

New Trenton Pastor Was Away in War A Long Time

The new pastor at the Trenton Methodist Church is no stranger to Eastern Carolina, but he has been away for a long time. He is the Rev. Charles B. Long, who not long ago completed seven years service in the Chaplain's Corps of the U. S. Army. That service took him away from the Methodist ministry in North Carolina to France, Holland, Belgium and Germany.

The new Methodist minister at Trenton is a native of Person County, and he began his ministry in the Scott's Hill charge of the Wilmington district in 1934. He was assigned to the Swansboro charge in 1936 for four years. The last pre-war charge of the Rev. Long was at Hallsboro, before entering the Army's Chaplains Corps in July 1942.

Trenton's preacher went overseas in 1944 and did not see Mrs. Long or his sons, Siegby and George, now 19 and 15 years old, respectively, for two years. His family joined him in November 1946 to make their home in the German city of Kassel until transfer home in 1947. The Rev. Long ended his Army service in June 1948 and was assigned to the Stedman charge in the Fayetteville district of the Methodist Church.

His assignment to Trenton came at the recent annual conference of the church at Sanford. The Rev. Long has barely had enough time to get settled into his new parsonage, but is rapidly becoming one of the congregation of Trenton's Methodist Church in his few Sundays in the pulpit.

PINEY GROVE NEWS

J. M. Barrow and daughter, Martha Ann, attended the ball game at Pollocksville last Friday night, a doubleheaders with Bridgeton.

Murphy, Edsel and Will Duval attended the auction sale last Thursday at Goldsboro Lumber Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Waller were shoppers in New Bern Friday.

Mrs. Horace Barbee of the White Oak section visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duval, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Duval were visitors in Maysville last Sunday.

Mrs. Ray McDaniel, Mrs. W. L. Jones and Mrs. Carl Flowers, Sr., were visitors and shoppers in New Bern last Tuesday.

Mrs. Kate McDaniel visited her sister, Mrs. W. R. Booth, of Pollocksville, last Saturday.

E. H. Waters is ill at his home. Mrs. Fred Parker and Mrs. Carey Waters were shoppers in New Bern last Tuesday.

Dalton and Marion Loftin, students of the University of North Carolina, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Hugh Loftin, Mrs. Carl Flowers and Mrs. Ray McDaniel attended the W.S.C.S. meeting at



the home of Mrs. Albert Taylor of Trenton.

Mrs. A. G. Mills and daughter, Betty Rose, of Belgrade, visited Mrs. Kate McDaniel last Thursday.

A number of the Piney Grove folks attended the Santa Claus parade last Friday afternoon in Trenton.

Edwin Barrow, a student at ECTC, is at home for the Christmas holidays.

The W.A.U. of Piney Grove Baptist Church held its regular monthly meeting last Wednesday night at the home of the president, Mrs. Guy Alcock. Mrs. J. M. Barrow gave the devotional taken from Isaiah 9:2, Luke 2:9-12 and John 14:27. Her title: "The Hopes and Fears of All the Years." Mrs. Alcock had charge of the program, "Christ the Answer for the World", with the other members taking part. The meeting adjourned and the hostess served refreshments.

Youth Fellowship
The Piney Grove Youth Fellowship held its regular meeting December 14 at the church with 28 present.

The meeting was opened with a song, "True Hearted, Whole Hearted", after which Mr. Hill led in prayer. The devotional was given by Martha Ann Barrow. Her subject was "what happened during the period between the Old and New Testa-

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ment. Songs were given by Alma Moore, Nancy and Velma Alcock, after which Alma Moore, Doris and Allen Waters sang a special song. Their study was the third chapter of Esther.

They adjourned to meet next week at the Masonic Hall in Pollocksville for their Christmas party.

Sunbeams
The Sunbeams met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. M. Duval to observe their season of prayer for Foreign Missions.

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