

Men Raise Roof; Ladies Raise Cash For South Clyde Community Center



G. HAMMETT, former of the First Baptist will occupy the pulpit church twice on Sunday, announced today.

Corson, Dykes Speak At Lake

Eight Methodist ministers from the east and one from the west will be the guest at services Sunday in the auditorium of the Lake Junaluska assembly.

Dr. Lynn H. Corson, of the Haughtonfield, N. J., Methodist Church will preach. The Rev. Dr. James C. Dykes, pastor of College Place Church, Greensboro, will

at 8 p.m. service the speaker will be the Rev. D. L. Dykes, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Ark. He is speaking under the auspices of the South-wide Leadership School, which will supply the evening plat-ners in the auditorium next Thursday.

Dr. J. M. C. secretary in Ga. Dr. Dykes entered the ministry in 1942 after his graduation from Centenary College and the University. At 35, he is one of the most forceful in Methodism's South Jurisdiction.

by MRS. KILE LINDSEY Community Reporter The men of South Clyde community met at the Community house Monday and put the roof on. Some of the women served lunch.

The supper, which was given by the women of the C. I. P. last Saturday night, was a great success. Approximately \$95 was made. This amount will be used for the building fund of the Community house. All donations were greatly appreciated.

The people of the South Clyde community are looking forward to entertaining as their guests the people of West Pigeon Saturday. The tour was postponed last week, and all the people of the community are asked to bring lunch for the event.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Rathbone attended the big singing event of the Salvation Army at Max Patch last Sunday.

Roy Jenkins who has been working in Flint, Mich., is at home for a brief stay with his mother, Mrs. Clark Jenkins and twin brothers, Troy, who has not been well.

Mrs. Mary Francis, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Justice, was a recent visitor in their home. Miss Francis is at present employed in the General Hospital in Greenville, S. C.

Congratulations go to the parents of a son, Douglas Eugene, born to Mr. and Mrs. Bill McDonald.

The Louisa Chapel Methodist Church will have their home coming and Children's day the third Sunday of this month, all the church people are asked to bring lunch.

Sweet All Over ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (AP)—No chlorophyll breath-killer for two-year-old Wanda Eldridge... she swallowed a perfume stick instead. Wanda was treated at a local hospital and sent home—breathless.



THE BETHEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH celebrates its 119th anniversary Sunday. Present church is seen above. The old church, on right, was a union church, built by a Presbyterian but used by all denominations, depending on what preacher happened to be passing through the mountains at the time.

Many Of Today's Family Names In Bethel's 119 Year Presbyterian Story

Bethel Presbyterian Church, in the West Pigeon Community, the oldest Presbyterian Church in Haywood County, and one of the oldest in Western North Carolina, is celebrating its 119th anniversary this Sunday, August 9th it was announced today by the Rev. Archie C. Graham, present pastor.

Former members, former pastors, and friends will join with the present congregation in a Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Following the Worship Service a basket lunch will be served on the grounds.

An Anniversary Service will be held at 2:00 p.m. consisting of a Hymn Sing, short talks, and special music. Mr. Lowery Justice will be in charge of the afternoon service.

The arrangements committee, appointed by the Session of the Church are: Mr. Justice, chairman, Mrs. Corwin A. Mann, Miss Rosemary West, and Mrs. C. S. Rollins.

There have always been Presbyterians in Western North Carolina, from the time it was first settled, says Mr. Graham. In the Valley of the Pigeon River, near the junction of the East and West Forks, at Sonoma, now called Bethel, one Elijah Deaver built a church to be used by any preacher who passed through and would hold services. Sometimes it was a Presbyterian, sometimes Methodist, and very occasionally, an Episcopalian.

The old timers in the church recall that the latter caused a great stir because he wore a robe. To these remote settlers, garb of this kind could only be used for bed.

According to the old pulpit Bible in the present church and records which have not been destroyed or lost dating back to 1850, by 1834 the Presbyterians decided to organize into a church. On August 10 of that year the Ebenezer Presbyterian Church (later called Bethel) was organized by the Concord Presbytery.

