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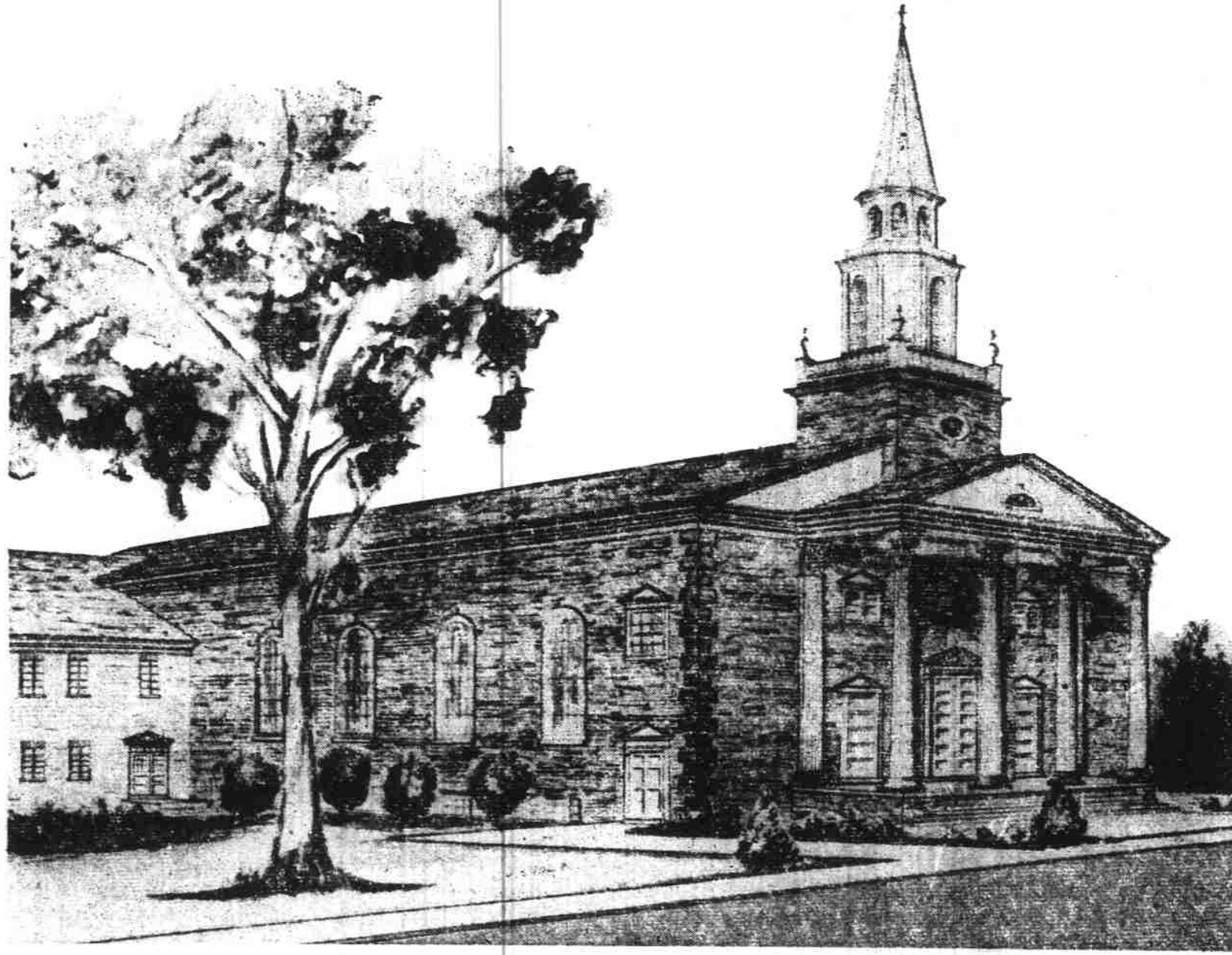
The Try-Corner

"It's all in the way you look at it—the flea is happy to see his children go to the dogs."

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ROCKINGHAM, N. C., THURSDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 7, 1957

ISAAC S. LONDON, Editor



Architect's Drawing of New First Baptist Church of Rockingham Costing \$180,000 Completed for the Inaugural Service for February 3rd, 1957. At Left Rear can be Seen part of the \$125,000 Educational 3-story building dedicated July 13, 1952.

