

HENDERSON-OXFORD-WARRENTON



HONORED FOR SERVICE-A&T State University students Calvin McSwain (second from left), Miss Charley Flint, James Ebb and Curtis Spencer recently received awards for outstanding service to the Assembly of Organization Presidents. Making presentations is Hubert Gaskin, coordinator of student activities at the University.

Henderson News

BY L. B. RUSSELL

HENDERSON. - During the greater part of the past week, the writer spent most of his time at Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va. I wish I could take all this space and express to you the highlights of the great National Convention of Interdenominational Ministers. The speakers who led the conference were all national and world renowned such as Bishop Alfred G. Dunston of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; Dr. John C. Baker, professor of the New Testament, Princeton Theological School; Dr. Matthew G. Carter, mayor and director of public affairs of Montclair, N. J. Dr. Carter is a layman in the Baptist Church and is a strong fighter for human rights. Other outstanding leaders whose names appeared on the program were Dr. Howard Hageman, minister of the Reformed Church of Newark, N. J.; Dr. Earnest E. Bruder, professor of Clinical Pastoral Care, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C. Dr. Bruder led the convention in pastoral counseling. Denomination was not mentioned at that great convention, but every voice was firm in denouncing separatism and standing firm for the leadership that is forthright, dedicated, consecrated, intelligent and not afraid. This writer was accompanied to the conference by the Rev. J. A. Watson, who is a member of the Executive Board of the Conference.

WEEKEND VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ballar and their children from Washington, D. C. were the weekend guests of their mother and grandmother, Mrs. Isabella Yarborough of 2074 Julia Ave. Bernice Lockerman and Miss Annie Yarborough and the entire family were at their best and delighted in being at the family reunion. Mrs. Isabella expressed herself as extremely happy to have her children and grandchildren home.

REV. ROBERT STITT HONORED

The members of Spout Springs United Presbyterian Church, USA of Route 2, Cameron, in Harnett County, were the hosts to many friends and visitors and her two sister churches - The Lillington First United Presbyterian Church of Lillington and the William Chapel United Presbyterian Church of Route 1, Broadway. Sunday

during the observance of their pastor's, the Rev. Robert E. Stitt's twentieth pastoral anniversary.

A very beautiful and impressive program was rendered. The Rev. W. Rosco Walls of the Timothy Darling United Presbyterian Church of Oxford, was the guest speaker. Music was rendered by the Spout Springs senior and junior choirs, and the Lillington First Presbyterian Choir.

With Elder Eugene Brower of Spout Springs presided. Tributes were paid to Rev. Stitt for his twenty years of dedicated service by Mrs. Earthele Clark of the Lillington Star Free Will Baptist Church; Elder Floyd KeKoy of the Lillington First Presbyterian Church; Elder Lucille Hicks of the William Chapel Presbyterian Church; Mrs. Algeria Dockery, representing the U. P. Women's Organization of Spout Springs, Miss Elaine Stewart, representing the youth, and Elder Sherman J. Stewart of Spout Springs.

Rev. and Mrs. Stitt were presented many gifts and money, along with household and personal articles, and a very beautifully engraved plaque.

Persons making the presentations for the three churches were as follows: Elder Mary J.

Clark and members of William Chapel Church pinning money on the pastor; Mrs. Gladys W. Smith, a plaque from Spout Springs, and Mrs. Mary E. Buie, a most beautiful valet chair and lovely bed linens for Lillington First Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments were served in the annex of the very beautiful church at the end of the program. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Out-of-town guests included Elder George Marsh of Sanford; Mrs. L. M. Hatton of Henderson; Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Walls and son, Keith, of Oxford; Miss E. M. Bullock and Mrs. Eloise Brame of Route 5, Henderson, many friends from Lillington; Mr. W. N. Porter of Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. James M. Mitchell and James, Jr. and Karla of Henderson; Mrs. Sadie M. Burton and Dr. C. C. Thomas of Fayetteville.

Congratulatory messages and gifts were received from many friends and fellow ministers who were not present.

SAINT ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
BY MISS VICKIE FIELDS

The Saint Andrews Church Sunday School was held Sunday, June 8, from 10 until 11 a.m. The title of the lesson was "The

Unity Of the Bible." Background scripture was from Genesis 12:1-7 and the lesson scripture was from Deut. 26:5-9. The memory selection was

"Think not that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them, but to fulfill them." Matthew 5:17. There were 88 scholars present and no visitors.

Our regular second Sunday service started at 11 o'clock. It was a half hour after the consecration prayer service. Music was rendered by the junior chorus. Mrs. Barbara Gales accompanied at the piano. The opening selection was "Standing on the Promises."

Scripture was read by our pastor, Rev. W. J. Wilson, and prayer was offered by Deacon, Alston. The choir sang "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The pastor took his text from the Book of Numbers, 21:5: "And the people spake against God, and against Moses, 'wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread.' During his sermon, he made a comparison between the Isarellites and the Christian of today. When we are enjoying the fine things of life, we become careless, and fail to give God thanks for these blessings, but when troubles enter into our lives, we often wonder why; then, we realize it is us who have turned our backs on God. Prayer was held at the altar after which the Benediction was spoken. We cordially invite you to attend our regular Sunday services, held on the second and the fourth Sunday from 11 o'clock to 1:30.

Mrs. Mary Fleming, wife of Mr. Eugene Fleming, underwent surgery Tuesday, June 10, at Maria Parham Hospital. Also at Maria Parham Hospital are Mrs. Van Hargrove and Mr. John Garner. All of these desire your prayers.

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Supreme court decided 7-1 that only recreation areas or clubs privately owned and operated for profit cannot exclude Blacks from use of their facilities. The "narrowness" of the ruling exists in that it has no effect upon those privately owned recreational facilities that are exclusive for the membership and guests, and do not operate for profit.

NO HONEYMOON

CARIO, Ill. - If newly appointed police chief William Petersen expects Black people to sit back and wait to see what he will do, he is mistaken. No sooner had Mayor Lee P. Stenzel announced the resignation of former police chief Carl J. Clutts, effective June 15, and the appointment of Petersen, ex-Alton (Ill.) police head, than the United Front, a coalition of Black groups, let it be known that the new man "is totally unacceptable." The Black groups had earlier requested that a Black police chief be appointed.

LOSE A BIG ONE

GREENVILLE, Miss. - Some 150 Black persons seeking \$5,000 actual and \$10,000 punitive damages each, in a suit against city and state officials for "mistreatment" during arrests in 1965 for civil rights demonstrations in Natchez, lost on a federal district court jury verdict last week. The jury threw out the case which would have brought the Black plaintiffs a total of some \$2.2 million.

WOLF WHISTLE BAR

PHILADELPHIA - Cat calls and wolf whistles when seeing pretty women are considered inalienable rights granted to every American male - that is, if he isn't Black. At Philadelphia Naval hospital, Black servicemen, most of whom have been injured in Vietnam, find that they cannot so indulge because "it would not be circumspet."

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