



First A. R. Presbyterian Church
... Celebrates 75 years of service
(Jim Underwood photo)

ARP's Celebrate Their 75th Anniversary Today

Most congregations are first formally organized, then the members seek ways and means of building a place of worship. But not First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Gastonia, celebrating today the 75th anniversary of its organization.

The first church was of brick, constructed in 1886 on the corner of York and Franklin at a cost of \$1,200. March 12, 1887 was dedication day, and it was Oct. 28, 1887 before the congregation was formally organized with 47 members.

Of the 47 charter members, only one survives — Mrs. Lou Hanna McArver, who remains an active member and will be honored at the afternoon historical program.

Three former pastors—Dr. E. N. Orr, Dr. L. M. Allison and the Rev. Harry Schutte—will participate today in the 11 o'clock service and the 2 p. m. historical program. Dr. Orr, pastor during the years of 1922-28, will have prayer at both the morning and afternoon services. Dr. Allison served the congregation but one year, 1956-57, before being called to serve the entire denomination as dean of Erskine Theological Seminary at Due West, S. C. He was followed by the Rev. Mr. Schutte, who was pastor 1957-60 before accepting a call to Covenant Presbyterian Church, Columbia, S. C. Dr. Allison will bring the anniversary message and the Rev. Mr. Schutte will officiate at the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Another distinguished visitor at the anniversary observance will be Dr. W. W. Boyce, who will pronounce the benediction at the afternoon service. Dr. Boyce is the son of a charter member and the grand-nephew of Dr. E. E. Boyce, the church's first minister who served 1887-1893. Dr. Boyce, one of the congregation's first missionaries (to Mexico), is the retired dean of Erskine Theological Seminary.

The flowers decorating First Church today will be placed on the graves of three former pas-

tors—Dr. E. E. Boyce, Dr. J. C. Galloway and Dr. T. H. McDill. Dr. Galloway served the church 1894-1922, followed by Dr. Orr, Dr. McDill, who died in 1955, gave the church many years of outstanding service

from the time he came to Gastonia in 1929. Dr. McDill's widow died Thursday after several years of declining health. Pastor of the church since 1961 is the Rev. Grant F. Johnson, who was engaged 18 years (including four years for mili-

tary service) in athletic activities before feeling the call to enter the gospel ministry.

From 47 members in 1887 First ARP has grown in membership to 493 members today. From a \$1,200 building in 1887 the congregation moved in 1917 to a \$20,000 edifice, which was dedicated, free of debt, on Jan. 2, 1921. The present educational building was constructed in 1947, and the present sanctuary was occupied on March 4, 1951, and dedicated on Sept. 24, 1952.

Looking to the future, the congregation purchased adjoining property for expansion in 1957. This afternoon members and guests will hear a brief history of the church given by Clerk of Session J. Y. Todd; and of Woman's Work by Mrs. P. O. Pearson Jr., president of the Woman's Society. Dr. J. W. Carson, retired ARP minister and former member of Pisgah ARP who knows well the history of First Church, will discuss "To Those Who Led the Way." Preaching will be Dixon Hanna, president of the congregation. Others participating will be Mrs. Major Whitesides, paying honor to Mrs. Lou McArver; Mr. Whitesides, who will conduct the "In Memoriam"; and Mrs. Dave Smith and Mrs. J. M. Alexander, duet selection.

In its 75-year history First ARP has supported four missionaries: the Rev. W. C. Holliday and Dr. W. W. Boyce, Mexico; and Misses Dot Bell and Ethelinda Hanna, Pakistan. Mrs. Mary Bradley Anderson was a daughter of the congregation who married a Presbyterian minister who went to India as a missionary.

The church has produced six men who have gone into the ministry: George W. Hanna, James Orr, William L. Gatling, Kenneth Craig, and Tom and Joe Mood; McDill, Dr. Edgar Long served the English department of Erskine College for many years.

Today First A. R. Presbyterian Church, born a mission of Pisgah ARP, celebrates and rejoices in 75 years of service to God and fellowman.

Rev. Grant Johnson

A man with an interesting background is the Rev. Grant Johnson, pastor since 1961 of First A. R. Presbyterian Church which celebrates today its 75th anniversary.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson was born to Swedish parents, and his father was a minister of the Congregational Church in the New England states. In over 100 years — three generations — there have been no girls on this side of the family, and the minister is continuing the tradition with six sons of his own.