FIRST SERVICE IN NEW \$180,000 BAPTIST CHURCH HELD HERE FEBRUARY 3rd, 1957

Reminder Of \$2,485 Frame Church Dedicated In 1884 And The \$9,400 Brick Church Of April 11, 1909

Far Cry from the Humble Start April 24, 1879, of 49 Members. Church Now has an Enrollment of 800 Members.

ROCKINGHAM BAPTISTS HAVE BUILT FOR FUTURE

This 800-Member Group Raised \$73,189 in 1956

The members of the First Baptist Church of Rockingham have reason to be proud of their Church. An evidence, and a result of this pride, was on Sunday, February 3, 1957, when 850 people crowded into the big new Sanctuary for the Inaugural service.

It was the Opening (not the dedication) of this magnificent new \$180,000 building by a congregation that six years ago had built a \$104,000 Educational building, and since then had raised around \$100,000 for this new Sanctuary.

In short, only a debt of around \$70,000 remains on a plant that is easily worth \$450,000.

Those Baptists are wide-awake.

As is evidenced by the 800-membership as of Feb. 7, 1957, and a budget raised in 1956 of \$73,189!

Anniversary Wake Institute.

Right here we are minded of a letter written by President Sam'l Wait, of Wake Forest Manual Labor Institute, 122 years ago. This letter was written March 4, 1834, to John Armstrong at Newbern, member of his Board of Trustees. In that letter he mentioned that the Baptists in Wake county, with a very few honorable exceptions, "are fast asleep."

That might have been true 123 years ago of Wake county, but cannot apply to the Baptists of the Rockingham community now in 1957.

With still speaking of President Sam'l Wait, it is a coincidence that this Inaugural service for the new \$180,000 church here should have fallen on exactly the same date on which Wake Forest College got its start—formally opened February 3, 1834, with 16 students, five of them being from Richmond county. It started Feb. 3, 1834, as Wake Forest Manual Labor Institute, with the name changed Dec. 28, 1838, to Wake Forest College—and with a possibility that in a few short years the name may again be changed—to Reynolds University now that it has been moved (1956) to Winston-Salem and is the beneficiary of the R. J. Reynolds millions.

Size of New Church.

This beautiful new building was begun Nov. 6, 1955, with a ground-breaking program (see picture inside). The building is 132 feet, 10 inches in length, and 58.5 feet wide. The copper-cased steeple is 100 feet high. The sanctuary proper is 72.8 feet in length and 56.6 width. The ceiling is elliptical, and the height ranges from 34 feet to 29.6 in the center. The chancel gives 16 additional feet to the length of the sanctuary.

The Inaugural Feb. 3, 1957.

Above describes the interior of the building, with seating capacity of 850. It is the largest church auditorium in the county. By comparison, the new Kate Finley high school auditorium seats 963, and the L. J. Bell school auditorium 684.

Also, by comparison, the old Baptist church that has served the community so faithfully since its dedication April 11, 1909, seated 375 by using chairs and the little-used gallery.

A far cry from 375 who filled the old church January 27, 1957, for the farewell service, to the 850 who packed into the new building for the February 3rd Inaugural.

The service February 3rd began at 10:50 with the organist and choir leader at the new Allen electronic organ. This organ is being used for a 60-day trial period, after which time the Church will decide whether to buy for \$5900 cash, or make out with a piano for the present until financial arms can be flexed a bit more and \$25,000 more be raised for the type of pipe organ more in keeping with such a building.

Mr. Lewis made several announcements at the beginning of the service. Of especial interest that 701 adults and children were at the Sunday School hour with contributions of \$7500. Added to this was \$2000 put in the plate at this morning service.

