

Swannanoa News

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"THE COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE"

First Baptist
The Bible School at the First Baptist church, which began July 30, will continue through Aug. 10, each morning at 9, ages 3 through 16. On Aug. 7 the Sunbeams rally is to be at the Chunn's Cove Baptist church, 10:30-2:30. Sunbeam leaders are urged to come and bring their children. Everyone is to bring sandwiches. The drinks will be furnished.

How to Treat a Preacher
Described in 1870's

We seldom hear anyone say much about the treatment of a minister, or how often we may call on him unnecessarily, or do many thoughtless deeds. While we read a part of an article, "A Few Kind Words to Laymen," as it was written in the 1870's, we might think on the serious side, as we engage in a bit of "dry humor" as well as the humorous side of the writing. "It speaks well for the Laity, that though so many books have been written, and so many admonitions given on ministerial conduct, so little has been considered necessary to be said to laymen in reference to their behavior towards the ministry. It is a spirit of kindness that prompts a friend of both sides to offer the following suggestions: Let your minister know that you appreciate his labors. If he does his best, you can truly say your sermon has been a blessing to me. Do not tell him he is eloquent. That is not what he desires to hear. But, if his arguments are conclusive, his logic convincing, and his exhortations im-

pressive, you may venture to encourage him. I know a minister who preached two funerals within four days. He put himself to great trouble, missed an important appointment, rode through the rain and mud, would not come up to the occasion and preached while sick; all this and none said so much as "thank you."

This same minister rode several miles through great inconvenience, and paid his barbers bill, to marry an old widower to a blooming maiden whom he did well to get. He married them; but no fee nor expression of thanks has he yet received.

One other suggestion, dear friend: You desire the minister to visit your house and make it his home. Thank the Lord, thousands of laymen know how to make this easy. But many wander why ministers ride by their house to call just beyond. It is not always through reference for riches. A little reflection proves this. Maybe you have not learned the secret, I have, for I have been about with some of them.

If you want to make a preacher easy, you must be easy. Don't tell him you have nothing good enough for him. He will feel that he is troubling you. The writer knows a good lady who would make grand preparations for her minister—would make him while tired and hungry wait until she prepared at least 20 dishes for supper. The lady asked why preachers generally shunned her house. We told her:

But one great rule is to let your preacher alone. Don't think you must always be in his company. Yes, do let your preachers study. When you see the need call on them, retire and let them enjoy the most blessed of privileges, of studying." Signed Maher Shalal Hash Baz.

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Two very enjoyable films were shown as a main feature of the program. The first was "Home-spun," which demonstrated the art of weaving cloth, from the time it was sheared from the sheep's back to the process in its final stages. The second "Dare, Birthplace of America," showed interesting facts about Dare county, such as its importance as being the place of birth of the first white child, the birthplace of the Wright brothers of airplane fame, and other factors of interest.

Young Given Testament.
Another appropriate title for this story could be, "Truth is Stranger Than Fiction."

R. C. Young, who retired last spring from active school work, after having served as principal of Zeb Vance school for 20 years, is in possession of a khaki bound New Testament which he carried in World War I, and had been lost since that time.

Young received the testament by mail from Dr. George W. Dupree, medical practitioner in the 332 Infantry of the 81st Division in World War I.

Dr. Dupree found the testament in his personal effects some time ago. He wrote to Young at his Swannanoa address months ago, asking Young of his whereabouts and advising him he had discovered the Testament and that he would be glad to send it on to him. Correspondence followed and the Testament arrived in a few days from the Georgia doctor. It had been packed away through the years in old papers. On the fly leaf was the name and address of Young at that time.

Mr. Young was happy to get it back after so many years. He says he would not take a \$1000 for it.

Capt. Young has four sisters and a brother living in Western North Carolina, Mrs. E. B. Praytor, Mrs. J. C. Duncan, Miss Georgia Young, all of Asheville, Gen. Lawrence W. Young, of Gettelle Woods, Tryon, and Mrs. W. B. Stone, Grovemont, Meade.

Last week's article, "Shope-Burnette Reunion Keeps Rolling Along," had names and places which were incorrect, and by mistake went to press before it was corrected. I shall endeavor, to the best of my ability, to give the history as it was told by an authority on the subject. My apologies if the names are still incorrect.

