

OSCAR CREECH

Pastor Ahoskie Baptist Church, Ahoskie, N. C.; born, Johnston County, North Carolina, Feb. 3, 1886; son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Creech; education, B.A., Wake Forest College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; ordained, June, 1915, Baptist Church, Nashville, N. C.; married Mattie Gulley, Clayton, N. C., August, 1907; daughter of M. M. and Sophia Ann Gulley; assistant director athletics, Wake Forest, 1 year; principal, Castalia High School, Nash County, 4 years; principal, Nashville High School, 2 years; superintendent schools, Nash County, 5 years; pastor, Baptist Church, Nashville, N. C., 4 years; pastor, Red Oak Baptist Church, 5 years; principal Red Oak school, 3 years; pastor Ahoskie Bapt. Ch., Ahoskie, N. C., since Jan., 1925; evangelist; clerk, West Chowan Assn.; member, bd. Trustees, Meredith Col.; member Gen. Board, Baptist State Convention, North Carolina; Kiwanis Club, Scoutmaster, Ahoskie Boy Scouts. Address: Ahoskie, N. C.

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The Reverend Oscar Creech
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The oldest of eight children born to Ransom Right and Henrietta (Sullivan) Creech, Oscar Creech was reared on a farm in Johnston County. He graduated from Clayton (North Carolina) High School in 1905, and entered Wake Forest College in the autumn of that same year. He was awarded the B. A., cum laude, from Wake Forest in 1908, beginning his professional career as a principal-teacher in a boarding school at Castalia (Nash County), where he remained until 1912.

In the latter year Creech moved to Nashville, North Carolina, where he served as principal of the Nashville Graded School (1912-1914) and, subsequently, as Superintendent of Nash County Schools (1914-1919). Observing both his deep faith and his leadership ability, the congregation of the Nashville Baptist Church called Mr. Creech to service as their pastor (1915). He consented to ordination at the hands of the Nashville Church, and served Nashville (1915-1919), Crocker's Chapel (1915-1919), Castalia (1915-1919), and Oak Level (1915-1918) churches prior to his removal to Louisville, Kentucky, for a year of theological studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (1919-1920).

Returning to Nash County in the late spring of 1920, Creech was called to the pastorate of the Red Oak Baptist Church and to service as principal of the Red Oak Farm Life School—a boarding school of some 125 pupils. He continued these dual services in the Red Oak community until called to the pastoral charge of First Baptist Church, Ahoskie, on January 1, 1925—a pastorate which he would hold until his first "retirement" in 1951. In that year, President F. O. Mixon persuaded Mr. Creech to accept the position of Vice-President for Development at Chowan. His subsequent service as a member of the college's administrative staff—including an eight-month period as Acting-President following the death of President Mixon—continued until his second retirement in February 1961.

Oscar Creech's leadership among Baptists was recognized through his selection to serve the denomination in a variety of capacities beyond the local church ministry. Such service included: member, Board of Trustees, Chowan College, 1929-1930; 1961; 1963-1967; member, Board of Trustees, Meredith College, 1932-1943; member, General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 1931-1937; 3rd Vice-President Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, 1940-41; president, North Carolina Baptist Pastors' Conference, 1940-41; member, Board of Directors, BIBLICAL RECORDER, 1944-1947; and member, Board of Trustees, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, 1948-1951. Locally, he served as clerk of the West Chowan Baptist Association, 1934-1944, and as moderator of the Association, 1946-1953. He was selected to preach the Annual Sermon before the North Carolina Baptist State Convention in 1943. He was named Honorary Life Trustee of Chowan in 1967.