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Baptist Pastors at Rockingham

1879 to 1957:

WILLIAM T. JORDAN
4-24-1879—10-31-1880

TREZEVANT HARRISON
10-31-1880—12-30-1884

J. W. WILDMAN
Jan. 5, 1885—Nov. 22, 1885

B. H. PHILLIPS
Dec. 6, 1885—May 9, 1886

N. B. COBB
Sept. 26, 1886—Feb. 3, 1889

LIVINGSTON JOHNSON
Mch. 17, 1889—July 6, 1895

JOSEPH G. BLALOCK
July 1, 1895—Apr. 16, 1899

CHARLES L. GREAVES
July 2, 1899—Dec. 1, 1901

D. C. BRITT
Nov. 24, 1901—Oct. 1, 1905

EVAN D. CAMERON
Oct. 1, 1905—June 3, 1906

JOSIAH CRUDUP
Oct. 1, 1906—April 28, 1912

BRUCE BENTON
Jan. 1, 1913—Mch. 26, 1944

EDWIN F. PERRY
Apr. 2, 1944—Jan. 1, 1949

G. CARL LEWIS
April 3, 1949—till ?

Man Jailed For Seven Days For Appearing In Court Intoxicated

And Later Pays \$65 for Hitting Wife with Fist. Many Heavy Fines February 5th

MOSTLY DRUNK DRIVING. SCHOOL FUND BENEFITS

County Court was in session in Rockingham February 5, 1957, for three hours. The usual heavy docket but with most defendants pleading guilty. A few appeals after being fined but mainly to gain time in raising the money.

Among the cases settled were:

John Harry McGuire, 24, white soldier of Ft. Bagg, arrested in Rockingham January 24th for driving drunk. He paid the \$100 fine and \$36.64 court costs, and cannot operate a motor vehicle for twelve months.

Patrolman J. B. Pierce had on January 12th arrested Joseph Hilery McPherson, white aged 31, on a charge of driving drunk. He was tried in County Court February 5th before Judge Walter Lampley, and with John Pittman as Solicitor, and he was given the choice of serving four months on the roads or pay \$100 fine and court costs. He chose to do neither, but appealed his case to April 7th term of Superior Court with Coley Bowers signing his bond in amount of \$200.

Lloyd Childers' place was one of the several raided by County officers last December 28th. The officers seized 78 half-pints of whiskey. He was tried February 5th and given six months on the roads or pay \$200 fine and costs. He filed notice of appeal, with bond put at \$250.

On December 21st Patrolman N. A. Davis arrested John Glenn Hill, white aged 25, truck driver, for operating a motor vehicle while his license was suspended. Hill was also charged with resisting arrest. He was tried in County Court February 5th. For driving with license suspended, he gets six months on roads or pay \$200 fine and costs. For resisting arrest, he gets four months or pay \$50 fine and costs. From both sentences he appeals, with L. G. DeWitt signing the bonds.

Stacy Dunn, white aged 24 of Spring street, Hamlet, was arrested by Patrolman C. L. Ritter on January 19th and charged with driving while drunk. Judge Lampley Feb. 5th gave him four months on roads to be suspended if he pays a fine of \$100 and costs. He appealed.

On February 2nd the premises of Mary (Mamie) E. Wall, colored, in Rockingham was raided by town police and a quantity of whiskey found. She was tried Feb. 5th and given the choice of four months in jail or pay \$50 fine and costs. She appealed with Dan Spencer signing her bond in sum of \$100.

Robert McKenzie, colored, was (Continued on Page Five)

Your Donation Is Needed for M.O.D.

The directors of the 1957 M.O.D. drive are now winding up the various threads but there are still many coin boxes out, and pledges. Also, there no doubt are many throughout the county who have intended giving but have not done so. If such there be, you are asked to send or give your contribution to Mrs. Bob Bryson or to Houston Black.

The Hoffman area has done splendidly by the March of Dimes appeal. In 1954 that community raised \$250. For the January, 1957, drive the community was asked to raise \$300. They did just that—and more. The total reported by Chairman D. M. Bryant is \$367.62 — or over \$62 over the quota.

A breakdown of the Hoffman donations shows:	
Hoffman wh. sch.	\$148.81
Hoffman col. sch.	44.48
Morrison school	38.05
Folio fiesta	89.40
Baptist church	10.00
Methodist	5.57
Coin boxes	3.31
Other donations	18.00
TOTALS	\$367.62

A deaf woman entered a church with an ear trumpet. Soon after she had seated herself, an usher tiptoed over and whispered, "One toot and out you go!"

