News and Events of Interest To Norlina Readers

MRS. IMOGENE ARNOLD, Editor

Mrs. Annie C. Rivers of Rowland Street in Henderson, formerly of Wise, is confined to her home following eye surgery

at Watts Hospital on Jan. 19. Mrs. Ada Carter and Bob of Norlina and Mrs. Alice Herron and Richard of Rocky Mount visited relatives in Aberdeen last weekend.

Mrs. W. A. Delbridge, Helen and Lisa Delbridge visited Mrs. Mary Stanley at Lawrenceville, Va., on Sundays

Mrs. W. S. Hicks visited Mr. and Mrs. Richard Swink and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver in Greensboro last weekend.

Mrs. James Knight underwent surgery at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Weathers of Winston-Salem were Friday overnight guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wiggins.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry Myrick of Littleton were Sunday overnight guests of Mrs. W. H. Perkinson. Mrs. Robert Moore and Mrs. Clyde Myrick of Littleton were Sunday guests of Mrs. Perkinson.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Williams and Miss Hattie Mae Cawthorne spent Tuesday with relatives in Mebane.

Mrs. Marie Taylor of Henderson was a Thursday night dinner guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stallings.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Stallings visited Mrs. Kenneth Mills in Apex on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sue Wilker, Mrs. Robert V. Allen, Mrs. Vincent Allen and Miss Gwen Allen visited the Rev. and Mrs. H. V. Conner at Gretna, Va., on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hayes and Mrs. Eleanor Hayes visited Mrs. Peggie Darhlinghaus at Johnston Willis Hospital in Richmond, Va., on Sunday.

In Who's Who

Jerry Lee Ayscue of Norlina, a student at Appalachian State University, is among 56 students at ASU selected for listing in the annual honorary publication, "Who's Who 10 a. m. at the home of Mrs. W. Among Students in American Universities & Colleges."

Ayscue, the son of Mr. Oscar L. Ayscue of Route 2, Norlina, is a senior finance and banking

Zion UMW To Have Meeting

The Zion United Methodist Women will meet Monday night of the program. Feb. 2, at 7:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Jake Norwood. All hostess served pie and coffee to

Lola Sue Group Meets On Monday

The Lola Sue Mission Action group held its monthly meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Hyla Stultz with eight members present. The meeting opened with scripture reading by all members followed with prayer by Mrs. Gracie Floyd.

Mrs. Stultz, group leader, presided over the business session and plans were discussed for W.M.S. focus week Feb. 7. Plans were also made to remember shut-ins on Valentines Day.

The program entitled, "The How of Witnessing" was presented by Mrs. Floyd assisted by Mrs. Emily Bobbitt. Mrs. Nita Fuller closed the meeting with the call to prayer.

Mrs. Fuller will entertain the group for the February meeting and Mrs. Bobbitt will have charge of the program.

The hostess served Jello, pound cake and coffee.

Mrs. John Clarke **Entertains Club**

Mrs. John Clarke entertained the Norlina Bridge Club at her home on Boyd Street on Tuesday evening. Mrs. Kenneth Davis was winner of the high score prize, Mrs. B. A. Thaxton won second high and the bingo prize went to Mrs. E. M. Robinson. Mrs. A. B. Hair and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield were guest players. Other players were Mrs. C. L. Hege, Mrs. F. D. Draffiin, and Mrs. Robert

Mrs. Clarke served her guests a salad plate and coffee.

Prayer Group Has Gathering

The Mattie Pridgen Prayer group of the Norlina Baptist Church held its January meeting on Monday morning at O. Reed.

Mrs. Alice Stultz, leader, opened the meeting with a devotional and prayer. Mrs. Carolyn Dickerson, guest, gave an interesting program on prayer for Puerto Rico.

Mrs. C. E. Tucker and Mrs. H. Dempt will entertain the group at the February meeting and Mrs. Reed will have charge

During the social members are urged to attend. the seven members present.



Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lee Hawks, Sr., announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Faye Elizabeth Hawks, to Carl Edward Choplin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Choplin of Durham. A February wedding is planned.

