establishment. By that we mean sections of the press, sections of Congress, television, commentators and comedians, university pundits and a lot of other people who may think there is a dollar to be made out of downgrading their country's institutions and leaders".

The United States should know that her European cousins and allies are appalled and disgusted by the present open disarray of her public life. The self-criticism and self-destructive tendencies are running rampant, with no countervailing force in sight.

"Please America, for God's sake pull yourself together".

It is instructive, though painful to see ourselves through the eyes of others.

The image of America can only increase as the image of her family life-style develops and grows spiritually and morally.

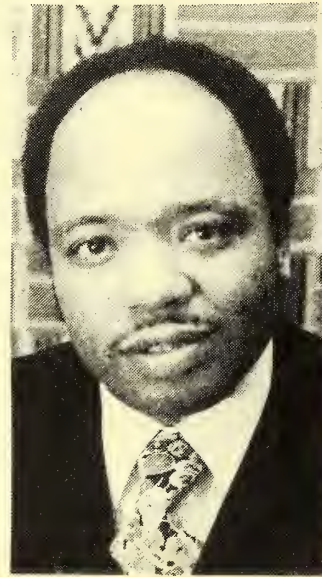
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Conference Theme

# Quest For Renewal

Raleigh — Dr. J.Z. Alexander, Dean of the Shaw Divinity School has announced that the theme of the third Annual Pastor's Conference will be, The Quest For Renewal of the Church's Ministry and Mission. He stated in a recent interview that, "This conference has the potential of being the best ever held, not only because of the vitality of the theme but because of the outstanding conference leaders who have been invited to participate."

The following Biographical Sketches of the leaders indicate that Dr. Alexander is accurate in his prediction:



Dr. Harold Carter

Dr. Carter - Son of the Rev. and Mrs. Nathan M. Carter, and a native of Selma, Alabama. Graduate of Alabama State College in Montgomery, Graduate of Crozier Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania. Has the unusual distinction of having earned two doctorate degrees in the same month, The Doctor of Ministry Degree from Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y., and the highest academic



Rev. Charles Butler

degree one can earn, the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Theology from the St. Mary's Seminary and University, Baltimore, Md. (This degree was awarded magna cum laude with highest honors). He is the author of the book The Prayer Tradition of Black People, published by Judson Press.



Dr. Charles S. Rooks

Former assistant to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. while in Montgomery, and has pastored for five years the historic Court Street Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. Presently he is the pastor of the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md. He is married to the former Wep-tonamah Washington and is the father of a son and daughter. He is known to some as a scholar, to some as a theologian, to some as an eloquent speaker, and is known no doubt to all who meet him as "A Preacher Determined To Live With Christ".

The Reverend Charles W. Butler, pastor of the New Calvary Baptist Church, Detroit, Michigan has earned his B.A. Degree from the Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas; the B.D. Degree from Union Theological Seminary, New York, and is presently a resident for Ph.D. completed - Columbia University. His work experience includes: Assistant Pastor - St. James Presbyterian Baptist Church; Teacher of the Baptist Center, New York, Teacher Biblical Literature and Religion Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, Pastor of the Metropolitan Baptist Church and his present position as pastor of New Calvary. He is married to the former Helen Scoggins and the father of four children.

Dr. Rooks - Son of the Rev. Shelby A. Rooks and the late Mrs. Shelby Rooks. Graduate of Virginia State College, Graduate of Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Rooks is currently the President and Associate Professor of Ministry of the Chicago Theological Seminary. He is a member of numerous organizations and affiliations. He is married to the former Adrienne Martinez and the father of three children.

The Conference will be held in the University Church, March 22-24, 1976.

**COST OF THE CONFERENCE**  
Although the cost of living has continued to increase, the cost of the Pastor's Conference will be \$25.00, the same as it has been for the past two years. However, those who attend will be responsible for their own lodging and meals.

# In Loving Memory

## Shaw Theological

### Alumni To Meet In March

Raleigh — Theological Alumni from across the nation and world will be assembling on the Shaw Campus, March 22-24, 1976. The Annual Alumni meeting to be scheduled to be held simultaneously with the 3rd Annual Pastor's Conference. The Pastor's Conference is sponsored jointly by the Theological Alumni Association and the Shaw Divinity School.

The Executive Board Meeting is scheduled to meet Monday, March 22, 1976 at 4:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Administration Building. The annual Theological Alumni Association Banquet will be held in the Dining Room of the Student Union Building at 5:30 p.m.

