

# Bethel P.T.A. Makes Plans For Founders Day

**CLIFTON TERRELL**, Community Reporter

Bethel P.T.A. met Thursday afternoon for the regular meeting in the school gym. Mrs. Harrison Henson, president, presided. Mrs. Leatherwood, county superintendent of education, addressed the group of the current legislative program.

The president announced that the next meeting would honor all past presidents with a Founders Day program.

Rev. C. L. Bissett was in charge

# Services Held Sunday For Mrs. Farmer

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist Church for Mrs. Edwin Hartman Farmer, who died Friday in an Asheville hospital following a brief illness.

The Rev. T. E. Robinett, pastor of the church, and the Rev. Earl H. Brendall, pastor of the First Methodist Church, officiated. Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were W. A. Green, Jim Cathey, Phil Sutton, Bill Maney, Huff Ruff, and W. G. Lingo.

Mrs. Farmer, the former Miss Margaret Wolfe, was a native of Tennessee and had resided in Haywood County for the past thirty years. She represented the Circulation Department of the Asheville Times in Waynesville. Her husband died in September, 1952.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. James Fie of Waynesville; one son, Eddie Farmer of Waynesville; one sister, Mrs. Carrie Williams of Memphis, Tenn.; and the

of the devotion, and Miss Mary Jane Leatherwood and her group of Future Homemakers Club were in charge of the program, presenting an educational play.

Thursday night saw a record crowd attending the dedication of the new gym, as Bethel's two teams defeated Waynesville in a doubleheader.

Citizens of the area are proud of the new gym and facilities. Donations are still to be taken for purchase of seats for the building, and donor's of \$10 are given season tickets.

Miss Betty Anne MacFadden of Spartanburg, visited Mrs. L. M. West this week.

The Bethel Home Demonstration Club will meet on Wednesday, January 19, at two o'clock, at the home of Mrs. Hugh K. Terrell on River Road. Mrs. Clifton S. Terrell will serve as assistant hostess.

The West Pigeon Community Development Program will be held on Thursday night, Jan. 20, at the high school. Carson Clark is chairman, and will be in charge of the meeting.

# County's Need Is Great In Mental Health Field

## Mrs. Wright Dies Following Long Illness

Mrs. Hester Lou Limer Wright, 65, widow of Joseph L. Wright, died Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Waynesville hospital after a long illness.

Mrs. Wright was a native and lifelong resident of Haywood County, the daughter of the late Hardy and Sarah Moore Limer, and was a member of the Ratcliffe Cove Baptist Church.

Her husband died in April last year.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Glenn Hipps of Lake Junaluska, Mrs. Dewey Patton of Asheville and Mrs. Robert L. Turner of Waynesville; one son, Willie Wright of the home.

Also one stepdaughter, Miss Carrie Wright of Elvira, Ohio; one stepson, Herbert Wright of Perry, Ga.; three brothers, Harry Lee Limer of Waynesville, Hardy Limer, Jr., of Waynesville and Jerry Limer of Lake Junaluska.

One sister, Mrs. A. L. Yarborough of Lake Junaluska; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held this afternoon in Elizabeth Chapel Methodist Church. Officiating were the pastor, the Rev. Grady Barringer and the Rev. Oder Burnett and burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Kenneth and Jimmy Turner, Joe Hipps, Howard, Joe and Jerry Limer, Jr. Garrett Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Almost all artillery shells for the U. S. armed forces were made of brass a few years ago, but now almost all are made of steel.

One study of 1,183 polio victims showed that 1,165 of them had brown or black eyes and brown or black hair while only one had blue eyes, blond hair and fair skin and only 17 had brown eyes combined with blond hair.

stepmother, Mrs. A. P. Wolfe of Nashville, Tenn. Arrangements were under the direction of Garrett Funeral Home.

# Mrs. Rogers Passes At 86 In Biltmore

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in East Fork Baptist Church for Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Rogers, 86, who died Thursday in the home of a son, Fred Rogers, in Biltmore after a long illness.

The Rev. Oder Burnette and the Rev. Bill House officiated and burial was in Gwyn Cemetery. Grandsons were pallbearers and granddaughters were flower bearers.