Baptist Men's Group Day Successfull

Baptist Men's Day at Norlina Baptist Church was a success. Twenty men gathered for breakfast in the church fellowship hall at 8 a. m. The cooks, Macon Myrick, F. M. Egerton and Leon Pridgen, assisted by Mrs. Wallace Myrick's father's sausage and year. Elmer Davis' tomato juice created a delectable start to the

Men filled all teaching positions in the adult department. Wallace Stallings, Brotherhood president, presided at worship assisted by Ben Lloyd, Earl Shearin and Elmer Davis. Macon Myrick gave the morning worship service sermon. Two music specials were included, one by Wallace Stallings and one by a choirloft of Brotherhood men, with the Rev. G. Elton Cooke at the organ for the service's music accompaniment.

For evening worship Mr. Stallings led with Kenneth Severance, Howard Edmonds, F. M. Egerton and Tommy Frazier to help. M. A. Liles gave a testimonial message and Barbara Cooke.

EIGH'S center stage

A fellowship for all present followed the evening service with refreshments prepared

and served by the men. Baptist Men's Day is one day laymen take leadership roles, in different capacities than they usually fill. It has proved again Stallings' biscuits and Mr. to be a highlight of the church

School Menus

Feb. 2-6 Subject To Change Without Notice

Monday - Pig-in-a-blanket, cabbage-carrot slaw, whipped potatoes, peanut butter

Tuesday-Pizza, buttered broccoli, pineapple salad, iced sheet cake, milk. Wednesday-Bologna-cheese

sandwich, potato salad, steamed cabbage, cherry cobbler, Thursday-Meatballs on

noodles, tossed salad with dressing, chilled pear halves, hot rolls, milk.

Friday-Cheeseburger, slic-William Dickerson sang a ed tomatoes, French fries, special accompanied by Mrs. greenbeans, Devil's food cake,

Social Club Meet Filled With

Good Times

By REV. ELTON COOKE

The Norlina Senior Social Club met at the Norlina United Methodist Church on Thursday, January 22, for their first meeting in 1976. Forty-one members and guests were

Mrs. Mollie Haithcock, the club's vice president, called the meeting to order by introducing Mrs. Edith Comer, who brought the devotional thought. Mrs. John Holtzman was recognized and brightened the atmosphere with amusing and conscience-pricking anecdotes.

Mrs. Haithcock in the true bi-centennial spirit so prevalent today, assigned Mrs. Lela Delbridge the task of leading all present in singing "America the Beautiful" to begin 1976. Mrs. Etta Strange, in behalf of the Senior Social Club, presented a birthday cake to the Rev. Elton Cooke, whose birthday coincided not only with the day of the meeting, but the hour as well. Mr. John Holtzman and Mrs. Louise Haithcock also had birthdays in January and all sang "Happy Birthday" to the three. The door prize was won by B. A. Thaxton.

After discussing plans for future projects and the plans for the next meeting during the business session, the membership present was divided into seven groups. They "dusted the cobwebs" from their thinking apparatuses to compete in identifying "States and Capi-"Famous World "Advertising Slo-Leaders. gans", "U. S. Presidents," and Assorted Flowers." The team that won with the most correct answers included Mrs. Lela Delbridge, Mrs. R. L. Harris, the Rev. David Dudley, Mrs. Helen Whitmore, Mrs. Lottie Nance and Mrs. Gladys Perkin-

To close the session, each group recalled from study an historical event-in United States History and pantomimed it until someone present could identify it. Rocketing to the moon, Betsy Ross' sewing the flag, the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the Wright Brothers' flying machine, the night of "The Star Spangled Banner," the sinking of the Titantic, the raising of the flag at Iwo Jima were all enacted.

Rev. Dudley offered the blessing or refreshments served by Mrs. Etta Strange, Mrs. Emma Hicks, Mrs. Ophelia Pearce, and Mrs. Lela Delbridge.

The meeting in February will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on February 26 at 2 p. m. All who come are asked to bring an unwrapped gift that will be exchanged by means of Progressive Bingo. It has the possibilities of being a rather interesting meeting.