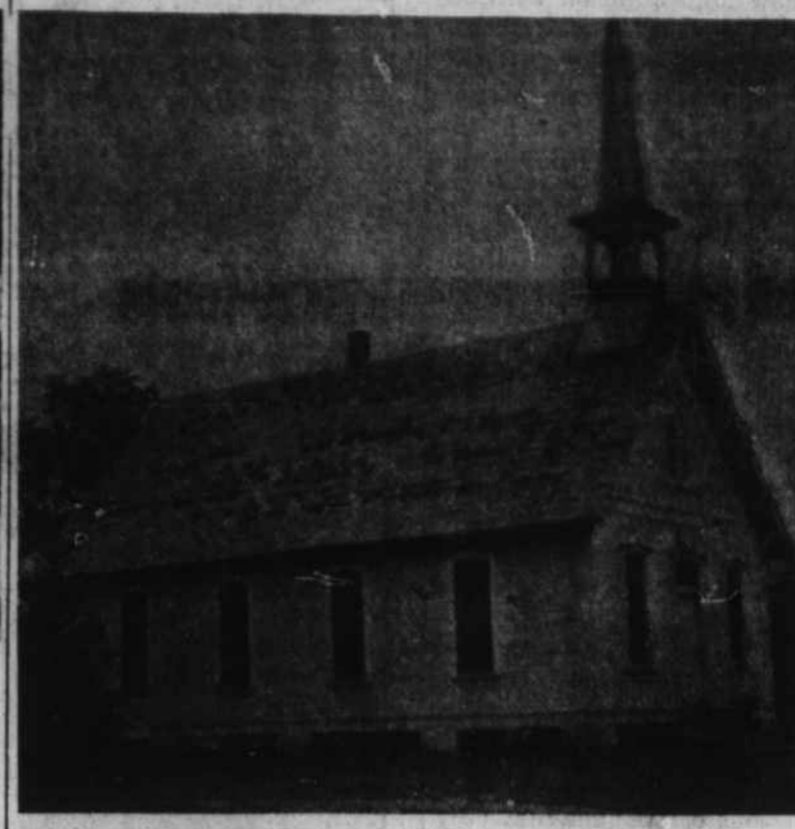
This was the fourth in Western North Carolina to do so. Only ones preceding were in Swannanoa, the first, in 1794, then Asheville and Davidson River. The Rev. William A. Hall, was pastor at "Ebenezer" and the following were elders: Elijah Deaver, Leander Killian, and Samuel Fitzgerald.

Other charter members were Franklin Brown, Henry Potts, Daniel Killian, Mary Killian (Sr.), Mary Killian (Jr.), Melissa McLeod, Nancy Blankenship, Matilda Deaver, Robert Love, and James E. Morrison.

In 1835 the Ebenezer Church was transferred to the Morganton Presbytery, formed that year, and back to the Concord Presbytery in 1840 with the disbanding of the Morganton organization. It was in April, 1853, just one hundred years ago, that the name was changed to the Bethel Presbyterian Church.

After its original organization, the Bethel Presbyterians continued to cooperate with the Methodists and any other groups in the old Union Church, but by 1885 they had completed the present building, about one block to the east on property given by W. S. Terrell, an elder in the church.

Just before the turn of the century, Bethel was transferred from the Mecklenburg Presbytery to that of Asheville, of which it is a



South-Wide Education School Enrolls Nearly 400 Methodist Leaders

More than 365 specialists in Christian education are enrolled in the South-wide Methodist leadership school under way at the Lake Junaluska summer assembly. The Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, dean, said the group includes 100 local church directors of religious education, as well as staff members of an annual conference education board, district directors of children's, youth and adult work, Sunday school teachers and other leaders.

The Rev. Mr. Cunningham is on the staff of the Methodist Board of Education, Nashville, Tenn., sponsor of the school. He said that 90 children, ages 4 to 14, are enrolled in a special laboratory school designed to demonstrate to teachers and parents how to guide growing youngsters in Christian living.

Miss Mary Calhoun, Lakeland, Fla., is supervising the school. In addition to daily study courses and workshops, the school features an afternoon general session at 2 o'clock in Shackford Hall.

The Friday session will be a "Town Hall" meeting with a panel discussion of "What Is the Role of Christianity in a Day of Unrest?" Serving as moderator will be the Rev. Walter N. Vernon, editor of "The Church School" and administrative assistant in the Methodist Board of Education's editorial division, Nashville.

Platform speakers at the afternoon sessions this week have included Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, executive secretary of the education board's division of the local church; Dr. Leonard A. Stid-

member today. Present officers besides the Rev. Mr. Graham as Pastor and Moderator of the Session are: Elder Clifton S. Terrell, Chief of the Session; Elder George Blaylock; Elder J. Forest Justice; Elders-elect C. S. Rollins and John Hardin; and Deacons Henry Justice, J. Edwin Justice, John W. Johnson; and Deacon-elect Wiley Medford.

"From its beginning of 13 charter members, Bethel has had a long and useful history supplying its families to new churches and sending out her sons and daughters to serve in churches in other parts of the country. The membership today is 77," said Mr. Graham.

He also offered the information that, following Bethel's organization same Hayesville, Hendersonville, Mills River, Oak Forest, Waynesville (in 1875), and Bryson City, completing the first ten Presbyterian Churches in Western North Carolina. Canton was the fifteenth, in 1904, and Hazelwood, of which Mr. Graham is also pastor, the sixteenth, in 1906.

Rotarians Hear Charlotte Pastor

Rev. Lee Tuttle, pastor of the First Methodist church of Charlotte, was the speaker at Rotary last Friday, when 36 visitors from seven states made up their attendance at the club.

Rev. Mr. Tuttle told the group that humor was one of man's best assets, and should be cultivated and used, in order to "help us over" many of the obstacles of life.

