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THE INFORMER

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Baptist Church

LAFAYETTE STREET

Shelby, N. C.

HARLAN HARRIS, Pastor

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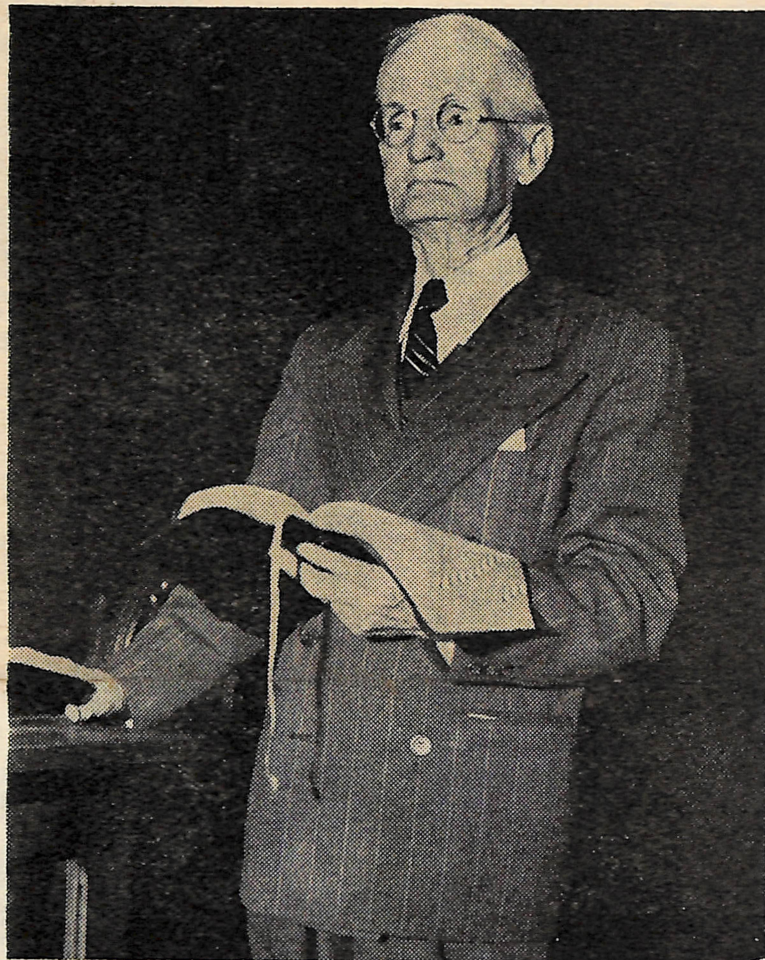
"JOHN SUTTLE DAY"

WHEN ?

**THIS SUNDAY
MAY 7th**

TIME ?

3:00 P. M.



WHERE ?

**CITY
BALL PARK**

WHY ?

**60th Anniversary
As A Minister**

REV. JOHN SUTTLE

HEAR THE INTERESTING STORY OF THIS MANS LIFE — THRILLING EXPERIENCES OF YESTER-YEAR AS GOD LED, BLESSED AND MOVED IN CLEVELAND COUNTY THROUGH THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF HIS SERVANT!

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

Things From Here And There

RIDGECREST

Let Ridgecrest Serve You
And You Come Back
To Serve In Your Church

Ridgecrest has been planned for your enjoyment and edification. High hours, rich studies and delightful fellowship will be among the deep experiences you will have at Ridgecrest.

We are going to Ridgecrest for the Sunday School conference June 29 - July 5. We go for communion with God, fellowship with friends, information about the Work, and inspiration to do the work. We go to Ridgecrest for the message; we come back to the field to deliver it. We go for inspiration; we come back doing our best for Christ and inspiring others to do the same.

We go as disciples; we come back as apostles. We go for study; we come back for service. We go for learning; we come back proclaiming. We go for instruction; we come back to the people as ambassadors of the Lord.

Fill out this form

or

Phone the Church Office

To Make Your

Ridgecrest Reservation

June 29 — July 5

Name

Address Phone.....

