

First Methodists Have Annual Conference Dinner and Election

Nearly 150 members attended the annual Church Conference and Fellowship dinner of the First Methodist Church which was held in the banquet hall of the building on Wednesday evening. Rev. J. Clay Madison, pastor, presided during the evening, with the exception of the period devoted to the quarterly conference during which time Rev. Walter B. West, superintendent of the Waynesville district, presided.

The special honor guests of the evening were the 79 new members who were present. Those of the number attending were recognized and introduced at the dinner by the pastor.

Jonathan Woody, chairman of finance presented the budget of \$10,477 proposed for the conference year of 1945-46, which was accepted by the members. Mr. Woody gave in detail the expenditures of the church for the coming year as worked out by his committee.

Roy Parkman spoke on the plans for the pledge service at which time the members would be expected to set forth their contributions for the coming year.

E. J. Hyatt, chairman of nominations, gave his report and the officers of the church and Sunday School for the coming conference year were elected.

The pastor announced the gifts and memorials to the church during the year which included the furnishing of the Youth Chapel at a cost \$1,000 by the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Boyd in loving memory of their mother and in honor of their father, who is still active in the church program.

The hymn books in the chapel are presented in memory of Lt. Thad Chaffin, Jr., grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd, who paid the supreme price in the European theater. The chapel is to be known as the Boyd Memorial Youth Chapel.

Through the generosity of Judge and Mrs. Frank Smathers, the church comes in possession of two lots overlooking the old golf course at Lake Junaluska, the estimated value of which is from \$500 to \$700. It is the hope of the donors that some day the church will erect a recreational center to be used by the young people of the church. If at any time it is deemed advisable to sell the lots, the money derived from the sale is to be spent on some improvement in the church.

Other gifts were acknowledged by the pastor, who expressed the appreciation of the members of the church were: a chair for the pastor's study by the Garrett Furniture company; a chair for the secretary's office by the Boyd Furniture store; a writing desk by the Massie Furniture store; and a mirror for the choir room by Mrs. J. H. Woody.

M. H. Bowles on behalf of the members of the congregation presented the pastor and his wife with a check.

In closing the meeting Mr. Madison thanked the various church officials and the members for their fine co-operation which had contributed so greatly to the success of the church work during the year.

The programs for the evening

Allen's Creek

By Mrs. Ed Rhinehart

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sisk have announced the marriage of their daughter, Agnes, to James Hall, of Sylva. The wedding took place in Clayton, Ga., on Saturday, October 6. They were accompanied by Joe Boen, of Waynesville, and Jack Hall, of Sylva.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Belt have announced the marriage of their granddaughter, Miss Mae Russell, to Joe Boen. The wedding took place September 15 in Clayton, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frady and Louis Medford of Concord, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Rosecoe Helms and Mr. and Mrs. Lon Ammons.

Harvey T. Nations, Navy Has Traveled 120,000 Nautical Miles

Harvey T. Nations, 20, radioman third class, USNR, whose parents live in Waynesville, has taken part in many Pacific invasions since he enlisted in the navy in May, 1943. After receiving his recruit training at Bainbridge, Md., he was given further training to especially qualify him for duty aboard a destroyer escort.

He reported aboard the USS Mitchell in November, 1943, and has been serving aboard her in the 21 months since that time. During his tour of sea duty Nations has taken part in making history beginning with the invasion of Saipan in the Marianas Islands. Since then his record indicates many experiences; seeing Guam bombarded and dive bombed at Agat Bay during July 1944, is one of many. He also participated in the Western Carolines invasion and pre-invasion strikes against the Philippine Islands. Later in October, he aided in recovery of the Philippine Islands and for his part was awarded the Liberation Medal and star.

He was also present during the invasion of two Jima and Okinawa and it was during the latter campaign that he was in the June 5th typhoon, the most intense in U. S. Naval history. More recent operations have included the Borneo invasion as a member of the air support task group in famed Makassar Strait and the air strikes against Japan proper as a member of the logistic support group. He has steamed more than 120,000 nautical miles, both sides of the international date line and has crossed the equator more than a dozen times.

Pvt. Robt. J. Whitner Reports to Camp Chaffee

Private Robert J. Whitner, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Whitner, is reporting this week to Camp Chaffee, Ark., after spending a 30-day furlough with his family here.

Pvt. Whitner entered the service in March, 1944, and was inducted at Fort Jackson, and from there sent to Camp Hood, Texas. He served in the European theater for a six months tour of duty and has been back in the states for the past few weeks.

At the time he entered the service he was engaged in farming and plans when he is discharged to return to his former work.

New Legion Meeting Date Has Been Set

The regular monthly meeting of the American Legion will be held on Friday, October 19th, according to Commander J. C. Patrick. The regular meeting date met with another conflict.

Mrs. W. H. Burgin, president of the Legion Auxiliary, also announced her group would meet at the same time at the Legion Home.

were dedicated to the resident members and the men in service who had passed away during the year. In the former group were: Mrs. Cornelia Barr, Mrs. J. R. Boyd, W. A. Hyatt, Mrs. C. N. Sisk and E. L. Withers.

The men in service honored were: Hunter Blackwell, Thad Chaffin, Jr., David Himes, Owen Hudson, Kenneth Palmer, James S. Queen, and David S. Stentz.

