

# Greater Jefferies Cross Baptist Church Near Burlington Introduces Unique Plan For Rural Church Financing

## Members Raise Tobacco to Pay Church Debt

BURLINGTON — A unique and unusual plan of church financing and management was revealed this week to representatives of the Carolina Times when they learned how the members of the Greater Jefferies Cross Baptist Church, located near Burlington, had planted and raised four acres of tobacco as a project to pay off some of the indebtedness of the church.

The land for the four-acre tobacco project was donated by one of the members, Lloyd Jefferies who also served as its co-manager, along with another member Walter Jefferies, who originated the idea. The plan was worked out by the pastor of the church, the Rev. H. G. McGhee who has served in that capacity for only a little over one year. The church has a membership of between 300 and 400.

After the crop was planted other members joined in working and harvesting the crop, which was completed September 23. It is scheduled to be sold October 2.

Under the leadership of Rev. McGhee a men's club has been organized; a \$7,000 Hammond organ purchased and a complete junior church has been organized. Plans are also underway to add an educational building at a cost of approximately \$30,000.

Rev. McGhee, relatively speaking, is a young man. His education was obtained at the John M. Langston High School in Danville, Virginia and Virginia Seminary and College in Lynchburg. In 1966, he was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Evangelism, Dallas, Texas. Rev. McGhee is often re-



**MEMBERS HAPPILY AT WORK** with the latest in machinery for tending tobacco, owned by Walter Jefferies, co-manager of the project.



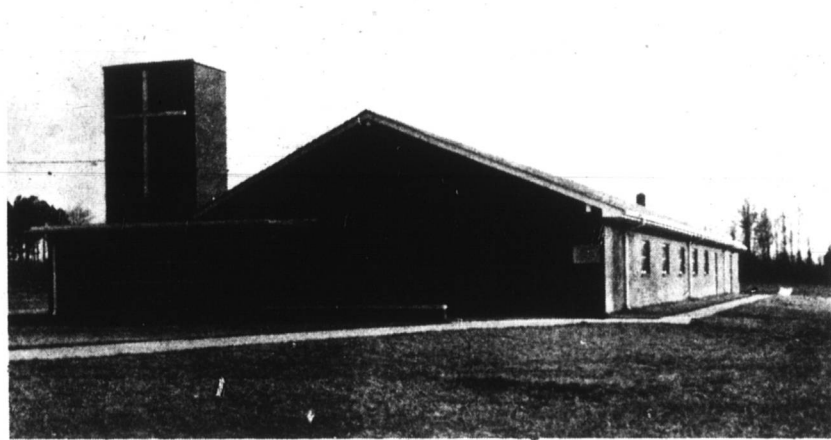
**UNUSUAL SIZE TOBACCO**—Walter Jefferies, co-manager, Lloyd Jefferies, manager of the project.

ferred to as a Revival Specialist.

He also pastored Brown's Chapel Baptist Church of Gibsonville where, under his leadership, an annex was built and

**NEGROES IN THE CIVIL WAR** During the Civil War, about 200,000 Negroes enlisted in the Union Army and 30,000 in the

ject. Left to right: Mrs. Ethel Cohan, Mrs. Marie Parker, Deacon Harvey Jefferies and Clifton Jefferies.



**GREATER JEFFERIES CROSS** Baptist Church, located on Route 62, seven miles from

Burlington, valued at \$100,000, built in 1963. The mortgage



**REV. H. G. MCGHEE**, aggressive young minister of Danville, Va., who is pastor of the Greater Jefferies Cross Baptist Church, whose plan of financing has given new hope to rural churches. Rev. McGhee is a product of Virginia Seminary and College of Lynchburg.

Mount Zion Baptist Church in Roxboro and went to Jefferies Cross Church July 23, 1966.

Rev. McGhee is married to the former Miss Ophelia Irving and they have five children.

fortification builders and pioneers, while many more served as guides, spies and scouts.

burning will be held December 3. Rev. H. G. McGhee is pastor.