In Ahoskie, Creech served for a number of years as a scoutmaster for a troop of Boy Scouts. He was instrumental in securing support for the construction of the Roanoke-Chowan Hospital, on whose Board of Directors he served for a number of years. He authored a HISTORY OF THE AHOSKIE, NORTH CAROLINA, BAPTIST CHURCH, originally written for inclusion in a special issue of the "Hertford County Herald," saluting the Town of Ahoskie on her Golden Anniversary (1939). The history was published as a separate booklet in 1940. He was also co-author, with Edgar V. McKnight, of A HISTORY OF CHOWAN COLLEGE, published by the college's Department of Graphic Arts in 1964.

Oscar Creech was united in marriage with Martha Louise Gulley on August 6, 1907. To their union were born five children: Orville Ransom, Leah Jessica (Mrs. Gil Frommelt), Oscar, Jr., Judson Yates, and Elva Louise (Mrs. Edward Bond). Mrs. Creech and three of their children survive him to this day. This annual is dedicated to him in grateful appreciation for his life and ministry.

Baptists Salute Rev. Creech As Pastor Emeritus Sunday

AHOSKIE - The Rev. Oscar Creech was formally recognized as Pastor Emeritus of the First Baptist Church in Ahoskie during the morning worship hour on Sunday.

The Rev. Creech has lived in Ahoskie for 44 years. During this time, he served as pastor of the First Baptist Church for nearly 27 years. When he became pastor, the church had approximately 500 members. The total membership of the church today is 1,326.

This honorary position of Pastor Emeritus will carry with it a financial honorarium for the life of Mr. and Mrs. Creech.

The Pastor Emeritus spoke to the congregation Sunday morning. He said, "The best thing that I could say in response is 'we love you.' How could I not love you, I mean everybody. I have enjoyed living in Ahoskie these 44 years because I have found so many friends, everybody friendly

- and I look upon everybody today as my friend."

He went on, "For 44 years, we have wept with those of you who have wept and rejoiced with you who have rejoiced. We have been with you in death, we have been with you in the births of many of your children, we have been with you in your joys and and your sorrows. How could we not love you? And this is an evidence that you still love us."

The church pastor, the Rev. Billy T. Mobley, responded by speaking on the topic, "The Mantle of Elijah." He said, "As the young prophet Elisha requested a double portion of the Spirit of the older prophet Elijah, so do I ask a double portion of the spirit of this man of God."

Following the morning service, Mr. and Mrs. Creech were the guests of the deacons and their families for lunch.



Rev. Oscar Creech

Ahoskie: Hertford Co. Herald
~~Abermarle: Standy News & Press~~
Andrews Journal
Apex News-Herald
Asheboro: Randolph Guide
Asheboro: Courier-Tribune
Asheville News
Ayden Tribune
Belmont Banner
Bessemer City Record
Benson Review
Black Mountain News
Brevard: Transylvania Times
Bryson City: Smoky Mt. Times
Boone: Watauga Democrat
Burgaw: Pender Chronicle
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Historical Commission

Baptist State Convention

NORTH CAROLINA

DATA FOR FILES

Give (for the printer) your full name Oscar Creech

Date of birth—month, day, year February 3, 1886

Your father's name Ransom Right Creech

Your mother's maiden name Henrietta Sullivan

Where you were educated Wake Forest College

Degrees received and the source B. A.

Where and when ordained June 13, 1915

When and where you were married August 21, 1907 at Clayton, N. C.

Give wife's maiden name in full Mattie Louise Gulley

Give date of her birth—month, day, year Nov. 6, 1880

Her parents' names Marcus Marcellus Gulley and Sophie Ann Ellis

(If a second marriage, give like information) _____

Where have been your activities? Nashville, Red Oak, Ahoskie, N. C.

Positions of honor and trust you have held—(Moderator, Trustee, Etc.) _____

You are the author of—(Books, Monographs, Special Articles, Etc.) _____

Kindly give reference to any write-up, or other articles commendatory of your work which might aid in the preparation of a personal sketch Vol. 6 of North Carolina History, pg. 23
Biography. This is a history in six volumes written about 1918.

Give on back of this sheet any further information; nationality, remote ancestry, names of children, foreign travel, industrial engagements and other items of interest.

