

bership of 350, is probably carrying its heaviest program in history and is broadening its scope of influence with each new endeavor.

One of the most recent projects was the completion of twelve new Sunday School rooms and a pastor's study. Many of the rooms have already been attractively decorated by the classes. The heating system is most serviceable, consisting of small gas heaters in each room and two large ones in the church auditorium. This has several advantages over central heating, not the least of which is that the original cost was almost half that of a furnace. A new parsonage is foremost on the list of future projects.

Many of these improvements have come about in the last 14 months since Rev. Barnes came to Little River from Erwin, Tenn. He spoke glowingly of the close cooperation he receives from his members and how many times, they initiate projects and see them through to completion. Mrs. Barnes is a faithful worker in the church, being leader of the Girls Auxiliary. Rev. and Mrs. Barnes have one daughter, Iris, age 10.

Ecustans are numerous and active in the Little River congregation. Some of them are Hal Medford (Power) who is a teacher in the Sunday School, a deacon, and assistant chorister; Lucille Merrill (Endless Belt) who is B. T. U. director; Mrs. Lavonne Israel (Endless Belt) who is Sunday School secretary; Alvin McCreary (Finishing) who is a deacon and teacher of a fine Young Men's class; and Rev. Elmer Kilstrom (Finishing) who is also active in the church.

Although it has an impressive history behind it, we are of the opinion that the Little River Baptist Church has its greatest work before it. The energy and enthusiasm of both pastor and membership is certain to increase the church's usefulness and influence in future years. This beautiful little community is fortunate in having the religious leadership this church provides.

Mr. Barnes seems to be most conscientious in his efforts to keep abreast with developments in his profession, so in turn, his church can continue to keep step with the progress so many rural churches are making. Last winter he attended the sessions for ministers at Fruitland, near Hendersonville. These courses, sponsored by the North Carolina State Baptist Convention, are designed to give ministers the advantage of theological studies that they otherwise might not be able to take. The Little River pastor is also active in the newly-organized Pastors Conference in Transylvania county. This organization is composed of ministers in Brevard and also in the county and the purpose is to bring the rural and city churches closer together. Mr. Barnes is also president of the organization of Baptist preachers in the county.

OFFICE BITS

By Howard Schmidt

If you have noticed any sawdust around the Cashier's Cage lately, it is because Bill Hannan and his family have just returned from a vacation in a little town in West Virginia in the heart of the lumber country, and Bill is still shaking the sawdust out of his hair. They spent a restful, but exciting week visiting Bill's in-laws.

Another who will probably have sawdust in his hair is Earl York. Earl took his vacation to supervise the finishing of his new home in Asheville. This has been an eventful year for Earl, a new house and a new baby.

Vacations are in full swing in the office. Harry Byers and Few Lyda spent their vacations at the beach. Harry at Myrtle and Few at Wrightsville. Few and his wife were escorting Miss Brevard to the Annual Beauty Contest sponsored by the Jaycees for aspirants to the title of Miss North Carolina. George Heyman and Earl Bryan were spending theirs at home, although Earl planned to do a little fishing on the side. Fred Jordon and John Holbrook both went north. Fred went to New York and Norfolk, John went to Baltimore to visit old acquaintances. Other vacations were Gertrude Morrison, Gaynard Morgan and Lloyd Tuck. Pat Parks recently took a week-end trip to Florida with her husband.

To Bob Maney goes the honor of being the new father of the month. Bob and his wife are the proud parents of a baby girl. Congratulations and we all thank you for the cigars and candy.

The reports from Mr. Harris are very good. He hopes to rejoin us soon. It sure will look good to see him sitting back at his desk.

Mrs. Frank Marder recently underwent an operation in Asheville and Mr. Marder reports that she has recovered nicely and is now home convalescing.

Catherine West and Betty Suttles recently observed a very momentous occasion together. They both reached the ripe old age of 21 on the same day and had a big celebration. They both received nice gifts from their friends.

Everybody certainly enjoyed the Fourth of July Picnic at Camp Sapphire. It sure was hot. Everything was excellent right from Mr. Straus' speech down thru the races, baby parade, baseball game and street dance. Everybody, I know was delighted with the Job Dividend Checks too.

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—Julia Clements