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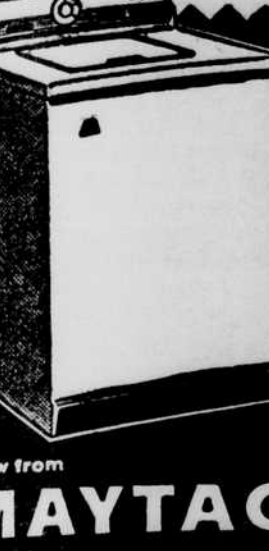
"THE COMMUNITY MEETING PLACE"

...night will be observed at the Methodist church on Sunday, Feb. 24, with a covered picnic beginning at 6 p.m. ...the supper a hymn service will be held at the Rev. Mr. Ratchford's home. ...a history of the hymns of the singing.

Men organized Master's ...which is composed of the ...Free Will Baptist ...is showing great interest ...this organization. ...divided into two groups: ...one is known as the First ...and holds meetings the ...and fourth Thursdays ...and sixteen men attended ...meeting last Thursday

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the State W.M.U. convention to meet in Charlotte, March 11 through 13. Those wishing to attend are asked to get in touch with Mrs. Fred Davidson.

Baptist Business Women's Circle Members of the Business Women's circle of the First Baptist church assembled in the home of Mrs. Margaret Campfield, for the February meeting.

Vice-president Mrs. Virginia Moyers, presided over the business session, with devotions conducted by Miss Dorothy Ingie.

Mrs. Margaret Campfield was responsible for the program and led with an introduction. Topic of the program concerned a history of the Y.W.A. as well as of women who founded this worthwhile organization. The Business Y.W.A. group, Mrs. Lawrence Waincott, counselor, and represented by Miss Evelyn Mayfield, Miss Juanita Owenby, and Miss Joyce Stewart, took an active part. Closing prayer was by Mrs. Essie Campfield.

Those present were Mrs. Viola Hughes, Mrs. Ruth Sands, Mrs. Lettie McMahan, Miss Dorothy Ingie, Mrs. Mildred Crist, Mrs. Jessie Allen, Mrs. Vaughn Simmons, Mrs. Roselle Noblitt, Mrs. Nell Matthews, Mrs. Johnnie Patton, and Mrs. Clinton Robertson, who was welcomed as a new member.

St. Margaret-Mary Altar Society Monday, Feb. 11, members of the St. Margaret-Mary Altar Society held their meeting in the church rectory, with Father Hyland giving the opening prayer. Mrs. G. C. Rayfield, president, presided during the business.

Others attending were Mrs. Pat Randolph, Mrs. Chester Sobol, Mrs. Ottie Herndon, Mrs. A. Baslarach, Mrs. F. Newton, Miss A. Lemieux, Mrs. George Lemieux, Mrs. Ralph Magnant, Mrs. A. L. Lizotte.

Presbyterian Circles Circle 1 Mrs. Robert Clapp received the members of Circle 1 of the Presbyterian church Monday afternoon, Feb. 11, with Mrs. A. B. Whitt, co-chairman, presiding.

Devotions were in charge of Mrs. George White, which included a hymn and scripture.

The Bible lesson, taught by Mrs. W. A. Ward, stressed the goals of Christian citizens, as well as the prayer Jesus taught the disciples to pray in the light which throws on the goals of Christian citizenship. This informative lesson made one ponder the fact that almost everyone falls short of having obtained the entire goals of a Christian. Business time was allotted to plans for visits and other projects of the year.

February's program concentrated on "Island Beautiful," which is the island of Taiwan, formerly Formosa. Taiwan is the location of one of the mission fields of the Presbyterian church, having done for during the past three years from missionaries in the church of the U. S.

Others attending were Mrs. George Swistak, Mrs. Robert Davidson, Mrs. Jake Chambers, Mrs. T. J. Hunter, Mrs. Bremon McInturf, Mrs. Allen Campfield.

Circle 2 The singing of two hymns opened the February meeting of Circle 2 of the Presbyterian church, with Mrs. J. M. Buckner as hostess.

Mrs. Elmer Stephenson presided and gave the devotions. Prayer was led by Mrs. Eugene Loven.

Goals of Christian citizenship set forth in Jesus' message in Nazareth and in the Bible were taught the disciples were discussed by Mrs. D. M. Connelly, during the Bible study of the month. Prayer objects of the month were presented by Mrs. Connelly.

