



PRINCIPAL HAROLD CLAWSON
...With staff at celebration

Studious Harold Clawson - A Principal Who Listens Well

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The key to being a successful elementary school principal is how well you listen, according to Steele Creek Elementary School Principal Harold Clawson.

His opinions and attitudes about his job were featured in an article in Instructor magazine this month. Eva J. Wiley, a fifth grade teacher at Clawson's school, wrote the article for the magazine which is published especially for elementary school teachers.

In the article, it is pointed out that Clawson is an effective listener to nearly 550

pupils, 25 staff members, maintenance personnel, countless parents and other community members. The kinds of things Clawson listens to include personal experiences of pupils, suggestions as to how the school can be improved, requests for jobs, for special advice about personal or professional problems and many other topics of concern to the people with whom Clawson shares his school environment.

The article said Clawson's ability to listen leads to action. Parents, with some help from interested others, organized and supervised a Hallo-

ween carnival for the school. Christmas parties were held in each class and a Christmas staff party was held. The kind of cooperation needed to be successful with such projects lies in the abilities Clawson has to listen and communicate, the article indicates.

"Dealing with people is not always an easy task and being a good listener may not solve the problem," concludes the article. "But providing the kind of climate where people feel free to suggest, ask or complain certainly opens the way to good interaction - a positive step in working affectively with people."

First Baptist Breaks

Ground For New Church

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Dr. Claude U. Broach, Director of the Ecumenical Institute sponsored by Wake Forest University and Belmont Abbey College, was guest speaker for the occasion. His speech was followed by a Ground Breaking Litany which preceded the turning of spades of earth by Rev. J.B. Humphrey, Rev. A. L. Tutt, Rev. Herman E. Thomas, Rev. Paul Hailey, Mayor John M. Belk, Mrs. Mildred P. Al-

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