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FIFTIETH REUNION -- Members of the 1932 graduating class at Raeford High School at their reunion.

Class Of '32 Has 50th Year Reunion

Fifty years, almost to the day, after commencement exercises at Raeford High School on the night of May 23, 1932, members of the graduating class that year gathered for their first reunion on Saturday, May 22, 1982 at the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Raeford

Of the 52 members of the graduating class, 39 are still alive, and of these 32 were present at the

reunion. 17 brought spouses, the two class mascots were present with their spouses, there were two guests, and Mrs. J.C. McLean, one of the teachers of the class in 1932, was present, for a total attendance of 55

J.F. Lowrance was principal in 1932, and taught Latin to seniors and others as well, and the others who taught members of the eleventh grade, which was then the

senior class, were John Thomas Biggers, now retired and living in Hertford, Mrs. McLean, who is retired and lives in Raeford, and Misses Carrie Sturgis and Lois Waller, both deceased.

After a period of getting reac-quainted, seeing who couldn't recognize whom after 50 years, and looking at old snapshots and 1932 News Journals, the class members gathered for a group picture. At dinner they were welcomed by Tom Cameron, class president, and Jake Austin, salutatorian in 1932, conducted a memorial for deceased members. Paul Dickson recalled some news items about class members from 1932, about the hard times and the Lindbergh kidnapping that year, and recognized the class mascots, Lydia McKeithan Stokes and husband Bill of Wilmington, and Malcolm McKeithan and wife Nora; of Greenville, S.C. Each class member then summarized the 50 years in his or her life and spouses and guests were recognized. From these recollections it was determined that Mr. and Mrs. Gray Currie of

Portsmouth, Va. had come the farthest, that Kathleen Looper Dixon (Mrs. Roger) had been married the longest, that Lucille Sheppard Byrd of Pinebluff with 20 hese the most created bildren and has the most grandchildren, and that J.W. Russell, Jr., of Red Springs has the most great-grand-bildren with alternation of the second second children with eight.

Last on the program was the teacher, Mrs. J.C. McLean, who reassured her former students that getting "over the hill" has many good aspects and should not be feared.

Those present were Pauline Biggs Pittman, Margaret Campbell McLauchlin, Thetus Campbell Mercer, Lillian Dixon Wade, Gertrude Ellis McKeithan, Margaret Gainey, Lucile Johnson Hall, Dixie Jordan Sink, Mildred Livingston Brigman, Agnes McKenzie Harden, Doris Robertson Jones, Frances Sheppard Byrd, Ida Stone Howard, Harry Veasey, Ruth Walters Hooks, and with spouses Jake Austin, Myrtle Buoyer Blackmon, Tom Cameron, Pauk Dickson, Clara Mae Gibson Jones, Thaddeus Koontz, Malloy Lamont

Kathleen Looper Dixon, Iola Mc-Bryde Powell, Mabel McPhaul Bostic, Herbert McRacken, Eva Maxwell Newton, J.W. Russell, Jr., Lela Wood McInnis, and Viola Wright Yarborough, Judson Lee, Jr. had Sallie McMillan as his guest, and Mr. and Mrs. Gray Currie brought Bertha Currie Hen-drix of the class of 1933.

Deceased members of the class, whose names were read by Jake Austin, are Neill James Blue, Sara Brown Campbell, Clennie E. Cook, Douglas Currie, Lonzo McBryde, Anna Ruth McLauchlin, Woodrow McLean, Billy Maxwell, Bradley Norton, Esther Odum, Lucy Anne Parham, Mary Isabella Ray and Margaret Pemberton Morris. (Any suspicion that this event got

better coverage because Paul Dickson is a member of the class/is probably correct)

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Methodists' NC Conference June 6-9

The North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church will convene here at Methodist College June 6-9 to determine actions and ministries for the future.

More than 1,500 delegates -- one half clergy and one-half laity -- are expected to attend.

Presiding will be Bishop William R. Cannon of the Raleigh Area and chairman of the Executive Com-mittee of the World Methodist Council, Cannon served the con-ference from 1968-72 and returned in 1980.

The event begins with an ordination service, in which Bishop James M. Ault, resident bishop of Philadelphia and secretary of the Council of Bishops, will preach. Deacons and elders will be ordained during that special evening service!

At the close of the conference, Bishop Cannon is expected to read the appointments of the ministers for 1982-83. United Methodist pastors are assigned every year, with approximately 170 receiving new appointments. Moving day for pastors is June 17.

The delegates will deal with important social issues presented in the form of position papers, study papers, and resolutions. The conference will decide whether to take a position on any or all of the presented issues. The resolutions and papers were composed by the Conference Board of Church and

vironmental Protection and Energy; Prayer Legislation; Medi-caid Drug Limitations; Health and Safety of Migrant and Seasonal Farm Workers.

Included on the agenda are reports of conference programs in 1981-82, planning and budgetary matters for 1983, and worship services. Among major actions of importance, delegates will vote on a record \$5,446,881 budget for 1983 for ministries beyond the local church.

Dr. Fred B. Craddock, professor of Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta will be the preacher for the June 7 and 8 morning worship and the June 8 evening service.

On the evening of June 7, the delegates will hear a sermon by Bishop William Smith, senior prelate of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, of Mobile,

Pigeon Club

If you are between the ages of 9-19 and are interested in learning more about pigeons, you are invited to attend a meeting to organize a

4-H pigeon club. An organizational meeting will be held June 1 at 7 p.m. at the Hoke County Library. The club will meet regularly for the purpose of learning about pigeons, raising pigeons, training pigeons and various topics. The club is open to any youth 9-19 regardless of race, sex. or national origin. Adults are also encouraged to attend. For more information, call 875-2162.

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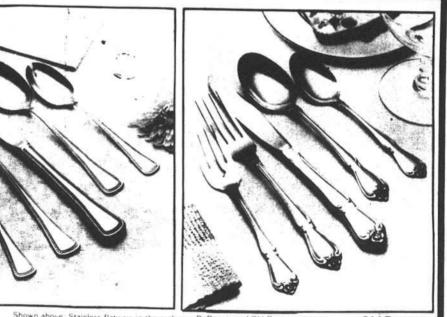
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