

To Wed Sunday

The wedding of Jenny Lynn Underwood and Randy C. Lassiter will take place Sunday, Feb. 20 at 3 p.m. in the Hertford Assembly of God Church.

Miss Underwood is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Larn Underwood. Mr. Lassiter is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Lassiter. Both families are from the Belvidere area.

Friends and relatives are welcome.

Circle Meets

Mrs. Julia Winslow recently served as hostess for a meeting of the Missionary Circle of the Riddick Grove Baptist Church.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Julia Winslow, and opened with singing and scripture reading by Mrs. Eulia Smith.

After prayer, meditation and groups discussion, the president made remarks and called for the roll call.

The meeting adjourned with Mrs. Marie White leading the group in the Lord's Prayer.

Mission Study Slated

A study on Home Missions will be conducted Friday night, Feb. 18 at the Hertford Baptist Church beginning at 7 p.m. The book, "A Sense of Spring," will be taught by Dr. Garland Hendricks, the Interim Pastor of the host church.

Mrs. Dewey Perry Jr., the county W.M.U. Mission Study Chairperson, invites the Baptist women and their husbands to attend this study and learn more about mission work.

Fellowship To Meet

The Women's Aglow Fellowship of Elizabeth City will meet Feb. 19 in the VFW Building on U.S. 17 north at 9:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be Maxine Lytle of Pinehurst, N.C., Provincial President of the Daughters of the King in the Episcopal Church. Ms. Lytle has traveled extensively speaking in many states on the east coast and in the Virgin Islands.

For reservations for the meeting, phone 284-2683 or 284-2877. Nursery facilities are available by phoning 335-0850.

Card Clubs Assemble

Mrs. C.R. Holmes was hostess to her bridge club Thursday afternoon at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mrs. C.A. Davenport, Mrs. J.H. Newbold, Mrs. S.P. Jessup, Mrs. S.M. Whedbee, Mrs. H.A. Whitley, Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Mrs. J.R. Futrell, and Mrs. William Nixon. Mrs. Whedbee was high score winner. A sweet course was served.

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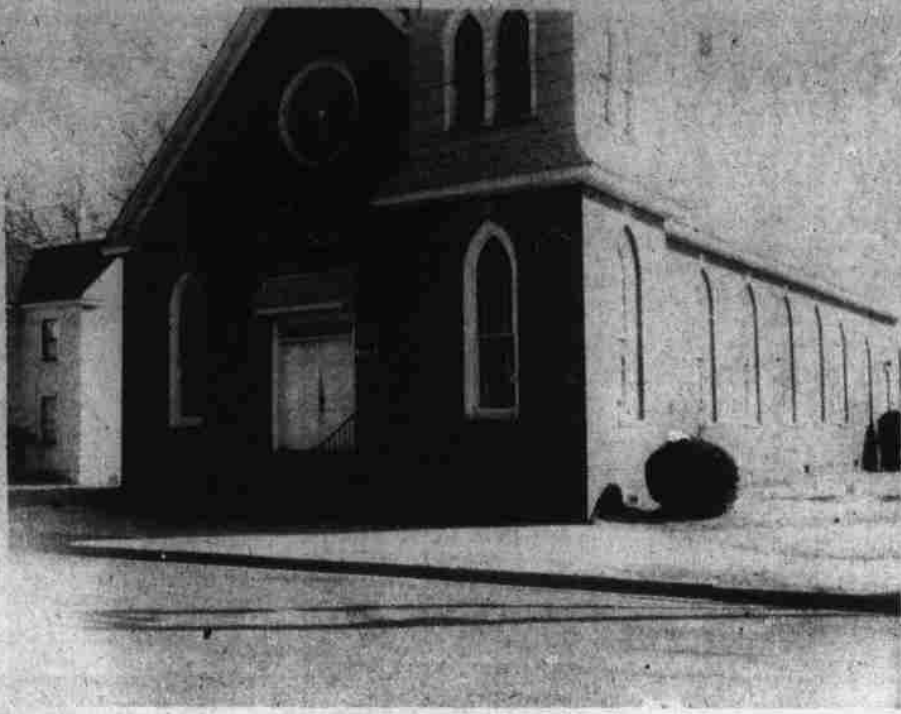
Mrs. Johnny Broughton was hostess to her bridge club Tuesday night at her home on Church Street. Those playing were Mrs. Katherine Ward, Mrs. Charles Whedbee, Mrs. C.E. Johnson, Mrs. T.B. Sumner, Mrs. Jack Brinn, Mrs. Eldon Winslow, Miss Thelma Elliott, and Miss Louise Chalk. Mrs. Whedbee won the high score prize. A sweet course was served.

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Mrs. H.C. Stokes entertained her bridge club Tuesday afternoon at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mrs. T.L. Jessup, Mrs. G.W. Barbee, Mrs. W.C. Dozier, Mrs. C.H. Holmes, Mrs. John Coston, Mrs. Jack Kanoy, Miss Ruby White, and the hostess, Mrs. Kanoy won the high score prize. A sweet course was served.

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Mrs. J.E. Morris was hostess to her book club Wednesday afternoon at her home on Front Street.



HERTFORD FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

New Book Reveals Local Church History

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a book review by Marie D. Moore which appeared in the January, 1977 edition of The North Carolina Historical Review, Vol. LIV, No. 1. It is reprinted here in the interest of our readers.)