Records show that the first Shopes came to this country in 1738, from the rich Rhinelanders of Germany. Three Shope sons of a palatinate, who were imperial officers, settled in Harrisburg, Pa. These early settlers had the first church in Harrisburg, just three miles on the Jonesburg road, and it was known as "Shoops Kirche."

It is interesting to note the changes in the Shope name. At times it was, "Shup," "Shop," and other spellings.

John and Phillip migrated to Charlottesville, Va., where they married the Gragg sisters. They lived there for 16 years. During the Revolutionary War period, John served four months in the militia, and later as a teamster, whose job it was to be responsible for the hauling of baggage and supplies.

The next trek was to Burke County, N. C., about 1830. Just when the Burnettes enter the history I was not told, though Frederick Burnette, who married Margaret Null, was here at the site of the North Fork Dam in 1830, and remained here. Whereas the John and Jacob Shopes moved to near Franklin, Macon county, in 1850.

At a later date three Shopes married into the Burnette family, and began a reunion each year until 1911, when it was first held in the Bee Tree Christian church. Approximately 250 to 300 descendants attended this year's celebration, from Florida, Virginia, and other states and nearby towns.

E. J. Shope, Sr., Asheville, president of the reunion, had charge of the program, adding to the festivities of the occasion. He was elected again to serve as president this coming year.

I understand that a history is to be compiled concerning the Shopes and Burnettes, which I hope will be published for the benefit of those living here. We may well be proud of our American heritage.

Hawaii and a Buddhist Wedding
Mrs. Clara Snyder, having returned recently from Hawaii, knows of the pleasure and adventure of travel.

She went to California to visit friends and relatives. In Wilmington, Calif., a cousin, Mrs. Belle Parker, got on board the "Lurline" with Mrs. Snyder to sail to Hawaii to spend three weeks. The trip aboard ship was an experience in itself, with all the wonderful food, but the most excitement comes when the ship lands in port. Even the brass band is on hand, as well as representatives from the various hotels, leis are placed around the neck, and it's a welcome you never forget. The final excitement comes when relatives and friends rush on board to greet you.

Mrs. Snyder's brothers, Kermit and Archie Jackson, teach school on the islands. The brothers home is located on the side of the mountain under the volcano. When asked the most interesting things she had seen, it was apparently not easy to decide on a few, or which was really the most interesting. The crater, Kaleakela on Maui Island, was fascinating, also the Leper Colony. While there Mrs. Snyder attended a Buddhist wedding, between two Japanese. The bride was dressed much like our bride with the exception of the veil, which hung almost to the waist and was of even length all in Japanese. Her entry is made with head bowed as a sign of submission. Japanese language was

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spoken throughout the ceremony in what could be described as singing part time and chanting the remainder of the ceremony.

In back of the priest, among several undetermined looking objects, one sees fruit in place of flowers. Near the priest stand two objects about five or six inches high with lids, which the priest removes during the ceremony. He removes the lids and slams them down, signifying something not understood. Then he stirs the contents with a chisel before dropping it on the heads of the bride and groom. Possibly the potion could have been a rice derivation.

The wedding over, all the guests went to the reception, attended by 150 to 200 people. There were only six Americans present. Meanwhile the bride had changed her wedding gown for the traditional Japanese costume. It is customary for the bride to change costume three times at the reception, the significance of which is undetermined.

Their seems to be no end in the variety of food served at the reception. At least six meat dishes were served, including a preparation of raw fish.

Following the feast, comes the speech making with appropriate words for the bride and groom. Mrs. Snyder and members of her party were introduced.

Many old customs are fast becoming passe, for now only the old people bow. Most marriages are love marriages, but still have to be arranged by the parents.

Presbyterian Men
The monthly supper meeting of the men of the Presbyterian church was held Monday July 23. Dr. Robert Clapp, president, conducted the meeting which was attended by 17 members.

An interesting program was given concerning the individual responsibilities in religious, social, and political or government affairs of the community. The idea being that everyone should share in these fields. Charles Porter and W. W. Corne assisted Dr. Clapp in this program.

The business session included plans for attendance of the coming Synod's Men's Conference at Montreat, Aug. 4, 5. Developments toward the building project and work to be done, was brought to the attention of those present.

Mrs. George Young, Mrs. Frank Huggins, and Mrs. Lester Connelly were responsible for serving the supper.

Free Will Baptist Junior League Picnic
The Junior League of the Free Will Baptist report a wonderful time at the "square" near the Community building, on Saturday, July 21, with plenty of food served picnic style. The picnic was under sponsorship of Mrs. Vaughn Maney, teacher, who was assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Metcalf.

