

# Home For Aged Serving Vital Need In Laurinburg

## NC Baptist Group Completed Structure In October, 1953

LAURINBURG — October is a memorable and important month for the members of the St. John's Baptist Association. It was just five years ago, the members of this organization began a movement to establish a home for the Negro aged in Scotland County.

After hearing a speech by J. R. Larkins, Consultant on Work Among Negroes, State Board of Public Welfare, pointing out the problems confronting the aged, the need for boarding houses and institutional facilities for the aged, Rev. C. J. Cooper, Moderator of the Association, recommended to the Executive Committee of the Association that a project be conducted to build a home for the aged be undertaken.

The Executive Committee approved and endorsed Rev. Cooper's suggestion, and it was submitted to the members and ministers of the entire St. John's Baptist Association which embraces Scotland, Robeson, Hoke, Richmond, Moore and Montgomery Counties.

In 1947, immediately after the members of the Association approved the project, a campaign was initiated to raise funds to purchase land and establish a home for the aged. In 1952 the St. John's Baptist Association Home for the Aged was incorporated by Revs. C. J. Cooper, J. W. McLaughlin, S. D. McIver, E. B. Puckin, J. J. Johnson and Elder J. M. Covington. On Thanksgiving Day of 1952 the members of the Association held ground breaking ceremonies

for the Home for the Aged. The institution was completed in October, 1953.

The members of the Association and many of their white and colored friends and supporters contributed funds for the construction of the facility and the purchase of materials. Some of the members of the Association are mechanics and contributed time for the laying of bricks, blocks, carpentry work and just general labor.

From the beginning of the movement to establish this home for the aged, members of the State Department of Public Welfare worked closely with the Executive Committee of the Association. Miss Annie May Pemberton and Miss Clara Mae Ellis, Supervisors of Services for the Aged and the State Department of Public Welfare advised the members of the Association of the necessary building requirements to meet State regulations.

They also worked with the members of the staff of the home and the Executive Committee to assist them in improving the standards of operation of the home. J. R. Larkins of the State Welfare Department provided technical assistance to the members and officers of the Association from the inception of the plan to establish a Home for the Aged. He assisted in the interpretation of the need for the home and the organizing of activities to raise funds.

Recently the members of the Board increased the size of the facility by adding a living and dining room. The current capacity of the home provides for the care of ten patients; plans are underway to increase the capacity of the facility to care for sixteen patients. Miss W. J. Lee is the Director and the present Executive Board consists of Rev. C. J. Cooper, Moderator of the Association; Rev. J. H.

Ferguson, Rev. S. D. McIver, Rev. J. J. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer. This facility is meeting a real need in providing care for the Negro aged.

## State College Answers

**QUESTION:** Are there important differences in dairy feeds?

**ANSWER:** Yes. Look at the feed tag when buying feed and compare it with others. Although all feeds will not have the total energy value as total digestible nutrients (TDN) or terms of net energy, you will find the chemical analysis valuable for comparison of feed values. Give particular attention first to the fiber content of the feed, for the higher it is the lower the amount of available energy for milk production. The better feeds have six to eight percent fiber content, whereas the cheaper mixtures may run as high as 12 to 15 per cent fiber. For every additional one per cent of fiber in the feed, the available energy drops around one and a half per cent, so watch the fiber.

**QUESTION:** Should house plants be given fresh air?

**ANSWER:** Yes, but keep the plants out of drafts. Don't place them in front of fans or over radiators.

**QUESTION:** What size sweet potatoes should farmers save for seed?

**ANSWERS:** Save those roots one and half inches in diameter or larger, preferably U. S. No. 1 size or larger. Smooth Jumbos are also excellent. The use of slips for budding purposes is a very poor practice. They make small, weak plants.



**EISENHOWER AIDE IN DURHAM**—E. Frederick Morrow, special aide to President Dwight D. Eisenhower, is shown here with several Durham citizens with whom he lunched at the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co., following a speech last week in the North Carolina College Forum series.

From left to right are W. J. Kennedy, Jr., member of the State Board of Education and president of the insurance company; Arthur Sinkler, president of the Hamilton Watch Co., Lancaster, Pa.; Morrow, Dr. Alfonso Elder, president of NCC and John H. Wheelwright, president of the Mechanics and Farmers Bank of Durham, Raleigh.

## Mt. Pisgah Church Into Revival Meet

**BY J. B. HARRIS**  
**ROCKY MOUNT**—The Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian Church here concluded a week of revival services early in November with the Rev. Thomas A. Jenkins, pastor of Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, doing the preaching.

Mt. Pisgah Church under the energetic leadership of the Rev. James H. Costen, ably assisted by his wife, Mrs. Melva Wilson Costen, had promoted a program of fellowship evangelism through visitations and Men's Council meetings prior to the revival.

Outstanding among these prior meetings was an address to the Men's Council by Dr. C. Elwood Bouwmeester, past moderator of Catawba Synod, and another public meeting on "Men's Day" which was addressed by Mr. Aaron Day, prominent layman and insurance executive of Durham. Each speaker sought to impress the need of Christians exercising the power of personal evangelism and the everyday practice of brotherhood.

Meets Army Friend Here  
The Rev. Mr. Jenkins, a former Army Chaplain World War Two, was delighted to meet one of his former soldiers here with whom he had prayed and preached to in Europe and Africa. He was former Cpl. James E. ("Bud") Davis, a native of this city and now employed as a post office custodian here. Mr. Davis entertained his former chaplain in his modern home and attended the services along with his wife.

During the week Rev. Jenkins preached on such topics as "God's Business Is My (Your) Business," "Is This Church a Fellowship of Saints or Sinners?" and "Am I One of His (Followers)?"

Throughout the revival Mr. Jenkins made direct personal appeals to all individuals through his messages which were touching and soul-stirring with the result that the congregation had six additions and the spiritual value of the entire church was greatly enhanced.

Rev. Mr. Costen, who has been serving Mt. Pisgah for one year and the duly elected pastor since the first of February, has enjoyed the utmost cooperation on the part of the church and the city as a whole.

**Dr. Grady Davis Leads Devotion At Howard Univ.**  
Dr. Grady D. Davis, dean of the School of Religion at Shaw University was guest of the Howard University School of Religion at the fortieth Annual Convocation, held on November 7-9 on the University's campus.

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## AKA's Cotillion Ball Scheduled For Dec. 1

FAYETTEVILLE — The Zeta Phi Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority of the Lumberton-Fayetteville area is making plans for its first Cotillion Ball in preparation for the Ball young ladies from Lumberton, St. Pauls, Fayetteville, Lillington and Fairmont have already started a round of activities.

Recently they met to discuss tips on correct dress as a follow-up of their discussions, have also shared in an Afternoon Tea at which time proper dress and fitness for the occasion were exhibited. The Tea was held in Smith Hall at Fayetteville State Teachers College. Other activities in connection with the Fall Cotillion Ball will follow.

The big occasion toward which these young ladies are looking forward is the Alpha Kappa Alpha Cotillion Ball scheduled to be held in the Lilly Gymnasium of Fayetteville State Teachers College on Dec. 1, 1953.

Soror Mary T. Ehrlich, chair of the Cotillion Committee with Soror M. Spivey chairing the Ball Committee. Soror Jennie S. Robinson is basileus.

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"Trouble with Communism, Socialism or any of that stuff, is—who'd pay our unemployment compensation?"

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It looks like a photo finish in the Finer Carolina contest as 137 towns race down the home stretch.

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