



**GOOD FRIENDS, GOOD FOOD** — A combined homecoming and new building dedication were observed Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church. Above, past and current members of the church take time to renew acquaintances while enjoying the dinner meal.



**NEW ADDITION** — A few of the over 300 people attending the gathering Sunday at Bethel Baptist Church are shown in front of the new addition to the building which was dedicated that afternoon in special services.

## Retreat is set

Saturday, March 18 has been selected by the United Methodist Women of the Elizabeth City District as the day of their Christian Personhood Retreat. The theme this year is, "Reaching Out." The retreat will be held at the Plymouth United Methodist Church beginning at 10 a.m. and closing around 2:30 p.m. The leader will be the Rev. Nancy R. Best, pastor of the Harrellsville Charge. Participants are asked to bring a sandwich lunch; beverages will be furnished.

It is the hope of the District officers that those who attend will really experience a "day of renewing" and will go away with a new zeal for fulfilling the purpose of the United Methodist Women in the year 1978.

## Surprise celebration

The Willing Workers Sunday School Class of Bethel Baptist Church met for a regular meeting on March 6 at the home of Mrs. Lenna Griffin.

Following the meeting, class members surprised Sunday School teacher Isabelle Simmons with a corsage and birthday cake made by Mary Irvin Long. Twenty were present for the meeting and surprise birthday celebration.

## COUNCIL ON AGING TO MEET

The March meeting of the Albemarle Advisory Council on Aging will be held at 1:30 p.m. today, March 16, at the Edenton Municipal Building in Edenton, N.C.

All members are urged to attend. The guest speaker will be Zeb Taylor from the Tideland Mental Health Center. Taylor will discuss the problem of drug abuse among the elderly.

## HONORED

"Miss Jo Davis Towe was honored at a luncheon in Richmond, Va. on Wednesday of last week in recognition of ten years of work at the Medical College of Virginia. Miss Towe is Supervisor of the Neurology Department at the Hospital. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Towe of Hertford.

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**CARD CLUBS MEET**  
Mrs. C.A. Davenport was hostess to her bridge club Thursday afternoon at her home on Front Street. Those playing were Mrs. J.R. Futrell, Mrs. J.H. Newbold, Mrs. S.M. Whedbee, and Mrs. C.R. Holmes. Mrs. Futrell won the high score prize.

**CARD OF THANKS**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many friends, neighbors, and relatives who remembered me with visits, phone calls, cards, flowers, and food while I was a patient in Albemarle Hospital and since my return home. Each kind act was greatly appreciated; may God bless you.

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**SPECIAL GUEST** — Gween McCormick with the Church Building Planning Department of the Baptist State Convention, is shown presenting remarks at the dedication service for the addition of Bethel Baptist Church Sunday afternoon.

**HOST PASTOR** — Rev. Stanley Nixon, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, also added comments at the dedication service. In addition to the return of church members now living elsewhere, former pastors of the church were present for the afternoon.

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## Women's Day observance

The women of Winslow's Grove AME Zion Church, Belvidere, will observe Women's Day on Sunday, March 19 at 11:30 a.m. Pastor is Rev. E.E. Williams.

The speaker for the occasion will be Mrs. Gloria B. Mitchell of Rt. 2, Hertford. Mrs. Mitchell attends Winslow Grove AME Zion Church and has served as church organist for an accumulation of 15 years.

She is a 1961 graduate of Perquimans Union School, Winfall and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from North Carolina Central University in Durham in 1965.

Mrs. Mitchell is a former Social Worker of the North Carolina Department of Social Services, a position which she held for years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Burke of Rt. 2, and the wife of Morris E. Mitchell and mother of two children, Scottie 7, and Traci 4.

The public is invited to attend.

## News items from First Baptist Church

The First Baptist Church Sunday School begins each Sunday at 9:45 a.m. with the Superintendent in charge. The morning worship begins at 11 a.m. Rev. John H. London has selected for his text "Choosing With Carelessness" Matthew 27: 21-23. The Senior Choir will sing with Mr. Vernon Jones as organist.

The Perquimans County Fellowship Union will be held Sunday evening at 7 p.m. with the Saunders Grove Baptist Church, Rev. Butler Sharp and the New Haven Baptist Church will be in charge. Rev. John London is president and Rev. C.A. Proctor is Host Pastor.

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