

Mr. & Mrs. John W. Mayo are attending the 27 District Conference of International in Elizabeth City. Mrs. Mayo is President Clayton Rotary Club

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CLAYTON COMMENT CORNER

The following bit of humor was picked up from Blanche Manor's column in the News and Observer. We think it most appropriate at this time.

A horseman once went to Henry Ward Beecher, the great preacher, and said: "Mr. Beecher, I have a good family horse I want to sell you. He is a good saddle horse, a good buggy horse and a good carriage horse. He works double with any other horse and either side of the tongue. In short, he is a good all-round horse and a good team worker."

Mr. Beecher replied, "My friend, I can't buy your horse, but I would like to have him as a member of my church."

William (Taxi) Jones, Clayton's popular taxi operator, recently took a night trip to Charlotte and ended up as a sleepy and much wiser man but definitely not richer. In short, he was clipped. William has been in the taxi business for several years and admits that he knows better but this was a slick operator from the big leagues and William, like most of us, is still just a small town boy and he fell completely for just about the biggest tale that has been told in Clayton in many years.

Mr. Jones' "fare" was actually a young lady (?) who had just escaped from prison (he found out later). She approached William at about 9 or 9:30 o'clock at night stating that her 1956 automobile was tied up in a local garage for repairs and that she had taken a room here for the night but that she had called her father in Charlotte and he had insisted that she come home if possible.

It was possible because Jones believed her story but when they got to Charlotte she ran "like a turkey". Mr. Jones had a long drive home but no fond memories and also no money.

Next day some of the boys told Jones that they wanted to go to Charlotte. Guess what he said!

Have you heard this one? Rich man went to Africa to hunt wild game. First trip out from camp he came back very sick. Something he ate disagreed with him. Second trip out from camp he didn't come back at all. Something he disagreed with ate him.

A young mother in Clayton recently was cleaning out a chest of drawers and ran across a box of old costume jewelry, discarded watches, and the like. She found there a neck piece on a chain that had been given to her while still in high school.

She showed it to her own child who is now in high school and said, "I got this when I was about your age".

"Gee! That is old," exclaimed the daughter.

Mrs. Hall Elected

Mrs. G. S. Hall of Clayton was elected secretary of the Wake-Johnston-Wilson area Girl Scout Council at the annual meeting held in Wilson last Thursday night. Arnold Hoffman, director of Public School Music, was the guest speaker.

Mrs. Jack Hooks of Kenly was elected president of the area board.

Following the banquet, volunteer leaders with many years of service were recognized. Mrs. Ralph D. Clements of Raleigh, retiring president, was commended for giving 26 years volunteer service to Girl Scouting. Others recognized were Miss Dorothy Lane, 17 years; Mrs. W. Z. Betts; Mrs. D. S. Coltrane and Mrs. W. C. Pressly, 16 years; and Mrs. J. W. Chalfant, Mrs. B. G. Mattox and Mrs. Laura Winberry, 14 years.

The Junior Woman's Club sponsors Girl Scout activities in Clayton.

Students Named To Honor Lists

East Carolina college released this week lists of students who have received official recognition from the college because of their excellent records in academic work during the fall quarter.

The following Johnston county students were named to the Dean's list: Martha Ann Johnson, Benson; William K. Kroeler, Charlotte Ann Edwards and Janet Lavee Wall, Smithfield.

Named to the Honor roll were Billy Daniels Jones, and Lawrence H. Parrish, Benson; Mary Maynard Keene, Four Oaks; Janell Byrd Lassiter and Thelma Sorrell Turnage, Clayton; Edith Gray Fitzgerald, Louise Fitzgerald, Sylvia Carolyn Langley, Margie Ellen (Continued on page five)

Cases Heard

Four cases were heard in the Clayton Recorder's Court this week.

LeRoy Dublin, 36-year-old colored male of Clayton, was found guilty of public drunkenness and taxed with costs of court.

Joseph Wall, 43-year-old white male of Rt. 2, Clayton, was found guilty of assault on a female. He was sentenced to 12 months in jail suspended for 2 years on condition that he violate no law and in no way molest his wife and pay a fine of \$50.00 plus costs of court.

Clarence McPherson, 34-year-old colored male of Rt. 1, Clayton, was found guilty of public drunkenness and possession of liquor. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended for 12 months on condition that he violate no law and pay a fine of \$10.00 plus costs of court.

Wilson Crowder, white male of Clayton, was charged with larceny. The State took a nol pros with leave.



DAD IS FIRST CUSTOMER — Mayor John W. Mayo makes a purchase of Girl Scout cookies from his daughters, Eleanor and Cherille as the local Girl Scout organization launches its annual sale. Photo by Charles Barden

"It is Girl Scout cookie time," states Mrs. Linwood Sheehan, cookie sales chairman for Clayton.

Clayton's allotment of cookies was 100 cartons with 12 boxes per carton, making a total of 1200 boxes.

Each box sells at 40 cents and for each box sold, 22 1-2 cents goes to the manufacturer, 12 1-2 cents to the area council and 5 cents to the individual troop. If the girls are able to sell their full allotment they will gross \$480.00 with \$150.00

for the Area Council and \$60.00 for the troops of Clayton.