A graduate of Davidson College, A.B. degree, and

the University of North Carolina, M.A. degree, the ARP minister gave 14 years to athletic activities and four years to military service before entering Erskine Seminary. Having been an instructor of physical education and a Presbyterian youth director, it was only natural that he served as physical education instructor and tennis coach at Erskine College while attending seminary.

So it was, at the age of 44, that Grant Johnson became pastor of his first full-time church, First ARP Church, Gastonia, the largest church of his denomination.



Road Work Hardship On Church

Interstate 65, cutting through the Faith Methodist Church property, is forcing some hardship on the congregation while the roadwork is in progress.

"Our property is torn up, and everything is in a mess," a member of the church said Saturday. He said that road blocks are up. A Gaston Rural Policeman promised to be there Sunday morning to help traffic get in and out.

"Unless things get better, we may be forced to find another location," one member said. The interstate highway took one driveway, leaving the church only one road into its property. The highway commission offered to pay \$31,388 damages, but some members of the congregation felt this was not sufficient. They said they hope to get an additional settlement.

"There's been some talk of relocating," a member said, "but unless we can sell the old church, we can't make a move in that direction."

The church is located at 1511 Ozark Ave. The pastor, the Rev. Leonard Rayle, was not available for comment Saturday.

Missing Man's Body Located

MORGANTON (U) — A week-long search for Roy Buck Hennessy ended Friday night with the finding of his body in a ravine in a residential section here. Officers said Hennessy, about 45, apparently fell in. His death was attributed to natural causes.

BABY-FACED GUARD—Youthful face of this East Berlin border guard suggests that Communist leaders may be tapping their final reservoir of manpower among 16 and 17-year-olds for border patrol duty along the dividing wall.

Scientist Calls Crisis 'Round One'

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C. (AP) — A political scientist at Wake Forest College views the current Cuban crisis as merely one round in the running battle of the cold war between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Jivan R. Tabibian, a 25-year-old Lebanese citizen, is teaching international politics at Wake Forest. He said that the Cuban crisis was a step taken deliberately by the United States at a particular time to gain particular strategic knowledge and political ends.

Tabibian, who studied at the American University at Beirut and has a master's degree and Ph.D. degree from Princeton University, sized up the Cuban situation this way:

The U. S. triggered the crisis at a particular time—last Monday—to take advantage of Soviet embarrassment over the Indian-Chinese war and to erase Cuba as a political issue in next month's American general election.

The United States took the step to find out the Soviet Union's real intentions toward Berlin and how determined Russia is to maintain its position in Cuba.

The President, in effect, floated a trial balloon with his new doctrine that an attack by a Russian ally (in this case, Cuba) on any nation in the Western Hemisphere constituted a Russian attack on the United States. If the policy works in Cuba, it will be used again later to try to keep pushing the Soviets back from other trouble spots in the world.

That the United States took its dramatic step in Cuba only after making a vital assumption that Soviet Premier Khrushchev was rational enough not to retaliate to the crisis with nuclear weapons. This assumption, however, was coupled with the creation of a crisis psychology in the United States to help convince Khrushchev that the United States would retaliate with nuclear arms if attacked.

Tabibian sees the crisis as a pretext by the United States to declare a state of hostility toward Russia. He believes that Cuba is not the issue — that American strategists are really not concerned with offensive weapons on Cuba and that, in fact, there is no real distinction in modern strategic warfare between offensive and defensive weapons.

Tabibian said that if there really is a distinction between offensive and defensive weapons, it would have been virtually impossible for Cuba to bridge the gap between a defensive and offensive position within 10 short days.

He said American strategy is based on retaliation which makes our most potent weapons defensive. Further, the policy of possible pre-emptive war—in which a nation attacks another to prevent being attacked — is considered strategically defensive. "There is no way to know if a weapon is offensive or defensive until it is used," he said.

Albany Men Call Halt To Protest

ALBANY, Ga. (AP) — Negro leaders have suspended indefinitely anti-segregation demonstrations here that brought 1,200 arrests in a nine-month drive climaxed by 75 churchmen going to jail.

Desegregation efforts have continued along legal, political and economic fronts since the last demonstration Aug. 28 when the clergymen were jailed.

