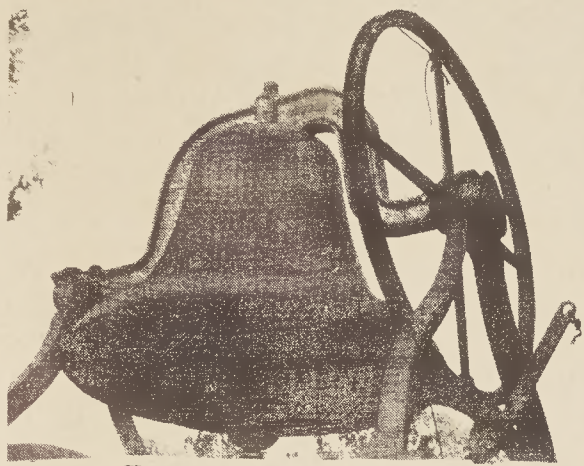


# Mt. Pleasant



## Community

By Betty Blanton

In observance of the Weeks of Prayer a Cluster Prayer Service was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sarratt on Tuesday evening. Attendance was good and Nellie Hawkins, Hazel Jolley, Ethel Ray, and P.G. Jolley led in the service with others participating in the prayer periods.

Attending the Shelby Band Concert at the Malcolm Brown Auditorium on Tuesday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Shull Whitaker. Their granddaughter, Jane Davison is a member of the band and she had invited them to attend the concert.

Wednesday Evening Prayer Service was a continuation of the Week of Prayer with the Young People's organizations participating and a film on "Missions Update" was viewed.

A visit to Gastonia, Kings Mountain, and the K.M. Convalescent Center on Thursday was thoroughly enjoyed by Ethel Ray, Ida Simmons, Ocie Blanton and Betty Blanton.

Arriving Thursday evening for a week-end visit in the community were the former Youth Director, Scott Bass and friend, Lorraine Johnson of Maryland. They visited in the Jim Walker home and on Friday evening the Walker Family joined them for a trip to McAdenville to view the Christmas lights.

Last week turned into a very enjoyable one for Ruth Dawson and Peggy Houser when they went to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma for Peggy to see a

Doctor about her hearing. The Dr. informed her that he could not restore the hearing she had already lost but he would assure her she would not lose the hearing in her other ear. While they were in Oklahoma they attended the Rodeo, Hall of Fame For Cowboys, toured the Baptist Hospital, the Governor's Mansion, and visited several oil wells. All in all it was a rewarding and enjoyable mission.

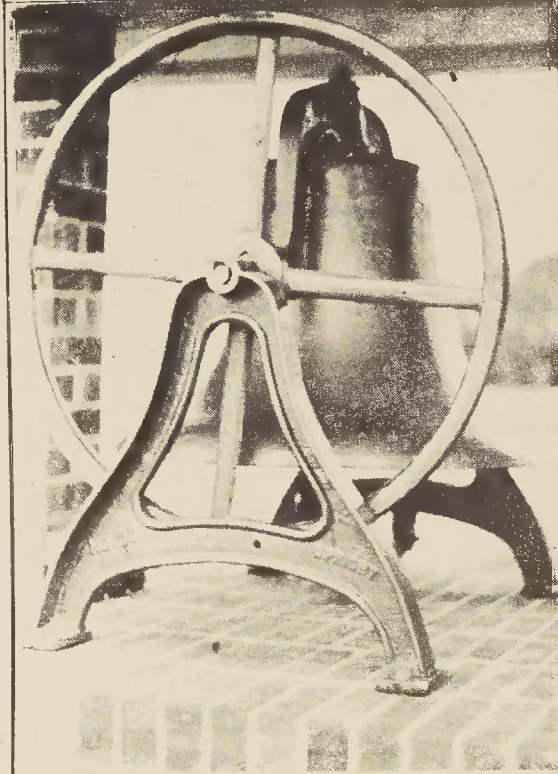
Mrs. A.Y. Morgan visited with her mother during the week-end and her daughters Sharon and Charlene joined her at their grandmother's, Mrs. Dawson, for a short visit before visiting their grandfather Scruggs who is sick in the hospital.

A rainy Sunday afternoon visit was made by Mr. and Mrs. Buren Hamrick to Mr. and Mrs. Hatcher Spangler's in the Double Shoals Community of Lawndale.

Sunday guests of the Jim Walkers were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamrick, Craig and Kevin Hamrick, Mr. and Mrs. Buren Hamrick, Scott Bass and Lorraine Johnson. They enjoyed a delicious meal and time of fellowship together.

