Magnolia Baptist Church

On Friday before the fourth unday in November 1835, an ssembly of bretheren and sismet in the old Beaverdam school house, about one half mile east of Magnolia, for the purpose of organizing a church of the Baptist faith and order. The meeting continued through agreed to constitute a church, aving been dismissed for the surpose, from the church at

Males: Benajah Carroll, Ed-win J. Carroll, Badger Brown, Daniel C. Moore, William Rich, Sloan Johnson, John Heath, John

Females: Mary Eliza Carroll, Susan Johnson, Nancy
Brown, Susan Rich, Ann Heath,
Dorothy Heath, Margaret Heath,
Margaret Rogers, Margaret
Swinson, Bethany Evans, Charity Swinson, Sarah Graham,
Elizabeth Thomas, Sarah Elison, Nancy Herring, Sarah Elisa Carroll, a total of 25 in all.
These received the right hand Females: Mary Eliza Car-

These received the right hand of fellowship by Elders G. W. Hufnam and Benajah Carroll, and adopted rules and decorum and adopted rules and decorum under the name of Beaverlam Church, The colored people belonged to the churches with the whites in that period of time, and five males and thirteen females were added to the church at Beaverdam, and these worshiped regularly with the white people and contributed to the support of the church.

The next meeting recorded was in January 1836 with Elder

was in January 1836 with Elder Benajah Carroll moderator, and Edwin J. Carroll Clera. It is interesting to note that this church was organized just three ears after the railroad came brough Magnolia, which was in

Two years after the organization of the church, Benajah Carroll and w'e Mary Eliza Carroll, Deriel C. Moore, and Stephen P. Ann Herring were dismis. A on January 1837 to constitute the Baptist Church in Kenansville.

in Kenansville.

During the first four years of the church it was served by G. W. Hufham, Hiram Stallings, and Benajah Carroll, occasionally W. J. Finley, David Rogers, and brethern from other churches conducted services when no preachers came.

A call was extended in January 1839 to Rev. G. W. Hufham as first pastor. He served two and one half years and was

two and one half years and was followed by Rev. Lewis F. Williams who served until Decem-

In January 1846 Rev. A. J.
Battle accepted a unanimous
call and served as pastor until
November of the same year, It
was during his pastorate that a was during his pastorate that a movement was made to build a new house of worship across the road from the school house where they still worshipped. This was completed in about one year and the happy little group moved in and praised God for the new building.

December 1846 Rev. G. W. Hutham was called to the pas-

hufnam was called to the pas-torate of the church and this time served until January 1850 when Rev. C. C. Gordon ac-cepted the church call for one

Hufham was called for the third pastorate and accepted and con-tinued as pastor of the church miti 1859 when called again, he sectioned,

It was during his pastorate in luty 1853 that a committee was appointed to consider the proception made by the inhabiants of Strickiands Depot (now
dagnolis) to move the church
o the village, but no definite
tops were taken at the time,
The Rev. Alfred Guy was
alled in March 1859 and began
work in April 1859 and served
util 1869.

ar of pastorate of Rev. large body of the Union tion met with the church am and held a great

time they passed through the dark Civil war cloud from 1861 to 1865, He held the church won-

derfully close together, never missing a meeting, and having frequent additions to the membership by baptism.

Records show several liberal collections were taken and sent to Rev. N. B. Cobb for the Army

colportage work.

A most feeling and patriotic tribute of respect is spread upon the minutes of the church in 1863 to the memory of G. W. Bass, killed at the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania in July 1863 at the age of 22. His brave young spirit in pass-ing through the many battles of Maryland and Virginia, his lo-yalty to his State and His Saylor, mented upon,

A revival was held in Octo-ber 1864 and 44 members were added to the church, Also in 1864 a committee was appointed to consider again moving the church to Magnolia. Magnolia citizens proposed a liberal con-tribution, but no action was ta-

In 1869, Mr. Guy resigned as pastor and Rev. John Nick Stal-lings was called, accepted and served until 1878, It was under his guidance in 1872 that the decision was made to move the church to Magnolia and the present location was selected,

Mr. Henry Hollingsworth, a leading citizen, assisted the building committee and the church was torn down and moved and rebuilt in 1872 and 73. In July 1874 the name was changed from Beaverdam to Magnolia

The original church at Bes verdam contained a partition across the house and the white people sat on one side, the Negro on the other. The pulpit was so placed, opposite the partition, that the preacher faced both. When the church was moved to Magnolia a vestibule was added with a gallery above, for the colored people who retained their membership there until about 1917 when they were dismissed to organize a church a few miles from town.