The 12 1-2 cents per box that goes to the Area Council is already earmarked for the development of Mary Atkinson Girl Scout Camp and Camp Whispering Pines.

Mrs. Swade Barbour, Jr., and Mrs. John W. Mayo are Girl Scout leaders in Clayton. There are also three active troops of Brownies under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Gower, Miss Frankie Wood and Mrs. Howard Mitchiner.

Blackman Opens New Hog Market For This Area

The Clayton Hog Market opened for business Monday morning. Atlas Blackman, is owner and operator of this new market and states that he will be open for business every day of the week including Saturday until about noon.

The market is located on the south side of Highway 70 just west of the junction of the new highway and Main Street. It is equipped with a new five-ton Howe scale with an eight-by-fourteen-foot platform that is capable of weighing 20 or more top hogs at one time.

It has an elevated chute that will accommodate hogs from a truck of any height and also utilizes the latest developments in sanitation facilities and is fully approved by the State Board of Health.

In addition to operating the Hog Market, Blackman states that he will be offering for sale sweet potatoes in bushel lots and he is making preparations for handling small grain and soy beans for seed and feed purposes.

The local hog market affords a real convenience to the farmers of this locality and Blackman states that he will pay top market price for any type hog.



Killed This Year 85
Killed To Date Last Year 88
If safety is worth a life, drive and walk carefully!

Baptist Center Shows Growth Over Years

By H. H.

Baptist Center Church is nothing more and nothing less than a rural church, serving a rural area approximately three miles south of the town of Clayton, N. C. Its leaders and its congregation wish nothing other than to serve God in their own chosen manner. They are affiliated with and contribute to the Southern Baptist Convention but their main concern is saving souls for Christ and furnishing spiritual guidance for their own. This they have done and this they continue to do.

NOTE — Elsewhere in this paper will be found a history of the Church that was prepared and read when the new Sanctuary was dedicated.

In keeping with the teachings of Jesus, the members of the Church have built and maintained a house of worship — a temple. Their darkest hour was probably December, 4, 1943, when their church building was destroyed by fire. Looking back on that event from today, we must wonder if it were not a part of God's plan and a blessing because, from those ashes, a far more beautiful temple has emerged, a new parsonage has been added, and God's work has moved forward.

Baptist Center Church now has a membership of 178 members from approximately 50 families. Its Sunday School has 15 officers and teachers who serve and teach the Bible to 138 students.

They have their proportionate share of affiliated organizations such as Woman's Missionary Society and youth organizations that help to round out a full church program.

In June, 1955, the Rev. Earl W. Howard was called to the pastorate of the Church. He is now serving the congregation in that official capacity and the Church has moved forward from monthly services and now have a full schedule of Sunday School and preaching

service each Sunday. The new parsonage was dedicated at the homecoming services in October, 1956, and shortly thereafter, the Rev. Mr. Howard and his fine family moved in to make their home. They are

now an accepted part of the community as well as the church and are quite happy in their work.

Other officers of the Church are A. T. Canady, Treasurer and Lawrence Canady, Clerk. Trustees are

A. T. Canady, Claude Perry, R. R. Lee, and John C. Ellis. The board of deacons is composed of A. T. Canady, R. R. Lee, W. R. Chappell, Elmon Harrison, Howard Lee, and Lawrence Canady and John C. Ellis is Chairman.

Mrs. Avon Hill is pianist for the church, assisted by Mrs. W. E. Chappell; Sherrill Barbour serves as financial secretary; Mrs. Duane Poole is president of Woman's Missionary Union; Mrs. Earl Chappell and Miss Colleen Barbour are GA leaders; and Mrs. Lawrence Canady is leader of the Sunbeams.

Howard Lee is general superintendent of the Sunday School and assistant superintendent is Aubrey Ellis. Miss Phyllis Chappell is Sunday School secretary. Teachers for the various departments are as follows: adult men, Dick Lee assistant, John C. Ellis; adult women, Mrs. Lawrence Canady, assistant, Mrs. E. W. Howard; young people, Lawrence Canady, assistant, Bert Lowry; intermediate, Colleen Barbour, assistant, Mrs. Avon Hill, junior, Miss Phyllis Chappell; primary, Mrs. Rudolph Johnson, assistant, Mrs. Wade Talton; and beginners, Mrs. Bert Lowry.

The Church experienced some trying days between the date of their fire and the present time but splendid leadership and the help of God led them through. During this period the pastorate was supplied by the Rev. A. C. Upchurch, Homer Nichols, Hugh A. Upchurch, Herman Howell, and finally by their present pastor, the Rev. E. W. Howard. Under God's will, the community has prospered and contributions have been generous. The church, at its dedication, was free from debt. Since that time many improvements have been made and the parsonage has been completed. As of today there is a small indebtedness outstanding and the church is alive and active in its service to the community and to the Kingdom of God.



PASTOR AND FAMILY — The Rev. E. W. Howard, pastor of Baptist Center Church, his wife, Juanita, and their three children, (left to right) Cindy, Billy and Susan. This photo was taken in the living room of the new parsonage. Photo by Charles Barden