The information here sought is for use in the preparation of a Biographical Work of the North Carolina Baptist leaders. We hope no name will be omitted.

A personal sketch written by yourself or some friend will be greatly appreciated. Fill and send this blank now; the sketch may come later.

Mail to

J. T. ALDERMAN, Chairman,
Henderson, N. C.

Names of Children

Orville Ransom Creech
Leah Jessica "
Oscar " Jr.
Judson Yates "
Elva Louise "

My father's people are Scotch-Irish and came from Ireland; my mother's
came from England.

NAME

Oscar Cruch

Feb. 3. 1886

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Married

Mattie Louise Gullay '907

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Ancestry

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Record

Nashville, Red Oak, Alaska

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Lenoir News Topic
Lexington Dispatch
Lumberton: Robesonian
Morganton News-Herald
New Bern: Sun-Journal
Raleigh: News & Observer
Raleigh Times
Reidsville Review
Rockingham:
Richmond Co. Journal

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County Mourns Death Of Rev. Oscar Creech

AHOSKIE — The Rev. Oscar Creech, 88, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Elva Bond in Windsor.

The Rev. Creech was pastor emeritus of First Baptist Church of Ahoskie, where he served as minister for over 26 years, retiring in 1951.

He was a life trustee of Chowan College, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital and also had served in various duties of the West Chowan Baptist Association. He was director of the Biblical Recorder from 1943 until 1947.

A native of Johnston County, the Rev. Creech had lived in Ahoskie 48 years and organized the first Boy Scout Troop here, serving as its scoutmaster for years.

He was principal of three high schools in Nash County and was ordained in 1915. His pastorates, in addition to his duties in Ahoskie, have included Nashville Baptist Church, Castalia Church, Oak Level Church and Red Oak Baptist Church.

He received his higher education at Wake Forest College and attended the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Surviving are his wife of 67 years, Mrs. Martha Louise Gulley Creech; two daughters, Mrs. Bond and Mrs. Jessica Frommelt of Deerfield, Ill.; one son, J. Y. Creech of Raleigh; two sisters, Mrs. Iscar Cobb of Virginia Beach and Mrs. Fronie Jordan of Smithfield; one brother, James Creech of Zebulon; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Friday at 2 p.m. in Ahoskie First Baptist Church by the Rev. Billy Mobley and the Rev.



Rev. Oscar Creech

Bruce Whitaker. Burial was in Ahoskie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Oscar Creech Scholarship Fund of Ahoskie First Baptist Church.

Aberdeen: Sandhill Citizen
Ahoskie Herald
Albemarle: Stanly News & Press
Andrews Journal
Apex: Western Wake Herald
Asheboro: Randolph Guide
Belmont Banner
Benson Review
Bessemer City Record
Black Mountain News
Blowing Rock: Rocket
Boone: Watauga Democrat
Brevard: Transylvania Times
Bryson City:
Smoky Mountain Times
Burgaw: Pender Chronicle
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Rev. Creech was a former pastor of the Nashville Baptist Church and a former Superintendent of Nash County Schools.

He was ordained as a minister by the Nashville Baptist Church in 1915 and served as its pastor until 1919.

At the time of his death he had retired after having served the Ahoskie First Baptist Church as pastor for 25 years.

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REV. OSCAR CREECH

Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald
Murphy: Cherokee Scout
Nashville Graphic
Newland: Avery Journal
Newton: Observer-News-Enterprise
North Wilksboro: Journal-Patriot
Oxford Ledger
Pittsboro: Chatham Record
Plymouth: Roanoke Beacon

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BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ON THE LIFE OF

Rev. Oscar Creechm Ahoskie, N. C.

November 4, 1965

Parents- Father, Ransom Right; mother, Henriette Sullivan, both of
DATE Born- February 3, 1886
Johnston County, N. C.

Married- August 21, 1907 to Martha Louise Gulley, Clayton, N. C.

