

History Of Calypso Presby. Church

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Calypso Presbyterian Church had its beginning in the hearts and minds of a Christian people in northern Ireland, when in 1736 a group of Presbyterians under the patronage of Henry McCulloch sailed for America looking for a better place where they could worship without persecution. Too, they were not lacking in a spirit of adventure and a desire to see and to win the wide rivers and beautiful land of America.

The Dicksons landed in Pennsylvania a few years later and came to Duplin, which included part of Hanover and surrounding counties at that time. The land in which they located was granted by the Crown George II.

The Presbyterians formed three groups—One at Sarecta on the northeast River, one at Grove, and the other at Goshen. It was Colonel William Dickson who came to Goshen and built his home here. The Dickson cemetery is near the town of Goshen now. He was for many years a member of the State legislature before the revolution and was one of the members who drafted the Constitution of this State at Halifax on the 18th day of December 1778.

He entered the Military Service of this country in 1777, he was wounded in action and sealed with blood his attachment to the liberty and independence of his country. He was clerk of the County Court of Duplin for 34 years. He was deeply religious and taught the people the Bible truths. He died at his home in Goshen July 22, 1810 and long the stream of Goshen, there was a meeting house. None of the residents can find the place, but it is recorded in the minutes of the General Assembly 1788-18-14—A meeting house where the Presbyterian Society could worship God.

Major Michael Dickson, a brother of Colonel William Dickson located in Pendleton, which is now South Carolina. He, too, was a consecrated Christian. The settlements were apart and transportation was by water or horse back. So the people gathered for worship once a year. Therefore, the religious education was carried on by the soldiers of the cross, American patriots, and faithful public servants the Gillespies, Pearsalls, Sloans, Stanfords, McIntyres and Dicksons. Since there were no ministers for many years after the Presbyterian Society was organized and the meeting houses built. Major Michael Dickson was a faithful ruling elder for 60 years administering to those in need.

Rev. Dickson Stanford began preaching and teaching to the people of his territory from which many counties have been formed. In 1830 Rev. Alexander McVey became a Missionary in this section and in 1831 Rev. James Sprunt came to Duplin as pastor and stayed pastor of the churches until 1834. He, like Paul of Tarsus, earned his living by other work. The churches could not support him. Then came Dr. B. F. Marable, minister and missionary and organizer. He was followed by Rev. Peter McIntyre, who went about doing good, having very strong convictions. He would walk miles and miles, stopping along the way to preach. He would not ride a train on Sunday. Whenever a group of people would gather, people would look forward to Sunday evenings. In walking from Faison to Mount Olive, he would stop in the shade of the old Atlantic Coast Line platform to rest. People liked to talk with him. He saw the opportunity of getting people to gather for a service. So he began preaching on the old platform with people sitting on the platform or standing around twice a month at Goshen Grove crossroads.

In these services encouraged him to start the erection of a building for the worship of God. Mr. R. J. Southerland of Mount Olive donated a half acre of land and subscriptions of money and labor were given by the people of the community and by March, 1893, construction on the frame building, facing the railroad tracks, had progressed enough to hold services. There was nothing fancy about the first seats which were erected of rough lumber. Rev. McIntyre began preaching regularly every first and third Sunday afternoons. A Sunday School was organized and E. B. Sutton was elected Superintendent.

At a meeting of the Presbytery held in the First church in Wilmington in June 1903, a petition was presented for the organization of a Presbyterian Church at Calypso. This was granted. A commission, composed of the Rev. McIntyre, the Rev. A. D. McClure, Ruling Elders, R. J. Southerland, B. B. Carr and A. D. Hicks, was appointed to organize the church. The commission met the first Sunday in July 1903 and organized the church with the following members:

Mrs. W. Patten, Mrs. W. F. Patten, Miss Nancy Patten, Mrs. Annie Hill, Mrs. George Sutton, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Cameron, Mrs. Martin Butler, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Sutton, Mr. N. B. Sloan, Mr. George Sutton, Mr. David Davis, Mr. Lee Cherry, Miss Hattie Byrd, Miss Bessie Byrd.

N. B. Sloan and E. B. Sutton were elected, ordained and installed as elders. Lee Cherry and D. A. Cameron were ordained as deacons. At the fall meeting of the Pres-

bytery held in Wallace in October 1905, the Commission, having made its report, was duly enrolled in the Wilmington Presbytery as Goshen Grove Church. The name was changed later to the Calypso Presbyterian Church and the contingent fee was set at \$1.00.