"The first home of the oldest Negro Baptist congregation in the town of Hertford was a bush shelter erected on Academy Square in June, 1866. Hertford blacks had for some years previously used the Hertford Baptist Church for their meetings, but the political activity of their leader, L.W. Boone, prompted their eviction from the white church. The present-day thriving First Baptist Church developed from that primitive bush shelter. Following many months of research, Mrs. Alberta H. Eason and Mrs. Elizabeth M. Hines have compiled and published History of First Baptist Church, Hertford, North Carolina, 110th Anniversary Celebration, 1866-1976. This book is historically valuable because it outlines the story of the church and lists the names of all its known ministers, church officers,

and active members. The factual information has been enhanced by the inclusion of numerous pictures of those who once were or still are close to the life of the church. The 44-page book is printed on a good quality of coated paper and is bound in a hard cover lettered in

gold. Copies may be purchased at \$5.00 each from Mrs. Alberta H. Eason at 307 Dobbs Street, Hertford, N.C., 27944."

(NOTE: Two copies of this book have recently been donated to the Perquimans County Library as memorials.)

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Respectfully,

Margaret Swindell



Sunday School Lesson

POWER TO TRANSFORM LIFE

Crowds of pilgrims accompanied Christ on His journey to Jerusalem for the last Feast of the Passover before His death. Among the curious masses who wanted to see Christ as He passed through Jericho was a well-known and well-to-do man named Zacchaeus, about whom we shall note four things.

HIS CHARACTER

Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus was a Jew by nationality and a publican in position. He thought more of money than he did his nation, the respect of his fellowmen, his soul, or God. He was an extortionist, levying the taxes to the limit, paying the demands of the Roman government, and adding the balance to his personal savings. He was held in contempt by the people.

HIS CONDITION

Zacchaeus was small in stature. Being a traitor to his country, he was hated by his fellowmen. His riches enabled him to purchase many things, but there were two things which he could not buy — peace with God and true happiness.

Dissatisfied with himself, he resolved that he would go to see Christ, who had just come to town. It was not easy for him to accomplish his purpose because of the multitude surrounding the Saviour and his own smallness of stature. Undaunted by these handicaps and obstacles, he went ahead of the crowd and climbed the famous sycamore tree. That was a very undignified thing for a public official to do, but Zacchaeus was out for something far better than dignity, namely, to see Christ.

HIS CALL

When the Saviour arrived at the tree which Zacchaeus had climbed, He looked up at him and said: "Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house." Christ knew his name, nature, position, and thoughts, so the call was quite personal. Knowing that startled Zacchaeus was an outcast, the Master invited Himself into the home of this great sinner. This is the only known occasion that Christ ever did such a thing.

HIS CONVERSION

When Christ singled out Zacchaeus, addressed him by name, and called upon him to minister unto Him, it broke his heart to think that here is One Who sees me, knows me, cares about me, and needs me. He descended the tree swiftly and joyfully received Christ into his home.

Zacchaeus' conviction of sin, unfeigned repentance, reception of Christ, confession of faith in Him, restitution of possessions, joy of heart, and reformation of life were excellent evidences of his genuine conversion and salvation. A terrible grafter had been transformed into a generous giver.

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to take this media to thank our friends and neighbors for all the prayers, cards, flowers, words of sympathy, telephone calls and any other acts of kindness extended during the illness and death of Adrein Smith, Jr.

His Mother and Brother,
Grace, Paul Smith and Family.

Mark 8:34-36

In pointing the way to true discipleship, our Lord set forth three requirements:

1) Self-denial. "Whoever will come after me, let him deny himself." Self-denial means choosing Christ instead of self; saying "no" to self, but "yes" to God.

2) Self-renunciation. "Take up his cross." "Cross" here does not mean various afflictions which commonly are called crosses. It means something to be taken up voluntarily and not merely endured.

3) Self-abnegation. "And follow me." Self-abnegation means to accept obediently another Person rather than self as the leader of one's life and activities.

This threefold requirement may sound like a very difficult assignment, but it guarantees the most joyous and useful life possible. There is no other way of opening the door to one's highest possibilities. If we are to enjoy the most abundant life, we must put down self-conceit, self-assertion, and self-indulgence, and practice self-denial, self-renunciation, and self-abnegation.

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The Sunday School Lesson is sent in each week by Clear Creek Baptist School in Pineville, Ky. and is written by Dr. H.C. Chiles.

—Obituary—

RAYMOND KERMIT LANE

Raymond Kermit Lane, 67, a retired mechanic of Rt. 2, Hertford, died Sunday morning at 4:35 in the Albemarle Hospital. A native of Perquimans County, he was the son of the late Add and Mrs. Annie Nixon Lane.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Maude Copeland Lane; two sons, Raymond Kermit Lane Jr. of Toledo, Ohio and A.L. Lane of Rt. 3, Hertford; a brother, John D. Lane of Rt. 1, Hertford; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Thomas Hoogerland, pastor of the Woodland Methodist Church.

"How Great Thou Art" was played during the service by Mrs. Preston Morgan.

The casket pall was made of white chrysanthemums and red carnations.

Pallbearers were Barry Lane, Mark Lane, Mike Lane, Donald Ayscue, Hilbert Harris, and Larry Copeland.

Burial was in Cedarwood Cemetery.



CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY — Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Stallings were honored on their 40th Wedding Anniversary at a reception given by their children and grandchildren. The event took place Sunday, Jan. 30 at the home of the honorees from 3-5 p.m. Approximately 110 guests attended.

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