

COOPER

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church and the nation here," said the soft-spoken Cooper, who reveals a hint of his own North Carolina roots in an accent undiminished by 47 years in Pennsylvania.

"I had other calls, but the minister is at liberty to accept or reject," he added.

Cooper, who became pastor in 1945 when he was 23 years old, rejected outright all offers to serve elsewhere.

He said the community was largely rural in 1945. The church had no indoor plumbing and services were scheduled to accommodate farmers of the area.

The parish has changed since then, but Cooper said that building was only part of the story.

"Every time Edgar thought about moving a new building program started and he wanted to see it finished," said sister-in-law, Eleanor Scharf of Kings Mountain. "One of the joys of being there has been that Edgar has touched the lives of five generations of families."

Twice, Cooper opened sessions of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives with a invocation. Several years ago he traveled to Germany to present a plaque to the city of Einbeck, birthplace of Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, founder of the German Lutheran Church in the United States and a former minister at the New Hanover Lutheran Church.

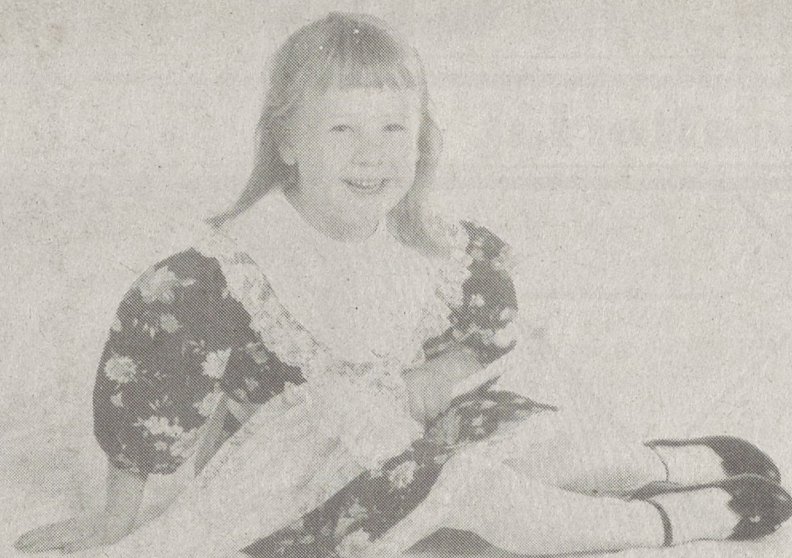
Cooper has also had his own personal moments of joy. Sixteen

years ago at the age of 54, he met and married his wife, Jacqueline.

"It was always a part of my prayer life that I would be guided in the choice of my wife," Cooper said.

Mrs. Cooper, originally from Kentucky, was visiting a niece in Pottstown when she attended service at the New Hanover Church. For Cooper, who met her at the church door after the service, she was the long-awaited answer to prayer.

Cooper and his wife say retirement is tough but he tells the church that a man doesn't retire from the ministry. "You're a representative of Christ as long as you live."



HEATHER MARIE WILSON

Heather Wilson five years old

Heather Marie Wilson, whose birthday was December 21, celebrated her fifth birthday on Saturday, Dec. 12 at a party at First Baptist Church.

Heather is the daughter of Bill and Wanda McAbee Wilson of 302 Fulton Road, Kings Mountain. Grandparents are Bill and Eloise Wilson of Clover, S.C., and the late Russell and Josephine McAbee.

The birthday cake was decorated with Beauty and the Beast, and was

cut and served with ice cream, chips and drinks.

Children attending the party were Subrina Jones, Melissa and Will Franks, Lindsey Hawes, Alyson Kerns, Lindsey Holland, Amy and Chad Pearson, Sara Bardsley, Aaron Long, Travis Volz, Chelsea Chapman, Ashlyn Harbison, Christopher and Danielle Miller, and Kyra Alexander.

Members of the family and other friends also attended the party.

TINDALL

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New officers of Shrinettes are Marilyn Randall, president succeeding Delane Guyton; Carolyn Stone, president-elect; Wanda Ward, vice-president; Daphne Adams, secretary; Kamie Champion, treasurer; and Delane Guyton, Mary Pearson and Millie Shylle, directors.

RED CROSS

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in former Yugoslavia. She will also meet with National Society and ICRC officials, US military commanders and SAF workers in Somalia.