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**WORKERS AT REST**—Taking a break during harvesting of Greater Jefferies Cross tobacco crop are front row, left to right: Lloyd Jefferies, manager; Thomas Jones, Frankie Jones, George Johnson, Jr., Donald

Jefferies, Harvey D. Parker, Chairman of Trustee Board; Walter Jefferies, trustee, co-manager; Saunders Shaw, deacon; Harvey Jefferies, deacon. Back row, left to right: Claude

Parker, owner of the latest machine in harvesting tobacco; Willie Haith, John Cohan, Johnny Bradshaw, Clifton Jefferies and Friends Liggins, who was hired to work by Levy Jefferies.

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**FOR "A JOB WELL DONE"**—The Rev. Dr. L. V. Booth (c), executive secretary and general chairman of the 6th annual session of the Progressive National Baptist Convention held recently in Cincinnati, accepts a gift from the F. W. Woolworth Company

for "a job well done." Making the presentation on behalf of Woolworth is Robert J. Brown (r.) president of B&C Associates in High Point. Looking on is Rev. M. Lorenzo Shepard, pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Philadelphia, Pa.

## REV. GRADY DAVIS TO SPEAK AT COMMUNITY BAPTIST SUN., OCT. 1

Rev. Grady C. Davis, Pastor of the Union Baptist Church and a member of the Fayetteville State College faculty will be guest speaker at the annual homecoming services of the Community Baptist Church, Barbee Road on Sunday, October 1, at 3:00 P.M. Rev. Davis will be accompanied by his congregation. The regular morning services will feature an address by Odell Hodges, of Oak Grove Freewill Baptist Church and a solo by Mrs. Lillie Kelly, of West Durham Baptist Church. Dinner will be served immediately following the morning worship services.



**REV. GRADY**

## LES FLEUR GARDEN CLUB MEETS WITH MRS. LYDA WRAY ON MON.

The Les Fleur Garden Club met at the home of Mrs. Lyda Wray on Monday night, September 25, with Mrs. Wray, the president, presiding. The meeting was one of planning and organization. The president presented her program for the

year, which the members readily accepted. After a tasty repast, the meeting adjourned. Members present were: Gardeners N. Toole, E. Lloyd, M. Vass, L. Mason, G. Dillard, M. Davis, N. Thorpe, C. Perkins and L. Wray.

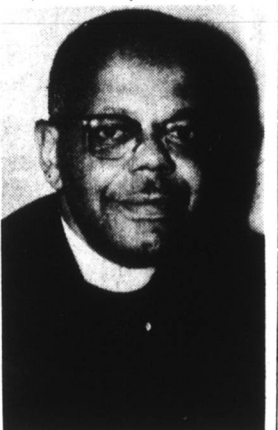
## AMEZ MINISTER STAGES POVERTY PROGRAM IN LANCASTER, S. C.

LANCASTER, S. C.—One of the most successful poverty programs to be found anywhere has blossomed forth in this community, under the leadership of Rev. C. Miflin Smith and the sponsorship of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Zion Church.

Carolina Community Actions, Inc. is the name of the project. It serves Lancaster County and Rev. Smith is the Coordinator. The program was developed by him and is in line with the tradition of the pioneers of Zion Methodism in the section. This is attested to by the fact that the project is administered from a building that was built by the A.M.E. Zion Church and housed the old Lancaster Normal & Industrial School.

The program is fully integrated with members of both races on its staff and the purpose of Carolina Community Actions is to assist people in Lancaster County toward better education, jobs and homes. It strives to help people help themselves, to assist the Lancaster communities in locating and solving their problems.

The building was formerly used by the public school system, but Rev. Smith has been able to acquire it and the church put it at the disposal of the community. It has been renovated and furnished. It not only serves as the center of the program, with the staff being housed there, but it is used for the meeting of Boy and Girl Scouts; a summit hall for elderly persons, even those who are infirmed, many of whom have to be brought in wheel chairs; it has a medical clinic; a kitchen-cafeteria; a day care center for children between the ages of 3 and 5. Its NYC program, which is a special out of school training program, is proving highly helpful



**REV. SMITH**

to drop-outs and adults who have not had educational advantages. There is also a swing bank that has become fascinating to many disadvantaged persons.

