

The Foothills View

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Services Held For Mrs. Blanton

In the back for her Bible, which she read daily, and had read many times through, Mrs. Sallie Ellis Blanton had written a favorite verse. The 33rd chapter of Jeremiah, third verse, it said, "Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things which you have not known."

Concerned with matters of the spirit, Mrs. Blanton lived to see many temporal wonders, as well, in her 96 years. Born in Cherokee County, she was the daughter of Romulus N. and Mary Jane Glover Ellis, and a member of Grassy Pond Baptist Church.

She and her husband, Otis Alexander Blanton, farmed in Cherokee County. They raised four of their five children, one having died in infancy. About 25 years ago, they retired and came to Boiling Springs to live.

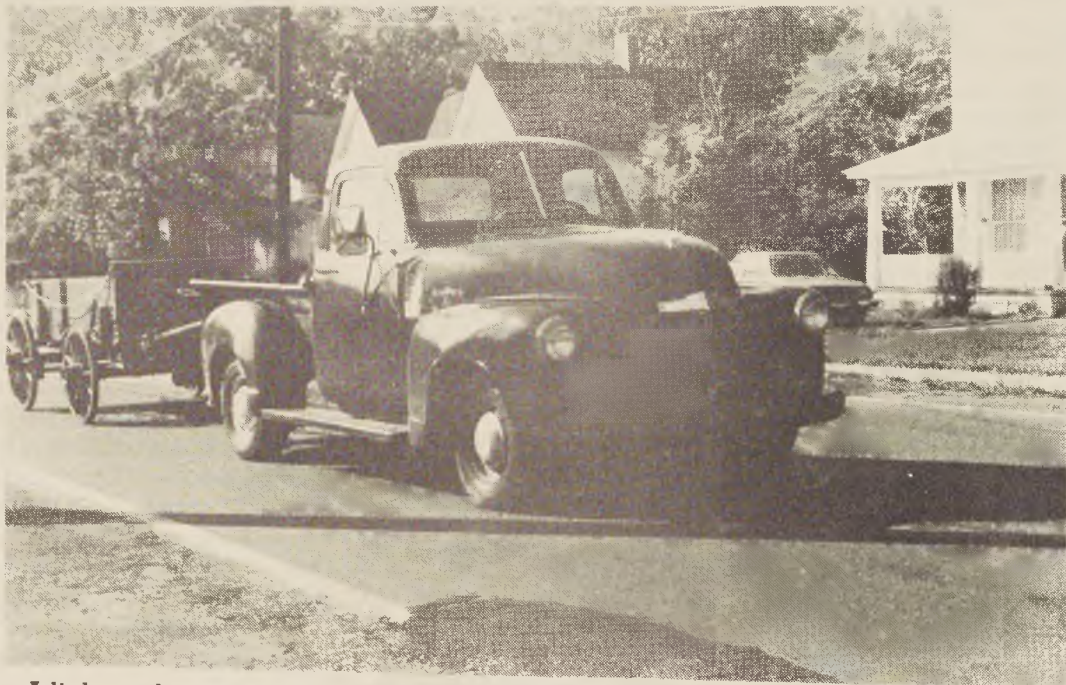
Mr. Blanton preceded his wife in death by 11 years. She lived on in a little house behind her daughter, Mrs. Douglas Hardin, on College Road, and each night came to the Hardins' to sleep, because they didn't want her to be alone at night. But then each morning, until the last week of her life, when she was hospitalized, she got up and went to her own house and cooked her breakfast, and went about her business all day independently.

"She lived a very quiet life," Mrs. Hardin said. "Her Bible was the most important thing to her. She was always the 'Head of the Religion Department' in our family." She taught Sunday School at Grassy Pond Baptist, and then at Sharon Methodist, after moving away from her home Church.

She died Sunday at Crawley Memorial Hospital. Funeral services were Tuesday at Boiling Springs United Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. Morris Byers and Rev. Billy Joe Parker. Burial was at Grassy Pond Baptist.

Surviving are one son, Ellis Blanton, of Gaffney; three daughters, Mrs. Douglas Hardin of Boiling Springs, and Mrs. Harold Harris and Mrs. Robert McMurphy of Shelby; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

The Old Gray Mare Ain't What She Used To Be



A little one-horse wagon took an unaccustomed whirl, at about seven miles per hour, up Main Street in Boiling Springs Wednesday, behind Everette Drewery's pick-up truck. Drewery bought the wagon from G.C. Greene of Flint Hill Road and was pulling it home to North Main Street, where his ponies will learn to pull it for the Boiling Springs Christmas Parade.



IF YOU DON'T WATCH OUT....

The goblins will be loose on the land Monday night, and Halloween celebrants will abound. The wise will be watchful, especially on the streets, and in all dark and lonely places....

Reagan Apointee

Novak: "Bad News Is Good News"

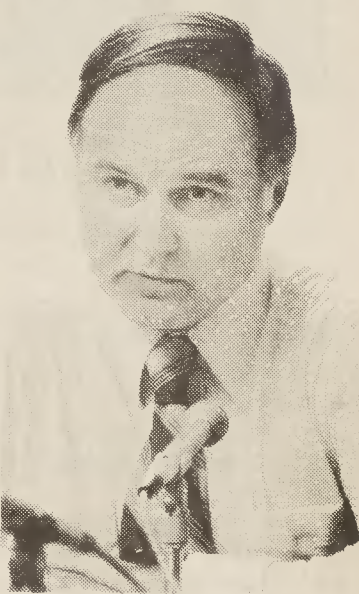
By Brooks Nash
By Stacey Harrison

A Reagan appointee and experienced politician talked politics at a press conference at Gardner Webb College Friday, October 21.

