

and Shep.) So if the Movies are degrading, and a fellow goes and don't get degraded some, he isn't getting his money's worth, according to what this lady said.

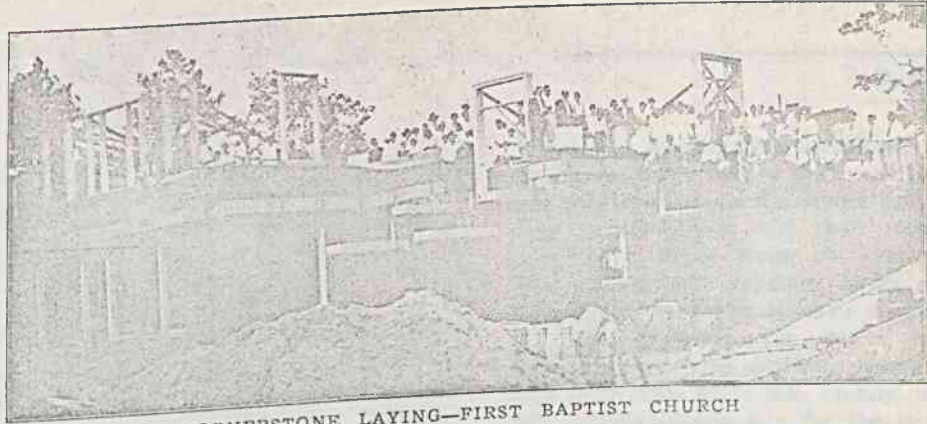
Last night I got down to the Theater early, and my! there was lot of people there to get their money's worth. The Beers and the Colemans and Dave Swagerty and May Stokes—nope, Dave didn't take May—and the Hunicutts and Doctor Oliver and everybody and all the kids in town except Clarence Hadley, who had borrowed a microscope from the Hospital, and was home cleaning one of those ten-pound bass his father catches.

I found a seat beside Safety Engineer Allen, who was out getting degraded while his wife is visiting in Milwaukee, just as the lights faded, and a wild cheer from the kiddies in the front row heralded two reels of Ruth Roland in "The Tiger's Trail," a serial—and a regular serial, too.

It has considerable treasure, unlocated at present; the papers, which of course are quartered into three halves, as Caesar says about Gaul; and the Tiger Idol, which is a husky little casting of manganese steel, probably because it gets considerable banging around. If we could only use that material in the Raymond Mill Rolls and Bull Ring, maybe Ed Biddix would be happier—Oh well, no matter.

The serial starts with Ruth as Bell Boyd in considerable of a mess, and ends with her in what might be called a heluva fix. It appears that Bell, who is the ward of Grim Gordon, was gassed in a Pullman on the B. & O. while taking the Idol out for a little spin, before locking it in a safety deposit box. One of the numerous villains, Randolph, a buddy of Grim's, did this little trick, by boring a hole in the stateroom door. He inserted the gas last week, and we discover him opening the door right here in Badin. He enters, removes the Idol, whisks, removes two dollars' worth of awakes, and takes a seat outside. Bell of Manganese Mike, the Idol, raises a rucus, causing Randolph to become afraid. When the engineer stops the train to light his pipe, Randolph hikes out into the brush. Bell, who has found \$1.50 worth of the whisks, suspects foul play somewhere, and chases the fleeing figure. Whereupon the train departs, and we then have the degrading sight of the young lady cussing the B. & O. Railroad. However, recovering her aplomb, she entered a nearby section-

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CORNERSTONE LAYING—FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Landmark Passes into History

Ebenezer Church Becomes the First Baptist Church of Badin.

Early in the evening on July 30 a representative crowd gathered at the new Baptist Church, for the exercises of the cornerstone laying. This event was one of more than denominational importance, because of the great age of Ebenezer Church, the interesting history behind it, and the community character of the exercises.

Several excellent speeches were made, the speakers being Mr. J. E. S. Thorp, Rev. T. G. Tate, and Rev. J. E. B. Houser. The honor of depositing a special copy of the Holy Bible in the receptacle under the stone was given to Brother Ingram, the oldest member of "Old Ebenezer," as the church has been known for so many years.

Mr. W. K. Littleton read the following interesting history of the church, which he had gathered from ancient records:

Organization

In regard to the beginning of worship here, and the organization of Ebenezer Church, I copy the following interesting paragraph from the old records: "We whose names are underwritten, conceiving it will be for the glory of God and our mutual edification to be constituted into a regular Gospel Church, and having a letter of dismission from the Kendalls Church, to which we formerly belong, we have called our beloved brethren Benjamin Lanier, Peter Owen, and John Culpepper to officiate, to set us apart and to constitute us, agreeable to Gospel order, on the seventeenth day of April, 1836, at the Ebenezer Church, in the County of Montgomery, and State of North Carolina, near the Narrows of the Yadkin."

The following were the charter members: Mark Jones, Mickal Fesperman, William Solomon, Laban Carter, Alexander Kirk, John Smith, Willie Safley, William Palmer, Elizabeth Ingram, Lucy Safley, Susanna Carter, Lavina Smith, Cynthia Ingram, Louisa Kirk, Nancy Talbert, and Frances Randall.

The following were first to be received on experience: Starling Gordan, Nelson Pennington, Rebecca Pennington, Rebecca Ingram, Nancy Carter, Samuel S. Stone, Thos. Huckabee, Nancy Huckabee, Phil A. Fesperman, Calvin Carter, William Hill, Betsy Hall, Lucy Talbert, Anne Folks, Polly Kirk, Robert Callaway, and Sarah Stone.

Buildings

The church first built a hewed log house, and worshiped in it until after the War between the States.

In 1868 and '69 they removed the log house, and put up a frame building, planking it up and down, depot fashion, as they then called it. Parham Kirk and John D. Kirk built the church, doing all the work, such as dressing the lumber, making window sash, etc., by hand.

The church building being too small to accommodate the great throngs of people that attended the protracted meeting services, they had to hold such services under a brush arbor. But, having to build a new one every year, the church decided in 1882 to put up a large frame structure, and cover it with boards. It was a wonderful improvement over the brush arbor. It protected the people both from rain and sunshine. The "Big Meeting" was always looked forward to with a great deal of interest, as it was always appointed to suit the convenience of the people; that is, between "laying-by time and fodder-pulling time."

The church had now become reasonably strong, both numerically and financially,