President of the Alumni Association, Dr. Willie B. Lewis, pastor of Raleigh's Cosmopolitan Baptist Church has sent out an urgent plea to all Alumni to attend the all important event. In this Bicentennial Year there are many crucial events that are confronting us. Every leader needs to be at his best, seeking the best, giving the best.

The Speaker for the Banquet will be the Reverend I.B. Horton, Editor of Baptist Informer

and pastor of the First African Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N.C. Every member of the Association has been called upon to seek out and bring the Divinity School as much financial aid as possible. Remembering the vital role that religion has played in the development of our nation, none will want to do less than his best. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of His might. (Ephesians 6:10).

Dr. Archie Hargraves, president of Shaw, in a recent interview stated that there is a very definite challenge before the Black church and community. He pointed out that Black clergymen need to "put the mind and the understanding of Truth and beauty into a 'do-it' .... or action kind of thing." As he pondered over the present American scene, he said that we need clergymen who know "how to act and bring about change."

Thinking in terms of support for theological education and black education in general, he envisions a national pooling of church resources to support and undergrid the educational program of schools like Shaw University.



Rev. Timothy Rand

Rocky Mount — The funeral service of the late Reverend Timothy H. Rand was held at the St. James Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, Monday, January 26, 1976 - 2:00 p.m. The Eulogy was delivered by Reverend W.C. Cotton. Burial followed in the Northeastern Cemetery, Rocky Mount.

Reverend Rand was a member of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Rocky Mount and was Vice-Moderator of the Tar River Minister and Deacon's Union and the Neuse River Baptist Associations. He was the former pastor of the St. Augusta Chapel of Goldsboro, N.C., the First Baptist Church of Magnolia, N.C. He served as pastor as long as he was able at the Friendship Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, N.C and Cherry Chapel Baptist of Wilson County.



Dr. C. C. Staton

Weldon — The constant hand of death is continually reaching in among us and claiming those we have known and loved. Thus it was with Dr. C.C. Staton, who departed this life February 5, 1976. This was an occasion for double sorrow because death reached back on February 7, 1976 and claimed the Sister of Dr. Staton.

"If I have helped somebody along the way, then my living has not been in vain!" The eulogy was delivered by Reverend John Bee Moore, pastor, First Baptist Church, Weldon, N.C.

Dr. C. Cornelius Staton, Sr. was born in Goldsboro, N.C., January 6, 1891, where he attended public schools and graduated from high school. He attended Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia and Shaw University, Raleigh, N.C. where he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology degree. Shaw University bestowed upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

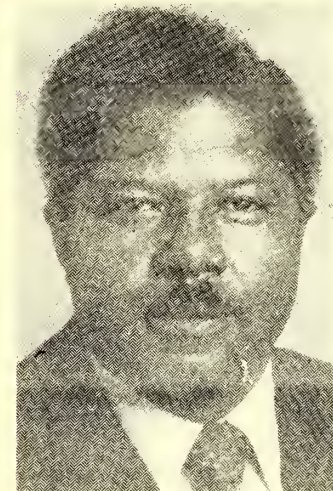
Dr. Staton was principal of the Tar River Institute in Greenville and London Elementary School in Halifax County. At death he was serving the Roanoke Salem Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church and the Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Over the years he was affiliated with the General Baptist State Convention of N.C., Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, Neuse River Missionary Baptist Association, Elks of the World, NAACP, Boy Scouts of America, and other religious and civic organizations.

served as pastor of the following churches: Little Zion, Whitaker, N.C. and First Baptist, Halifax, N.C. At the time of his death, he was pastoring Shiloh Baptist, Jerusalem Baptist, and Long's Chapel, totally committing himself and dedicating his life by serving his fellowman.

He was married to Launsie Walden and to this union three children were born.

Reverend DeLoatch attended Shaw University, receiving his B.S. degree and his M.A. from Virginia State University. Further study was done at East Carolina University. He received his Honorary Doctorate from Florida State University and was listed among Who's Who Among Outstanding Black Men in America. He was recently appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the General Baptist State Convention. He was Moderator at the Northampton County Baptist Association and Vice-Moderator at Tar River Union.



Dr. C. M. DeLoatch

Funeral services for Dr. C.M. DeLoatch were held at the Jerusalem Baptist Church, Woodland on February 16, 1976. Reverend DeLoatch, the son of the late Ollie DeLoatch and P.C. DeLoatch, was born December 17, 1925.

He found joy and pleasure in working for Jesus, and was later called into the ministry. He

Mrs. Rosa Staton Johnson

Mrs. Rosa Staton Johnson was born in Goldsboro, N.C. to the late Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Staton on February 14, 1884.