Mrs. Rogers was the widow of

Ed Rogers. She was a native of Macon County; the daughter of the late Isaac and Nancy Long Norris, and had resided in Haywood County most of her life.

Surviving are four sons, Fred of Canton and Tom Rogers of the State of Washington; three daughters, Mrs. M. J. Trull of Canton, Mrs. Fred Smathers of Detroit, Mich., and Mrs. Guy Singleton of Canton.

Also one sister, Mrs. Laura Henson of Georgia; 36 grandchildren, 59 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were under the direction of Wells Funeral Home.

# Junaluska PTA To Hear County Superintendent

Lawrence Leatherwood, county superintendent of schools, will speak on "Better Schools" at a meeting of the Lake Junaluska Parent Teacher Association tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Mrs. Rufus Reeves will conduct the devotions, using as her subject, "Loyalty."

A social hour will follow the meeting and refreshments will be served.

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## County's Need Is Great In Mental Health Field

By MRS. JACK KLOPP, Secretary, Haywood County Mental Hygiene Society

We do not have actual figures that show the size of the mental health problem here in Haywood County, but rough estimates have been made by applying mental illness rates obtained by two surveys to the 1950 census figures.

These figures suggest that in our own county there are about 2,352 persons with mental illness or personality disorder; that in 1952 there were about 65 babies born who will need hospitalization later for mental disorders; that in this county there are about 305 children with behavior disorders; and that in our schools there are about 297 children who have progress problems without mental deficiency.

Did you know that according to two surveys 6 to 7 per cent of the total population in this country is suffering from mental disorders and other personality disorders? And did you know that 90 per cent of these cases are psychoneuroses and personality disorders which do not require hospital care? A number of these are nevertheless in mental hospitals because of the lack of resources for out-patient treatment. Others are living right here among us, untreated, trying to rear families without the help they need with their own emotional problems.

Did you know that one in 12 children born each year in this country will at some time require treatment in a mental hospital. And that the number of children who will develop less serious mental illness is greater than 1 to 12?

Did you know that while it is possible that tendencies towards mental illness may be inherited, that mental illness is not a hereditary disease? That mental illness can be caused or prevented by environmental conditions, relationships, experiences over which it is possible for us to have some measure of control? And that our most hopeful approach to our mental health problem is in the area of prevention and early treatment?

A full-grown mental illness is hard to treat and can be treated only in a hospital. We must give our mental hospitals all possible support, but most of all we need to do all we can to avoid increasing their patient population through our own efforts towards development of local resources to recognize and treat early symptoms.

What then can we do in our own households? Mental illness, juvenile delinquency, maladjustments, even some apparently physical disorders that are actually mental in origin, can to a much greater extent be caused or prevented in the family than in any other place. I think it is very true that "the family that prays together, stays together."

In a family, common faith in God provides a security and inner peace that is surely basic to mental health. Family relationships typical of a truly Christian family are certainly healthy relationships from the standpoint of mental health.

First of all we can help our county's mental health problem by making our own homes Christian in the finest sense. Second, we can inform ourselves about mental health and about the causes of maladjustments over which we have control, and we can do our best to "keep our own house in order". Third, we can join with others who are working to provide better professional resources for prevention and treatment of mental ill health, both in our county and in our state.

For example, we can support the N. C. State Board of Health in its request for \$380,000 from the 1955 state legislature for the expansion of six existing mental hygiene clinics and the addition of four new clinics. And much can be done through the Haywood County chapter of the North Carolina Mental Hygiene Society. This group will meet tonight at the First Methodist Church in Waynesville to hear Mr. Stanley Nale, clinical psychologist from the State Department of Welfare and to plan the year's work.

Visitors and new members will be very much welcome at this meeting. Members of the society will be in an ideal position to learn more about mental health, to pass on such knowledge to others, and to influence powers that be to develop resources. As secretary of the county society, I urge you to attend if you possibly can.

## Malcolm Williamson On Davidson Debating Team

Malcolm Williamson, senior at Davidson College, is a member of the Forensic Council debating team.

The team began its debating year at Agnes Scott College in Atlanta. The subject for debate was: "Resolved, That the United States should extend diplomatic recognition to the Communist government of China."

Snow is a good insulator and can prevent the escape of heat, for example in an Eskimo igloo which can be heated with a very small fire.