

### Optimist International Bicycle Week To Be Sponsored Here By Local Club

#### Central Methodist Church News

By Mrs. Baxter Paysour

At the morning worship Sunday we will enjoy hearing the Greensboro College Chorus in a program of appropriate music. G. C. is a Methodist college, a Christian institution with a long record of dedicated service to our church and its youth.

The Children's Class for Church Membership will meet immediately after school each day next week for instruction.

Parents of infants and small children who wish them baptized on Easter are asked to make arrangements with Mr. Shore.

The Official Board will meet Monday night at the church.

Barne: The Youth Council meets Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the home of Earl Marlowe.

In charge of the Senior M. Y. programs Sunday was Lane Ixon. Newly elected assistant acher, Hazel Bumgardner, taught the lesson.

W.M.T. will carry our morning services on April 11, 18, 5.

Amunition Service will be held Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

"Mission Opportunities at Home," a presentation, with colored slides as illustrations, was presented at the evening service Sunday.

"The Messiah" is to be presented April 11 at 3 p. m. by the church choir, directed by Miss Bonnie McIntosh.

### Escaped Car Thief Is Still At Large

Fred Barnett, Negro, of Spartanburg, S. C., alias James Thomason, broke jail Saturday morning and has not yet been apprehended by the Police Department. Barnett had been indicted Friday on charges of larceny of an automobile.

According to Desk Sgt. Tom Gladden, Forrest Dover, janitor, had opened Barnett's cell block in order to transfer Barnett to another cell and to remove some paper trays. After the cell door was opened, Barnett pushed Dover aside and ran through a back exit.

Barnett who has been apprehended Thursday by the Mecklenburg Highway Patrol, ac-

The Kings Mountain Optimist club voted Thursday night to sponsor Optimist International Bicycle Week in Kings Mountain during the week of April 19-24.

Announcement was made by J. Neal Grissom, president of the club. The committee in charge of arrangements is headed by James G. (Red) Layton, chairman, and Emory C. Nicholson, Bobby Herndon, Hugh A. Logan, Jr., Ralph G. Ware, and Gene Dye.

"The entire week will stress bicycle safety and the Optimists will make every consecrated effort to make cyclists realize the importance of safety and will endeavor to teach the children of Kings Mountain the importance of traffic rules — to set an example for children to follow," Mr. Grissom said.

The committee, headed by Mr. Layton, is planning to organize a bicycle club. Members of the club will receive memberships showing the safety club rules and the registration of the bicycles.

The registration card for each bicycle will be placed in the police department. The committee also plan a gigantic bicycle rodeo and bicycle inspection day. Bicycle safety films are to be shown at civic club meetings and at other organizational meetings in the city. A bicycle parade is to top the Bicycle Week activities, Mr. Grissom added.

J. P. Lackey, Mr. Layton, Ben T. Goforth, Jim Lybrand, Clarence Carpenter, the directors, and Mr. Grissom were named to a nominating committee to elect officers of the club.

Announcements of a "Charter Party" to be held at the Woman's club on April 8 at 7:30 was also made, and other business was discussed.

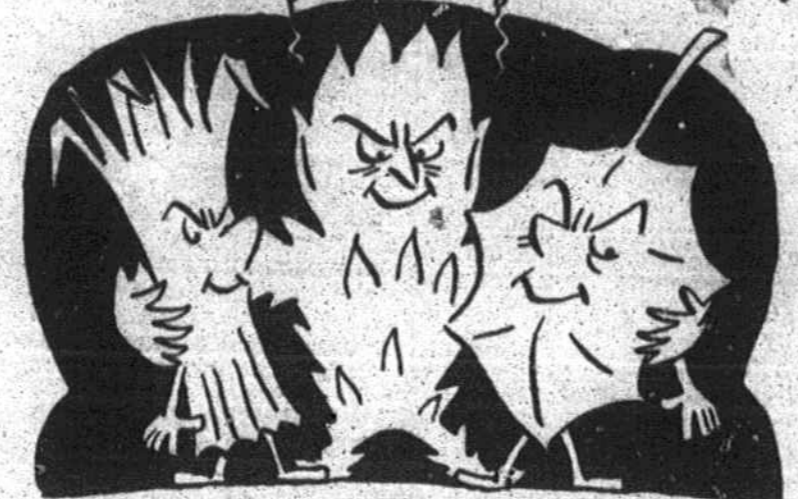
The meeting, a dutch supper affair, convened at Corner Cafe.