Michael Novak spoke candidly about his own and President Reagan's ideas on the newly formed Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, and on Reagan's plans for the upcoming election and the economy.

Novak said of the King holiday, "There it is. Let's make the best of it. He was a great American to honor," said Novak, who studied at Rome in 1958, "but in the Catholic Church we typically wait a good many years before we canonize somebody. It was a little rushed."

Novak also fielded the impending question about Reagan's running in 1984. Reagan, Novak said "was the only President of the last eight or nine of whom that was an honest question. He could walk away from it tomorrow a happy man," Novak said, "even his enemies are not quite sure if he's going to run again. I wouldn't be shocked if he didn't run - I wouldn't consider it a miracle."



Michael Novak

Novak bases these ideas on his beliefs about the economy. "I would be very nervous myself if I were in his (Reagan's) shoes about the fact that there's good news this year," he said.

"He would be much better off if there was bad news this year, because these things do run in cycles. If I were in the White House I'd be scared stiff about all the good news."

Bazaar Opens Saturday

The Lattimore Junior Woman's Club will hold its annual bazaar on Saturday, October 29, 1983 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Lattimore Club House.

Vendors will offer a variety of crafts including macrame, cross-stitch, candlewicking, pottery,

candles, ceramics, baskets, Christmas items, and much more.

The club members will offer their cookbooks, "Granny Strikes Again", a country store, baked goods, and a hot dog lunch. Proceeds will go towards community service.

Big Top Spreading Over Laughter

Tuesday, November 1 Gardner-Webb College's Paul Porter Arena will fill with the roar of lions and the laughter of children as the Royal Hanneford Circus comes to the college for two performances.

Performance are scheduled for 4:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Tickets for the circus cost \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 and can be purchased at Suttles Drug Store in Shelby, Boiling Springs Drug Store in Boiling Springs and at the Webb Building at Gardner-Webb.

Self-Reid Vows Pledged Saturday

A Saturday afternoon wedding ceremony at Sandy Run Baptist Church united Anita Cheryl Self, of Mooresboro, and Dwight Davis Reid of Lattimore.

The couple exchanged vows they had written themselves before the groom's father, Warren J. Reid, who officiated at the marriage. Mr. Reid was assisted in the ceremony by Rev. Tim Hendrick and Rev. Joe Edwards.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Self of Church Street in Mooresboro. Given in marriage by her father, she was attended by her sister, Wanda Schenkel, of Wilmington, Del., as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Patti Bailey, of Morganton, the groom's sister; Jean LaCoste of Milton, Fla; Sherry Downey, of Rock Hill, S.C. and Patty Nesbitt of Cary.

Junior bridesmaids were Jessica Schenkel, of Wilmington, Delaware, whose sister Christa served as flower girl, and Karen and Angie Reid, of Sumter, S.C. Kim Allen of Pensacola, Fla. kept the register.

The groom, son of the Warren J. Reids of New House Road, Lattimore, was attended by John Blanton of Shelby as best man. Ushers were Phillip Reid of Hickory; Richard Reid of Sumter, S.C.; Phil Bailey of Morganton; Stan Schenkel of Wilmington, Del., and Mike Blanton of Lattimore.

The bride wore a white satin dress trimmed in net and lace. She carried an arrangement of



Mrs. Cheryl Reid
Of Shelby

8 In 10 Favor School Prayer

From Gallup Polls

An overwhelming majority of Americans favor a Constitutional Amendment that would permit voluntary group prayer in public schools.

Among the eight in 10 (82%) who have followed the pros and cons of the debate over prayer in public schools, 81% say they favor the proposed Amendment while 14% oppose it and 5% are undecided.

Public support for such an Amendment has remained firm over the 15 months since President REagan first proposed it. A May 1982 survey showed 78% of the aware group (also 82% in that survey) in favor of the Reagan proposal, 16% opposed and 6% with no opinion.

Nearly half of the aware group (48%) say they strongly favor the proposed Amendment, while 33% express mild support.

On the disapproval side, 7% say they strongly oppose the Amendment, while 7% express mild opposition.

The President's proposed Amendment states:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be constructed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any state to participate in prayer."

Organized group prayer in public schools effectively came to an end in 1962 after the Supreme Court ruled it violated the First Amendment.

All persons in the survey were first asked this question:

Have you heard or read about a proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow voluntary prayer in the public schools?

Eight in 10 (82%) replied in the affirmative. This "aware" group was asked:

Do you favor or oppose this proposed Amendment? How strongly do you favor (oppose) this proposed Amendment - very strongly, fairly strongly, or not at all strongly?

Here are the national findings:

VOLUNTARY SCHOOL PRAYER (Based On Aware Group)

Favor—Total	81%
Very strongly	48%
Fairly strongly	29
Not at all strongly	4
Oppose - Total	14
Not at all strongly	2
Fairly strongly	5
Very strongly	7
No opinion	5%