



## Peekin' Through The KEYHOLE

With LIB

By Elizabeth Dinwiddie

Mrs. Annie Love of Norwood, N. C., is visiting her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Love and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hammond had as Sunday visitors Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Carver of Waynesville and Janice and Jimmy Hammond of Oteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pruett of Greenville, S. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Pollard and family last Sunday. Mrs. Pruett is Mr. Pollard's niece and attended Montreat college last year.

Ernest Howe has returned from a visit with relatives and friends in Lancaster, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sylvester left Sunday to visit their daughter and family, Mrs. Howard Edgerton at Elon College, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Longcoy, Sr.,

have returned from a visit with members of Mr. Longcoy's family in Little Rock, Ark.

Pfc. E. B. Kirby spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Frank Melton. Pfc. Kirby has just returned from the Philippines and is now stationed at Camp Lejeune, N. C.

Mrs. Helen Price of Cincinnati, Ohio, is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. P. Matthews, Walker street.

Miss Willie Kerlee and a friend, Miss Trudy Jenkins of Presbyterian hospital, Charlotte, spent several days last week with Willie's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Kerlee.

Miss Ruth Watkins of Raleigh spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Watkins.

Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Davenport and daughter Dawillah of Norfolk, Va., have purchased the Rhyne home on Montreat road and are now occupying it.

The Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Rhyne have moved to Asheville to make their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jones stopped en route from Ormond Beach, Fla., to their home in Cleveland, Ohio, to visit Miss Sarah Kirby for a few days. Mrs. Jones was graduated from the School of Business at Indiana University at the time Miss Kirby was registrar.

Miss Gertrude Seeley and Miss Almeda Bickler returned last Wednesday after spending the winter in Lake Worth, Fla. They are with Miss Sara Moseley on Montreat road.

Norma Jean Gallon, daughter of Sgt. and Mrs. E. N. Gallon, and great-granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Nanney, celebrated her first birthday at the home of Mrs. Norman Peterson in West Asheville last Sunday. Sgt. Gallon is stationed at Pearl Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy King and their twin daughters Thelma Kay and Frances Fay of Greenwood, S. C., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Crumpler and family.

Wendell Holmes visited his sister and family Mrs. Herman Talley, several days last week. He received his discharge at McDill Air Force Base in Tampa, Fla., on April 27, after serving four years in the air force. He is now visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Holmes in West Asheville.

Miss Sara Rice was one of the

maids in the May day exercises at Blue Mountain college, Blue Mountain, Miss., May 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dodge and sons, Charles and Jimmy, have moved from Ninth street to Rhododendron avenue.

Mrs. R. C. Henderson has returned to her home here after spending the winter at Daytona Beach, Fla.

Mrs. Cora Dula has returned from a visit with her son, Arthur Dula, and family in Falls Church, Va.

Miss Betty Wrenn is now employed with Seawright Florist.

Dr. and Mrs. H. R. Miller returned Sunday from a trip to Kentucky. Last Wednesday night they visited Miss Betty Austin and Miss Shirley Mull at Berea college.

They also visited in Lexington and spent the week-end with Mrs. Miller's brother, W. H. Noyes, and Mrs. Noyes in Wheelwright. Mrs. Harry W. Noyes of Westminster, S. C., mother of Mrs. Miller, stayed with the Miller children while they were away.

Miss Marjorie Boone and Nick Owen of Bristol, Tenn., spent Sunday with the T. M. Farr family.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Ford had as guests last week Mr. Ford's mother, a brother, and a niece of Maryville, Tenn.

Mrs. R. M. Griffin of Woodland, N. C., spent last week with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. Gay Wells, Jr., and Gay. Week-end visitors included Miss Mary Grant Griffin and Miss Jane Young of Lowell, N. C. During the week Mrs. Wells and Gay and Mrs. Griffin visited Mrs. Griffin's mother, Mrs. L. L. Templeton, in Owings, S. C.

Mrs. Roy Burgin, Miss Sybil Joyner, and A/2C Stanley Burgin attended the wedding of Miss Sybil Minish and A/2C Marvin Jamison at Greenwood Methodist church in Marion last Sunday afternoon.

Stanley was an usher at the wedding. They also attended the reception held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Minish, parents of the bride.