(Room rent is paid by our church. You pay your travel and board.)

SPECIAL THANKS TO MR. V. W. BREEZE

Our church is deeply grateful to Mr. V. W. Breeze for the donation of his services as Architect for the Educational Director's Home. The generosity of this good and faithful member has saved the church \$750.00. Mr. Breeze is also rendering valuable assistance on the Educational Building Committee. Our sincere thanks to Mr. Breeze.

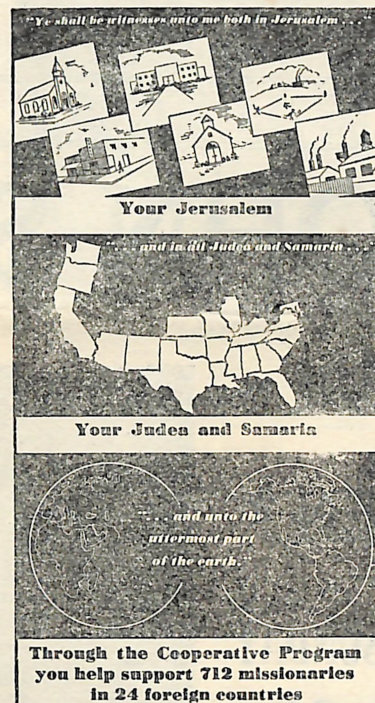
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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MAY 9 — 12

Our people are urged to pray for the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention which meets May 9 - 12 in Chicago. Our own distinguished member, Dr. R. C. Campbell will preach the Convention sermon. Messengers from our church will be Mr. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Easom, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Campbell, and Mr. and Mrs. Roland Leath.

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W. M. U. GENERAL MEETING MAY 8



Next Monday, May 8 at 3:30 o'clock the W.M.S. will hear the program "Radio in Missions" presented by the Carey Circle, Mrs. James Roberts, leader. Mrs. Rush Stroup will be speaker and along with the regular program will tell of her recent trip to South America. All ladies are urged to attend.

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DONATION FROM WORTH BRANTON

Mr. Worth Branton has donated two beautiful medicine cabinets to be used in the Educational Director's Home. We appreciate this fine spirit so much.

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DEACON'S COMMITTEE

Dr. John B. Hunter
J. G. Garrett

L. T. Hamrick
F. Cline Hendrick

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OFFERING COMMITTEE FOR MAY

B. S. Greene, Chairman
J. Carver Wood

Lamar Young

Robert Doggett
W. G. Whitworth

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Roland Leath, Director of Education and Music
Harlan Harris, Pastor

BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

YOUTH CAMPS FOR THIS SUMMER

Here are the dates and assemblies that we are urging our Young People to attend this summer.

JUNIORS AT FRUITLAND

JUNIOR G.A. WEEK — JUNE 26 - JULY 3

(Cost—\$1.00 Registration in advance. \$14.00 upon arrival at camp).

JUNIOR R.A. WEEK — JULY 10 - 16

(Cost—\$1.00 Registration in advance. \$12.00 upon arrival at camp).

INTERMEDIATE G.A.'s AT CASWELL

(By the Ocean)

INTERMEDIATE G.A. WEEK — JULY 31 - AUGUST 6

(Cost—\$1.00 Registration in advance. \$14.00 upon arrival at camp).

Y.W.A.'s AT RIDGECREST

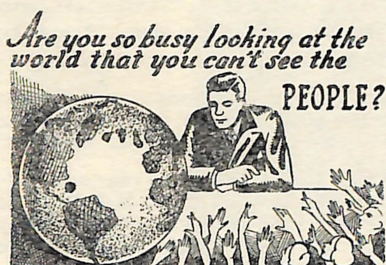
Y.W.A. WEEK — JUNE 15-21

(Cost—Approximately \$18.00 for the week).

