

# Knight Replaces Spong As Head Of Health Unit

Herbert J. Knight was elected president of the Rocky Mount Mental Health Association Monday night at the annual meeting of the Association's board of Directors.

Controller of the Belk-Tyler Stores, Knight will succeed the Rev. William C. Spong as president of the Association on January 1, 1963, and thereby becomes the second president of the new association here.

During the first year of operation of the Association, Knight served as chairman of the Association's campaign committee.

Other officers elected at the meeting held at the Rocky Mount Health Department were H. Reavis Nelson and Austin J. Simpson, vice-presidents.

Thirty-eight persons were elected to positions on the board of directors of the Association at the meeting. Named for three year terms were Dr. Harry G. Fish, Jr., Dr. Leon W. Robertson, R. D. Armstrong, W. W. Holmes, W. R. Burnette, Dr. J. S. Chambliss, Howard Haynes, Mrs. W. R. Tweedy, Mrs. Mayo Riddie, Mrs. Phyllis Casper, Miss Jean Williams, and Mrs. Henry Treathan.

Elected for two year terms as directors were the Rev. T. J. C. Smyth, Kenneth Sutton, Dr. L. F. Armstrong, the Rev. J. E. C. Harris, Mrs. Herbert J. Knight, Rabbi Israel Sarason, W. L. Thorp, Miss Kate Parks Kitchin, Dr. O. E. Bell, Dr. H. B. Grant, Mrs. William Draper, the Rev. James Costen, and Russell Buxton.

Elected to serve one year terms as directors were Mrs. Priscilla Ballance, C. M. Edson, the Rev. Frank Leggett, Frank Baldwin, D. S. Johnson, W. W. Winborne, Dr. Allen Whitaker, Miss Elizabeth Arrington, Mrs. J. R. Bennett, Dr. Jack W. Moore, the Rev. Charles McLaughlin, William H. Batchelor, and Mrs. J. Bennett Jenkins.

In other action at the meeting, the directors adopted a special resolution praising Mr. Spong for his outstanding leadership as head of the Association during the past year. The local minister will leave Rocky Mount on December 31 to move to Durham where he will become hospital chaplain to Episcopalians in hospitals in the Research Triangle area.

A budget totaling \$3,000 for 1963 was approved by the directors at the meeting. The Rocky Mount Mental Health Association is an agency of the Rocky Mount United Fund.



**GIFT FOR COLLEGE** — Carolina Wesleyan President Thomas A. Collins (right) and W. Jasper Smith, comptroller, give smiling scrutiny of Sears grant while Henry C. Harris (left), local Sears manager, joins in as Wesleyan receives part of college fund allocated in new program. (Telegram Photo by Killebrew)

# Carolina Wesleyan To Share In Grant From Sears, Roebuck

Sears, Roebuck and Co this week will begin the distribution of almost \$500,000 in unrestricted grants under a new program of aid to private supported colleges and universities, H. C. Harris, local Sears manager, said today. One of the recipients is Carolina Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount.

In announcing the distribution of the 1962 grants, Harris said they are for the purpose of helping these institutions meet their increasingly critical financial needs.

Under the new Sears program, ten participating colleges and universities in North Carolina will share in grants totaling \$15,000. In the Rocky Mount area, Wesleyan will receive grants totaling \$2,000.

Altogether under the program, 557 colleges and universities from coast to coast will receive grants. They are unrestricted to allow the schools to allocate their funds in accordance with their greatest needs.

Commenting on the Sears program, Harris noted that corporate giving to private higher education must increase from its current annual level of \$200 million to \$500 million by the end of this decade if these schools are properly to discharge their educational obligations to American society.

Sears intends to continue its program so long as business conditions permit, he added.

In addition to the company's new program of aid to education, another \$700,000 will be given in 1962 to institutions of higher learning by The Sears-Roebuck Foundation, the non-profit corporation endowed by Sears to carry on charitable, scientific, and educational programs.

President Thomas A. Collins expressed his appreciation declaring, "This represents regional recognition of the outstanding work of Carolina Wesleyan College. The continuing support of the local community will aid in the growth of the College. Mr. Henry C. Harris has rendered a distinctive personal service to the community by his encouragement of this support."