He placed emphasis on faith in ourselves, and the development of ability to push oneself to greater things. "But in all this," he said, "we must always remember that we cannot do these things with our own strength alone—faith in God is the answer," he pointed out.

Bishop Harrell To Lead Conference Discussion On World Service Work

The five-day conference of Methodist district superintendents and pastors of nine southeastern states will end Friday noon following the election of officers and discussion by two bishops.

At 9 a.m. Bishop Costen J. Harrell, Charlotte, will serve as discussion leader for a panel of four clergymen on the Methodist Church's World Service Program.

Panel members will be Dr. E. H. Blackard, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Asheville; Dr. H. W. Blackburn, pastor of First Methodist Church, Clearwater, Fla.; Dr. J. W. O. McKibben, superintendent of the West District, Atlanta, Ga., and Dr. John Q. Schisler, Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's division of the local church.

At 11 a.m. Bishop John Branscomb, Jacksonville, Fla., will be the platform speaker at the group's closing session.

The keynote speaker of the week, Dr. Charles R. Goff, pastor of the Chicago Methodist Temple, ends his series of addresses Thursday night.

When Timbuktu was a center of Moslem culture in the 15th and 16th centuries, caravans with as many as 10,000 camels were seen there, often carrying gold and ostrich plumes.

N. L. Stephens, Minister, Is Taken By Death



The Rev. Nando L. Stephens, 63, well-known Baptist minister, died early Tuesday morning in the Haywood County Hospital after a short illness.

The Rev. Mr. Stephens, a resident of Haywood county since 1907, was the son of the late Dan and Sarah Higdon Stephens of Union county, Georgia. He was pastor of the Buff Creek Baptist Church in Jackson county and a member of Pleasant Balsam Baptist Church in Haywood.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon in the Pleasant Balsam Church with the Rev. J. M. Woodard, pastor, the Rev. J. L. Rogers, and the Rev. Arlen Lovell officiating. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

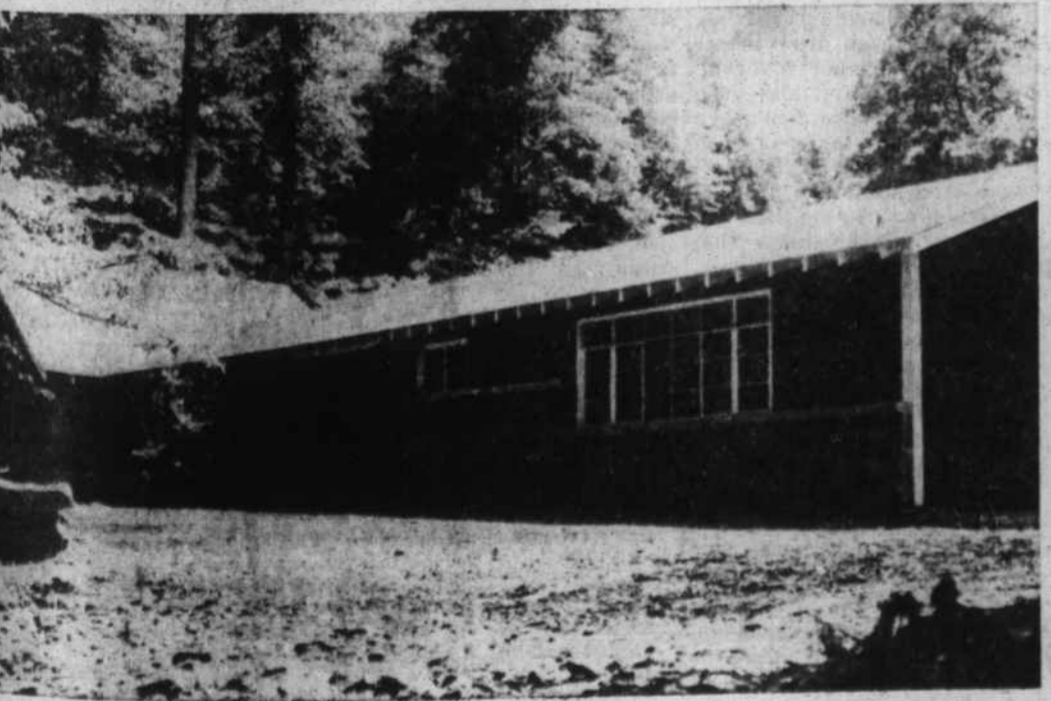
Pallbearers were deacons of Pleasant Balsam and Buff Creek churches as follows: Glenn Nations, Charlie Parris Everett, Platt, Hubert Plemmons, Yates Plemmons, Lewis Blanton, Lincoln Shuter and Alden McClure.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack Passmore, Lee Crisp and members of the Haywood Ministerial Association.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Sallie Smathers Stephens; a daughter, Mrs. J. B. Garrett, Jr. of Waynesville, Route 1; three sons, Roy of Hazelwood and William and Herschel Stephens, both of Waynesville, Route 1; two sisters, Mrs. Verge Watkins and Mrs. Jim Townsend, both of Blairsville, Georgia; 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

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