In January 1876 it was re-solved that the members should each contribute to the support

of the gospel "as the Lord has prospered him." In 1878 G. W. Hufham was called for his fourth pastorate

and served one year.

The beloved W. M. Kennedy
was next chosen and served
until 1884. In the fall the Rev. Mr. Gilligan, a blind, assisted in a revival, adding 53 members. In 1884 Rev. R. T. Bryan of near Kenansville assisted in a revival adding 40 members. Mr. Bryan soon left to spend the rest of his life in China as a missionery.

The next minister, Rev. Joe rine next minister, key, Joe Gillispie served one year and was followed by Rev, J. T. Ba-ker. Others in this period were Rev. C. E. Gowen, W. L. Bilbro, O. P. Meeks, J. B. Harrell, L. B. Boney, and W. N. Johnson, In July 1903 the saintly L. R. Carroll was call-ed. The church welcomed him saintly L. R. Carroll was called. The church welcomed him back home and they enjoyed their labors together until Angust 1905 when he became too feeble to serve longer, He filled his last two appointments sitting as he was too feeble to stand."

In 1905 the first Missionary Society was organized by Miss Kate Barden and she was the first president.

Rev. W. W. Johnson served

first president.

Rev. W. W. Johnson served as next pastor and resigned after one year.

Rev. C. M. Rock served as pastor until May 1907. It was during the year 1907 that MISS Macy Cox, for many years a faithful member and devout leader, organized the Sunbeam Band.

The Rev. J. H. Booth fol-owed Mr. Rock as pastor and dr. Booth served until July

The Young Woman's Auxiliary was organized in Au-gust 1913 with Miss Nernie Mathews president, The Royal Ambassadors were organized in June 1918 with Mrs. C. P. Gaylor leader. The girls Auxiliary was organized in 1918 with Miss

Macy Cox as leader.

Other ministers included
Rev. S. B. Wilson, C. E. Stevens, A. L. Carlton, W. K. Collins, D. E. Hill, and A. L.
Brown. Brown,

the third Sunday in April 1920 and it was decided to build a new church. A former minister W. K. Collins preached on "Building The Walls of Jerusalem." Nearly \$5,000 was subscribed

Rev. A. L. Brown served as astor from January 1921 until eptember when he moved to Rose Hill to serve the church there on half time basis. In July he helped organize a BYPU with Mr. O. G. Bradshaw, pre-

Rev. B. R. Page was the next minister. Prominent in the Church at that time were two outstanding men who served the church in many ways in-cluding Sunday School Super-intendents, Mr. H. M. Swinson and Mr. Theo Middleton. (Thru October 1921).

The sanctuary was "Rough-ed" in and used a few years when a building committee consisting of Miss Macy Cox, chairman, Mrs. J. C. Horne, Mrs. S. B. Hunter, Theo Mid-dleton. M. J. Tucker, John Wil-son, and L. A. Connell were appointed to make plans to com-plete the building, specifically, walls, roof, windows, and out-

The next addition was educational space consisting of a nursery, two lounges, and eight

ing system of deacons was adopted and in 1959 the church voted to go full time. The same year the old manse was sold, a lot purchased and plans adop-ted for the modern brick struc-ture completed in the early 1960s at an approximate cost of

1960s at an approximate cost of \$20,000.

Under the capable leadership of Rev. Norman Aycock with the present membership of 266 the educational facilities are no longer adequate and plans are now underway for a complete new builing to be located just east of the present structure.

