

Oteen News

By Mrs. Mae Swann

The Woman's Missionary society of Berea Baptist church met Tuesday evening, Aug. 10, at the church. The program "Challenge of Indonesia" was introduced by Mrs. M. J. Carter in absence of the program chairman, Mrs. Pauline Cordell. Mrs. Pauline Ingle led the devotions. Others on the program were Mrs. A. D. Smith, Mrs. Laura Shope, Mrs. Bertha Nichols, and Mrs. Ramon Jackson. A short business session followed with Mrs. M. J. Carter, president, presiding.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bateman and children are visiting Mr. Bateman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bateman in Baltimore, Md.

A revival meeting is in progress at Grassy Branch Baptist church. The Rev. Jay Blankenship, pastor of Oak Grove, in Madison county is doing the preaching. The revival started August 8, and will

continue through the 22. The public is invited to attend. The Rev. Mr. Kisselburg is the pastor.

Mr. Charlie Lyda was speaker at the mid-week prayer service at Oteen Baptist church Wednesday night, Aug. 11. Mr. Lyda who is on the Deacon Board at Oteen, spoke on the difference in a Christian and a non-Christian. His text was 1st Psalm.

The Rev. Wayne W. Williams, a former pastor at Oteen, brought the message at both morning and evening services at Oteen Sunday in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Wally Bierer. Morning message was Christianizing Our Funerals. Evening message, Pioneer Preachers of Western North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis and daughter, Lou Anne of Kingston, N. C., spent the week-end with Mrs. C. L. Dolen of Oteen. They all motored to Penrose to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cordell. The Cordells returned with them to Oteen.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dolen and family who have been visiting relatives in Oteen and Canton, left Aug. 8 to return to their home at Newport News, Va. They were accompanied by Mrs. Dolen's brother, Leonard Boone and his family of Canton.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sharkleford of Oteen spent Monday and Tuesday of last week at Glenville Lake fishing and visiting Mr. and Mrs. Monteath.

Mrs. Louise Hawkins who has been in St. Joseph's hospital past three weeks, returned to her home in Oakley Monday and is recovering nicely after undergoing surgery.

Bethesda Methodist church of Haw Creek observed the one hundred tenth anniversary of the church Sunday, Aug. 15, with homecoming day. During the morning worship hour the five oldest members of the church received special recognition and honor: Mrs. Charles Webby, president of the Woman's Society of Christian Service pinned a corsage of white carnations on each of the following who have been members of the church for more than 55 years: Miss Emma Miller, Mrs. D. A. Jones, Mrs. Veach Buckner, Mr. W. A. Miller and Mr. Charles Webb. A picnic dinner on the grounds was enjoyed at noon followed by a song service in the afternoon. Bethesda is located on the old Haw Creek road and has a beautiful cemetery in the rear which is well cared for. The present building has been in use about 60 years. However members hope to see a large building erected in the near future and are making great strides toward it with their building fund. The present structure is hardly adequate to hold the crowds who flock to it every Sunday morning. The Rev. Paul Cassell is pastor of the church.

G. C. Cooper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cooper of Haw Creek left Tuesday by plane for San Diego, Calif., where he will make his home with a cousin, Bobbie Cooper, while employed in San Diego. G. C. has been the pianist at Bethesda Methodist church for some time and will be greatly missed by the members as well as by the family.

Circle No. 1 of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bethesda Methodist church met Friday night, Aug. 13, at the home of Mrs. Charles Gallimore, old Haw Creek road. Mrs. Claude Powers, circle chairman, presided. The group voted to buy white carnations to honor the oldest mem-

bers for "homecoming day." Towels and cards were passed out to be sold. Secretary and treasurer reports were given. Eleven members answered to roll call and paid dues. Program was opened with group singing "Jesus Is All the World To Me." Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw led the opening prayer. Devotions by Mrs. H. Miller and Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw. Their subject was "The Good Shepherd. A solo "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Is Calling," by Miss Clara Elizabeth Webb. A responsive reading was from the hymnal, entitled "The Bible." Mrs. J. W. Smith, program chairman, presented the program "The Entrance of Thy Word Giveth Light." Talks were: "God's Word Is Seed," by Mrs. C. B. Holden. "God's Word Is a Sword," Mrs. J. W. Smith. "God's Word Is Light," Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw. "God's Word Is a Mirror," Mrs. Harold Carter. "God's Word Is Food," by Mrs. F. E. Beatty. Program ended with group singing, "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." Closing prayer by Mrs. J. O. Crenshaw. Refreshments were served by the hostesses. Those present other than those mentioned were: Mrs. Claude McClath and Mrs. V. E. Wilder. Next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Beatty on Chestnut street.

The three circles of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of Groce Methodist church met Monday night, Aug. 9, at the following places. Circle No. 1 met at the home of Mrs. Kenneth Flowers, 81 Canterbury road with Mrs. Paul Jacobs, circle chairman, presiding. Mrs. Tom Dabney led devotions. Mrs. William Miller, program chairman, presented the program "Women of the Bible." Mrs. Paul Jacobs led in prayer. 12 members and 1 visitor were present.

Circle No. 2 met at the home of Mrs. Horace Carter, 6 Marlborough road. Meetings were led by the group repeating "The Lord's Prayer." Mrs. John McCrary led devotions. Mrs. Bob Blake, program chairman, presented the program, "Women of the Bible." Ten members, 3 visitors and 1 new member were present. Mrs. McCrary presided. Refreshments were served by the hostesses to the following: Mrs. Blake, Mrs. McCrary, Mrs. Leon Summerall, Mrs. Clyde Collier, Mrs. Ray Raft, Mrs. Hoyt Johnson, Mrs. Margaret Johnson, Mrs. Jack Baber, Mrs. Lee Hallas, Mrs. Hugh White, Mrs. Howard Miller, Mrs. Hugh Stevens, and Mrs. Carter. Mrs. Helen Jeffords was the new member.

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Rev. Grady A. Hamby of Brevard is bringing the evangelistic messages in the revival at Buckeye Baptist church. Everyone is invited to attend and join in the services.

The young people's training union of Buckeye enjoyed a watermelon slicing at Rhododendron Park on Saturday Aug. 14 for Gene Peck, home on leave from the Air Force. Those present were Gene, John Duncan, Vance Martin, John Bryant, Ted and Curtis Hall, Donald Thomas, Clara Ann and Ginger Pickens, Barbara Barnes and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Pickens in the absence of the director, Mr. Tom Gant.

Mrs. Wesley Hawkins and Joy are visiting with relatives in New Bedford, Mass.

Donald Thomas of North Wilkesboro visited over the week-end with his sister, Mrs. Curtis Hall and family.

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Bobby and Johnny Earley, Arnold Allen, Phillis and Jean Pruitt visited friends at Fines Creek on Sunday, Aug. 15.

Mrs. Tom Gant is honoring her brother, Joe Duncan, with a supper on Saturday, Aug. 21 for his 20th birthday. Everyone is invited to bring a basket lunch and attend at 5:30, so there will be plenty

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