

Men's Day Featured At Baptist Church

Sunday, February 27 was Men's Day at the Baptist Church.

Tuesday evening at 4 p.m. Mission Friends and Youth in Action met at Education Center.

On Thursday night the Women Missionary Union met in the home of Mrs. Ruth Tolar. Mrs. Tolar was in charge of the program. Attending were Pearl Dew, president, Betty Lou McGowan, secretary, Flata Schell, Mavis Foster, Carolyn McGowan, Dorothy McGowan and Verna McGowan, vice-president.

The hostess served cake, nuts, mints and coffee.

Valentine Dinner

Youth in Action and Mission Friends were entertained by the Baptist Young Women with a Valentine Dinner on Monday evening, February 14 in the Educational Center.

Games were played and several prizes given during the cake walk. Hot dogs, drinks, cookies and potato chips were served.

Home Mission Study

On Sunday evening, February 20, Miss Byrd Britt and Mike Everhart, students at Pembroke State University, gave interesting talks on Home Missions.

Prior to the program a covered dish dinner was enjoyed by the congregation in the Educational Center.

On February 6, Herman Glen Clark was honored by the Lumber Bridge Presbyterian Church with the title "Elder Emeritus".

A congregational meeting had been called by the session to elevate Ruling Elder Clark to Elder Emeritus Clark.

Julian F. Williford of Red Springs was elected ruling Elder to fill the vacancy.

Mrs. Suzanne Balfour was elected clerk of the meeting.

A dinner was served in the Stamps Fellowship Center following the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Clark moved to Raeford in December 1982, and they have certainly been missed in our community.

Honor students

Miss Elizabeth Anne Watson, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. C.H. Watson, has earned a place on the Dean's List, according to Chancellor Bruce R. Poulton of N.C. State University.

Special note was made by Poulton of the 325 students who achieved perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester. Miss Watson was among those students.

Bill McGowan, Beth Shook, Marcus Thompson and Ladoska Keeter were listed by Headmaster Eugene L. McKethan, on the Flora Macdonald Academy's honor roll for the first semester.

On Monday night, February 28, the Ladies Auxiliary honored Mrs. Pamela Lewis with a Baby shower at the Town Hall.

The conference room was decorated in green and yellow, a white linen cloth covered the

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refreshment table, centered with a decorated toy.

Refreshments of cake, nuts, mints and punch were served.

The honoree opened and displayed her many useful gifts.

Others present, Lee Baker, Gayle Salak, Lois Sumner, Mattie Shook, Lardenia Davis, Ruth Tolar, Mildred Watson, Maggie Covington, Daphne Shaw, Margaret Cobb, Mammie Spears, Maryleone Forbis, Marion Sumner, Georgia Beck, Jean Thompson, Betty Elliott, Jamie Blanton, Mary Ammons and Lib Sumner.

Lee Baker, Gayle Salak and Ruth Tolar were hostess for this shower.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Beck visited their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mayer, Jennifer and Stephanie, last weekend in LaGrange, Ga.

Miss Clara Watts of Clarkton spent Saturday and Sunday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Ammons.

Mrs. Gilmer Forbis is a patient in Cape Fear Hospital, and at this writing, is in critical condition.

Stevie Ammons, student at Campbell College, is suffering with a sprained ankle.

Mrs. Ida F. Smith had the misfortune of falling last Wednesday and broke several ribs.

Mrs. Pauline Ratley has been on the sick list for the past month.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edwin Clifton, Jr. arrived home Saturday after a two-week visit in Kissimmee, Fla. with Mrs. Clifton's sister, Mrs. Fred Custer and Mr. Custer.

Mrs. Clifton spent nine days in a hospital there due to pneumonia. At this writing she is getting along very well.

We hope all the sick will soon be well and enjoy the nice spring weather.

Spending several days recently with Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McGowan was their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Norflinger and children, Mary Catherine and Elizabeth Ann of Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Margaret Quick of Raeford spent Sunday afternoon with her sister, Mrs. Ruth Tolar.

Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Hough spent last week in Charlotte with their son's and families, Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hough, Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hough and Ted Hough.

Col. and Mrs. F.R. Weber attended a Shriner Dinner in Lumberton Monday night.

Mrs. Gracie Hopkins spent a week with her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Fields and family in Lumberton.

A surprise birthday dinner was given for Mrs. Hopkins.

Her children and grandchildren attended. Others present, daughters, Mrs. Ann Pair of Whiteville, Mrs. Mary Ellen McKeithan of Raeford, Mrs. Jean Grubbs of Cheraw, S.C., and son, Buddy Humphrey of Cary.