The session of the church met October 18, 1903 as the first official meeting to receive into the communion of the church Miss Lola Sutton and Herman Brodgen on confession of faith. In the fall of 1904 the first protracted meeting was held by Rev. Peter McIntyre assisted by Rev. N. B. Canady and Mr. Andrew Burr of Chadbourne. Mr. Burr was in charge of the singing. It was late in the fall, the nights were chilly, the people were cold due to unfinished building. It could not be heated, the seats were uncomfortable, but people came and eleven persons were received into the communion of the church, which brought the enrollment to 34 members.

After the protracted meeting Mr. Burr taught a singing class for the community. The Wilmington Presbytery met with the Calypso Church in October 1905. The ladies served dinner on the grounds both days.

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The church extended a call to Rev. J. W. Purcell of Palatka, Florida, which was accepted and he pastored of Calypso, Faison, and Mt. Olive churches until 1917 when a call came from the West which he accepted.

In 1918 the group of churches extended a call to Rev. W. M. Baker, who was doing city mission work in Wilmington. Mr. Baker accepted the pastorate and under his leadership and faithful work, the church began to grow spiritually and increase in membership. The Woman's Work was reorganized, Young Peoples Organization were started and appropriate literature was secured for the Sunday School under the efficient guidance of Mr. and Mrs. Baker until 1929, when, after much meditation and prayer, Mr. Baker accepted a call which had been extended three times to the Presbyterian Church at Mebane.

Mr. Baker was pastor for 12 years. The church was without a pastor for several months. A call was extended to Rev. J. I. Knight of the Holston Presbytery, which he accepted in September 1930. Under Mr. Knight's leadership, the Educational Building was completed. For the first time, Sunday School classes had their own rooms. Mr. Knight was pastor of the Calypso church for twelve years, when he accepted a call to the Ashepole Presbytery in Rowland, N. C.

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On December 4, 1945 a call was extended to Rev. J. Murphy Smith, who at that time was in the service of the United States Army. In January 1946 Mr. Smith accepted the call and moved to Faison to take up work in the pastorate. Mr. Smith never was too tired to visit those in need and it was through his sincere efforts that for the first time the Men of the Church had their organization. Mr. Smith resigned as pastor in 1951 to accept a call from the First Presbyterian Church at New Ben.

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Health For All

What Never? Well, hardly ever. Even the Captain of Giffers and Sullivan's "Pinafors" occasionally suffered the pangs of sea sickness. You don't die of this horrible malady. You only wish you could.

The fact is that modern science instead of controlling sea sickness, has caused it to become more widespread. More and more ways of traveling have been invented, and more and more people are going places. It is now known that it isn't only sea travel that brings on that awful feeling in the pit of the stomach. Planes, trains, and cars can also be the villains. We've had to change the name to "motion sickness."

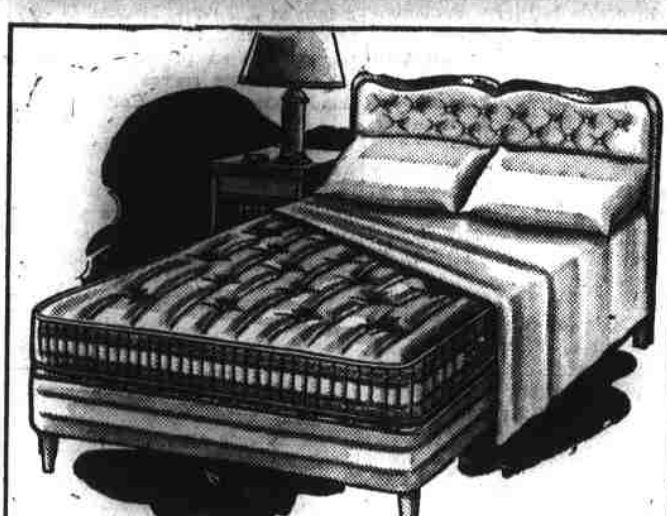
In wartime experiments thousands of military personnel suffered in the cause of science by being jounced in swings, spun in tilting chairs, flown through turbulent air and bounced about in small boats in rough water. One result of their sacrifice has been a precise defini-

tion of the signs of motion sickness: drowsiness, pallor, cold sweating, salivation and swallowing, nausea and vomiting, appearing in that order.

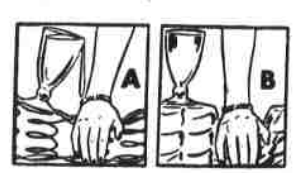
Among other things learned was the fact that motion sickness is not "just your imagination." It's always caused by motion, even in the classic case of the old lady who got sick before the ship left the dock. Boats do move while tied up. Inexperienced travelers were found to be more susceptible, but really

rough travel will make 3 out of 10 persons sick.