Children- Oscar Enid, May 27, 1908; died at age 4.
Orville Ransom, February 11, 1910
Leah Jessica, June 15, 1913
Oscar, Jr., November 14, 1916
Judson Yates, December 10, 1920
Elva Louise, September 23, 1923

Brothers- J. Arnold, January 18, 1900
Half brothers- James and Charles

Sisters - Annie, August 9, 1887
Sudie, ~~October 5, 1890~~ April 23, 1889
Sophronia, ~~Oct 5, 1890~~
Maudie, May 25, 1892
Iscar, June 23, 1894
Daphne- April 9, 1896
Half-sister, Ruby, about 1903 (?)

Schools - Emit public school in O'Neal's Township, Johnston County, until
attended- 1901
Turlington Institute, Smithfield (high school), 1901 - 1903
Clayton High School. 1903 - 1905

College - Wake Forest, 1905 - 1908 (graduated)
Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, 1919 - 1920

Teaching

Experience- Principal Castalia High school, Nash County, 1908 - 1912
Principal Nashville High School, 1912 - 1914
Principal Red Oak Farm-Life High School, Nash Co., 1920 - 1923

County

Superintendent- Nash County, 1914 -1919

Food Adm.- Food administrator in Nash County during world war I.

Scout - Scout Master at Ahoskie, 1929 - 1940 (11 years)
Master

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE BAPTIST DENOMINATION

Baptized - 1898 by Rev. Worley Creech, Antioch Church in Johnston Co.

Ordained - June 15, 1915; council-Dr. W. R. Cullom, G. W. May, W. O. Rosser, by Nashville Baptist church.
I was County Supt. at the time.

Seminary- Attended Southern Baptist Seminary, 1919 - 1920

Three

Pastorates- Nashville Baptist Church, 1915 - 1919
I was pastor also of Castalia and Oak Level for about half the time. (The pastorate was 4 years and three months)

Red Oak Baptist Church, 1920 - 1925. (4 years and 6 months)

Ahoskie Baptist Church, 1925 - 1951 (26 years and nine months)

Retired - From the pastorate at Ahoskie October 1, 1951 at age 65, and went with Chowan College.

With Chowan College - *Associate*
~~Assistant~~ to President F. O. Mixon, October 1, 1951 - 1956
Acting president, 1956 - 1957 (8 months) *as President*
Director of Development with Dr. Whitaker, 1957 - 1961;
Retired at age 75 after 9 years and 4 months with the college.

Chairman of West Chowan Association Million Dollar Campaign for our colleges in 1928.

Clerk of West Chowan Association, 1934 - 1944

Moderator of " " " , 1945 - 1953

Trustee of Chowan College, 1930- 1931, 1961 to present, II-17-55

Trustee of Meredith College, 1932 - 1943

Director of the Biblical Recorder, 1943 - 1947

Trustee of Baptist Hospital, 1947 - 1951

Third Vice President of the Baptist State Convention, 1940

President of the North Carolina Baptist Pastors Conference, 1940

On the program of this Conference to discuss "The Pastor Preparing for Disability." - ~~1942~~ 1929

Preached the annual sermon for the Baptist State Convention at Winston-Salem, 1943

Wrote the history of the Ahoskie Baptist Church, 1939. (98 pages)

Co-author of "A History of Chowan College". 1964. (330 pages)

Member of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention, 1931 - 1937

Chairman of the Committee on Committees, 1943

Had an active part in raising \$200,000 to reopen Chowan College, 1947-'49

Rotary Club of Ahoskie in 1954 presented "A Recognition Award" for Outstanding service in and for the area.