PEOPLE WATCHING -- This bird high atop a light line on Main Street views the activities that go on below him.

Church Leads Week Of Prayer

By Polly Barnard

Week of prayer for Home Missions at Tabernacle Baptist Church began Monday March 7 and will continue through Friday March 11.

The W.M.U. will meet each morning at 9:30 a.m. at the church.

There will be a meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the church for all church members.

Beginning Friday, March 11 at 8:30 p.m. until 10:30 a.m. Saturday March 12th the youth will have a "lock-in" in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

This begins the observance of Youth Week.

Saturday afternoon the youth will return to the church to participate in a neighborhood mission project.

Sunday the youth will be in charge of the morning and evening worship services.

Mr. and Mrs. La Val Osteen of Dillon, South Carolina visited Mrs. A.W. Wood, Sr. Wednesday of last week.

Marian Wood of Charlotte spent several days recently with his mother Mrs. A.W. Wood, Sr.

Rev. and Mrs. Russell Padgett and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy

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Midget and Mrs. Rosa Justice of Sneads Ferry visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long Friday of last week.

Mrs. Alton McCulloch spent Tuesday of last week in Cheraw, South Carolina.

Mrs. Jimmy Sakobil and sons, Byron and Justen of Hope Mills visited Mr. and Mrs. Alton McCulloch last week.

Mrs. Effie Forbis of Lumber Bridge visited her sister Mrs. Homer Terry Sunday afternoon.

Joe Cheeks of Barnsville, South Carolina visited Mrs. Homer Terry and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Terry Sunday.

Rev. and Mrs. David Miller of Fayetteville visited Mrs. Louise Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Long and Mr. and Mrs. E.T. Brock, Sr. the past Saturday night.

Am happy to report that Mrs. Ethel Monroe who has been a patient at Highsmith-Hospital in Fayetteville for several weeks returned home Monday.

Kemp Waller of Fayetteville, grandson of Mrs. Grady English injured his leg on a skiing trip in the mountains of North Carolina recently is getting along all right at this report.

Local Presbyterians Differ Over Reunion

By Sherry Matthews

Reconciliation between the two major branches of the Presbyterian church is now virtually assured with both general assemblies voting for reunion, but in Hoke County, Presbyterian ministers are finding the news a little unsettling.

Raeford Presbyterian Minister John Ropp, who voted against the reunion in Fayetteville several weeks ago, said the rejoining itself was a good thing but "the elements within the plan itself is what I have some personal problems with."

Antioch Presbyterian Church Minister Charles Ansley, who voted in favor of unification, said he cast a "yes" ballot "didn't see any reason to vote against the reunion".

The church needs to be able to work together and the reunion will provide that chance, Rev. Ansley said.

The reunion, which will be formally voted on in June, will end a 122-year split that was supposedly started by the civil war.

There has always been an idea that the split was brought about by the Civil War, but there were other issues, like theological differences, that went back 30 or 40 years before the war, Ropp said.

When the reunification is official, it will join the 1.3 million-member Northern church with the

850,000-member Southern church.

Although there has been some hint that the reason some were against the reunion was because of the racial issue, Ropp denies that it had anything to do with the way he voted.

"I don't see the racial aspect as being an issue in the reunion," Ropp said.

The two Hoke ministers agree that there are differences in the northern and southern churches, but not in the way their government is run.

"The government of the two churches has always been the same," Ropp said.

According to Rev. Ansley, the major difference in the two churches deals within the social realm.

Rev. Ropp said that generally the northern church is more "liberal" in the sense of social issues.

"They are more social-issues minded," Ropp said.

Other than this small difference, the churches appear to be very similar according to Rev. Ansley.

Whether similar or not, the February 22 vote to end old differences almost certainly assures a merger of the two churches.

With the reunion almost a sure thing now Rev. Ropp is ready to let the dust settle on the issue.

"Now it is done, I want it put behind us," Ropp said.

United Way Wish List Due March 23

The Hoke County United Fund will begin its 1983 campaign in the near future.

Any organization that feels they serve a social need and have taken on projects that would be justified for use of United Fund donations should contact the Budget and Admissions Committee, Hoke County United Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 914, Raeford, North Carolina 28376.

All requests must be in writing, listing the following information: Amount of funds requested, statement of specific purpose of agency, specific use(s) of funds requested, and date when funds would be required.

Requests should be mailed no later than March 23.

Should there be questions in preparing requests for funds, please call Bill Archer, Chairman of Budget and Admissions Committee, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. at 875-3731 (extension 253 or 254) - after 5:00 p.m. at 875-5690.

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