Business interests focused on visiting and exchanging church magazines. Mrs. Joe Forchard appointed to serve as social service chairman.

Mrs. G. B. Talbot participated on the program with a talk on Formosa, paying emphasis on the Presbyterian mission field located on the island, and by reading letters received from missionary friends working there.

Evening Circle This month's meeting of the Evening circle of the Presbyterian church assembled in the home of Mrs. T. W. Folsom, at 11 a.m. Clara Snyder serving as co-hostess. The program opened with a prayer by the chairman, Mrs. Mary McMurray. Business reports were given as well as reports from the sanatorium committee, and discussions of various service projects of the year. Names were drawn for birthdays, with the persons withholding the identity until Christmas.

Mrs. Phillip Barnes taught a most thorough Bible lesson on "Our Goals as Christians," prior to the program by Mrs. F. Davidson. World missions and the importance of the church to the individual was made very enlightening by Mrs. Davidson.

Others present were Mrs. Betty Alexander, Mrs. Pearl Connelly, Mrs. Carolyn Davidson, Mrs. Frank Davidson, Mrs. Elizabeth Deak, Mrs. Virginia Huggins, Mrs. Edna McCall, Mrs. Hazel Patton, Mrs. Carrie Porter, Mrs. Agnes Penland, Mrs. Marie Parks, Mrs. Evelyn Stanton, Mrs. Winnie Young, Miss Mary Whitson, Mrs. Charity Young, Mrs. Eugene Loven, Mrs. Betty Yates, and Mrs. Mary Kelly.

Entertainments Music Pupils Mrs. J. W. Faucette, Grovemont, entertained her music pupils with a Valentine party Feb. 13. Joan Lemieux was the chief of the program. Those assisting in serving were Betty Patton and Barbara Gregory.

Mother-Daughter Banquet One-hundred and ten were present for the mother-daughter banquet held at the First Baptist church parsonage Tuesday, Feb. 12. Guest speaker, Mrs. J. E. Wooten, Craigmont Assembly, spoke on "The Relationship Between Mother and Daughter."

Senior and Intermediate girls served the supper, after which there was showing of a film which concerned the Christian relationship of the family.

Miss Peggy Jo Rayburn Engaged Mrs. Essie A. Rayburn has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Peggy Jo Rayburn, to Sgt. Marvin W. Slaughter, son of Mrs. Viola Slaughter of Swannanoa, and Malcolm Slaughter, Atlanta, Ga. The ceremony will take place April 13.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birmingham and their children, Johnny, Bill, and Ann of Charlotte, visited recently as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Maddox.

Mrs. Effie McMahan is recuperating from a three weeks' illness. Julia Smith is reported doing well at home this week following a period of hospitalization.

Three pre-Valentine babies arrived February 13.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Nanney announce the arrival of a son in St. Joseph's.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davis, Salem road, are parents of a daughter born in Memorial Mission. Mr. and Mrs. Donald Stevens, 184 Morgan street, have a new son, born in Memorial Mission.

Mrs. Grady Waincott is recuperating after undergoing surgery in St. Joseph's hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Henderson, Arlington, Va., spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Putnam, recently.

Mrs. C. C. Allen spent an enjoyable week-end visiting Mrs. Elizabeth Tipton, Ball Creek.

Mrs. Elmer Griffin spent last week in Georgia with her mother, Mrs. Daisy Patton, who was ill but is now improving.

Claude Powers is doing well following an operation recently.

Mark Pleimmons was scheduled to undergo surgery Monday in Memorial Mission.

Buncombe Soldier's Letter During Mexican War. To regular readers of the old letters and papers which have appeared often in this column, it must seem repetitious each time to write information about where they are from, who, and etc. Whereas, if some explanation were not given, readers would be at a loss wondering about them.

This particular letter, written to Bud Gash who was the father of W. L. Gash, does not tell a great deal about the Mexican War, but by "reading between the lines," much can be surmised from the historical standpoint. The letter was not in an envelope, but folded with the address on the outside, sealed with wax, with the number 10 stamped in one corner. One wonders if the letter cost was in dollars. Surely it could not have been in cents since it was mailed in 1847 when postage was paid by the miles it had to travel to the recipient.