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Wake Forest Alumni Association conferred a "Citation for Meritorius Service in the Ministry, (and Dr. Whitaker added "and for Chowan College")

Hobbies- Fishing and hunting

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AUTHOR OF THE HISTORY OF THE AHOSKIE BAPTIST CHURCH

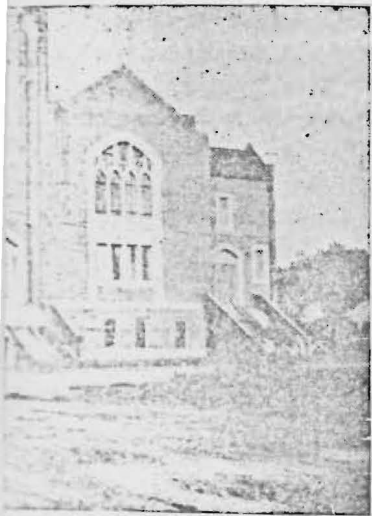
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On August 21, 1907, he married Miss Mattie Louise Gulley. There are five children: Orville Ransom, Leah Jessica, Oscar, Jr., Judson Yutes, and Elva Louise.

He is both teacher and preacher. His record in the profession is: Principal Castalia High School, 1908-1912; Superintendent of Nashville Graded School, 1912-1914; County Superintendent of Schools Nashville County, 1914-

1919; Superintendent Red Oak Farm Life School, 1920-23; pastorates as follows, Nashville Baptist Church 1915-19, Red Oak 1920-24, Ahoskie Baptist Church since 1925. He was ordained a minister in 1915.

Since coming to Ahoskie, Pastor Creech has the enviable record of having engaged in two major church building programs, at Ahoskie and Brantleys Grove. During his pastorates, he has initiated church



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building programs that have cost a total of \$102,000, having been pastor at Nashville when its present church building was built. Approximately \$50,000 has been contributed to missions and benevolences during his pastorates.

His denominational work extends beyond the many-sided activities of the local church. For most of the last 15 years he has served as a member of the General Board of Missions of the N. C. Baptist State Convention; he has been a trustee of Chowan College for 2 years, and a member of the Board of Trustees of Meredith College since 1932; he is now Clerk of the West Chowan Baptist Association, a position held since 1934. Besides these activities, to all of which he gives enthusiastic and intelligent service, he has found time to engage in evangelistic work, holding five or six meetings each year.

Perhaps his one greatest interest, both outside and within his church work, is, as he sets it down, "Working with young people". As Scoutmaster for 10 years he has proven his interest by the time he has devoted to the training of future Ahoskie citizens. He is a lover of sports and a sportsman himself—fisherman and huntsman.

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BIOGRAPHY OF OSCAR

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Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Creech

Rev. And Mrs. Creech Have 63rd Anniversary

By RAMONA SCOTT

AHOSKIE - Today (Friday) marks the 63rd wedding anniversary of one of Ahoskie's nicest couples, the Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Creech of Colony Avenue.

The Rev. and Mrs. Creech began their life together in the Baptist church in Clayton in 1907. Their first home was in Wake Forest where he was a senior at the seminary.

Upon graduation he taught school in Castalia in Nash County for four years. "At that time there was no public school system," he recalled. "The parents brought the students to the school each Sunday afternoon or Monday morning and they remained, staying in dormitories until the weekend when they went home with their parents."

He then went to Nashville where he taught for two years and was elected Nash County superintendent of schools, remaining in this capacity for nearly five years. During this time he also served as pastor for the Nashville Baptist Church.

Following the completion of his formal education at the Louisville, Ky., seminary, he taught in the Red Oak Farm Life school, where the students were also boarded.

"We had approximately 100 students and the cost per student was \$6 a month. This was slightly higher than the rates at Castalia which were \$5.75 per student," the Rev. Creech said with a smile.

Then in 1925 he came to Ahoskie as pastor of the First Baptist Church where he remained until his retirement in 1951. He also served as Scoutmaster for Troop 129 for 11 years.

However, he did not retire from all activity. His time since has been spent as assistant to the president of Chowan College, raising roses and pursuing his favorite hobby - fishing.

When asked about young peo-

to feel is prevalent is something they have possibly built up in their own minds."