Other ministers serving the church were: E. Paul West:

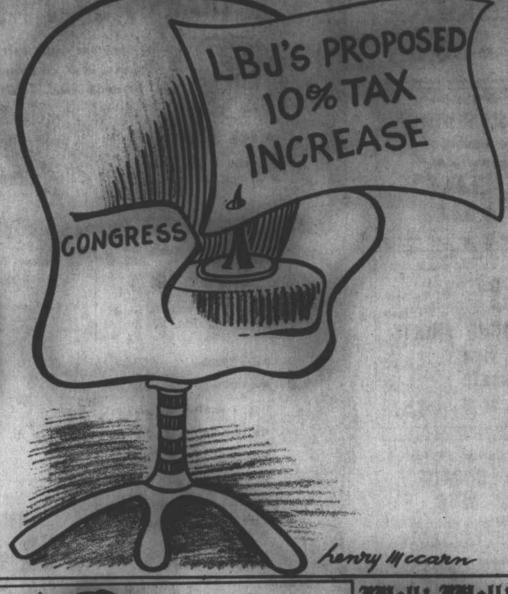
Other ministers serving the church were: E. Paul West; L. A. Connell, W. M. Kelly, T. H. Williams; E. C. Chamble; J. B. Sessoms; Thomas W. McKneely; J. P. Royal, J. D. Everett, Charles Murray, and M. A. Conrad.

From the membership of Magnetic Restitat Church has

Magnolia Baptist Church has come many prominent and influential christians including three ministers. Afton Quinn, now pastor of a church in Thomasville, was ordained into the ministry in March 1957, Bruce Wilson, now pastor of a church in Grant, Virginia, was ordain-ed into the ministry in January 1967. More recently Herbert Lanier was ordained into the ministry and is now pastor of a church in Virginia Beach, Vir-

Currently serving the church are: Rev. Norman Aycock; Clifton Chestnutt, Clerk; Albert Pope, Chairman of Board of Deacons; Abner Lanier, Kenneth Wilson, Jack Joyner, Clifton Chestnutt, Kenneth Johnson, J. P. Smith, Shelton Balls and John F. Hamilton, deacons; Paul Tucker, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. Paul Tucker, Music Director; Mrs. Carlton Smith, Organist; Mrs. Elma P. Drew, Treasurer; Mrs. Paul Bass, President of WMU; and Kenneth Wilson, Director of Training Union. Currently serving the church

down trough the year 1921 was compiled from records of the late Miss Macy Cox, We are also indebted to Mr. Clifton Chesnutt for his help.)



WASHINGTON REPORT Your Congressme DAVID N. HENDERSON

In order to recognize the im-portance of and to strengthen the police forces of our Nation, Congressman David N. Henderson (D., N. C.) announced that he has introduced a bill to exempt policemen from the Se-lective Service Act. The bill would exempt state highway pa-troimen and policemen of the ci-ties and towns and other poli-tical subdivisions from military service while engaged in law en-

Henderson said, "I believe that the majority of the Ameri-can, in view of the wide-spread lawlessness and crime over the Nation, recognize that the service rendered to law-abiding citizens by our police is as important as is the defense of our Nation and the free world by our young men performing military duty. Congress should take this action to let the police and all American citizens know

and all American citizens know that it is our purpose to strenghten our Police Departments in every way possible."

Henderson further stated that in his opinion the states, cities and local authorities have a primary responsibility to prevent crime, lawlessness and rioting and he does not believe that all of the proposals to spend money to improve the police forces, will be as effective as would his proposed bill.

"Everyone knows that the law enforcement agencies of our nation are finding it most difficult to get young qualified men

to enter this dangerous work, I hope that other members of various states and cities will enthusiastically support my proposed legislation. Obviously the enactment of this legislation would not cost the tax-payer any additional money, and it is my firm belief that a more effective use of our manpower in the military will enable us to strenghten the various law enforcement agencies of our Nation without interfering with the military necessity," Henderson

SCIENCE briets

Triple Moon

The earth has three moons, recent U.S. research shows. The two "new" moons are virtually invisible to the naked eye, even for trained observers. They're hard to see because they are composed of dust.

A new study of twins in Sweden indicates that inherited characteristics strongly influence the development of chronic cough, in both smokers and non-smokers.