The dinner was prepared and served by the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service with Mrs. N. W. Garrett, chairman of local work, in charge.

Sentinels of Health

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Nature designed the kidneys to do a marvelous job. Their task is to keep the flowing blood stream free of an excess of toxic impurities. The act of living—life itself—is constantly producing waste matter the kidneys must remove from the blood if good health is to endure. When the kidneys fail to function as Nature intended, there is retention of waste that may cause body-wide distress. One may suffer nagging backache, persistent headache, attacks of dizziness, getting up nights, swelling, puffiness under the eyes—foot tired, nervous, all worn out.

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Crabtree FFA Go Beyond Quota In Canning Project

The Crabtree Chapter of Future Farmers of America went over the top of their goal in canning 678 cans of fruits and vegetables for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation administration. Their goal was 250 cans.

The project was carried on as a co-operative affair between the students of Mrs. Kirkpatrick in the home economics classes and those of Mr. Grant in the agricultural department.

The two groups spent Tuesday of last week at the Bethel cannery, where they processed the 678 cans, which was an all-time record for one day's work at the Bethel cannery.

The food and the money for the cans was donated by the Crabtree school. Every student took part from the first grade through the high school grades, each responding with enthusiasm.

Through their teacher, R. T. Grant, the FFA Chapter of Crabtree expressed appreciation of the co-operation they had received from the entire school in answering this call to feed the suffering of other countries.

Pvt. William M. Cates Receives Discharge

Private William M. Cates has received his discharge from the United States army at Camp Cooke, California, separation center. Pvt. Cates was a member of the 13th Armored Division (Black Cat) which fought under Gen. George S. Patton in Germany.

The Black Cat tankmen captured more than 20,000 German prisoners in the fighting in the Ruhr and took an additional 19,000 during its spearhead drive through Bavaria and Austria. In the closing days of the European war, the 13th captured Hitler's birthplace city of Braunau, Austria, and liberated 14,000 Allied prisoners of war. The 13th Armored Division was in process of being redeployed to the Pacific for action in the scheduled invasion of Japan when the Japanese suddenly surrendered.

DEATHS

Mrs. Marshall Raby

Funeral services were conducted on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Cove Creek Baptist church for Mrs. W. M. Howell, 63, native of Haywood county, who died at her home on Saturday night in the Cove Creek section following a long illness.

Rev. J. Y. Davis, assisted by Rev. Forrest Ferguson officiated. Burial was in the Howell cemetery.

Palbearers were: Earl Messer, William Messer, Vinson Morrow, Kinsey Palmer, Sam Chambers, and Jim Howell.

Surviving are the husband, two sons, Glenn, of Canton, and William Howell, of Cove Creek; three daughters, Mrs. W. C. Welch, of Iron Duff, Mrs. Frank Jackson, of Clyde, and Mrs. Paul Medford, of Canton; three brothers, Robert, Gordon and Charlie Reeves, all of Cove Creek; five sisters, Mrs. Lee Noland, of Iron Duff, Mrs. Lee James, of Leicester, and Mrs. John Evans, Mrs. Harley Jenkins, and Miss Vera Reeves, all of Cove Creek; and thirteen grandchildren.

Crawford Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. W. M. Howell

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the West Canton Baptist church for Mrs. Marshall Raby, 45, who died at her home in West Canton at 8:30 a. m. Tuesday. Rev. C. H. Green, pastor, assisted by Rev. J. Howard Hall and Rev. Will Pless will officiate. Burial will be in the Bon-A-Venture cemetery.

Palbearers will be deacons of the church as follows: M. L. Frady, Earl Poe, Harvey Mehaffey, Pat Cable, Otis Crisp, M. V. Bramlett, Theodore Clark and Roy Crisp.

Surviving are her husband; one son, Paul, of West Canton; two brothers, Perry Gibson of Marion, Ind., and Albert Gibson, of Waynesville; two sisters, Mrs. A. J. Long, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 2, and Mrs. H. C. Sherrill, of Canton, R.F.D. No. 3.

Garret Funeral Home will be in charge of the arrangements.

Reclassifications Dropped To 16 During Past Week

Reclassifications under the selective service by the local draft board dropped to 16 during the past week.

Of the group nine were placed in class 1-A and are now subject to call for service in the armed forces as follows:

Harry Everett Jaynes, Kenneth Eugene Gaddis, James Wiley Watson, Oliver Windell Arrington, Claude William Hill, Jr., Charles Alfred Sparks, Gilbert Turner Ferguson, Charlie H. Moore and Thomas Hoyt Cates.

Continued in class 2-A was Thomas Carlton Holt.

Placed in class 1-C were Iven Jackson Rathbone, Robert Lee Corbin, Glenn Hardy Davis, William Richard Muse, Huston J. Sutton, and Charles Edward Brooks.

William Robt. McClure With Occupation Fleet

William Robert McClure, CM 1/c, USNR, of Waynesville, R.F.D. No. 1, is now serving in the U. S. Occupation Fleet in Japan aboard the USS Indian Island.

He has served for a period of 14 months in the South Pacific theater and for the past 10 months has been stationed in San Diego, Calif., where he has been given further training.

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