



View taken Sunday from the rear of the Rosemary Baptist Church during the impressive ceremony of the burning of the church note after many members had tithed for a year in order to create a surplus for paying off the church debt. (Brasington photo)

TITHING MEMBERS RAISE \$3,199.44 EXTRA DURING YEAR

Members and visitors of the Rosemary Baptist Church witnessed a most unique and unusual service last Sunday morning when a promissory note signed by members of the Rosemary Baptist Church to Rosemary Manufacturing Company in the amount of \$3,199.44 was burned.

A letter of congratulations on the progress the church is making in its attempt to pay off all its indebtedness from the Rev. E. B. Fisher of the R. R. Methodist Church was read by the Pastor.

A resolution was also read to the Church in which it was suggested that the congregation show its gratitude and appreciation for all that the Rosemary Mfg. Company had done by a rising vote of thanks; whereupon, a motion and second was made that this resolution be adopted.

Mr. Brasington, local photographer, made pictures of the entire church and of the note burning.

Instead of the regular sermon, Messrs. J. B. Gurley, S. D. Brown, W. J. Norwood and F. W. Haynie gave talks, using as their text, "For we are all laborers together with

God." After these talks, with the Board of Deacons, Board of Trustees, Finance Committee and the Pastor officiating, Mr. S. D. Brown actually set fire to the note.

The burning of this note ended the life of a debt which had been existing against the Rosemary Baptist Church for about 20 years. In 1919, the members of the Rosemary Baptist Church decided to erect a new church building. They began the construction but found that they did not have sufficient funds with which to finish the building. The members, therefore, went to Rosemary Manufacturing Company and asked them if they would lend the Rosemary Baptist Church \$2,500.00. Responding as always to anything that means the growth and development of Roanoke Rapids and the betterment of its citizens, Rosemary Manufacturing Company made the loan. When the money became due, Rosemary Baptist Church could not pay it. Again the Rosemary Mfg. Company came to their aid and renewed the note. The renewing of this note was allowed to continue until the year

1938 when the principal and interest amounted to \$3,199.44.

In this year, F. W. Haynie came to Rosemary Baptist Church as Pastor. Under his capable leadership and untiring service, the members of the Rosemary Baptist Church were led to see that through a systematic and proportionate giving of their means, the entire indebtedness of the church could be paid off.

It was decided that the Church would first pay off the note to Rosemary Manufacturing Company. Therefore, with the beginning of the year 1939, each member of Rosemary Baptist Church made a special effort to start giving into the treasury of the church the proportionate part of their income and the first Sunday in May was set for the service which would signify that the first payment on the indebtedness of the church had been made.

And so under the leadership and inspiration of their capable Pastor, F. W. Haynie, the members of the Rosemary Baptist Church working together and giving unselfishly and sacrificially were able, on the first Sunday in May, again with the aid of the Rosemary Manufacturing Company, who so generously gave them \$1,500 on the note, to burn the note which stood for an indebtedness of \$3,199.44.

Back From Florida

Mrs. F. M. Clarke, Mrs. Allen Zollicoffer and daughter, Catherine Mann, have returned home after spending the winter in Florida.

Mother's Day Sunday At 1st Methodist

At the First Methodist Church next Sunday morning at eleven o'clock, there will be a Mother's Day service; the subject of the sermon will be, "When Jesus Saw His Mother". At this service also an opportunity will be given for parents to have the minister baptize infants, which is a service of a

deeply spiritual nature.

On Sunday night at eight o'clock in the First Methodist Church the choir will give a musical program. Those who are lovers of good music will find this service of great inspiration.

The public is cordially invited to attend the services both Sunday morning and night. To be in church next Sunday will be one of the ways in which honor can be paid to good mothers.

Business Girls' Circle

The Business Girls' Circle of the First Presbyterian Church met Thursday night in the home of Mrs. Zeb Denny. The program was a very interesting talk on "The Birthday Gift for the Women and Girls of the Belgian Congo," given by Mrs. Denny. Mrs. C. A. Wyche read a report on "How A Business Woman Evaluates Her Circle."

Mrs. H. S. Loy invited the Business Girls to attend the birthday program to be given at the church May 9. Mrs. C. A. Wyche presided over the daily Bible readings. The hostess served delicious refreshments to the following members: Misses Neva Dell Cuthrell, Lelia Murray, Nellie and Gladys Morris, Jessie, Gertie and Agnes Wood, Margaret Cox, Mesdames L. B. Brown, Cy Wood, J. P. Brown, Hubert Parrott, C. A. Wyche, R. C. Daniels, Ruth Dobbins, Howard Hancock, Charles Dickens and W. T. Cole.

Hawkins Chapel Church

Sunday School Sunday a.m. at 10. At 11 o'clock Rev. D. D. Broom will fill his appointment. We hope there will be a large audience as Sunday is Mother's Day. Be sure to be on time.

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