

Fincher's Chapel Methodist Church Made Free Of All Debts This Week

By MRS. MILLARD FERGUSON

Ceremonies marking the freeing of their church from debt were held last Sunday by members of Fincher's Chapel Methodist Church on the Hyder Mountain road.

The pastor, the Rev. A. R. Davis, presided and the message was brought by Dr. Z. T. Johnson, president of Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky.

In 1943, under the pastorate of the Rev. Grady Burgin, a building fund was started with a Lord's Acre project. In 1948, during the pastorate of the Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell, a fund-raising campaign was launched for a new church.

On July 24, 1949, the first service was held in the new sanctuary by Rev. Mrs. Newell, Rev. Mr. Newell, and the late Dr. C. N. Clark, district superintendent. The church was dedicated August 16, 1953. Later a belfry and on oil heating system were installed.

Last Monday, Mrs. W. J. McCrary presented a note to the First National Bank of Waynesville for the final payment on the church debt.

Much of the money for the Fincher's Chapel church building has been raised during the past seven years by women of the church, who have met each Thursday to make quilts and have turned out more than 600 in the seven-year period.

Fincher's Chapel, which now has a membership of 85, had its origin in a log hut on Big Branch near the present Marshall Kirkpatrick residence. The hut had no chimney and since stoves were not commonly in use then, fires were built in the middle of the dirt floor and the smoke escaped through a hole made in the roof for that purpose.

Uncle Hosea Mooney, Ike Rhinehart, and John McClure were among the first members of the church, but the date of its construction is not known.

Later, when a log schoolhouse was built at the site of the H. H. Holt home, church members mov-



FINCHER'S CHAPEL Methodist Church on the Hyder Mountain road in Crabtree Township was freed of debt last Sunday at ceremonies marking the occasion. The building was constructed in 1949 during the pastorate of the Rev. Mrs. C. O. Newell. Church women contributed considerably to the building of the church by making 600 quilts. (Mountaineer Photo).

ed their place of worship to the school. This was around 1871 and the first minister was the Rev. Hardy Bennett.

Some years later when a frame building was erected on the same site and the church membership had grown to 25, the church was admitted to the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference with Rev. Kerr, a circuit rider, as first pastor.

In 1898 Pierce Robinson and Jake Evans gave land and a modern (at that time) one room frame church was built on the present site.

R. L. "Uncle Bob" Terrell contracted to furnish material and build the church for \$400. The logs were cut on Mr. Terrell's farm

and hauled by community teams to Fines Creek, where Mr. Terrell operated a saw and planing mill in partnership with Tom McCracken.

Mr. Terrell completed the church and when the members were having a difficult time raising the needed \$400, Mr. Terrell gave \$125 of his labor.

A local Methodist preacher, William P. Fincher, also gave \$100, providing the church would be called Fincher's Chapel. The church was dedicated under that name and Rev. Fincher was a faithful member until his death several years later.

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Folk Festival Winners Listed

Winners in the ninth annual FWF Folk Festival at Canton last week were:

Square dance — Champion Y. elementary; Emma, junior, and Vally Springs, senior smooth.

Beauty contest — Sandra Williams of Canton, "Miss Haywood County"; Nita Gibson of Valley Springs, Square Dance Queen, and Carol Mease of Canton, Bathing Suit Queen.

A large contingent of square dance teams, string bands and other entertainers participated. The annual event was sponsored

Youth Crusade Is Planned By Hazelwood Presbyterians

The Hazelwood Presbyterian Church is planning a Youth Crusade week of services beginning July 22 and ending July 29 at 8 p.m. each evening. These services are geared to teenagers.

Jim Smith, the speaker who has been called for this series of services, is studying for the Presbyterian Ministry. He has been featured as a speaker at many youth camps and conferences. In Charleston, W. Va., he has two radio broadcasts, "The New Life Hour," and "Tips for Christian Teenagers." For the past three months he has directed a television program for the Charleston Ministerial Association known as "The Bible Comes To Life." He has worked in juvenile courts and delinquent homes while in college. The Young People of the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church are sponsoring Jim Smith during this week.

The public is invited to attend these services. Teen-age problems at home, in the church and in the school, will be discussed from the Christian point of view.



JIM SMITH, ministerial student, will speak during the Youth Crusade at the Hazelwood Presbyterian Church July 22-29.

White Oak CDP To Meet Saturday

The White Oak C. D. P. will hold its regular meeting Saturday night, July 21. The Joe Davis program, Joe Hall of California family. Joe Hall of California will be guest. He has asked that any talented person come as he wants to make recordings of singing.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Plemmons

There's No Hiding Place

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Other motorists made a metal punching bag out of the automobile owned by Claude William Wiley, 56.

Wiley told police his car was hit in the rear and one side as he allegedly made a U-turn on a

busy street here. He then parked the damaged auto to wait for a wrecker. It came, though not the way he'd ordered it. Another car ran into his parked vehicle and left it a total loss.

Military Rites Are Held For Richard Wilson

Military funeral services for A2c Richard C. Wilson, 19, of Canton, killed with 44 other persons in a plane crash at Fort Dix, N. J., Friday, were held this afternoon at 2 p. m. in High Street Baptist church in Canton.

The Rev. O. L. Ledford, the Rev. I. L. Roberts and the Rev. James Downs officiated.

Burial was in Bon-A-Venture Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Jerry Johnson, Bruce Rhinehart, Jackie Rhodes, Mitchell Early, Joe Mason, and Ronnie Plemmons.

Honorary pallbearers were members of Canton Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5198 and these friends: Herbert Rawls, Paul Robinson, David Anderson, Doug Alexander, George Hughes, Doug Price and Jackie Plemmons.

Flower bearers were members of the Canton VFW auxiliary and friends.

Wilson is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Wilson; five sisters, Mrs. John Page of Brevard, Mrs. W. C. Holtzclaw of Kingsport, Tenn., Mrs. John Hoffman of Trenton, N. J., Mrs. Jack Warren of Canton and Miss Irene Wilson of the home; and four brothers, Clifford, Eugene and Bill Wilson of Canton, and Air Force A1c Charles Wilson, stationed in Louisiana.

were honored with a household shower Saturday night at the Community House. Songs, games and refreshments composed the program. Assisting in serving were Mrs. Rowe Ledford, Mrs. Paul Ledford, Mrs. Jack James and Mrs. Charlie Derrick.



REV. C. H. GREENE, who has been Area Missionary for the states of Washington and Oregon, will be the guest speaker during the revival which will begin at the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church on July 29. The public is invited to hear the Rev. Mr. Greene. Services will begin each evening at 7:30.

Harry F. Kerley Spending Leave Herre

Harry F. Kerley, SK/3, who has been in a Naval hospital in Rhode Island since April 30, is spending a leave with his mother, Mrs. Edna Kerley.

Mrs. Kerley also has as guests two other sons and their families: Warrant Officer and Mrs. William G. Kerley and two children, Judy and Larry, of Edgewood, Md., and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kerley and two sons, Mike and Tony, of Hampton, Va.

This is the first time in four years the children have been together with their mother. A daughter and her children live with Mrs. Kerley.

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