City Hazard

Lung cancer is almost three times as common in the Paris area as it is in rural Normandy, a recent survey of nearly a mil-lion and a half Frenchmen shows.



1 Year Ago

Larry Ezzell, age 6, drowns in abandoned well under residence in Warsaw.

Thomas Hall joins staff of James Sprunt as Director of Vocational-Technical Educa-

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Mrs. Earl Gresham retires from Beulaville Post Office after many years dedicated ser-

5 Years Ago

Mr. Wade Gaylor, Magnolia native, has been named Field Manager of Motorola Products. Sponsors of Beulaville fair announce instructions and plans for annual event.

George Cowan appointed to serve a three year term on Duplin County FHA committee. Elementary school science workshop held for Duplin with 34 teachers participating.

10 Years Ago

Dallas Herring, Duplin's Native son, is named chairman State Board of Education,
N. C. Banks largest lenders to farmers in year 1956,
Duplin County collected \$239,698 in 1956-57 taxes,

20 Years Ago

Warsaw youth, Harold D.
Hales, electrocuted while working on power lines in Wallace.

"Peavins" Raynolds accepts post as County Manager for Roberson County.

Simmons, Newborn, Turner Legion Post plan erection of Community building.

Mell! Well! By: RUTH WELLS

on a road sign that contained three words, ICE ON BRIDGE. I was in quite a hurry, but I backed up and read that sign again and sure enough that IS what it said. Well every chance I got that day, I wondered who, how, why, or what. Well to further add to my confusion, that sign was not there Saturday, but there was a little pile of fresh dirt among the grass.

Have you been by Golden Grove Cemetery recently? Well if you haven't please make a special trip down to see that after long last some one is again interested in its upkeep.

That cemetery was donated to the town by the late L. A. Beasley who deeply loved Kenans-ville and he wanted the ceme-tery to be a shrine kept with love and devotion, instead, for the past several years it has the past several years it has been sadiy and grossly neglected. Except for an occasional mowing, and I do mean occasional, it was left untended. One lady in town told me recently that she hired a man to mow her yard and cemetery lot each week because otherwise it was done so seldom she could not depend on it. Yet the proceeds from the sale of lots is supposed to be in a cemetery fund, used only for its upkeep. posed to be in a cemetery fund, used only for its upkeep. I do congratulate the town board for this step forward, and urge that this project be continued as it was meant to be.

One of the boys in the she-riff's department told me re-cently that a Bordeau woman cently that a Bordeau woman from the lower end of the county had been charged in a warrant with forgery. There is nothing too unusual about that. Bond was set for her appearance in court at \$2,000 after she had forged three or four checks on Hoss Cartwright!!!! There are two families in the Waths-Willard area whose surname is the same as that of the famous TV star, and seems to me that their neighbors refer to their farms as the Ponderosa.

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The shop part of this business will never be the same since we lost a lovely little girl to Dan Cupid and Jimmy Wood, Mary Lou Reynolds ready wit and impish good humor has endeared her to all of us and while we regret loosing her we know that Jimmy has won a prize. THE BEST to both of you.

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Uncle Pete From

He looked in my car with a than we was giving the boys in telescope, scraped it out with a vietnam.

This pamphlet advised all doctors and surgeons to look around full of pills and charged me five and if they was any dropouts amongst their patients that wantwas wrong with it and I still ed to make \$100 a day, have me what he said was the regular and Urban Development, Wash pamphlet from the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons, said it was called the two I'd take this item to the AAPS Letter and it had some country store Saturday night and stuff he wanted me to read. I tack it up on the wall behind the figgered his conscience was hurt-cheese box. But I ain't got the ing him about that \$5 but I didn't heart. Ed Doolittle would exstarted glancing it over.

I was a little shocked, Mister year. I was a little shocked, Mister My ear was gitting a little bet. Editor, at one of the items in ter, Mister Editor, but this pamtors and surgeons.