'NOTHER GARRETT BABY

Dr. and Mrs. John Garrett, of Walkertown announce the birth of a daughter, Nancy Jane, on Tuesday, February 5th, in the Baptist hospital at Winston. This is their third child. They have little John, Patsy and now little Nancy Jane. Dr. Garrett is the son of Dr. and Mrs. F. B. Garrett. Mrs. Garrett is spending this week in Walkertown with the family.

DEANE'S NEW ADDRESS

The new address of Atty. C. B. Deane now is "Room 208, 110 Maryland Avenue, N.E., Washington, D. C." Announcement as to his plans for locating in Washington is expected just any day now.

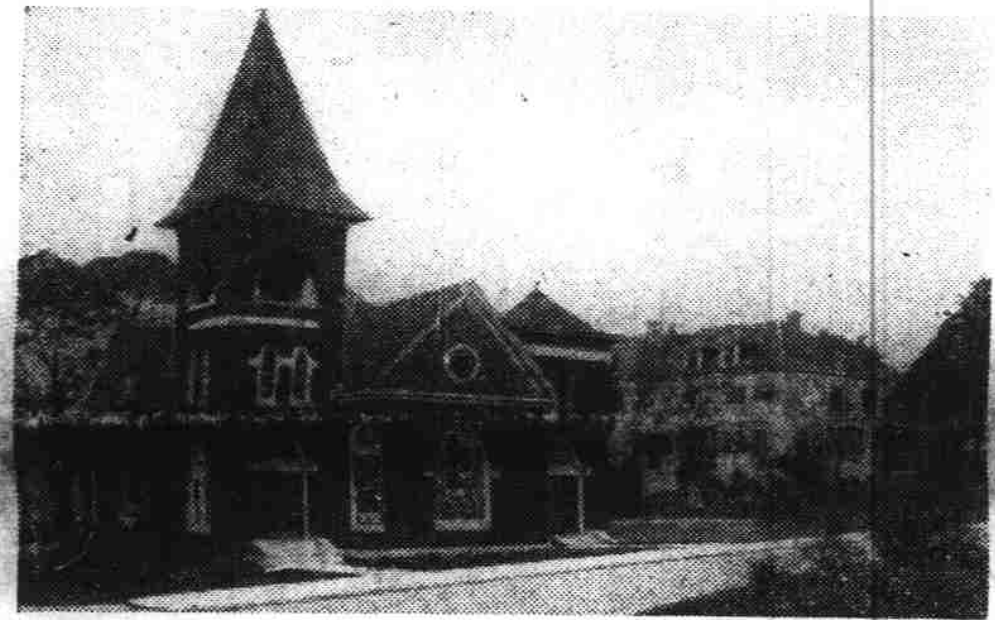
Should Have Known

Little Johnnie was saying his bedtime prayers in a low voice. "I can't hear you, dear," said his mother.

"Wasn't talking to you," answered Johnnie.

If you're average that means you are as close to the bottom as you are to the top.

IN AFFECTIONATE REMEMBRANCE



The "old" Baptist church at Rockingham now replaced Feb. 3, 1957, by the Handsome new \$180,000 Building. This brick old church cost \$9400 and was Dedicated April 11, 1909

High School Basketball

Rockingham vs Rohanen This Friday at Rohanen

On December 14th in the early part of the basketball season, Rockingham won rather decisively over Rohanen on the Rockingham court by 79 to 47 in the boys' game and by 60 to 33 in the girls' game.

However, Rohanen hopes to turn the tables in Rockingham this Friday night when the same teams meet in Rohanen gym. The girls game starts at 7:15.

On February 1st Rockingham won over Laurinburg in both games played here — Rockingham boys 60, Laurinburg 46; Rockingham girls 58, Laurinburg 44.

At Rohanen February 1st Rohanen and Ellerbe split — Rohanen boys won by 63 to 39 but Ellerbe girls won by 45 to 30.

On next Tuesday night, Feb. 12th, Rockingham plays on the Ellerbe court. Laurinburg plays Feb. 12th at Rohanen.

The county tournament starts in Rohanen gym Feb. 20th.

On February 5th in Hamlet the Rockingham boys won handily by 67-33, but the Rockingham girls lost by 48 to 53.

