

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1958

HONOR TO SCARBOROUGH

Lafayette St. Church Plans Laymen's Night

Lafayette St. Methodist Church will observe Laymen's Night this evening and the guest of honor will be the H. T. Scarborough Class — one of the oldest Bible classes in the area.

In a way the event might be considered a milestone in the life of one of the pillars of the church. For it was approximate-



H. T. SCARBOROUGH

ly 40 years ago when H. T. Scarborough, the teacher who is still going strong, started his favorite activity of teaching Sunday School at the church.

"It's what you might call a hobby and a life's study for me," Mr. Scarborough said. "I don't belong to any clubs or organizations and teaching always has been my specialty, I guess."

Mr. Scarborough was a country school teacher in Houston and Geneva counties for a number of years before entering the hardware business at Ashford in about 1915.

He came to Dothan in 1919 to join the E. R. Porter Hardware Co. and it was about that time that he joined the Lafayette St. church and became a teacher.

His class, containing from 50 to 60 members, are men from 30 to 60 years old. Their recent projects have included providing medicine for a man who was dying of cancer and the purchase of a new carpet for the sanctuary.

"We're just doing what we can," the teacher commented.

Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough (the former Miss Lennie Smith) live at 612 Collins St. They have two sons, Cullen G. and Seth Scarborough and five grandchildren who Mr. Scarborough described as being "the biggest assets in our lives."

Scarborough Begins 50th Year Teaching

Fifty years have a lot of Sundays to teach a Church School class. But that is H. T. Scarborough's record. Today he begins his Golden Anniversary year in the post at Lafayette Street United Methodist Church.

His class has 75 enrolled with 50 in average attendance. This is the largest in town, Mr. Scarborough admitted, and is contrary to the modern trend to smaller classes and discussion groups. But the men in his class don't want to be "promoted."

In fact, their regard for him is so great that about 25 years ago they changed the name to the H. T. Scarborough Sunday School Class in his honor.

A native of Wicksburg, Mr. Scarborough taught school in the county for a few years, then went into the hardware business in Ashford. He came to Dothan in 1919 to work at Porter Hardware—and he's still there, now as a co-manager. Shortly afterward he began teaching Sunday School.

He and Mrs. Scarborough have two sons, Cullen, an instructor at Wallace Junior College, and Seih who is employed



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at Hayes International Corp. They also boast five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Through the years, many of the city's most prominent men have been in Mr. Scarborough's class. The current roster includes Bill Miner, Jim Bottoms, Dick Beauchamp, Emmett Cook, Clyde Coe, Judge Albert Logue, Rep. Bob Stembridge and former sheriff James Herring.

How has he found time to teach for so many years? Well, for one thing Mr. Scarborough has concentrated on his class. He belongs to no clubs, he has no hobbies.

Each morning he rises at 5 o'clock and for six days in every week, he spends a half-hour studying his Sunday School lesson. On Sunday mornings his study session lasts two hours.

It's been the little things through the years that have kept him going, Mr. Scarborough acknowledged. Like the man who told him he had just been to a local store and given the manager 25 cents to pay for an item he shoplifted years ago. And all because of the class's influence.

Or the former member who told him, in tears, that he had just been down to get his wife out of jail on a drunk charge. "I've strayed from the way I learned in your class, but I'm

coming back just as soon as I can," the man promised. Mr. Scarborough is still hoping he will.

Mr. Scarborough's class believes in having fun and making jokes at their own — and their teacher's — expense. At a recent social Judge Logue referred to his habit of making frequent references to his wife: "Lennie said this," or "Lennie thinks that."

"I've discovered," Logue told the crowd, "that Lennie is the real teacher — he is just the talker!" No one laughed louder than Mr. Scarborough.

This morning in the 10:50 o'clock service, Mr. Scarborough will be introduced from the pulpit and honored by the members of his church.

A recent visitor asked Mr. Scarborough for his favorite Scripture verse. It is, "In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths."

It is also this dedicated Sunday School teachers' rule for living.

Dothan Natives Going To Israel As Missionaries

The Rev. Charles Worthy and Mrs. Worthy, Dothan natives, will go to Israel next spring as Southern Baptist missionaries.

They will receive their appointments Tuesday night in Richmond, Va., by the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Knowles, Mrs. Worthy's parents, will attend the ceremonies.

The Worthys returned to this country last September after spending five years in Germany. He was pastor of an English-speaking church there.

In recent months he has been associated with McLain Psychiatric Hospital in Boston as an aide and has audited some classes at Harvard University, as well as doing supply preaching.

The Worthys have two children, Sharon, 2; and Scott, 10 months. Mr. Worthy is the son of Mrs. Edwin Worthy of 306 N. Lena St.

