

Tribute Is Paid To Old Brevard Methodist Church Which Burned

(Editor's note: The following letter was written to the members of the First United Methodist church by the pastor, Rev. Orion Hutchinson. It is a tribute to the old church building which recently burned. Since it is of much interest to many readers of The Times, we are reprinting it.)

Dear Friends,

Today I wish to pay tribute to a place where I've never been. I invite you to pause in appreciative recollection of a sanctuary precious in memory.

Two weeks ago the old edifice which from 1904 to 1958 housed the Brevard Methodist church burned to the ground. Because so much of our congregational life is immersed in our present structure and many of us came to Brevard after our present facilities were put to use and thus did not know the old, it would be easy for this old building to pass away unnoticed and unmentioned save in a news

clipping. Yet I cannot let this happen.

Precious to the hallowed memory of many of you are moments and events which took place when in that old building. There you felt the first tugs of religious inspiration and gained the earliest insights of religious information. There you caught the vision of life in commitment to Christ and registered it by union with the Church at her chancel. There you and yours went for the blessing of God upon the adventure of matrimony. There you brought your own to make them His own through the waters of baptism. There you brought also your own who had passed beyond mortal sight to pause in affectionate tribute and to find comfort through the vision of immortality. There you worshipped and worked and heard the melodies of Zion and the messages of the Word. There influences invaded your life to make its immeasurable yet indelible contribution.

Of course, it is true that the Church is not a building—she is people. And the

Church thus may be housed in any sort of building and move from place to place. Yet this does not mean that a building cannot have meaning and be treasured in memory. To say that we now have a place of increased beauty and added usefulness, worthy to succeed as a home for the Church, a tired and limited facility should not thereby blind us to the beauties of the past nor blunt our appreciation of what was, which led to what is.

Some poetic words of the late Bishop Ralph S. Cushman slightly altered may speak my feelings:

"Pause, children of the Church, Stand quiet for a space! A place we loved is gone. Drop on its rugged face Thy tear of Christian recollection. Give her a last embrace!"

God spoke to many of you in that place, and all of us should be thankful.

Your co-worker for Christ, Orion N. Hutchinson, Jr. Minister

Rodney Gaither Will Spend Christmas In Switzerland

Rodney B. Gaither, of 104 Hillcrest Ave., Brevard, is among 39 members of the Western Carolina University Sky Club who will spend Christmas in Switzerland this year on a 15-day trip organized by the Office of Student Activities at the University.

The club, which consists of students and faculty and staff members, will leave December 13 for the town of Les Diablerets, near Gstaad.

Robert C. Dawson, dean of student activities at WCU, said the trip would include two weeks of skiing at Les Diablerets and an overnight stop in Geneva.

Laugh Corner

"Jeremiah," scolded the teacher, "you read like a baby. When I was your age, I could read anything."

"Maybe," whispered Jeremiah in a tone both courteous and meaningful, "you had a better teacher."

Personnel Director: "And how many words can you type a minute?"
Would-be Typist: "Do you mean big words or itty-bitty words?"

Most people don't mind suffering in silence if everybody knows about it.

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Cub Scout Pack 711 To Have Christmas Meeting Thursday

Cub Scout Pack #711 will have their Christmas meeting Thursday night, December 16, 7:00 p. m., at the First United Methodist Church.

The Scout Christmas tree will shine with ornaments that the boys have made while parents and boys express the Christmas spirit by the singing of traditional carols.

The highlight of the evening will be Old Saint Nick, arriving in full regalia to bring cheer and distribute gifts. There will be candy for the Scouts and special surprise gifts for parents, made by the boys themselves.

A gala evening is in store for all.

Another event in the near fu-

ture for Scout leaders is a Scout Leadership Training Program to be held at the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary, January 15th, from 9:30 to 2:30. All Scout leaders from Brevard, Mills River and other surrounding areas are expected to attend the meeting.

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Local Officers Will Take Part In School Of Instructions Dec. 18th

A school of instructions for the 60th Masonic District will be held in Kedron Masonic Temple, Hendersonville on Saturday, December 18th, from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m.

This announcement comes from J. Frank Nix, district deputy grand lecturer of this district.

The school of instructions will be under the supervision of Mr. Nix, and he will be assisted by I. E. Johnson, certified lecturer and member of Kedron lodge.

During intermission, refreshments will be served.

Clifford Frady, Worshipful Master of Dunn's Rock lodge, urges the officers and members to make every effort to attend this important meeting, and he especially urged the newly made

Master Masons to attend.

The master stated:

We will leave the local temple at 4:30 and anyone needing transportation should be at the temple at the above time.

The local officers will exemplify the following in the work:

- 1) Dispense with labor as at stated communication
- 2) Resume labor
- 3) Exemplify first section of Master Mason's degree.

Never use highbeams in a snowstorm as falling snow reflects light, points out Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. Use the low beams and that way you may avoid an unforeseen accident.

Andrews Speaks Schenck Job Corps To Have Christmas Banquet Thursday



E. A. ANDREWS, JR.

The Seventh Annual Corpsman Christmas Banquet will be held at the Schenck Civilian Conservation Center on Thursday, December 16th.

The first such banquet was held in 1965 with only Corpsmen and staff families in attendance.

Each year the banquet has become more popular and is now one of the highlights of the Christmas Season in this area. It has grown to such proportions that it is held in the gymnasium and guests are by invitation only.

The corpsman and staff volunteer their off duty time to decorate the building.

The guest speaker will be E. A. Andrews, Jr., of Montreat. Mr. Andrews has been active in Christian Education and Youth Activities. He spent a year studying in Geneva, Switzerland.

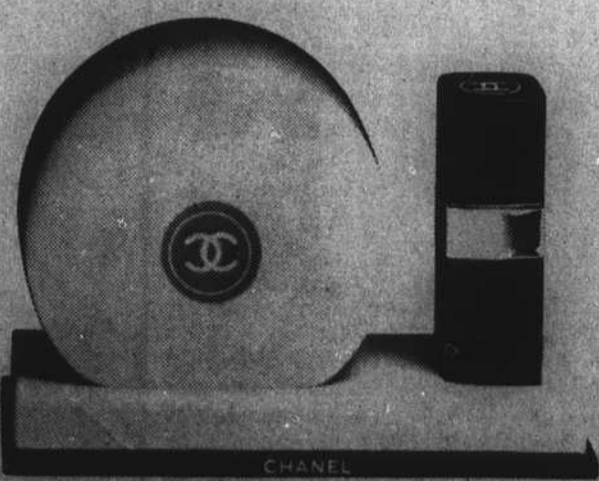
He has been a past president of the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Chamber of Commerce and was the first elected Mayor of the Town of Montreat.

His present positions are that of Vice President - Conferences for the Mountain Retreat Association, the Conference Center of the Presbyterian Church in the United States; and the Director of College Relations and Advisor of the Conservation Club of the Montreat-Anderson College.

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our sincere appreciation to our many friends and relatives for the beautiful flowers, food, cards and other expressions of sympathy extended our family, during the recent death of our loved one.
Mrs. Rufus E. Gravley and Family

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