

Presbyterian Church News

The Boy Scout Troop, No. 128, which meets on Thursday evenings at 7 P.M. at the First Presbyterian Church on Queen Street, has begun its year's activities again. Scoutmaster is Arthur Beeler, and he says that there is room for 20 more boys aged from 11 to 18 years. Since this is an integrated Scout Troop all boys are welcomed to attend.

Any Christian is caught up on two cultures - the non-Christian and the Christian. The non-Christian culture has certain standards, it considers "normal", and so does the Christian culture. Non-Christian cultural values have money as their base, and possessions become a sign of success in that culture.

In the Christian culture faith is the base and a quality of personhood the sign of success. This conflict is often severe, because, for example, what does a person in the Christian culture do with gossip which is part of the non-Christian cultural pattern? This idea of the conflict between two cultures is important background to any sound reading of the New Testament, and the words and stories of Jesus in the Gospels.

This concept of the cultural conflict is also part of Ellis Nelson's theory about the place of the congregation in Christian Education. Ellis Nelson wrote a book called "Where Faith Begins" in which he defines the congregation in terms of its sociological place with in the Christian culture, seeing it as the community where faith begins and grows, and also where the focus of the cultural conflicts is its sharpest. This concept of Ellis Nelson's is to be the sermon topic for Rev. John Calvert at the 9 A.M. Sunday morning worship.

As the Presbyterian Church is planning its Christian Education program to begin on September 8th, when worship will return to an 11 A.M. slot, this topic is timely.

At the Men's Breakfast on August 18, the men discussed the topic of "Male Image" in today's world of "women's lib" and changing social patterns. The whole subject provoked a great deal of interest.

On Monday at 8 P.M. the first

meeting of the Women's Evening Group will be held. It is hoped that this will fill a need for younger and working women who are unable to be part of the monthly morning circle. The first program is being conducted by Felicity and John Calvert, and a decision will be made about the future at that time.

Report From Washington

The highlight of last week in Washington was the first appearance by President Ford before a joint session of the Congress. Most of you by this time are familiar with the contents of his speech, but if possible, I will attempt to describe the atmosphere that surrounded his appearance.

First, the entire evening was void of all tensions and a spirit of relaxation and cooperation prevailed. I believe; this session was attended by the largest crowd that I have ever seen since becoming a Member of Congress. The standing ovation that he received was not one of customary politeness but was one of genuine warmth. As one Member stated at the conclusion of the speech, that having served 25 years in the House, the President felt completely at home.

The next order of business concerning the Presidency will be the responsibility of Congress to approve a Vice President. If this is done before the first of the year, it will mean that the Congress has been called upon to perform this unusual act twice within 12 months.

Among House action legislation was approved known as the Motor Vehicle and Schoolbus Safety Amendments Act of 1974. The bill provides a three-year, \$180 million authorization for the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966; provides for the remedy without charge to the owner of a motor vehicle which contains a defect relating to motor vehicle safety standard; and requires that schoolbus safety standards be promulgated within a specified time period for eight designated aspects of performance.

The House also approved an authorization bill to continue five existing programs of health services with a price tag of \$1.736 billion. The five programs are as follows: Health Revenue Sharing, Family Planning, Community Mental Health Centers, Migrant and Community Health Centers.

Since the Congress will not be called upon to act on impeachment proceedings, a recess was announced to begin August 22 through September 11, with some hope of adjourning sine die by October 15. But it is my opinion and that of many other Members, that with the public demand for some type of National Health Insurance and much needed tax reform, that this October 15 date will not be possible.

Mrs. Griffin Taken In Death

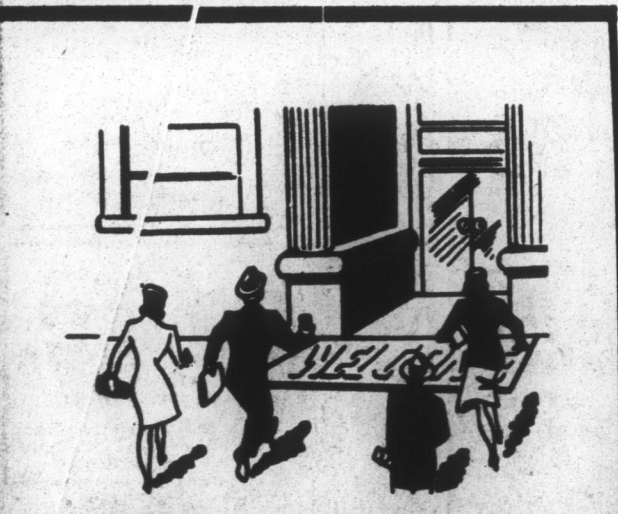
Mrs. Sarah Harrell Griffin, 92, of Edenton, died at Hillcrest Nursing Home in Durham Saturday following an extended illness.

A native of Chowan County, Mrs. Griffin was the daughter of the late Thomas A. and Sarah Evans Griffin and the widow of Charles N. Griffin.

Surviving are two sons: Lloyd E. Griffin of Edenton; and Amos H. Griffin of Kingsport, Tenn.; nine grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock in Williford-Bar ham Funeral Home with Rev. Robert E. Gray officiating. Burial was in Beaver Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were: Charles Johnson, Fernor Hobbs, Jr., Thomas Harrell, Le e Small, Morris Small and Van Small



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