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SUNDAY SCHOOL MAKES RECORD

The First Baptist Sunday School established an all time high attendance for the month of April when we averaged 1124 per Sunday. Our superintendent, the department superintendents and officers and teachers are to be commended for this fine attainment. Our aim should be to reach as many people as we possibly can for the purpose of teaching them the work of God and winning them for Christ.



Let us not forget that Christ was interested in people. Let's not lose sight of the PEOPLE for whom we are responsible. Let us pray that the Sunday School will continue to make great gains for the Master.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday:

3:00—"John Suttle Day," Ball park

Monday:

2:30—Executive Meeting of the W.M.U.

3:30—General meeting of W.M.S.

3:30—Sunbeams

4:00—Junior G.A.'s in Intermediate Department

4:30—Intermediate G.A.'s in Fidelis Classroom

Tuesday:

3:30—Brownie Scouts in Intermediate 2

Wednesday:

6:30—Weekly Officers and Teachers' meeting

7:45—"Sweetest Hour of the Week"

Thursday:

6:30—Intermediate Choir rehearsal

6:45—Young People's Choir rehearsal

7:30—Adult Choir rehearsal

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VISIBLE RESULTS OF LAST SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE	1107
TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE	182
NEW MEMBERS	1

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VISITORS

These were welcome visitors in our congregation recently:

Mrs. E. P. Riviere, Jr., Shelby; James Stamey, Gardner-Webb; Joe McBrayer, Forest City; F. O. Perry, Durham; J. W. Moore, Laurinburg.

Roger E. Raymond, J. C. Moore, Neil Wilson, Mrs. James Howe, Jr., Bill Purcell, Sara Hoyle, Gloria Hovis, Helen Wilson, Laverne White, Helen Morris, Evelyn Champion, Beatrice Lankford, Jimmy Davis, Shelby; Ann Nichols, Earl; Sylvia Randall, Kings Mountain; Nancy Elam, Lawndale; J. N. Bunn, Raleigh; Katharine Hunley, Charlotte; Irma Atkinson, Conway; Mrs. E. C. Adams, Rockhill; George H. Mull, Augusta, Georgia; Mrs. C. L. Honeycutt, Boone; Mrs. John W. Porter, Washington, Pennsylvania.

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G. A. FOCUS WEEK ACTIVITIES

Next week May 7-14 is G.A. Focus Week and the Prayer Meeting will be conducted by the Junior and Intermediate G.A.'s. A large group of the girls will be present at the Teachers and Officers meeting for supper. Intermediate G.A. leader is Mrs. Gilman Brown, Mrs. John Irvin, associate.

The 11-12 year Junior G.A. will be on station WOHS next Saturday at 10:00 A.M. on the "Tops for Talent" program. They will give the proceeds of the program to the Hospital. Mrs. Durham Hoyle is leader and Mrs. A. V. Hamrick, Sr., is associate. Mrs. Randolph Logan is leader of the 9-10 year old G.A.

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BRING YOUR FAMILY TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

JOHN W. SUTTLE

The reputation of being "a mighty strange child" was earned by this noble Gospel Preacher when he was just nine years of age. It was at this very early time in life that "John" started preaching in the forests of Cleveland County. That voice, though it was shrill and thin at first, has developed along with the great spirit embodied by the man John Suttle.

A native of Cleveland County, he was born in 1872 in the Beaver Dam community, one of seven children of Charles Batie and Esther Jane Wray Suttle. He attended a cabin school built by his father and as soon as he learned to read focussed his attention almost entirely on the Bible. He decided to preach when he joined the Beaver Dam Baptist church at the age of nine.

In 1890 he was ordained and while holding a meeting in Blacksburg, S. C., met the 15-year-old Miss Leila Bertie Lee Pierson, a visitor from Atlanta. Forthwith the two fell in love, to be married in 1893.

Sixty years in the pulpits of the southern states—pulpits over which the wiry little man could barely see—have brought thousands to him for baptism and church membership. More than 4,500, he estimates, have been baptized by him during that long career.

Approximately 40 children who looked to him for religious guidance were also inspired to follow his example and enter the ministry.