Mrs. Johnson was reared in Goldsboro and later moved to Brooklyn, N.Y. where she joined and served Mount Lebanon Baptist Church for more than thirty years. Upon her return to Weldon, N.C., she became a member of the First Baptist and served in various capacities until she was incapacitated.

She went to Guardian Care Nursing Home, Ronaoke Rapids in May 1973 where she stayed until her death on Friday, February 6, 1976.

## Religious Emphasis Week Observed

Raleigh — The religious life of Shaw University was greatly enriched recently as the students joined in the observance of Religious Emphasis Week.

The Theme was: "The Family in Contemporary Society". Some outstanding features of the week were:

Talent Variety Program held on Monday, February 23, a panel discussion, "The Value of the

Family in Contemporary Society", Panelists included Dean J.Z. Alexander, Shaw Divinity School, The Reverend W.H. Brock, Pastor, First Baptist, Ingold, N.C., Mr. Alhaji Yussuf Jumat, Representative Libyan Embassy, Washington, D.C., Reverend Aniekut Ykok, Shaw Student and Mr. Joseph Jackson, President, Presiding.

The Week ended on February 26 after the evening workshop

## Middle Ground Holds Annual Training Session

By Reverend H. Hammond Gold Point — The Middle Ground Association held its Annual Training Institute at the Roanoke Tabernacle, here January 12-23, 1976.

There was a total enrollment of 470. Instructors were: Reverend A.L. Daye, Ministers, Dr. G.E. Brown, Deacons, Miss Minnie Chambers, Mission, Reverend F.W. Davis and Mrs. Annie Modica, Youth.

Classes were held for two

hours and thirty minutes. They proved to be successful for all. Following classes worship services were held with dynamic sermons and inspiring singing. Ministers who participated on the program were: The Reverends T.R. Vines, F.E. Leathers, J.A. Daniels, H.H. Hammond, Walter Cherry, A.L. Daye, F.W. Davis, J.H. Dixon and J. Williams. Dr. George E. Brown is moderator of the Middle Ground Association.

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## More Than 2000 Attend Women's Missionary Convention

From the Mountains To the Sea - Shore, more than 2000 Seniors, Young Adults, Youths, Ministers and Laymen attended the Annual Mid-Year Session of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, January 17, 1976 at the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium. They were there spiritually, numerically and financially - IT WAS A GREAT DAY.

More than \$12,000.00 was received for the objectives of the Convention.

President McLester, Senior Department, president Natalie Mitchell, Young Adult Department and president Elizabeth Brooks, Youth Department steered the departments through the business sessions of the convention.

Dr. Priscilla Brodie of Franklinton warmed the hearts of the audience as she discussed with poise and dignity the convention theme "REACH

OUT AND TOUCH" followed with amens and hallelujahs. Executive Secretary Horne challenged the sisters to action as she demonstrated "THE CONVENTION AT WORK".

Dr. Corbin Cooper endeared himself to the sisters as he discussed the possibility of organizing, supporting and instructing local classes over the state in church vocation. The suggestion was well received and we are on our way.

The Woman's Convention choir under the direction of Mrs. Jettie Lucas and Mrs. J.Y. Mims was at its best in song and worship. Following reports from departments, Dr. Charles W. Ward, First Baptist Church, Raleigh presented the speaker of the hour Dr. C.R. Trotter, pastor of Good Hope Baptist Church, Wake County. Dr. Trotter delivered a challenging message filled with spiritual food and present world conditions. Benediction, Dr. Trotter.



PHOTO OF WOMAN'S SESSION HELD AT MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM.



YOUTH SESSION HELD IN STUDENT UNION BUILDING SHAW UNIVERSITY.



THE YOUNG ADULT SESSION IN LOWER LEVEL OF RALEIGH MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM.

### Torch Passed

## New Generation Rising

Raleigh — In the words of the late President Kennedy, Dr. J. Ray Butler stood in the midst of the General Board, meeting at Baptist Headquarters in Raleigh February 16, and proclaimed: "Let the word go forth from this time and place that the Torch has been passed to a new generation of General Baptist." Taking a firm stand for the new policies and programs of the Convention under the leadership of Dr. Johnson, he declared that they had "longed for and prayed for" the day that now is at hand. "Years ago," he stated, "we envisioned a United Program in the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. with every Auxiliary and every Department working together to accomplish the Lord's will." Many people are not able to realize that the "Torch" has been passed, he emphasized, but it truly has been passed. He declared that God wanted us to grow up out of selfishness and personal interest so that the work of Kingdom building can go forth.