They have three children living out of six born to them, Son Judson is a realtor in Raleigh and daughters, Jessica Frommeit of Chicago and Elva Bond of Windsor, are both housewives.

Mrs. Creech is a graduate of what is now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and taught for almost five years in Clayton, her hometown, until her marriage. "when I retired and because a full-time housewife and mother," she said. She lists cooking and sewing for her grandchildren as her hobbies. Her husband describes her activities in the kitchen.

Mrs. Creech said that "being a minister's wife is a hard life but a very rewarding one. I don't know that I have always done the right thing but at the time, I thought it was the right thing to do."

They are a very warm couple with ready smiles, a twinkle in their eyes, and they seem to have a tremendous zest for life and a great affection for each other that should be an inspiration and example of what love and understanding can do.

Ahoskie: Hertford Co. Herald
 Albemarle: Stanly News & Press
 Andrews Journal
 Apex News-Herald
 Asheboro: Randolph Guide
 Asheboro: Courier-Tribune
 Asheville News
 Ayden Tribune
 Belmont Banner
 Bessemer City Record
 Benson Review
 Black Mountain News
 Brevard: Transylvania Times
 Bryson City: Smoky Mt. Times
 Boone: Watauga Democrat
 Burgaw: Pender Chronicle

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CHURCH NEWS...

A TIE WITH FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
AHOSKIE, N. C.
W. Isaac Terrell, Pastor

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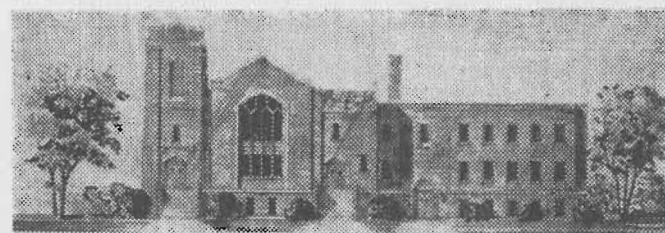
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Rev. and Mrs. Oscar Creech
Beloved Pastor, First Baptist Church
Ahoskie, N. C.
1925 — 1951



AN EXPRESSION OF APPRECIATION

Today our Morning Worship Hour and Church Bulletin is dedicated to an expression of appreciation for Reverend and Mrs. Oscar Creech on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary. Probably no other persons in our midst had a more profound influence on Ahoskie and the First Baptist Church. They have been wonderfully used of God. We would like our worship today to be an expression of gratitude to God for their lives and ministry. Even though their influence has reached far and wide, no one is more indebted to them than First Baptist Church of Ahoskie with whom they spent 26 years and 9 months of dedicated service as Pastor and Pastor's wife.

We congratulate Brother and Mrs. Creech on their 60th wedding anniversary which is August 21st.

THE FAITHFUL PASTOR

He held a lamp each live-long day
So low that none could miss the way,
And yet so high to bring in sight
That picture fair of Christ the Light,
That gazing up, the lamp between,
The hand that held it was not seen.

He held the pitcher, stooping low,
To lips of little ones below,
Then raised it to the weary saint
And bade him drink when sick and faint.
They drank, the pitcher thus between,
The hand that held it was not seen.

He blew the trumpet soft and clear
That trembling sinners need not fear;
And then with louder note and bold
He stormed the walls of Satan's hold.
The trumpet coming thus between,
The hand that held it was not seen.

But when our Captain says, "Well done!
Thou good and faithful servant, Come!
Lay down the pitcher and the lamp,
Lay down the trumpet, leave the camp,"
The weary hand will then be seen,
Clasped in His pierced ones between.

—Anonymous

THE MINISTER'S WIFE

There is one person in your church who knows your preacher's life:
Who wept and smiled and prayed with him, and that's your preacher's
wife.

