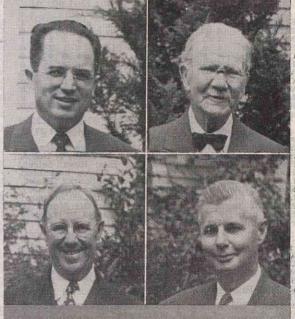


tions of the Membership, one wishing to stay with the General Assembly, U. S. A. (Northern), and the other with the General Assembly, U. S. (Southern). The membership favoring the Southern Church, were re-organized under Dr. Robert Hett Chapman in March, 1866. The members adhering to the Northern Church were organized under Rev. John C. Stewart. For the next two decades there were two churches, located within two miles of each other and both claiming to be the direct legal descendent of the original Davidson River Church. At about the time that Asheville Presbytery was formed in 1896, the Northern Church abandoned its Home Mission work in Transylvania County, and what was left of the membership returned to the old church.





Rev. John D. Smith, pastor of the Church, is shown (top left) with three former pastors who attended the sesquicentennial. They are, top right: Rev. E. H. Norwood, Rev. W. F. Chedister and Rev. John P. Simmons.

"Dinner on the ground."