

Baptist Circles Have Meetings

Woman's Missionary Union circles of the First Baptist church met Monday evening as follows:

Circle Number One met with Mrs. W. R. Chambers at her home on Morgan street. Sixteen members were present. Mrs. Warren Franklin and Mrs. Carolyn Fullerton were visitors. Mrs. Preston Rabb and Mrs. E. F. Hair gave the devotional. Each member then joined in the carol singing. A Christmas program followed and Mrs. Rabb and Mrs. Hair took part on the program. Mrs. Fullerton, the woman commentator for radio station WBKM, gave a dramatic reading, "The Vision of The Shepherds," from Ben Hur by Lew Wallace. This was the focal point of the program and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The members exchanged Christmas gifts. Miss Bonnie Hill, circle chairman was presented a gift of demi-tasse cups by the members. Mrs. Fullerton was also remembered with a gift of silver. During the business session plans were made to have a Christmas tree for the displaced family and to remember others with gifts and visits. \$123 was reported spent for community missions. A Lottie Moon offering was taken.

A delicious salad course was served during the social hour.

Circle Number Two met with Mrs. E. W. Parker, Sr., and Miss Margaret Parker at their home on Morgan street. Sixteen members were present. Mrs. W. F. Grant, Sr., gave the devotional. Mrs. Grant and Mrs. D. C. Buchanan gave a review of the Mission Study Book, "Ring In The New." Mrs. John Sullivan, president, presided over the business session. Plans were made to bring two girls from Union Mills to spend the day in Marion Saturday. Shut-ins and some needy persons are to be remembered with fruit, food and clothing during the holidays. Thirty-three sick visits were reported and \$9.37 was spent for community missions.

A Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken. During the social hour that followed, the hostesses served fruit cake, coffee and nuts. Circle Number Three met with Mrs. Louise Vaughn and Mrs. Jacob Smith, at their home on South Main street. Fifteen members and three visitors were present. Mrs. R. W. Atwell gave the devotional. Mrs. Dan Koone, Mrs. H. R. Fender and Mrs. I. A. McLain presented a Christmas program. Mrs. R. C. Spratt, presided over the business session. Plans were made by members to remember three shut-ins during the holidays with visits and gifts.

A Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken. Seventy-five sick visits were reported and \$145 was spent during the past month for community missions. Members of the Circle presented Mrs. Spratt, the Circle chairman, with a gift of china. During the social hour delicious refreshments carrying out the Christmas motif were enjoyed. Circle Number Four met with

Mrs. Otis L. Broyhill at her home on North Main street. Thirteen members were present. Mrs. M. O. Owens, Jr., was a guest. Members brought gifts for two children at South Mountain School and two elderly people. Eighteen sick visits were reported. A Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken. Mrs. M. W. Gordon, Jr., was remembered with a gift of silver by the Circle members. Mrs. James Parker gave the devotional. Members then enjoyed games and contests. The hostess served fruit cake, ice cream and coffee during the social hour.

Circle Number Five met with Mrs. S. B. Hildebrand at her home on North Madison street. Miss Lurline Corpening was co-hostess. Eleven members were present. Mrs. Carl McCall gave the devotional. Each member of the Circle brought a gift for the Home for the Aged. A Christmas program followed with Miss Gladys Corpening telling a Christmas story and Mrs. Carl McCall reading a poem.

During the business session thirty-six sick visits were reported, and \$69 was spent for community missions. An offering was taken for the Lottie Moon Foreign Missions Fund. Plans were made to visit and give gifts to the shut-ins and needy of the church and community.

A social hour followed with fruit cake, ice cream, coffee and nuts being served by the hostesses.

Circle Number Six met with Mrs. C. A. Parker at her home in West Marion. Mrs. W. C. Elliott, Jr., was co-hostess. Sixteen members were present. Miss Sara Silvers opened the meeting with a prayer. During the business session a Lottie Moon Christmas offering was taken. Reports were given that eleven children from Union Mills were brought to Marion for the week-end by Circle members.

The Circle plans to buy tennis shoes for each of these eleven children. Fifty sick visits were reported and \$49.05 was spent for community missions. The members made plans to remember shut-ins and sick members of the church during the holiday season.

A gift was given Mrs. C. A. Parker, the Circle chairman by the members. A Christmas program including stories and games followed. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses carrying out the Christmas motif.