The crowd has seen him in his strength, when wielding God's sharp sword.
As underneath God's banner folds he faced the devil's horde.
But deep within her heart she knows that scarce an hour before
She helped him pray the glory down behind the closed door.
She's heard him groaning in his soul, when bitter raged the strife,
As, hand in his, she knelt with him—for she's the preacher's wife!
You tell your tales of prophets brave who marched across the world
And changed the course of history by burning words the hurled.
And I will tell how back of each some woman lived her life,
Who went with him and smiled and wept and prayed and loved and died.

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On August 21, 1907, he married Martha Louise Gulley of Clayton, N. C. She was the daughter of Marcus Marcellus Green and Sophia Ann Eliza Ellis Gulley. Her parents were sturdy farmer folk who reared their eight children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, always holding high ideals before them and living the life they taught.

They are the parents of six children. One deceased, Oscar Enid, died at age 4. Living children are:

X Orville Ransom Creech, District Sales Representative for W. H. Basnight and Co., resides at 217 W. Church St., Ahoskie, N. C. He attended Mars Hill College.

Mrs. Gilbert Frommelt (Leah Jessica) Meredith College graduate; teacher; now housewife; resides in Evanston, Ill.; 3046 Central Street.

X Dr. Oscar Creech, Jr., graduated from Wake Forest College and Jefferson Medical School. He is listed in Who's Who in Colleges and Universities. Four years special service at Charity Hospital, New Orleans, and was head of the Department of Surgery, Tulane Medical School. Recently he was made Dean of Medical School, Tulane. He resides with his family at 1120 State Street, New Orleans, La.

Judson Yates Creech, Wake Forest College graduate, listed in Who's Who. Is a Realtor and resides at 3501 Alleghany Drive, Raleigh, N. C.

Mrs. Edward G. Bond (Elva Louise), Meredith College graduate. Now housewife, living in Windsor, N. C. Before her marriage she was in welfare, newspaper and radio work.

Mr. Creech was Principal of three high schools in Nash County from 1908 until 1923, being County Superintendent of Nash County 1914-1919. He was also Food Administrator in Nash County during World War I. Mrs. Creech was active in her church and was President of Woman's Club in Nashville, and worked with the Red Cross during World War I and II.

Mr. Creech was ordained while he was County Superintendent of Nash County, June 15, 1915 and became Pastor of Nashville Baptist Church shortly after his ordination. He served Castalia and Oak Level Churches on half time basis during his Nashville pastorate. In 1920 he became pastor of Red Oak Baptist Church and served for 4½ years there. In January 1925, he became pastor of Ahoskie Baptist Church and served for 26 years and 9 months, retiring from the pastorate.

With Chowan College—Associate to President F. O. Mixon, October 1, 1951-1956,
Acting President, 1956-1957,
Director of Development with Dr. Bruce Whitaker, President, 1957-1961,
Retired at age 75 after 9 years, 4 months with Chowan.

Other Contributions—Chairman, West Chowan Association Million Dollar Campaign for our colleges in 1928;
Clerk, West Chowan Association, 1934-1944;
Moderator, West Chowan Association, 1945-1953;
Trustee, Chowan College, 1930-1931; 1961-67;
Trustee, Meredith College, 1932-1943;
Director of Biblical Recorder, 1943-47;
Trustee, Baptist Hospital, 1947-1951;
Third Vice-President, Baptist State Convention, 1940;
President, N. C. Baptist Pastor's Conference, 1940;
Preached annual sermon, Baptist State Convention, at Winston-Salem, 1943;
Wrote history of the Ahoskie Baptist Church, 1939;
Co-author, "A History Of Chowan College", 1964;
Member, General Board of Baptist State Convention, 1931-1937;
Chairman, Committee on Committees, 1943;
Had an active part in raising \$200,000 to reopen Chowan College;
Recipient of "A Recognition Award" for service in and for the area, in 1954 by Ahoskie Rotary Club;
Wake Forest Alumni Association conferred a "Citation For Meritorious Service In The Ministry", 1964;
Retired 1961 at age 75 and did supply work until June 1964.