Present were Gail Buckner, Don, Bill, and Linda Metcalf, Wanda Wheeler, Rita Putnam, Gene Putnam, Glenda Andrews, Martha Ferguson, Firby Ray, John and Butch Maney, and Brenda Gardner.

Training Union
During the past week the members of Mrs. Joyce Swafford's class of the First Baptist church have attended Training Union at Ridgecrest. They have attended the conferences as well as other classes. They were Kay and Faye Patton, Julie Smith, Elizabeth Nannney, Gene Aiken, and Carolyn Wilhide.

Personals.
Miss Joyce Swafford spent a few days as a guest of Miss Brenda Penley at her home in Buckeye cove.

Mr. and Mrs. Dalvin Penley, Norfolk, Va., and Miss Diana Rary, Portsmouth, Va., and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Penley, Salisbury, spent the week-end with Mrs. Boyce Penley.

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Teague, Greensboro, was a guest over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunlap. Mrs. Dunlap is a niece of Mrs. Freeman and Mrs. Vaughn Mr. Teague, who is engaged in the dairying business, was selected as the outstanding farmer of Guilford county.

Joe Porcher observed a birthday Monday, July 24.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Curtis have a baby son born in St. Joseph's on July 24.

and Mrs. O. W. Henry, has returned home from Panama.

Mrs. Mable Taylor, Chicago, has returned home following a two weeks' visit with a cousin, Mrs. John Ivanoff.

Mrs. Robert Brantley, Charlotte, spent the week-end with Mrs. George Johnston.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd McCrary and children, Deborah, and Randall, Burnsville, and the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Hensley for a few days.

Miss Nancy Jones, student nurse at Grace Memorial hospital, Morganton, will spend two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Jones.

Miss Elizabeth Wood and Mrs. Tunis Fulton, Clifton, N. J., are guests in the home of Mrs. Thomas Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. Selmer Neskaug made a visit this week to Owings, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Jones and children, Walter, Richard and Malcolm recently spent a week in Macon, Ga. While there they attended the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. June Ponder, Knoxville, Mrs. Ponder is a sister of Mr. Jones.

Fred Atkins is showing improvement following an accident near Warren Wilson a few weeks ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Howell are enjoying a week's vacation in Petersburg, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt Campfield and daughters, Linda and Susan, have returned from a vacation at Myrtle Beach.

Mrs. Louise Reynolds, Tulsa, Okla., returned home following a month's visit with Mrs. V. J. Howell.

Mrs. Janette Guy, Tampa, Fla., has arrived for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Howell.

Mrs. Carl Drake has had a number of visitors recently: Mr. and Mrs. David Drake, Tampa, Fla.; Mrs. J. C. Drake, Jr., Ypsilanti, Mich.; W. H. Bowling, Dick Anderson, Plymouth, Mich.; Miss Betty Silver, Cleveland, Ohio, and Mr. and Mrs. John Mitchell, Tampa, Fla.; Alvin Berry, Pontiac, Mich., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Hazel Ray.

Mrs. Evelyn Edwards is visiting with a brother in Annapolis, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mason and daughter Evelyn, spent the week-end with Mrs. Clara Mason.

—The axolotl (a salamander) eats more than its weight each meal.

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Mrs. Earl Waddell has been ill at home.

Rev. G. W. Bates, pastor of the Methodist church, celebrated his birthday Sunday, July 29.

Sp. 3 Otto W. Henry, son of Mr.

W. V. McMAHANS GIVEN SURPRISE SHOWER

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. McMahan were honored with a household shower Thursday night, July 26, at their new home on Blue Ridge road. They want to thank their friends and neighbors who helped to make the occasion a happy one, and to those who sent gifts. They received many lovely and useful gifts. Mrs. Waymon McMahan, Mrs. Doris Hampton, Mrs. Ralph Robertson, and Mrs. Jake Robertson were hostesses to the group.

Those present were: Mrs. Wilbur Honeycutt, Mrs. Frank Watkins, Mrs. Robert Reese, Mrs. Mack Farr, Mrs. Ed Polson, Mrs. Frances Ramsey, Mrs. Claud Silvers, June and Becky, Mrs. M. J. Robertson, Joice Ann Martin, Elaine

Robertson, and the hostess. Those attend were Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. Carolyn Kyles, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson, and Mrs. M. J. Hall.

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