"I am confident that the message I will bring back with me as a result of my mission will enable the American Red Cross to continue to make a significant contribution to alleviating the vast needs of the suffering in areas of conflict and famine--those innocent victims who have touched the hearts of America and of the entire world," said Dole in a news letter to area Red Cross chapters.

CHRISTMAS

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Clevemont Mills closed December 22 and employees return to work on January 4.

Commercial Intertech will close on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and will also close on December 30 and December 31. Christmas gifts will be distributed.

Kings Mountain Knit Fabrics will close on December 23 and employees will resume operations December 28.

Grover Industries will close on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Gift certificates will be presented to employees. A second week of vacation pay will be presented to employees with the company five years.

Minette and Cleveland Products will close on December 24-25. Bonuses will be presented to eligible employees who will also select their Christmas gifts from a company catalog.

Eaton Corporation will close December 23 and employees will return to work January 4. Christmas gifts will be distributed.

Hayward Pool Products will close Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Bonuses and holiday pay will be presented and a company barbecue will be held at the plant which has been decorated for the holidays with scrap materials.

The City of Kings Mountain will be closed Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christmas bonuses and gift certificates have been distributed.

The Manned Recycling Center at Midpines closes at 1 p.m. on Christmas Eve and reopens at 1 p.m. on Christmas Day.

■ First-Citizens Bank has named J. Allen Woodward to an executive management post as the regional bank administrator for a 14-county area, including Cleveland.

Matthews & Belk CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN SALE DIXIE VILLAGE SHOP THURSDAY 7 A.M.-6 P.M.

GIFTS FOR CHILDREN

24.99

LEVI'S JEANS FOR BOYS 8-14

Value-priced! 560 jeans in new age bleach wash, 8-14 regs & slims, students, huskies.

15.99

BOYS' LINED NYLON JACKETS

Value-priced! Zip front and hidden hood, in green, navy, black, red; S-M-L-XL.



21.99

BOYS' DUCKHEAD COTTON SHIRTS

Select group of Duckhead shirts for boys 8-20, crew and mock-neck styles, S-M-L-XL.

25% OFF

FLEECE SETS FOR TODDLERS, BOYS 4-7

Reg. 16.00-33.00. Two-piece sets by Carters, Bullfrog, others. Assorted colors.

STRICTLY FOR HER



25% OFF

COTTON CUDDLEDUDS PANTS & SHIRTS

Reg. 16.00-22.00. By Lorraine in white or beige cottons, misses' S-M-L-XL.

25% OFF

GRIPPER-STYLE COTTON DUSTERS

Reg. 15.00-19.00. By Heiress, in polyester/cotton prints, S-M-L-XL.

25% OFF

MISSSES' BLAZERS BY DUMAS

Reg. 59.99. All-wool flannels in red, navy, white, black, 4-18.

25% OFF

MISSSES' NYLON JOG SETS

Reg. 39.99-74.99. Cotton-lined prints, color-blocks; S-M-L-XL.

GIFTS FOR MEN



25% OFF

GIVE HIM A WARM FAMOUS-MAKER ROBE

Reg. 19.99-55.00. By Christian Dior and Andhurst, one size fits all.

19.99

RUGGED WEAR JEANS BY WRANGLER

Reg. 25.88. Prewashed denims in antique soft finish. Sizes 28-44 in group.

19.99

YOUNG MEN'S COTTON SHIRTS BY WRANGLER

Reg. 36.00. Longsleeved cotton piques and jerseys in assorted colors, S-M-L-XL.

14.99

BUTTON-DOWN PLAID SPORTSHIRTS

Value-priced! Polyester/cottons by Andhurst, men's M-L-XL.

39.99

NOVELTY SWEATERS IN 100% COTTONS

Reg. 55.00. By Ralph Lauren and Andhurst, crewneck style, assorted colors, M-L-XL.

22.99

MEN'S SADDLEBRED TWILL SHIRTS

Reg. 29.00. Button-down collars, assorted solid colors, 100% cottons, M-L-XL.

25% OFF

ENTIRE STOCK OF CLOTH OUTERWEAR

Reg. 49.99-160.00. By London Fog, Saddlebred in several styles, M-L-XL.

26.99

DUCKHEAD SHIRTS FOR YOUNG MEN

Value-priced! Select group of jerseys and mockneck tops in cottons, S-M-L-XL.

17.99

YOUNG MEN'S PIER CONNECTION SHIRTS

Value-priced! Select group of woven shirts in all-cottons, S-M-L-XL.