The project has claimed the attention of all the proponents of the poverty program from President Johnson down. The fact that so much has been done with so little money is a motivating factor in getting more support for the project. In a detailed report made by Rev. Smith June 28, it was revealed that only \$21,096.91 had been expended to completely renovate the building. Rev. Smith attributes this to the fact that much of the work was done by volunteers, who wanted to contribute something toward the effort. It is also noteworthy that most of the furnishings were solicited by Rev. Smith from donors, who desired to help.

Much of the credit for the successful results, according to Rev. Smith, goes to the Elliott White Springs Foundation, Inc., with offices here.

## FUNERAL RITES CONDUCTED FOR MRS. JENNIE WILSON MEEKS

Mrs. Jennie Wilson Meeks, 2105 S. Alston Avenue died at her home September 20. Requiem Mass was held Saturday, September 23, at Holy Cross Church. Burial followed in Beechwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Meeks was born February 7, 1875 in Charlotte. She was married in 1899 to Walker Meeks who preceded her in death July 15, 1942. Her daughter, Mrs. Gwendolyn Meeks Baldwin preceded her in death in January 1965. She was em-

ployed at Duke University until her retirement. Survivors include two granddaughters, Mrs. Mary Rigby of Washington, D. C. and Mrs. Martha Merritt of Durham, a son-in-law, Chapin E. Baldwin; two great grandchildren, Elaine and Adrienne.

In 1799, a full course dinner in any New York City restaurant could be obtained for only 18 cents.

## Ministerial Alliance to Hold First Fall Meet

President V. E. Brown, of the Durham Ministerial Alliance, who will sound the gavel October 2, at 12:00 o'clock noon when its members, consisting of the pastors and ministers of Durham, will assemble for the first meeting of the 1967-68 session. Due to the Urban Renewal Program of the city, the Alliance will no longer hold its weekly meetings at White Rock Baptist Church where it met for many years. The White Rock structure will be torn down at its present site and replaced by a new and modern edifice to be erected at 3400 Fayetteville Street.

The new meeting place of the Alliance will be the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 1000 South Roxboro Street, Rev. E. T. Browne, pastor.

Rev. V. E. Brown is also pastor of the Gethsemane Baptist Church, 908 South Roxboro St. where, under his leadership a new church edifice was completed in 1962.

Persons desiring to visit the meetings of the Alliance are welcomed to do so at any session, said Rev. Brown.



**REV. BROWN**



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## Walker Bible Class Meets Sun., Sept. 24

The E. W. Walker Bible Class of the First Calvary Baptist Church met with Mrs. Alma Wallace on 2314 Crest Street, Sunday, September 24. Mrs. Sara Allen conducted the devotions and Mrs. Belvin Mitchell presided over the business session. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the secretary, Miss Hattie C. White and various committee reports were made. The hostess served punch and ice cream to the following: Mesdames Carrie Huggins, Rebecca Haskins, Hallie Crews, Beatrice Laster, Nellie Hayes, Rosa Johnson, Bessie S. Smith Sumega Solomon and Miss Alene Mebane. Mrs. Hayes thanked the hostess.

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FAYETTEVILLE STREET DURHAM, N. C.  
Sunday, October 1, 1967  
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Subject: "When Prophets Are Needed"  
MISS MARIE FAULK, Superintendent  
11:00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP  
SERMON.....THE MINISTER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
Subject: "The Broken Which Mends"  
MUSIC.....SENIOR CHORUS  
MRS. MINNIE GILMER AT THE CONSOLE  
JOSEPH T. MITCHELL, Directing  
7:00 P.M. EVENING WORSHIP  
SERMON.....THE MINISTER  
HOLY COMMUNION  
MUSIC.....GOSPEL CHORUS  
FRED MASON AT THE CONSOLE

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Sunday, October 1, 1967  
Annual James E. Shepard Scholarship Day  
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON  
DR. C. RAY, Superintendent  
10:30 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON REVIEW  
Mrs. Dorcas Overby and Grandchildren  
11:00 A.M. SERMON.....THE PASTOR  
"In Memorial, Dr. James E. Shepard"  
(Isiah 10:11)  
SENIOR CHORUS, MR. J. H. GATTIS, Director  
MALE CHORUS, MR. T. FREELAND, Director  
BTU.....MISS AMELIA THORPE, Directress  
5:45 P.M. THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - Saint Joseph's A.M.E. Church, 804 Fayetteville Street.