Pelly of Washington had reported we was going to make a "Fly and Rat Census" in the United

Chittlin Switch

States under Section 911 (a) DEAR MISTER EDITOR:

I been having a little trouble I ain't got an idea with my right ear so I went to bill was all about, but Congressee my doctor this week. I told him I thought it was on account to pay \$100 a day and expenses of my old lady set on that side to a "unlimited number" of at the table and this ear was gitting over exposed to her expounding on the sins of the world in general and mine in trequire no special qualifications, high school dictoma, coltions, high school dictoma, coltions, high school dictoma, coltions, high school dictoma, coltions and decrease and decrease area. He said, if I didn't mind, he lege degree, and dropouts was would prefer to have no self-eligible. He said he could underwould prefer to have no self-eligible. He said he could underdiagnozing, claimed they was two stand why it didn't take no colthings a doctor couldn't do, praclege diploma to count 'rats and
tice medicine over the telephone
flies, but he thought the pay
and listen to self-diagnozing.

Was a little high, a little more
than we was giving the boys in

think my self-diagnozing was cor-rect. But as I was leaving he give ly to the Secretary of Housing

I was thinking fer a minute or say nothing, brung it home and pound on this item fer the next

this pamphlet got out by the doc-It said Congressman Thomas health. I want my \$5 back.

Tenns trafe Unele Pote

his wife was missing. The sergeant began writing the report, "How tall is she?" Minister's

Desk By: D. E. Parkerson

Carrboro, N. C. Why do marriages fail? Why do those who begin riding high on cloud nine wind up in the garbage can? Why do some mar-riage partners begin peaches and cream and wind up peaches and scream? The answer to each of these questions is that there is no one answer, Problems that wreck havoc with history's most basic institution, the home, are as numerous as the sands of the sea and as complex as the new system of mathamatics for the average parent today. Let me venture to name just

three of them,

The major reason for the failure of marriages is, of course, a lack of communication. The two partners do not really know each other. The tragedy does not end here, for the y may not really want to the y may not really want to know each other. Such was the case with a man who went into a police station to report that

Family of Fiddles

A whole new group of stringed usical instruments—eight of them—has been constructed by U.S.-European team. Built strictly according to acoustical theory, they sound alike except for differences in range.

"About so high," the man answered, "How much does she weigh?" "About average, I guess." 'Color of eyes?" "Hat and coat, I suppose," "Was she carrying anything?" "Yes, and she had a dog on a leash." "What kind of a dog?" "A pedigreed brindle and white Ger man shepherd weighing 38 pounds and seven ounces, 6 hands high, license 45-12-C on hands high, license 45-12-C on brown collar, slightly deaf in his right ear and answers to the name of Prince." No wonder some wives lead a dog's life, Some fellows marry the dog and keep the wife around for a per

keep the wife around for a pet.
The second reason I would
mention for the fallure of marriages is selfishness. This is the constant and determined effort to get your own way at all costs without regard for the opinion or welfare of the the opinion or welfare of the other. One young bride was telling her mother that her new husband was wonderful to her in that he gave her everything she asked for. The mother replied, "That merely shows, my dear child, that you are not asking enough." That's the trouble now - we ask too much and give too little in return Tense give too little in return. Jesus said, "A man's life consisteth
not in the abundance of this
world's goods." He also said,
"It is more blessed to give
than to receive." Ever try it?
Third reason I would mention is a lack of confidence.

theory, they sound alike except for differences in range.

Long-Lesting Drug

A single dose of a new antibiotic protects animals from infection for as long as two months, a New Jersey scientist reports. The usual effective period for antibiotica is two days.

In six days his temperature was taken 67 times, He says there was a tremendous waste of man power (or nurse power) in that hospital.

In the resect I would hear to man is a lack of confidence. Some married people simply do not trust each other in anything. They develop a king-sized grouch. They try to work it off by nagging. They try to assert their own superiority while every single day trying to make it clear that their mate is first-cousin to the missing link. This was the case with a certain wife was trying to get her reluctant husband to help their small son with his homework, "Help him now while you can." she said, "next year he gets promoted to the second grade,"

Crossword Puzzle ACROSS



42. Neon; chem. 52. Fruit drink 19. Windy 43. Serpent 53. Boy's name 46. Bind 54. Aureole 47. Bone: anat. 56. Top card 57. Otherwise 26. Sun go

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