Terri Headley, Music Director presided over a program of Christmas Carols, and Special Christmas Arrangements on Sunday evening during the Worship Service. In spite of the rainy evening, there was good attendance to hear and participate in the Carol sing.

# Flint Hill



Church Bell At Flint Hill Baptist Church

## Community

By Ruby C. Ledbetter

Dr. Jack Partain, former missionary to Africa and Professor at Gardner-Webb College spoke Sunday morning at the Worship Service. This is a continuation of the Missionary Programs emphasizing the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions. The goal of \$2,500 was almost reached on Sunday morning.

On Sunday night a program "A Family Christmas" was given by the "Preschool Choir," "Music Makers," and "Young Musicians." The child was played by Joey Pearson and Grandpa and Grandma were played by Durham and Ruby Ledbetter and accompanist Brenda Jolley Michellé Blanton, Jennifer Pearson, and Kim Byars.

On Monday all these younger choirs had their Christmas Party and caroling on Wednesday night, Dec. 14th. Brenda Davis will do a monolog "Lottie Moon Dramatization."

On Dec. 18th the Adult Christmas Cantata will be

presented at the 7 p.m. worship hour.

Mrs. Sallie Blanton was honored at a birthday dinner at the fellowship building.

A host of family relatives were present on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Ledbetter went to Sharon, S.C. to Mrs. Carrie Bolins. Then Mr. and Mrs. Olen Ledbetter attended the funeral of Dan Bolin of York, S.C. on Saturday. On Saturday night the Ledbetters and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Dover, Josh, Candy and Jerry Michael attended the Burns Christmas reunion at the home of R.S. Burns at Pacolet, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Ledbetter of Spartanburg, S.C. visited with Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Blanton Saturday night, coming especially for Mrs. Blanton's Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ledbetter and Jana of Spartanburg, S.C. and Mr. and Mrs. David W. Ledbetter and Melissa of Concord visited in the Durham Ledbetter home during the weekend.

## New Degree Offered

Gardner Webb College will initiate an associate degree program in interpreter training next spring with a \$59,490 grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust.

The program, which was approved by the college's faculty and trustees during the 1983-83 academic year, will be the only interpreter training program offered by a liberal arts college in North Carolina.

According to G-W President Craven Williams, the grant will enable the college to expand its existing deaf program to include training for interpreters for the hearing impaired along with the support services it currently provides hearing impaired students.

This is the third program that the Winston-Salem Foundation has provided funds for at Gardner-Webb. The Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust

previously granted funds for the college's program for the blind and visually impaired and the baccalaureate nursing program.

"Gardner-Webb College is grateful to the trustees of the Kate B. Reynolds Health Care Trust for their generous expressions of support," said Williams of the grant. "They have enabled us to realize important, distinctive educational programs."

Through the interpreter training program, students will receive a combination of interpreting theory and practice.

# My Answer

BY DR. BILL GRAHAM

Dear Dr. Graham: I have been seeing this married man for about a year, and I thought he really loved me and might marry me. But now I find out he has been going out with another woman behind my back and I feel like he has double-crossed me. I'm so angry and hurt that I don't know if I will ever trust another man again. Is there such a thing as true love?—W.N.

Dear W.N.: Yes, there is such a thing as true love — but you won't find it by trying to marry someone who is already married. Right now you feel very hurt because this man has apparently betrayed your love — but did you ever think how his wife must feel? And did you ever think about the fact that the kind of man who would sneak around behind his first wife's back would probably sneak around behind his next wife's back also? No, this kind of relationship will never give you the stability and true love that you yearn for.

How can you find true love? First of all, the greatest truth I can tell you is that there is someone who does love you completely and fully — and that is God. Do you want to know what love is like? Look at Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who came down from Heaven to die on the cross as a sacrifice for your sins. His love was completely without selfishness, and he was willing to go to the cross simply because he loves you and he wants you to become his child. "This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him" (1 John 4:9).

How can you experience God's love? You cannot earn it. You can only receive it the same way you would receive a gift someone offered you — by accepting it. You can receive it by inviting God's greatest gift, Jesus Christ, to come into your life as your Savior and Lord. It is my prayer you will do that now.

Then live for Christ each day. Seek his will for your life. If it is God's will for you to marry at some future date, trust him to guide you to the man he has chosen for you — a man who loves Christ — so that together you will honor Christ throughout your lives. Let Christ become the foundation of your life today, because he alone will not fail you and will give you a foundation for living that will last.

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