GENERAL MEETING

All members of the W. M. U. are urged to be present at the General Meeting Monday evening, December 19, 7:30 at the First Baptist church. New Circles for the coming year will be formed and a Christmas program will be presented.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL NOTES OF INTEREST

Leonard Cassion teacher in the Social Science department at Central High School will leave Marion December 17 to spend the Christmas holidays at his home in Mooresville.

Miss Barbara Walker, Bill Walker and Robert Walker, all students of Wake Forest College, will arrive today to spend Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Walker.

Miss Catherine Alley, high school teacher at Central school plans to leave Marion Friday, December 16 for Macon, Georgia, where she will spend the Christmas holidays at her home.

Mrs. William Ross and son William, Jr., have arrived from Raleigh for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Cross. William Ross, who recently underwent an operation at Duke hospital, is reported improving.

Dale Brown, Betsy Keith Bowman and Lealon Lytle will arrive in Marion this week-end from Breward College to spend the Christmas holidays at their homes in Marion.

Margaret Ann Davis and Wilma McIver, students at East Tennessee State College, will arrive Saturday, December 17 to spend the Christmas holidays at their respective homes here.

Mrs. E. A. Logan, Jr., spent last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Yarbrow in Morganton. Mrs. Yarbrow is reported greatly improved from a recent illness which confined her to Grace Hospital for treatment. She has now returned to her home at 108 Linville street, Morganton.

Students of Davidson College who will begin the Christmas holidays from their studies on December 20 and plan to spend the holidays in Marion at their homes include L. D. Atkins, Jr., Lynn Crawley, Roy Davis, Jr., Winslow Ballew, Jr., Bill Stanley and Dean Seagle.

Church Circle Meets Monday Evening

Circle Number Three of the Womans Society of Christian Service of First Methodist church held its December meeting on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. S. R. Cross with Miss Opal Epley and Miss Mary Olive Conley as associate hostesses.

Arrangements of holly and other Christmas greens, tapers, and scenes in keeping with the holiday season were very effective in the decorating of the home.

Mrs. Phillip Laughridge, chairman of the circle presided during the business portion of the meeting and plans were made to assist an indigent family for Christmas.

Elizabeth Cross sang a Christmas solo, accompanied by Mrs. Roy Davis at the Piano, who also accompanied the group in carol singing.

24 members were present and enjoyed Coca-Colas served by the hostesses.

Baptist Women Elect Officers

Officers of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union were elected last Friday at Bethlehem church as follows:

Mrs. M. O. Owens, superintendent; Mrs. C. C. Parker, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Dan McHone, young peoples' leader; Mrs. Gentry, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. John Hicks and Mrs. C. C. Cross, pianists; Mrs. W. M. Dameron, chorist; Mrs. Dewey Hoyle, Y. W. A. leader; Mrs. Lock Tate, G. A. leader; Arthur Wall, Royal Ambassador leader; Mrs. Loyd Cuthbertson, sunbeam leader; Mrs. Arnold Bright, community missions chairman; Mrs. J. H. Barnes, stewardship chairman; Mrs. J. F. Parker, mission study chairman; Mrs. K. M. Epley, Margaret Fund, chairman; Mrs. Carl Stokes, training school chairman; Mrs. J. Crouch, literature chairman.

The Woman's Missionary Union Leadership conference will meet at Marion First Baptist church on January 18, at 10 a. m.

Christmas Play Will Be Given At Eugene Cross PTA

A religious Christmas play with the entire school taking part will be presented at the Eugene Cross School Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. This will be the program for the Parent Teachers association December meeting. The public is cordially invited and there will be no admission.

The officers and chairmen met at the school Tuesday, December 6, and plans were made for the P. T. A. to sponsor the annual Boy Scout Banquet to be given February 11.

Plans are underway to begin remodeling the room for the new library. Discussions were given on the P. T. A. sponsoring a play using local talent and will be decided on later.

The Grade Mothers will give the Children a Christmas treat on Friday, December 16, when the school will close for the Christmas holidays.

Next Sunday Is Deadline For CROP Gifts

Those who were prevented from bringing donations to churches for the Christmas Rural Overseas Program because of inclement weather last Sunday are urged to bring them next Sunday. This will be the deadline date.

Rev. M. O. Owens, Rev. C. C. Cross and Rev. Charles Frenzel are speaking in county schools this week asking that students remind their parents of the opportunity to give food to the program by bringing it to their respective churches next Sunday.