Presiding over the General Board with color and praise, Dr. Butler called for the business to be done in the Spirit of Jesus Christ. It did not take long for the Board to approve the work of the Executive Committee. The major items that were approved were: (1) The installation of a new telephone system in the Headquarters Building, (2) The Trustees were ordered to investigate the possibility of purchasing the parking lot adjacent to the Baptist Headquarters Building, (3) The employment of a Chaplain to work with the N.C. Prison System, (4) The implementation of the retirement of the Executive Secretary, (5) The extension of financial aid to the earthquake victims in Guatemala and (6) The hiring of Mr. Joe Norman to audit the Convention books for the fiscal year 1975.

Dr. Butler referred to the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., saying that any difficulties that the Convention may be experiencing today are

"birth pangs" of the "new generation of Baptists". "The birth has already taken place", he emphasized, "and it will be a matter of time before we begin to reap the harvest of benefits forthcoming through this new generation."

The words of Dr. Butler were inspired because of the reaction of some to the new ministries and policies that have been adopted by the Convention. Among the more outstanding programs is that of the "Regional Workshop and Evangelistic Conference", that will be held throughout the state. The purpose of these workshops is to help the churches better utilize their resources in winning souls to Christ. Another is the establishing of a prison Chaplaincy which will extend the influence into the prison system of N.C. Others are: a statewide Credit Union, a retirement home for retired ministers, and a concerted effort to win 5,000 souls for Christ during this Convention year.

### Waverly Camp

## New Laymen Secretary

Raleigh — On February 1, 1976, the General Baptist State Convention employed Mr. Waverly Camp, Jr., as Secretary of Laymen's Work and Church Music.

His work with the Laymen's League will consist of planning and conducting the training program for all its Sessions, including conventional activities; conduct training sessions for leaders on a regional basis; prepare additional guide books for the Laymen's work in keeping with the policy of the Convention; coordinate the Laymen's work with other Convention objectives; help interpret and promote the objectives of the Convention; and to handle the administrative duties of the League.

His work in church music will

be to assist all churches and associations with their music needs. Assistance will be provided in the form of helping to establish conduct, enlarge and improve music programs in churches and associations. He will also be available for assistance in grouping Church Music Literature, advising Churches in the purchasing of musical equipment; advise or consult on the arrangements and size of choir space and other musical aspects pertaining to a new church; and he will be responsible for planning Music for the Convention in all its meetings and evangelistic meetings.

Mr. Waverly James Camp, Jr., age twenty three, is a native of Salisbury, N.C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Waverly Camp, Sr.

Waverly received his early education at the Salisbury City School and continued at the Salisbury High School. College education was received at Livingstone College and the University of N.C. at Greensboro.

Waverly is a member of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Dr. S.R. Johnson, pastor. He serves as Minister of Music there, where he works with three choirs which are known for singing the very best of sacred church music.

### Executive

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Dr. Sherrill's retirement and to plan for a proper recognition of his 30 years of service. He may pass off the scene but the works he has done will continue to speak for Jesus throughout the eternal ages. The Baptist Family is unanimous in wishing for Dr. Sherrill the best that retirement years can afford.

## Help Requested

Raleigh — The call has gone out to General Baptists everywhere to rally to the aid of earthquake victims in Guatemala. The Executive Committee of the General Baptist State Convention has given a directive to the Executive Secretary to send out an immediate appeal for help for the thousands of homeless victims in Guatemala.

President Johnson led the appeal by telling the Board members that each of us got up in a home and had food to eat and clothes to wear. It could have been us, but it is not, "God has seen fit to spare us". He called for a concerted effort among the General Baptist churches. "Let us do it as a Convention", he pleaded,

"rather than as individual Churches". Every pastor and moderator was urged to go back home and open the door and let the people come to the aid of our Black brothers and sisters in Guatemala. Those who have already made a contribution on the local level were urged to do something through the "Unified Plan". The contributions should be sent to Dr. O.L. Sherrill's office during the month of March, the drive to culminate the first of April.

As the members of the Board stood in silent prayer for the earthquake victims, vocal prayers were offered by Rev. Asa Bell, pastor First Baptist Church, Wadesboro, N.C. and moderator of the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

### Black History

#### Week Is Observed

Goldsboro, N.C. — Black History Week was observed in a two day event sponsored by the Afro-Minister's Conference in Goldsboro.

Thursday, February 12, featured a musical program with area churches participating.

Dr. Grady D. Davis, Commissioner for the North Carolina State Parole Commissions, Raleigh, N.C., spoke on "The Changing Concept Of Man".

The Reverend J.W. Britt is president of the Afro-Minister's Conference.