This southwest Georgia city of 50,000 has remained quiet.

"Things are quiet. But this is the kind of still water that runs deep," said W. G. Anderson, Negro osteopath who heads the pro-integration Albany movement.

Anderson predicted a white moderate vote would help elect a Negro city commissioner. The Negro candidate, Thomas C. Chatmon, finished second in a Wednesday election and faces a runoff against a white candidate Nov. 20.

A decision is awaited from U. S. District Judge J. Robert Elliott on the first court attack against segregation in public facilities, parks, libraries, buses, taxicabs and terminals.

Anderson said Negroes are continuing their voter registration drive and a campaign of economic withdrawal or boycotting of downtown white merchants, although the boycott has slackened.

Mayor Asa D. Kelley Jr. said, "I think the atmosphere is clearing somewhat."

"Everyone is awaiting the decision of Judge Elliott," Kelley said.

Parks and libraries have been shut down since Aug. 11 attempts to integrate the facilities.

"My view is that the city of Albany will comply with any ruling of a U. S. district court so far as it is possible to do so," Kelley said. "In those areas where it cannot be complied with, we won't have facilities."

Observers here expect the city to get rid of its public parks if ordered to desegregate them.

In another area, the school board hasn't yet replied to a formal petition to desegregate the schools. Anderson said court action will be taken unless schools are opened voluntarily to Negroes.

Nineteen Negroes were turned away from white schools Sept. 4 when the term opened.

RED FACED — Adolph P. Chiappa is safety officer for the Richmond post office and one of his jobs is to investigate complaints of dogs stopping mail carriers. Chiappa received a complaint Friday. His own dog stopped a carrier from delivering mail to his home.

Just In Case...

Children Get Attack Instructions

Even school children have a job to do when it comes to being prepared for a nuclear attack. And it becomes evident that in the event of an alert, it is up to each man, woman and child to prepare for his own safety.

In school-prepared instructions, issued to all school children in the Gastonia area, directions are detailed on what to do in case of atomic attack.

One such directive, which came in two parts, "Plan for evacuation

when there is sufficient warning from civil defense," and "Plan for caring for children in event of a no-warning attack," one main theme is stressed—the importance of remaining calm.

Directions include, "school children will be dismissed on signal to return quickly and orderly to their homes. Civil Defense volunteers will man all traffic routes and see that children cross streets safely on their way home. "All teachers will stay on duty

until the last child is on his way home." With this came other precautions, such as making sure the child understands the way home.

"Should an attack come with no warning, all children and all teachers will remain in the school. The teachers and the principal will automatically become part of the National Civil Defense Program."

At one school, Central, food for one week's survival is now at

hand and other equipment is now being gathered. Currently, officials are gathering a vast quantity of water, enough to supply 820 people for 72 hours.

"We have been assured that we can be supplied with water and supplies within a 72 hour period by the Civil Defense," directs Principal R. M. Howard, who also states that a 24 hour plan of activities is now under way to provide maximum security for the children under such a crisis.

Included in the list of fallout shelters released by Civil Defense director Ronald Heafner were the following schools: Flint Groves School, McAdenville Elementary, Belmont Abbey College gym, library and dorm. N. C. Vocational Textile School, Tryon School, W. P. Grier School, Ashely High School, Wray Junior High, the YMCA and Stanley School, Ranlo School, Arlington Junior High Central Elementary, South School, Belmont High School, and Sacred Heart Junior College.

It is evident from the list, schools over the county are among the safest places to be in the event of an alert.

Yarn Group Picks LaFar Treasurer

David R. LaFar III, vice president and cotton buyer for LaFar Mills of Gastonia, has been elected treasurer of the Carded Yarn Association for 1962-63.

LaFar was elected at the association's annual convention in Charleston, S. C., last week.

B. D. Banks of Habersham Mills of Graniteville, Ga., was elected president.

A native of Gastonia, LaFar is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. LaFar Jr. He is a 1947 graduate of Davidson College. In 1951 he was graduated from Davidson College with a B. S. degree in business administration. He completed one year of graduate work at University of North Carolina.

An active civic worker, LaFar is on the executive committee of the Piedmont Boy Scout Council, is a member of the Gastonia Rotary Club, First Presbyterian Church, the Gaston Country Club, and the American Red Cross board of directors.