Mrs. Edith Burgin attended the wedding and reception of her niece Miss Sybil Minish, and 2/2C Marvin Jamison in Greenwood Methodist church, Marion, last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. C. W. Solomon entertained with a dinner Saturday honoring the Rev. C. W. Solomon on his birthday anniversary. Guests enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. James Hall and children, Carol Jean and Jimmie Lee, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Frady and Bryan, Miss Polly Puckett of Reidsville, N. C., Mrs. Cecile Coit of Montreat and Billy, Ann, Ramey Ruth, and David Solomon.

The Rev. C. W. Solomon began a series of revival meetings at the Pioneer Extension in Johnson City, Tenn., last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Frady drove him to Johnson City Sunday afternoon.

# Sunday School Lesson

REV. W. A. HUNEYCUTT  
Pastor Black Mountain First Baptist Church.  
May 9, 1954.

ELIJAH CHALLENGES BAAL WORSHIP  
I Kings 17:1; 17-24, 37-39.

Last Sunday we studied the events which took place during the reign of Jereboam king of Israel. There were six rulers between last Sunday's lesson and the lesson for next Sunday covering a period of about forty years. Omri, the fifth king from Jereboam, reigned 12 years and accomplished many things that were good. Ahab, his son, succeeded him and he is known as the husband of Jezebel, since she was the dominating influence in his life.

In this lesson we are concerned with Elijah, the fearless prophet of the country, and especially the way he dealt with Baal worship. I. The Problem.

One should understand that the basic problem Elijah faced was Baal worship, and this problem was acute at this period in Hebrew history because it had gained the sanction of the king. Ahab's queen, Jezebel, was the daughter of Ethbaal who had once been a priest of the Phoenician goddess Astarte. Jezebel inherited much of the spirit of her father and acquired unbounded influence over her weak-minded husband and made him a mere puppet in her hands. She saw to it that 450 prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Astarte were supported at the king's table. She persecuted the prophets of Jehovah God until it became necessary that some be concealed in caves in order to survive.

What made Baal worship a problem in connection with the worship of Jehovah God? Why did Baal worship appeal to so many Israelites and become a threat to the Hebrew God? It is necessary to look at the nature of Baal worship to understand why Jehovah God's worship was threatened. There were many types of Baal worship in Hebrew history, but the worst type of Baal worship was introduced by Jezebel. Ordinarily offerings of incense and burnt sacrifices were made to Baal, but on extraordinary occasions human sacrifices were made. The priests worked themselves up into a state of ecstasy at times and dancing around the altar they frequently cut themselves with knives. The female consort of Baal was Astarte. At her shrines prostitution was licensed and in some instances female chastity was sacrificed. This type of worship appealed to the lustful nature of people and many followed the path of undisciplined living.

II. The Prophet's Challenge. In this crisis of Israelitish history, as sudden as the flash of lightning and as alarming as thunder, there appeared a man from the uplands across the Jordan by the name of Elijah. We know nothing of his origin and there is no announcement of his coming, but suddenly he appears before the king to make an announcement. He announced to king Ahab that there would be no rain upon the earth for three years. The king's court must have had fun laughing at the crazy prophet, but as time went on and the drought began to touch the people's lives they took the prophet more seriously. The entire nation became desperate for water and the king sent out expeditions to seek for water for the animals lest they all die.

Suddenly again Elijah met Ahab in the wilderness and denounced his idolatries. And this time Ahab was willing to listen. Elijah decided that Baal worship had gone too far and it was time to challenge the people to take a stand. Elijah challenges Ahab to summon the prophets of Baal and Astarte to a contest on Carmel. Ahab was afraid to disobey the prophet, so the prophets of Baal and Astarte along with a great concourse of people repaired to a peak on Carmel.

III. The Showdown. This was the great day of crisis for the ten tribes of Israel. Elijah faced the people and said, "How long halt ye between two opinions? That is the same idea which we use for the term 'Pussy-foot.' The person who is first on one foot and then the other is a 'pussy-footer.' Elijah said, 'If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him.' The most important thing is to make up your mind what you are going to do about serving God or Baal. Elijah is saying.

The prophet proposed that the prophets of Baal take two bullocks and prepare the altar and place the bullocks upon the altar. Then, they were to pray to Baal to destroy the sacrifice with fire. Afterward Elijah would call upon the Lord and the God who answered by fire would be the true God. The

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SERVICES  
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.  
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Evening worship 7:30 p. m.  
Wednesday Bible Study at 7:30 p. m.

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The following selection will be among those read from "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Spiritually to understand that there is but one creator, God, unfolds all creation, confirms the Scriptures, brings the sweet assurance of no parting, no pain, and of man deathless and perfect and eternal." p. 69-13.

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