No higher honor could North Carolina's Baptists have bestowed on Reverend Mr. Suttle than that of electing him their president in 1947 but that reward was not spontaneous.

He has been vice-moderator of the State convention twice and has a record of 37 consecutive years as moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist association, acknowledged by the Southern Baptist convention as one of the strongest, most progressive subdivisions below the Mason-Dixon.

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IS IT JUST A CLEVER PACKAGE?

Today I walked into a candy store in the same block with the old Baptist Building to buy a box of chocolates for my wife. Yes, she fainted when I got home and handed it to her. But in that store I saw something which sent a cold chill of surprise and resentment through my heart.

Prominently displayed were "Olde Colds," "Kamels," and "Jesterfields" candy cigarettes, packaged exactly like their big-name brothers.

Is there no place the tobacco advertisers will stop in their tremendous drive to create the appetite for smoking in the American population? We were sickened when they lured American women in great numbers into their fold. We have watched with disgust as the talent and ambition of splendid young people are used in the Horace Heidt radio show to promote the sale of a certain brand of cigarettes, all the while subtly instilling in youthful minds a connection between success and smoking. But now they're after the children.

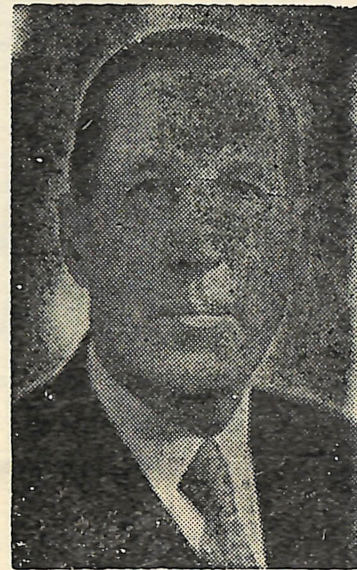
"Oh, it's just a clever package," someone says. But it is more. It is an effort to teach Junior and his little sister from the cradle up to reach for the cigarette pack.

Ugh!

—Jack L. Gritz

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DR. WALL PREACHES SUNDAY



DR. ZENO WALL

The beloved Dr. Zeno Wall, former pastor of First Church and now superintendent of the Baptist Orphanages of North Carolina, will be the guest preacher at both services in our Church next Sunday. Our Church stands today as a monument to the life and ministry of this great and good man. Let us come in great numbers to hear him. Our pastor will be preaching in revival services in Gastonia, we shall be praying for him.

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SHOULD WE MAKE THEM COME?

"I let my boy decide for himself on religious questions," said the father. "I was forced to go to church when I was a boy, and I didn't like it so my son is going to make up his own mind about religion, when he wants to. Real freedom!"

"Let's see if that's true," I replied. "You say you let your boy make up his own mind. Do you mean that if he decided to join a gang of young thieves you wouldn't raise a hand to hinder him?"

"Certainly I'd stop him," snapped the father. "Stealing is against the law; I don't want a law-breaker in my family."

"Yes," I replied, "stealing is against human law, and also against divine law. The eighth Commandment says 'Thou shalt not steal.' You would discourage your son from breaking the Eighth Commandment. But you will not try to keep him from breaking the First Commandment, which says, 'Thou shalt have no other gods before me,' or the Fourth, which says, 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.'"

"I hadn't thought of it in that way," said the father, surprised. "Really, I ought to encourage my son to keep the Fourth Commandment just as much as the Eighth, shouldn't I?"

"Yes," I went on, "in the long run, your son will have to choose whether or not he will be a thief, an idolater, a sabbath-breaker. But you ought to give him all the encouragement you can to help him to choose the right rather than the wrong—are you in Training Union yourself, Mister?"

"Well, no, that's just for children, isn't it?"

"Not at all. We have departments in the Training Union, as in the Sunday School, for every age group. You need to be in both for one is the laboratory, the other the lecture period, of Christian education."

"All right, I'll try it Sunday night. And say—I'm going to bring my boy!"

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