

## WSCS Concludes School Of Missions At Assembly

The School of Missions and Christian Service conducted by the Southeastern Jurisdictional Woman's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild concluded a nine-day session at Lambuth Inn Wednesday morning.

Mrs. L. L. Jackson, chairman of the school, stated Tuesday, "We think it has been one of the best that we've had. All 16 jurisdictional conferences have had full representation. I think the delegates are quite happy with the school and its results."

"We've been most fortunate in the leadership that we've been able to provide this year for the school—Mrs. Emanuela Valencia, president of the WSCS in the Philippine Islands; Miss Eva Shipstone, teacher of psychology in the Isabella Thoburn College, Lucknow, India; and Bishop and Mrs. Ralph A. Ward of Hong Kong, China. We have been studying Southeast Asia problems during the past nine days, and these people are from that area and directly concerned with the problems."

"We greatly appreciate the cooperation and efforts of everyone who has worked with the school."

"It has rained quite frequently, of course, but as a whole the weather has been quite comfortable—not too hot or cold."

"Plans are already under way for the 1957 School of Missions which will be held here July 4-11. We will be studying Japan, Christ the Church and Race, the Book of Mark, and "Seek Together" next year. Mrs. E. L. Glosbrenner will

## Music Camp At WCC To Present Opera On Friday

The summer music camp at Western Carolina College will present Menotti's "The Old Maid and The Thief", a comic opera, at 8 p.m. Friday, June 29, in Hoey Auditorium.

Richard Grace of the WCC music faculty is directing the production.

Leading roles will be sung by Barbara Shaver, soprano of Canton, as Miss Todd; Jimmy Stovall, baritone of Sylva, as Bob, the suspected thief; Marie Roberts, mezzo-soprano of Asheville, as Miss Pinkerton; and Miriam West, soprano of Candler, as Laetitia, the maid.

Jerry Ruth Smith of Murphy and Susan West of Asheville will play the piano accompaniment for the opera.

Miss Mamie Rae Brooks, of the WCC art department faculty, is in charge of stage settings.

The opera is sung in English, and presents a comic theme throughout.

A nominal charge will be made for admission to the opera, to help in defraying production costs.

## Family Gets Together Again After 40 Years

Mrs. Josephine Battle had as her guests last weekend Mrs. Grady Waldrop of Franklin, Mrs. Walter Newton of Clayton, Ga., Mrs. W. G. Wilde of Canton; Mrs. J. C. York of Route 2, Canton; Mrs. L. R. McCurry of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. B. O. Robinson of Skipworth, Va., and her son, Frank Battle, of Hazelwood.

It was the first time in 40 years that the family had all been together.

On Sunday, together with relatives and friends, the group had a picnic at Mrs. Wilde's home at Canton.

be chairman of that school and Mrs. A. C. Johnson will again be dean.

Two hundred and forty conference officers have attended the school which opened June 19. The most significant act of the school was to announce a total jurisdictional pledge of the WSCS and WSG of \$1,828,350 for missions for the 1956-1957 conference year. This was an increase of \$136,395 over last year's pledge.

# 'Billy Haywood' To Return From Alaska For Visit Here

## Harrison Now Teaches In Territory

David C. Harrison, better known to his Haywood County friends as Billy Haywood, will come home from Alaska for a visit July 10-23. En route he will stop in Portland, Ore., to attend a National Education Association convention as a delegate from the Alaska Education Association.

Billy is the lad who was left as a tiny baby on the steps of the Haywood County Hospital. The hospital nurses cared for him until he was old enough to go to school and affectionately called him "Billy Haywood." He later adopted the name of David C. Harrison, earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Bob Jones University and has been teaching for the past year in Marshall, Alaska, situated, as he says, "hundreds of miles from nowhere."

Following is Billy's own story of what he has been doing for the past few years.

By DAVID C. HARRISON (Billy Haywood)

On June 1, 1952, Dave Harrison, Bob Petersen, Jim Oates and William Striker left Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., by car for a 5,000-mile trip to Anchorage Alaska. We arrived in Anchorage on Sunday, June 8, one week later.

It took four days to find a job and it was with the District Corps of Engineers. I worked through the summer in Alaska and returned to B. J. U. in the fall to resume studies.

My major field of study concentrated in business, economics, education, history and psychology. I completed the year successfully and decided to go to Detroit for the summer for employment.

When we arrived in Detroit, we found work scarce. After 20 tries for employment I went to the Standard Tube Co., at Plymouth, Mich., and quoted a former employee of the company as to what the plant superintendent had said:

"If any other B. J. U. boys ever need work and come to the plant to inquire, just say that you are from B. J. U. and I'll see that you get a job." I landed a job that day and worked through the summer.

I returned to school in September for my senior year. In the first term I was elected secretary of the Nikonian Literary Society and Chaplain of the University Commerce Association. I played



**BILLY HAYWOOD? NOW OFFICIALLY DAVID C. HARRISON,** will return to Waynesville from Marshall, Alaska, on July 10. A summer in Alaska in 1952 fired him with the desire to return there following his graduation from Bob Jones University, and for the past year he has been teaching in Marshall.

basketball, soccer and softball for my society. The second semester I was elected vice president of my society. I was a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, which served as a liaison between the university officials and the student body.

## Harrison Delegate To NCEA Meet

David C. Harrison, B. Sc. has been named as a delegate to represent the Alaska Education Association at the 94th annual convention of the National Education Association (NEA) in Portland, Ore. July 1-6.

This year will be the first time in 20 years that the "City of Roses" has played host to an annual convention of the NEA which, with its membership of three quarters of a million, is the largest professional organization of teachers in the world.

The delegate body at the convention will consist of 5,500 members of state and local education associations who have been selected to represent their communities. Delegates will come from all the 48 states and the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Alaska, and Puerto Rico.

York.

The end of February I flew to Point Barrow, Alaska, the most northerly point on the North American continent. My assignment with the Distant Early Warning Contractors was completed in August. I then requested a teaching position with the Territory Department of Education and was assigned to teach at Marshall, Alaska, hundreds of miles from nowhere.

My winter on the Yukon River was spent with much pleasure. I hunted, fished, lived and enjoyed life with the Eskimo people. Their customs and ways are governed by the effects of many years of hardships. Their experiences prove

how one can survive in the land of 50-70 degrees below zero. Of the ways and means of an Eskimo many books have been written, but one must see, live, suffer and enjoy life with them to appreciate them.

The village of Marshall is located 200-300 miles from the Bering Sea. On May 27, a friend and I took a skiff of the type that is used on the Copper River and with a 25 h.p. outboard motor traveled down the Yukon River. I visited every village along the river and talked to the important people of each place to see and evaluate conditions along the river. At present I am working on

rural schools in the field of maintenance for the month of June. This is an excellent way to see and continue evaluation of Alaska's need in the field of education.

I will fly on the first of July to the NEA convention in Portland, Ore. From Portland I shall travel to a friend's home. I hope to lecture on Alaska and show slides on the Alaskan way of life.

My estimate of Alaska and my answer to those who would like to come to Alaska is, "Only the strong survive."

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