On February 5th Lilesville came to Rohanen and took both games. Lilesville boys 66-64 and Lilesville girls won 54 to 46.

Also on Tuesday night, Feb. 5th, Ellerbe boys beat Hoffman boys 40 to 27, and Ellerbe girls won over Hoffman girls 45 to 34.

JAMES IN REAL ESTATE

Papers of incorporation were filed this past week in the office of the Secretary of State for the "W. D. James, Inc." to deal in real estate, with authorized capital stock of \$100,000 and subscribed stock \$3,000 by W. D. James, his wife Sarah and sister Janet Lindsey, all of Hamlet.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM HERE AND THERE

G-HOG SAW SHADOW

Saturday, Feb. 2nd, was cloudy in the early morning but sun shining most of the day. The groundhog saw his shadow, went back into his hole and thus predicts that we'll have much more winter. However, this present winter has been mild. The temperature Feb. 2nd was 60 as the high and 48 as the low; Sunday was cloudy and raw, with low of 42, high of 52. Monday, Feb. 4, had a night of 81!

RHODES FOR M. B. TRAINING

William J. Rhodes, of Hough Hardware, left Charlotte by air Sunday, February 3, 1957 for Minneapolis, Minnesota, to attend the Scott-Atwater mechanic's training school for servicing Scott-Atwater motors. This makes two factory trained mechanics to service Scott-Atwater motors now with Harvey Hough's hardware in Rockingham.

SHORTRIDGE IN NORFOLK

A new reader of this paper is Mrs. F. R. Hufty Jr., of 610 W. 36th street, Norfolk (8), Virginia. She wants to keep up with the Shortridge series. She is the former Nannie Shortridge, daughter of Ernest Warren Shortridge, and Ernest was the youngest son of old John Shortridge and Mary McQuiston Shortridge.

Bill: Have you seen one of those new instruments that can tell when a man is lying?
Hank: Seen one? I married one.

BRIDGE, CANASTA, SETBACK PARISH HOUSE FEBRUARY 14

Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal Church will sponsor a bridge, canasta and setback party Thursday night, February 14, at the Parish House. Only 50c per person. Prizes, refreshments and fun.



Rev. G. Carl Lewis

Pastor at Rockingham since April 3, 1949 Born June 2nd, 1912

Rev. George Carl Lewis, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Rockingham since April 3, 1949, was born in High Point June 2, 1912. He was graduated from High Point high in 1930, received his BA degree from Wake Forest in 1934, and his Th. M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville in 1937.

Dedicated April 11, 1909

THEN and NOW

Here is how the \$9,400 brick church was written up in the old POST in its issue of April 16, 1909 — a fifteen-line item at bottom of the second column of page five.

The dedication did not rate front page 47 years ago—in quite a contrast to the way the Post Dispatch today, February 7, 1957, is covering the Opening of the new \$180,000 850-seating capacity church on February 3, 1957.

Here is the Post item in 1909: **Baptist Church Dedicated** "Rev. Livingston Johnson Sunday (April 11, 1909) preached the dedication sermon at the new Baptist church. Twenty years ago next May the Rockingham Baptist church was Mr. Johnson's first pastorate and while here he made many life-long friends who are always glad to see him and hear him preach. The new church was crowded at both night and morning services."

Football Banquet

The Civitan club is entertaining the 1956 high school football squad at a banquet in the cafeteria of the Kate Finley Auditorium high school tonight, February 7, 1957.

Houston Black is chairman of the committee and the speaker will be Carl James, assistant athletic director at Duke. F. W. Bynum will be the Emcee. The awards won by the team and individual members will be presented.

The 1956 team played ten game and won them all. Our boys rolled up 255 points to only 103 for the ten opponents. We won the District two conference title by beating Clinton in Rockingham Nov. 16, 1956, by 13 to 7, with 3,391 paying to see the game. In the game for the Eastern title against Washington on Nov. 22 played at Clinton, our boys lost by 0 to 38.

DEATHS

George Cox
 Lloyd S. Smith
 Mrs. George Ormsby
 Mrs. Madie Blackman
 "Bossie" Nicholson, col.
 Luke Morrison, colored
 "Bosh" Ellerbe, colored