He served as director of the Carded Yarn Association. He is a member of the executive board



DAVID R. LAFAR III

of the Cotton Buyers Division of the North Carolina Textile Manufacturers Association.

He is married to the former Daris Lineberger of Lincoln. They have two children.

For Rioting . . .

Mississippi JCs Blame Kennedys

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — The Mississippi Junior Chamber of Commerce named President John F. Kennedy and Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy Saturday as causes in the University of Mississippi desegregation crisis, which was termed a "blueprint for tragedy."

The chamber released a brochure on the troops-enforced admittance of Negro James H. Meredith which resulted in rioting that brought the death of two persons.

The pamphlet charged the federal action was "precipitated by the unwillingness of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy and President John Kennedy to avail the completion of judicial processes which had invoked . . ."

Rioting occurred Sept. 30 when federal marshals, armed with tear gas, forced admittance for Meredith, a 29-year-old Kosciusko Negro, to the previously white Ole Miss campus.

As a result, some 30,000 troops were ordered ordered into the Oxford, Miss., area to guard against further disturbances.

The pamphlet said, "Neither Gov. Ross R. Barnett nor Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson were parties in the James Meredith case in the United States District Court."

"They were not parties to the appeal in the United States court. "When Gov. Barnett and Lt.

Gov. Johnson personally denied admission to Meredith at the university, this provided a legal test as to whether the governor and the lieutenant governor were bound by a suit in which they had not been joined as parties.

"Without awaiting a determination of these proceedings, the United States attorney general and the President rushed troops to Oxford," the pamphlet said. The chamber charged the action was "solely because of a refusal to await ordinary and proper judicial" procedures in the case.

Truman Gives Blunt Warning

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (U) — Harry S. Truman said Saturday he was "damn sure Khrushchev would do something if faced with force."

The former president made the comment after being informed the Soviet premier had been quoted by Tass, Soviet news agency, as saying he was ready to withdraw offensive weapons from Cuba if the United States will remove its rockets from Turkey.

To this Truman added this warning: "Don't trust any damned Russian."

Engineers To Honor GTI Chapter

The Western North Carolina sub-section of the International Radio Engineers meet tonight in association with the Charlotte branch of the engineer's club to honor the club's first chapter at the Gaston Technical Institute.

Friday's meeting, scheduled to begin with a steak supper at the Elk's Club, will adjourn and meet at the institute.

There, the Tech charter will be presented, along with ceremonies recognizing the newly-elected officers and members.

Following the meeting, representatives of the institute will conduct a tour of the school and its facilities.

Two persons visited the Gaston Institute Friday as Dr. Robert G. Carson Jr., director of instruction at State College's School of Engineering reviewed school progress since the opening of the quarter system.

Also present at Tech was Claud Dawson, chairman of the advisory board of the Gaston Technical Institute, who made a tour of the school and its operation.

Three Attend Demo Dinner

UNION — Miss Della Wilson, Mrs. Wilson Barrett and Mrs. Neal Ratchford attended a Democratic dinner in Hickory on Thursday. Speaker was Congressman Basil Whitener.

Miss Annie Laura Glenn of Asheville has been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Frank Riddle.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rickman and Nancy of Asheville has been the house guest of Mrs. Frank Riddle for the past several days.

Suit Brought In Death Of John Brown

Civil suit for \$50,000 has been filed here in the death last July of 16-year-old John Wayne Brown. The action was brought with the clerk of court for Gaston county by Coy Brown, administrator of the dead youth's estate. Defendants are Andrew William Bumgardner and Michael Andrew Bumgardner.

The Brown youth was riding in a car allegedly driven by 16-year-old Michael Andrew and owned by the older defendant. The car got out of control on a curve on County Rd. 2200 about four miles east of Gastonia on July 30. It overturned, killing Brown.

The suit was brought through Atty. Bob W. Lawing.

Other actions filed with the clerk of court are the following suits for divorce:

Fannie Neal McClee against Leo McClee, Barbara Ella Hance Harris against Virgil Harris, Hazel P. Nivens against Albert L. Nivens.

Edith Jlyatt Bryson against Dewey Lee Bryson, Loyse H. Beck against Samuel L. Beck, and Raul H. Nixon against Rome Nixon.

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