Hughes To Serve Missionary Term

Elder James D. Hughes, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry D.

Hughes of Dothan, recently began serving two years as a missionary representative for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon.)

After indoctrination at Salt Lake City, Utah, Elder Hughes will travel in the northern states serving his church. He is a 1967 graduate of Dothan High School and completed a year's study at George Wallace Junior College.



HUGHES

Student Accepts Marianna Church

MARIANNA — The Rev. David C. Curry has resigned at New Hope Baptist Church to accept the pastorate of Southside Baptist Church, Marianna, effective Oct. 20.

A Baptist Bible Institute student, he had served New Hope for 26 months. The church is



ACCEPTS CALL

The Rev. J. C. Evans is new pastor of the Enterprise Baptist Church of Ashford. A student at Baptist Bible Institute, he served the Caryville, Fla., Baptist Church last year. He and Mrs. Evans have three sons, Donie, 11, and

in Florida. Mr. Curry is a sergeant major in military intelligence when he retired from the Army

Curry have two children, John D., 13, and Kathryn, 12. The family will move to Marianna

Daleville Men Elect Officers

DALEVILLE — More than a score of men met Sunday morning to elect officers for the Baptist Men's group at the Daleville Baptist Church. Officers include Ron A. Brooks, president; Ercell Hudson, vice-president; Tom Britt, secretary; R. A. Leader, Raymond

Deluna; mission study leader, Bob Roby; and mission action leader, Leroy Twilley.

After breakfast prepared by Marvin Barber and Bob Fetter, out-going president Twilley challenged the men to more effective action.

The men voted to furnish drivers for the church's newly

acquired youth bus. The Rev. J. E. Hardwick is pastor.

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Ground broken at last for high rise for elderly

By JULIE SWEENEY

More than two years after a press release stated construction would begin shortly on a high rise for the elderly, ground has been broken at the site for the complex to be constructed on South St. Andrews Street between Lafayette and Washington Streets.

The projected completion date for construction of the eight-story, 120-unit housing complex for the elderly which includes twin towers

and a recreational facility is set for next October.

The complex to be built at a total cost in excess of \$2.9 million will be named for the late J.L. Vaughn and the community building to be built in conjunction with the complex will be named for H.T. Scarborough.

Dothan Housing Authority Executive Director Paul E. Carpenter said he has reported 8,632 different starting dates for the project

since the press release of July 6, 1978 stated construction would begin shortly.

Under heavily clouded skies, Jim Lambert, chairman of DHA, remarked, "Although the sun isn't shining here, it certainly is on the DHA." He thanked everyone who worked to make the project a reality.

Carpenter described Lambert as "totally

dedicated to making safe and decent housing at an affordable rent."

Vice Chairman of DHA G. Marvin Lewis made remarks about J.L. Vaughn, who came to Dothan in 1909 as a bookkeeper for a local financial institution. He subsequently worked for several Dothan businesses and was employed by the City of Dothan for 23 years.

Lewis told those at the ceremony a classroom bears his name at First Baptist Church, where he taught a Sunday School class for many years.

most patience and determination of any man I've ever known."

Mayor James W. Grant III, reassured by the ground breaking the high rise would soon be a reality, said, "I knew one day we were going to get started although we might have had to go out there and build it ourselves. We don't want to get satisfied with this one project. This is one of ten projects."

Floyd Nichols, deputy

manager for the Housing and Urban Development area office, commented, "This dedication has impressed upon me the importance of perseverance. Sometimes we become impatient, but Paul Carpenter has stuck it out."

He added that the ultimate goal of DHA and HUD is "to provide decent, safe, sanitary housing at an affordable price for every household in this community."

Dan Gibson, president of Albert G. Smith Co. of Birmingham, the firm contracted to build the complex, said, "We look forward to building in Dothan. It's a beautiful city to build in. We don't want to let anyone down because we want to be recognized as a contractor that you'll want to

return to Dothan."

Gibson spoke about the 12-month completion deadline, commenting, "It looks like we are going to have to put up a dome over the site to be finished in eight months, but I'm sure we'll be finished in 12 months."



Groundbreaking happy event for city officials

Dothan Housing Authority and City of Dothan officials were happy to finally break ground for the high rise for the elderly. Taking part in

the ceremony were, from left: Jim Lambert, chairman of DHA; Paul Carpenter, executive director of

DHA; Marvin Lewis, vice chairman of DHA; and Jimmy Grant.

Larry Register, a member of Scarborough's Sunday School class at Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, introduced the man for whom the recreational building is to be named.

He said Scarborough, who worked for E.R. Porter Hardware for more than 56 yards, has never had "splotches found against his name."

He noted Scarborough's contributions to the community through writing histories of Porter Hardware, his church and his Sunday School class.

