



Blantyre Dedication On Sunday

By MRS. ADA REED

The Dedication at Blantyre Church will be held Sunday, Jan. 26. It is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Former pastor Rev. Bill Worley will bring the morning message at 11:30 a.m. In the afternoon there will be ordination services of Claude Johnson with two former pastors, Rev. Buford Woodard and Rev. Michael Rector participating.

Mrs. Louise Grant of the Boyleston section visited with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Smith spent the weekend with his mother, Mrs. Edith Smith of Lincolnton.

Mrs. Roland Owen attended the gospel singing at Dunn's Creek on Saturday night.

Arnold Brown of Turkey Creek section spent Sunday afternoon visiting with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. John Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Reed of Hendersonville visited relatives in this section recently.

We were glad our pastor, Rev. Doug Worley was able to be back with us Sunday after being on the sick list. Also sick was Miss Carrie Holden. And we're glad to report Mrs. Weaver Brown is feeling much better.

Jan. 24 and going through Sunday night, Jan. 26, Rev. Clifford Hornbuckle will be running a weekend revival at Macedonia Baptist Church. Everyone is invited to attend. If you don't come you will surely miss a blessing.

Anyone that has news and would like for it to be put in The Times, please call 655-2267. That would really help us a lot.

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N. C. Employment Shows Big Dip

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Christmas surge of 6,000 jobs in retail trade from November to December, Creel stated. However, compared with December, 1973, total employment in retail trade was down by 12,700.

The factory workweek dropped to 37.6 hours in December — the shortest weekly average for the month of December on record, Creel said.

The shortened workweek — down 3.1 hours from the 40.7 hour average of December, 1973 — brought average weekly earnings of the State's factory production workers

down to \$128.59, or only \$1.20 higher than a year ago despite many wage boosts and cost-of-living increases granted during the year 1974, Creel reported.

December's average hourly earnings were up two cents to \$3.42, said Commissioner Creel, but the apparent gain was due almost entirely to layoffs of workers having less seniority and therefore lower hourly earnings. With these lower-wage groups out of the picture, earnings of the remaining workers average out slightly higher, Creel noted.

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TV PRIVATE EYE MIKE CONNORS, MANNIX, is as concerned about fighting the nation's number one killer — heart disease — as he is about fighting crime on TV. Connors and his Gal Friday (Gail Fisher) urge Americans to give generously to their Heart Fund. Both are celebrity Heart Fund volunteers. Connors served as 1971 Honorary Heart Sunday Chairman for the Los Angeles area.

DEDICATION SUNDAY — Blantyre Baptist Church will dedicate its remodeled sanctuary on Sunday in services beginning at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Bill Worley, former pastor, will be guest minister. Ordination services for Rev.

Claude Johnson will be held at 1:30 p.m. Rev. Buford Woodard, and Rev. Michael Rector, former pastors, will officiate. Lunch will be served at noon with special music by the Happy Travelers at 1 p.m. The public is invited.

Sunday School Campaign

It's Powerful Tool In Modern Church

By DR. RUSSELL WILLIS

Pastor, First Baptist Church

The role of the Sunday School in reaching people with the gospel is usually underestimated. Many people that have attended church faithfully and that have long supported the programs fail to recognize the effectiveness of the Sunday School.

Now to be sure, the Sunday School is not an answer to all that troubles the church. It is not a magic program that will insure the success of the church.

It is a powerful tool that the modern church has developed to carry out the Great Commission. Indeed, few tools in the history of the church even approach the effectiveness of the Sunday School in reaching people.

The record seems almost too plain. It is estimated that 70 per cent of all the present protestant church members in America came first under the influences of the Sunday School. In some Sunday School oriented denominations, the percentage is 85 per cent.

A pastor that wants to see his church membership grow would do well to review his use of this important tool. A few churches have been built on preaching, a few on music, but thousands on Sunday School.

It seems to be an axiom that wherever there is a strong Sunday School, there will be other strong ministry programs.

As more and more churches discover this most effective tool of church growth, bigger and better churches can be expected.

C. Taylor Silversteen Speaker

By EVA KIMSEY AND KATHEY HOGSED

At the last meeting, Charles Taylor and Jackie Hall came and talked to the people at the Silversteen Community Center.

Mr. Taylor told the people how and what to do to get started on getting the roads to where they will be in better shape. They are impossible some times. We want to thank Mr. Taylor for coming to the Community Meeting, and also we would like to thank Jackie Hall for coming over.

Rev. Cecil Robinson brought the message Sunday at 11 a.m. at Macedonia Baptist Church.

Everyone keep in mind about the prayer meetings on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

Starting on Friday night,

Transylvania county churches participating in the "Back to Sunday School" campaign reported the following attendance for Sunday, Jan. 19:

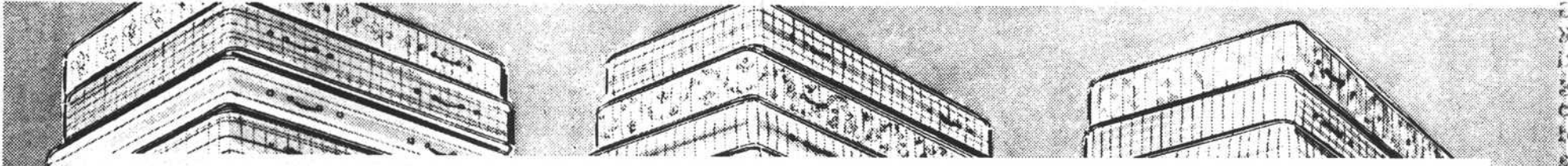
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Brevard Wesleyan	143
Carr's Hill Baptist	92
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	90
Cherryfield Baptist	109
Church of God	145
English Chapel	10
Enon Baptist	103
First Baptist	337
First United Methodist	214
Grace Baptist	134
Little River Baptist	132
Morningside Baptist	96
Mt. Moriah Calvert Baptist	39
North Toxaway Baptist	55
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