Mrs. Margaret Felts **Entertains Group**

Mrs. Margaret Felts entertained the Annie Armstrong Mission Prayer group at her home on Monday night. Mrs. Ann Pullen opened the meeting with scripture reading and Mrs. Ann Mulchi offered the opening prayer.

Mrs. Pullen gave an interesting prayer program on Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Edith Cawthorne will entertain the group at the February meeting. The group made 50 valentine favors for the hospital and shut-ins. The group was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Pullen.

During the social hour, the hostess served punch and assorted delectable party dainties to the ten in attendance.

American Viewpoints



The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is in extending our commercial relations to have with them as little political connection as possible.
—George Washington
Farewell Address, 1796

Testimony To God's Power

By REV. M. W. WARREN

A young Norlina school teacher, William Casper (Butch) Carter, asked the pastor following the Sunday Worship, a week ago, if he had a few minutes that he could give him. "Of course, I have," the pastor assured him, "right

The pastor was impressed with Butch's sincerity and depth of his religious experience and knowledge of God through the Holy Spirit. The conversation lasted for over an hour, which seemed like only a few minutes. However before we had parted the pastor asked

Methodist Services

Announcements for the Norlina United Methodist Church were made this week by the minister, the Rev. M. W. Warren, as follows:

Thursday, Jan. 29-7:30 p. m. Bible Study and Sharing Group (Rev. 4) at home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hege.

Sunday, Feb. 1-9:45 a. m., Church School (all ages invited); 11 a. m., Morning Worship; the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed: 6 p. m., UMYF.

Monday, Feb. 2-8 p. m., All circles will meet together: program, "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial."

Tuesday, Feb. 3-(Administrative Board and Council on M. will be postponed) 7:30 p. m., the Lay-Rally of the Raleigh District will be held at Edenton Street United Methodist Church: men, women and youth are urged to attend. Wednesday, Feb. 4-7:45 p.

m., Chancel Choir rehearsal. Thursday, Feb. 5-7:30 p. m., Bible Study and Sharing Group

Birth

Detective and Mrs. Robert Norvell of Wilmington announce the birth of a son, Jackson Ladd, on Jan. 23 at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. Mrs. Norvell is the former Miss Linda Barnhill of Canton and Norvell is the son of Mrs. H. Jack Shearin of Norlina.

Butch if he would like to give a few minutes testimony to his faith in Jesus Christ next Sunday. Our theme for next Sunday will be on "Human Relation's Day" and you can speak on this if you would like." He wasn't too enthusiastic about it, as that would be something new to him. The pastor assured him that it wouldn't be too different from standing before a class of children and young people in school. So he agreed to try.

At the proper time, after assisting with taking the offering, Butch was asked to come to the pulpit to speak. Little did the pastor or the congregation know or even imagine what they were about to hear. He spoke in a pleasant tone of voice, much like a teacher would to his class, glancing at his notes only occasionally.

"In September of 1972 I had definitely made up my mind to commit suicide," Butch startled us with; the only next choice I had to make was whether to use a shotgun or a pistol." In my frustration I had hit bottom," he continued. "Some time during what was to have been the fatal day, I saw a sign, advertising a service, entitled: "God and the Scientific Approach," or words to that effect, at Virginia Beach. I attended the service with great interest and enthusiasm," he said. "God through the Holy Spirit came in and filled every bit of my life and being with

The young man was speaking without being aware of time. His five minutes allotted time had passed ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five or more had passed and the pastor decided that his message would wait very well until next Sunday. Being moved by the young teacher's message, the minister could sense the same rapport of the audience; otherwise he would have reminded the young man that his time was up before he spoke half that time.

When the speaker had finished, the minister felt moved to say to the congregation; "We have heard an unusual testimony today," and then to lead the congregation in singing a verse of Fanny Crosby's hymn. "Blessed assurance Jesus is mine, O What a foretaste of glory divine, heir of salvation. purchased of God, born of his spirit, washed in his blood."

Further he was inspired to ask all who would like to know the God to whom Butch had just witnessed to come to the altar as we sang to verses of a hymn. And it was a very heartening experience to see the altar filled with all ages, parents, grandparents and youth, many whose eyes were visibly wet with tears.

W. C. (Butch) is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carter and the grandson of Mrs. C. O. Ivey

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