The wartime studies also showed that motion sickness is a problem for the doctor and pharmacologist as well as for the engineer. Shock absorbers, gyroscopes,

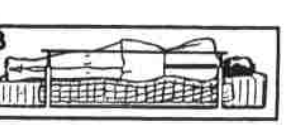
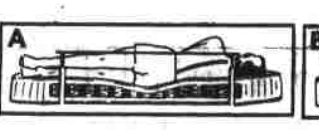
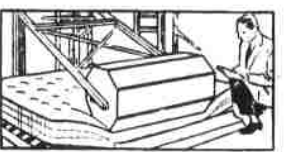


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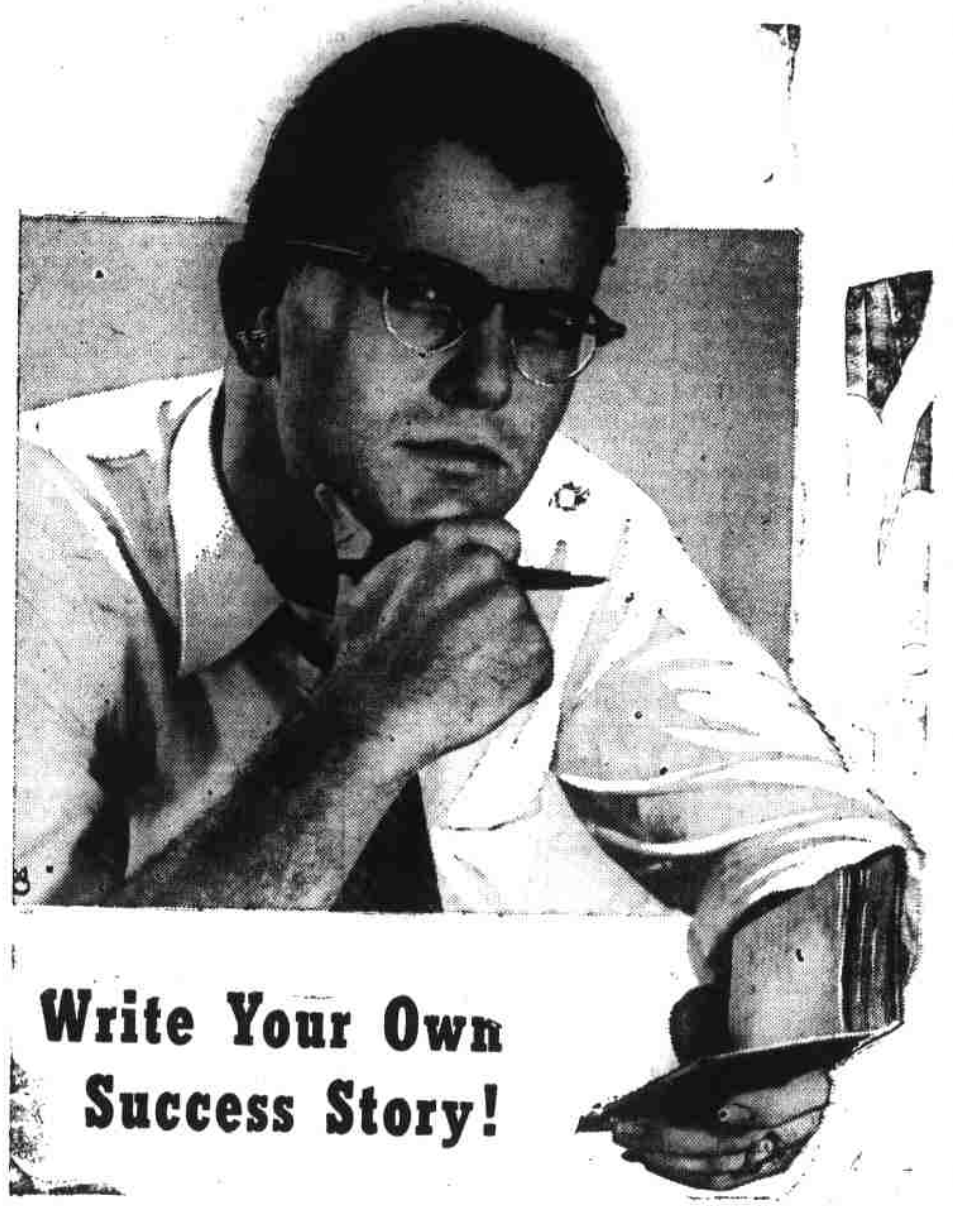


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