According to Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., had admitted to the theft of an automobile from the Victory Chevrolet Company March 23, and to replacing the North Carolina license with South Carolina license allegedly stolen in Clover, S. C.

According to Chief Hugh A. Logan, Jr., the Police Department has several leads on Barnett, and expects to make an arrest soon.

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### FIRE FACTS

### Morehead Planetarium 1954 Easter Story Opened At Chapel Hill On Tuesday Night

CHAPEL HILL — A larger and more beautiful Easter program than ever before opened Tuesday night at the Morehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina.

The 1954 Easter story is basically the same as the four previous offerings which have been witnessed by approximately 100,000 persons. "It is the largest Easter production we have ever offered, and we believe the public, including those who have seen it before, will say it is the most beautiful," Anthony Jenzano, Planetarium manager, said following the opening performance.

The first portion of the story titled, "Easter, The Awakening," deals with the establishment of Easter as a festival of the early church with its date determined astronomically. Following the "scientific" portion there will be a spectacle in lights, music and readings symbolical of the Easter season. "The entire program," said Jenzano, "is of a highly spiritual nature as befits the event it is commemorating."

In order that more people might view the spectacle of the beautiful story of the Resurrection, additional performances have been added. In addition to

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### Mrs. N. H. Kelly's Mother Passes

Funeral services for Mrs. Florence Annie Wright Kirby of Gaffney, S. C., 67, mother of Mrs. N. H. Kelly of Kings Mountain, will be held at Limestone Street Methodist church in Gaffney Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. Kirby died at 9:05 a. m. Tuesday at her home. She had been in ill health for the past several years and had been critically ill for the past two months.

She is survived by her husband, William A. Kirby of Gaffney; four sons, Pittman Kirby of Black Mountain, Guy Kirby of Gaffney, Ezell Kirby of Spartanburg, and Harold Kirby of Asheville; three daughters, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. Shell Wilson of Gaffney and Mrs. Sam Cloninger of Charlotte; 16 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

### Bob Cox Opens Service Station

Bob Cox announces this week opening of Bob's Amoco Service and Bob's Ice Cream and Sandwich Shop.

The businesses are located just outside the city limits on Shelby road, in the station formerly operated as West Point Service.

Mr. Cox, formerly with Victory Chevrolet Co., said he would also deal in used cars and trucks, in addition to offering automotive services featuring Amoco products.

Passing a stopped school bus is a serious violation. Last year in North Carolina 221 drivers were convicted of that offense.



GARDEN TIME ROBERT SCHMIDT N. C. STATE COLLEGE

I have had several phone calls during the past week asking me when I am going to plant my dahlias and what to do about dahlias that were left in the ground over winter and are now sending up stems.

If you grew dahlias last year and left them in the ground over winter they should be dug up now and divided. Even if you want only one plant, divide the clump, plant one division and give the others away. Leaving the clump in the ground will give you several main stems, a lot of early flowers and usually poor flowers in the fall when they ought to be at their best.

In digging the clump be careful not to break the necks of the tuberous roots. Some varieties have very slender necks. In dividing the clump, which is best done with a long slender blade, you must leave at least one bud or eye and one root with each division. You will find the buds on the main stem or at the base of the stem — not on the root itself. If long sprouts have developed, they may be cut back to about one-half inch of the stem or eye. Usually you can get from three to five divisions from each clump. These divisions may be planted now or can be kept in a cool place, covered with peat moss or dry sand until the proper planting time.

I rarely plant before May 1 here at Raleigh. My advice would be to plant during early May in the central and western portions of the state, and about May 25 to June 1 in the extreme eastern

### Police Report Two Accidents

A 1953 Buick four-door car driven by Nelson L. Fridman, 1771 Leona drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, was involved in an accident Tuesday on W. King street with a 1953 Ford four-door driven by L. P. Baker, Jr., of route 2. Damages sustained to both cars were estimated to total \$300.

A minor accident occurred Monday on Lackey street when a car driven by Lorraine Charles Burris of 416 Wilson street backed into a car driven by Jack Bruce Moore, route 2.

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