Evans Elected To Rexall Office

J. E. Evans, owner of the McDowell Cut Rate Drug Store, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Rexall club. The position is one of the most important in the Rexall organization.

Post Office To Be Open Saturdays

The Stamp and Parcel Post windows of the Marion Post Office will be open until 5 p. m. on Saturdays, December 17 and 24. Postmaster John Finley announced this week.

Read the advertisements. It pays.

READ THE ADS

(Continued from first page) der 12 to bring the Progress to the office Thursday morning and show us the names as they appear in the ads will receive free prizes.

No phone calls. You must call for the passes in person.

IMPORTANT! PLEASE NOTE!

In order to give the county readers the same opportunity our town readers have to participate in the contest, county passes will not be awarded until Saturday morning. The first rural reader arriving Saturday morning with the correct solution will be awarded a pass.

Here is this week's biography. Read each word carefully, then look for the answer in the display ads:

Great American author and patriot, born in Hanover county, Virginia. His father was a native of Scotland. He received a fair share of classical education, entered business at an early age, married at eighteen. Having failed successfully in "storekeeping" and in farming, he became a lawyer in 1760, and three years later found his opportunity, when, having been employed to plead the cause of the people against so unpopular tax, his great eloquence seemed suddenly to develop itself.

Throughout the war of independence he was a zealous patriot. He was a delegate to the First Continental Congress, which met at Philadelphia in 1774, and delivered the first speech in that assembly. In 1776 he carried the vote of the Virginia convention for independence; and in the same year he became governor of the new state. He was afterwards four times reelected to his practice; in 1795 he declined the secretaryship of state offered him by Washington. He died 1799.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

(Continued from first page) Sunday School and a morning worship service at 11 o'clock, but the evening service will be omitted, the pastor said.

FIRST BAPTIST

There will be a Christmas program at the First Baptist church next Sunday evening, it is announced.

Beginning at seven o'clock the choir will render musical selections and the White Gift service will follow.

Christmas Day there will be no Sunday School, but Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor, will deliver a Christmas message at the morning worship serving at 11 o'clock.

BAND CONCERT

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PROGRAM

Two Christmas Processional Marches . . . Marcelli.
Gesu Bambine (The Infant Jesus) . . . Pietro Yon.
American Folk Rhapsody . . . Grundman.
Aria.
Rodgers And Hart Songs . . . Amparito Roga (Spanish march) . . . Texidor.
Sleigh Ride . . . Anderson.
The Mosquitoes' Parade . . . Whitney.
Broadcast From Brazil (Bamba) . . . Bennetts.
'Twas The Night Before Christmas, Narrator—Mr. Pike . . . Long.

BAND MEMBERS

Band members who will play in this concert are:
Flutes: Polly Atkins, Hilda Goodman, Janelle Harrison.
Oboes: Harry McCall, Margaret McIver.

Bassoons: Mary Lou Haire, Jane Matthews.

B Flat Clarinets: Betty Cuthbertson, Joe Eckerd, Jimmy Laughridge, Sewell Laughridge, Jean Matthews, Ellen Ann Morris, Virginia McBee, Ray McCurry, Joyce Pace, David Pittman, Jewell Reel, Jane Shiflet, Chuck Smith, Bill Suttle, Vivian Suttlemyre.

Alto Clarinet: Peggy Creasy.
Bass Clarinet: Hubert Martin.
Alto Sax: Bobby Long, Dorothy Jo McCall, Ikey McLain.

Tenor Sax: Jane Bradford, Gray Proctor.

Baritone Sax: David Finley.
B Flat Cornets: Kenneth Cannon, Marshall Dark, Charles Dickson, Norman Elliott, Larry Gibson, Bill Hawkins, Patsy Lentz, Connelly Miller, Lee Phillips, Bill Smith, Blake Suttles.

French Horns: Jane Brown, Joe Buchanan, Bobby Ricks, Thelma Sturgeon.

Trombones: Devaun Burnette, Donnie Godfrey, Jimmy Greene, Bobby Morris, Guy Smith, Glen Wall.

Baritone Horns: Gene Cross, Mickey Walker.

Basses: Ralph Fender, Douglas Isaac, Karl Warlick.

Percussion: Bill Bradford, Helena Browne, Patsy Cooper, Hilda Earley, Dorothy Norton, Loretta Walker.

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