In appreciative response to Register's introduction, Scarborough said, "Thank you and may the Lord bless and keep you."

DHA attorney H. Guy Hardwick commended Carpenter's perseverance with the long awaited project when he said, "Paul Car-



Scarborough appreciates honor

H.T. Scarborough, for whom the community building to be constructed in conjunction with the high rise for the elderly is to be named, made remarks of appreciation about the honor bestowed upon him.

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Waddell wins Seniors' quilt

Sheriff A.B. Clark was chosen to draw the winner's name for a quilt made by the Senior Citizens Quilting Bees' at the Doug Tew Center. The winner was Emory Waddell of Cromwell Drive in Dothan. The Senior Citizens would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who made a donation and to extend their congratulations to Waddell.

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Scarborough family holds 42nd reunion

Descendants of the late George F. and Emma Scarborough held their 42nd reunion recently at the Doug Tew Community Center.

A sketch of the family background was given by H.T. Scarborough, only surviving child of the family of 13. The Rev. George Scarborough, a grandson, led the invocation.

Attending were Lumas McLaney, Deloris McLaney, Irving Sewell, Lois Sewell, Iva Sewell, Boyce Sewell, Lydia Ammons, Philip Scarborough, Philip Scarborough Jr., Reginald McLaney, Marie Shipley McLaney, George Scarborough, Boots Scarborough, Georgie Scarborough Thorne, Tony Thorne, Jessica Thorne, Marie Powers, Harvey Sewell, Wade Sewell, Pat Sewell, Anessa Sewell, Celeste Sewell, Joe Sewell, Joyce Sewell, Sonia Sewell, and Amy Jo Sewell.

Also, Harvey T. Scarborough, James F. Whatley, George Rogers, Dianna Rogers, George Rogers Jr., Jeff Rogers, dawn Rogers, Lorene Scarborough, Cullen Scarborough, Roney Powers, Betty Powers, Amy Powers, Hoyt Scarborough, Merrill Scarborough, Truman and Elaine Scarborough, Marilyn Scarborough, Michael Scarborough, Willie Dale Strickland, Maude McGowan, and Imogene

Wiggins.

Others attending included Ruby C. Newton, Eldora C. Johnston, Linda McDonald, Todd McDonald, Connie Scarborough, Dallas Scarborough, James Terry Scarborough, Maurice Fletcher, Sarah (Lee) Fletcher, Marsha Scarborough, Blaine Campbell, Brent Campbell, B.R. (Tabe) McLaney, Jerry F. Watson, Mary C. Watson, Joey D. McLaney, Timmy McLaney, Randall McLaney, Sheila McLaney, Michelle McLaney, Edward Scarborough, Dora Scarborough, and Bruce Scarborough.

Also, Howard Sewell, Miriam Nall, Pamela Nall, Tommy Bass, Jerrie Bass, Matthew Bass, Billy Ammons, Niria Ammons, Jennifer Ammons, John Paul Scarborough, Helen Scarborough, Jeff Scarborough, Alan Scarborough, Paul Scarborough, Annie Stevens, Robert Earl Money, Sue Money, Melissa Money, Jack Scarborough, Maxine Scarborough, Tommy Scarborough, Dianne Scarborough, Gavin Whatley, Sharon Whatley, the Rev. and Mrs. Lunie Caraway.

Others attending included Melinda Watkins, Craig Watkins, David Scarborough, Ashley Scarborough, Leah Scarborough, Patrick Scarborough, Milton and Lillian Holloway, Buena Holloway, Allie B. McLaney, JoAnn Ammons, Jerry Ammons, Greg Ammons, Gayle Ammons, Ernest Hawkins, S.T.B. Hawkins, Seth Scarborough, and Mary Nell Scarborough. Visitors were Susan Parks and Lois Trammell.

The 43rd reunion will be held July 31, 1983 at the Tew Community Center.



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H.T. Scarborough

ONE OF Dothan's most prominent citizens was laid to rest Sunday. In the legacy of Mr. Harvey Thomas Scarborough are numbers the ordinary man during his sojourn in this life seldom matches.

Mr. Scarborough was 98 when he died and had lived in Dothan for 96 of those years. A fixture at Porter Hardware Co., he worked there 56 years. He began teaching Sunday School classes at his beloved Lafayette Street Methodist Church — they have since added "United" — in 1920 and was still teaching 65 years

later, stopping only because of poor health.

In 1952, that class was named the H.T. Scarborough Bible Class and is still active.

Mr. Scarborough was a historian of no small repute. Blessed with an alert mind all his life, he was the authority many turned to when compiling Dothan's early history. He also was an authority on the comings and goings at Lafayette Street Methodist.

A city pioneer, a landmark, a valuable asset, a grand old man. Dothan lost all those with the passing of H.T. Scarborough.