It was sent from Buena Vista, Mexico, where five months before General Taylor had won successfully in the campaign fought against Mexico's Santa Anna, after Taylor's forces, for the most part, had been withdrawn. Note the mention the writer makes of this occurrence.

The author, a soldier from Buncombe county, then was on hand to participate in a struggle which ended in seven new states and parts of Wyoming being added to the United States territory, and the establishment of the Rio Grande River as the southern boundary line of the state of Texas.

Taylor was made twice the president two years later. Thus, this chapter of history opened up new and rich country for the movement of pioneers to the west and the beginning of the gold rush era.

This is indeed another reason why all America should be proud of their heritage.

Written very legibly, the letter has been copied just as it was written.

To Bud Gash, Asheville, Buncombe Co., N. C. From Buenavista Mexico, July 22, 1847

Afessionate cozim I take my pen in hand to inform you that we are in tolerable good health at this

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ELE. ROUNDUP—
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Mrs. Mills' Eighth Grade During the past weeks Mrs. Mills' eighth grade class has had several projects. One of them has been the publishing of the Elementary School Directory. We have completed this project and turned over a check for \$56.64 to Principal E. V. Gouge.

Another project has been the making of aluminum trays. Several of the students took part in this project. There are several steps in the making of these trays. First a design is traced on a piece of aluminum, then tar is painted around the design. The tar is allowed to dry and the edges of the tray are etched. Acid is poured on the tray. This acid eats away the shiny surface which wasn't painted. Varsol is then poured on the tray to remove the tar. This leaves a beautiful tray which is a delight to any mother's heart.

Several of our fellow classmates have had perfect attendance. They are as follows: Wayne Dickens, Joyce Taylor, Reil Ledbetter, Bud Haney, Nana Beha, Nelson Gaddy, and Betty Fortune.

Those on the "A" honor-roll are Brenda Lindsey, Joyce Taylor, Emese Soos, Bonnie McKay, Nana Beha, Connie Taylor, and Betty Fortune.

Those on the "B" honor-roll are Ann Ballard, Marie Swann, Bill Hyatt, Carolyn Clevenger, Neil Ledbetter, Bud Haney, Charles Aiken, Martha Raines, and Helen Frye.

Bonnie McKay and Betty Fortune, reporters.

What It Means to Me to Be Able to Read and Write
It means that I have a better chance of getting ahead in the world. I want to be a traveling reporter when I grow up and I wouldn't have a chance at all of being that if I couldn't read or write. I wouldn't be able to correspond with my friends or catch up on the daily event of news through the newspaper. To me, to know how to read and write is one of the greatest necessities of life.
—By Connie Taylor.

What It Means to Me to Be Able to Read and Write
It means a good time in life to be able to read and write. Reading and writing are important things in life. I am glad I can read and write because I think it is wonderful and I have fun doing it. I write every day in school and have to read some also. If you can't read and write, you can't time hoping these few lines may find you all enjoying the same comfort of life as I have neglected writing to you I hope you will excuse me I can't have the opportunity of writing to you all it is out of my power at this time but the day will come when we may all meet again. I suppose you have heard all about owar travels to Mexico we joined our regiment the 2 of July we are now stationed in a beautiful valley surrounded by very lofty mountains perfectly barren of all production, we are in a healthy climate good water. I think we can have over health nearly as well as we could in buncombe while we stay here. I have no idea how long that we may be, we are in two or three miles of the mane battle ground where general talor gained agrate victory where the bones of some of the braves sons of america ise now bleaching on the field a tremendous quantity of mexicans, we thought when we got to mexico we dont hear half as much as we did at home, we hear romers every day if they ware true a peace would be made but we cant rely upon them.

I have much to write to you nor nothing interesting though I hope you will receive this letter with as much pleasure as I could receive one from you. you will be shore to write me as soon as this letter comes to hand, please let cozim George C. Whitson see this letter as I havent the chance to write to you both at present. I want him to write to me. I send my best respects to hom and all other inquiring friends also R. V. and S. M. Gudger. when you write to mee tell mee how crops are in the neighborhood and how you are getting along with your new home, as we like to hear anything from buncombe. I hope you will excuse my bad writing as my chance ise bad and time is short, nothing more at present, my best respects to you all. I remain your affectionate cozim, S. M. D. Gudger.

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