Hobbies—Fishing and hunting.

Mrs. Creech led Sunbeam Bands and Royal Ambassadors for several years. She has been Superintendent of the 7 and 8 yr. old Primary Department in our Sunday School for the past 37 years; also served two terms as Deaconess of our church.

The Lord's Day

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20, 1967

SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . 9:45 A.M.

MORNING WORSHIP . . . 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
Call To Worship—"All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name" (Coronation)
Invocation
Welcome and Recognitions
Hymn—"How Firm A Foundation" No. 263
Scripture Reading Romans 8
Hymn—"My Faith Looks Up To Thee" No. 257
Offertory
Choral Worship—"To Thee We Sing"

The Reverend and Mrs. Oscar Creech

"The Beloved Pastor, First Baptist Church"—Rev. W. Isaac Terrell
"Promoter, Roanoke-Chowan Hospital"—Mr. William R. Raynor
"Rev. Oscar Creech And Chowan College"—Dr. Bruce Whitaker
"Rev. Oscar Creech, Denominational Servant"—Dr. M. A. Huggins
"Mrs. Oscar Creech, Beloved Pastor's Wife"—Mrs. E. H. Freeman
"The Oscar Creech Scholarship"—Mr. Alvin C. Newsome
"A Memento Of The Day"—Mr. Walter Pritchard

Invitation Hymn—"A Charge To Keep, I Have" No. 358
Benediction Rev. Oscar Creech
Choral Response
Postlude

CHAPEL CHOIR REHEARSAL . . . 5:00 P.M.

Baptist Training Union Snack . . . 6:00 P.M.

EVENING WORSHIP . . . 6:30 P.M.

MESSAGE—"A Great Text" Pastor
CHORAL WORSHIP—"Battle Hymn Of The Republic" Ringwald

BAPTIST TRAINING UNION 7:00 P.M.

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OUR CHURCH STAFF

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August 13, 1967

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP:	1323
Resident	1032
Non-Resident	291

SUNDAY SCHOOL:	
Enrollment	1032
Attendance	356

TRAINING UNION:	
Enrollment	152
Attendance	65

CHURCH CALENDAR

This Week

WEDNESDAY:

7:30—Mid-week Worship

THURSDAY:

2:00-4:00—Library open

8:00—Church Choir Rehearsal

FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers which add to the spirit of worship today were given by Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Mizelle and Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Parker.

We express grateful appreciation to these members for this floral offering

An OSCAR For OSCAR

What is an Oscar?

I. Name derived from Oscar Pione or OSCAR Ashe, an Australian actor, in 1936.

Any annual award for Notable Achievement. Specifically, an Oscar was a golden statuette awarded by a professional organization for Notable Achievement in motion pictures, or, possibly, some other organization.

I did not bring one to present:
Can you think of this Church or the B.S.C. presenting such an award?
For this Brother Oscar does not need it.
A For Higher Award wants him.

II → His Preparation

1. Wake 4th vest? 2. Castalia as Sch. Sept
3. Nashville, Subst. of Pub. Schools & Regular Preaching
4. Attended S. B. H. Seminary
5. Returned as Pastor, Nashville Ch.
6. Pastor at Red Oak, 7 years
7. Shastie, 1925 to 1951
8. Channon College and Preaching
1951 to Present
(over)

III A Charismatic leader

Charis, Charisma - Charismatic

A spiritual Gift, or talent, regarded as Divinely Granted to a Person.

As a token of GRACE, and favor of ultimate Value, and endowed with the Capacity for eliciting popular Support in the leadership and direction, of Human affairs.

A transfer of the Charis of CHARISMA from the PERSON of the leader to the movement as a whole.

IV - Protagonist

A spokesman for a Cause and a participant in it

The History & our writing.

From 1727, or 1729, to 1930

Two Hundred Years and, at least, 200 Protagonists of the Missionary Baptists Denomination.



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