In addition to Sears, Roebuck and Co.'s aid-to-education program, a variety of scholarship programs are sponsored by the Sears-Roebuck Foundation. For 1962-63, an estimated 650 students of agriculture and home economics will receive scholarships under a Foundation program which is administered through the nation's land-grant colleges. Since its inception in 1936 through 1962, more than 21,500 deserving students have received these scholarship awards.

In 1962, the Foundation also awarded an estimated 240 scholarships to qualified graduating high school seniors in leading metropolitan areas of the country. Altogether more than 3,000 students have received these grants since the program's start in 1942.

A total of more than 50 scholarships and fellowships also were awarded this year through other Foundation scholarship programs. These are programs administered through the National Merit Scholarship Corp., the National 4-H Service Committee, Inc., and a \$700,000 graduate fellowship program for students in the field of city planning and urban renewal.

The Foundation's program with the National Merit Scholarship Corp. alone has resulted in the awarding of more than 470 scholarships since its start in 1956 through 1962.

Foundation expenditures in 1962 in aid to education will exceed \$700,000.

# School Board Handles Varied Items; Check Signing Machine Is Proposed

As the Rocky Mount City School system grows, there's an increased number of checks to be signed monthly.

All checks require signatures of School Board Chairman William R. Coleman and Superintendent D. S. Johnson.

Monday night the school board moved to use a signature machine to save Coleman's writing hand and to speed school business. The finance committee will study the proposal and report the details at the regular meeting in January. (The school board will not meet in December "unless necessary.")

Coleman and Johnson told board members the number of monthly checks was part of the problem. Another part is the trouble, inconvenience and time limitations of getting the checks to Coleman at his business office or at his home. After he signs them they are returned to the school administration office to be mailed.

Johnson said signing checks and keeping up with them is part of his job as superintendent. Coleman is board chairman in addition to his private business. Johnson suggested the signature machine as an aid to Coleman, not himself.

"I go through all the checks anyway, so it is just as easy for me to give them (the checks) a live signature," Johnson said.

Donald Wilhalp, however, suggested Johnson use the signature machine to save him time. "You can use that time on other business," Wilhalp said.

Coleman and Johnson agreed this would be feasible for some checks, such as pay checks. Other checks should have personal inspection by the superintendent, if not his live signature, Coleman implied.

Checks drawn on the local school board funds also require Mrs. Frances Speight's signature. She is office manager and school board treasurer. Checks drawn on state school funds require Coleman and Johnson's signatures, not Mrs. Speight's.

Alexander Biggs of Spruill, Thorp, Trotter and Biggs law firm (school board attorneys) said signature machines were legal providing a \$10,000 forgery deposit bond protects the state school fund and providing the local school board covers itself by bond. Law requires value of the local bond to be set by the local board. Bonds are to be for three-year periods.

"Nash County (school board) has been using a signature machine for about a year," Biggs said. "They use it for both the chairman and superintendent." Law also requires one person be responsible for the use and protection of the machine.

Biggs suggested a committee work with him to draw up the resolution dictating the use of the signature machine and who will be custodian of the machine.

The \$10,000 bond will cost about \$92 for three years. Cost of the machine is about \$223.

**TEACHER EVALUATION**

During her report on the N. C. Association of School Boards meeting in Chapel Hill last month, Mrs. W. P. Greathouse, distributed teacher evaluation forms. She said the forms were sent to her from Cherryville upon request.

"You can look at them and read them if you want to," Mrs. Greathouse said. "I'm not asking you do anything about them."

The forms were discussed at one of the association's workshops, and Mrs. Greathouse asked copies be sent to her.

In sending the forms the Cherryville school board said it was not to be considered an expert on teacher evaluation forms. The forms are ones devised and revised for use in Cherryville and may not be suitable to other situations, the accompanying letter said.

Superintendent Johnson said teacher evaluation forms are not used in Rocky Mount. Each principal meets with his teachers and individual teachers may or may not be discussed during Johnson's annual teacher hiring meeting with principals.

**ACCEPTS SCHOOL**

The board voted to accept George R. Edwards Junior High School from the contractors. The acceptance will become official when the contractors have made corrections and repairs to the satisfaction of the architect and when the State Board of Education's Division of School Planning approves the building.

Pegram said the re-roofing of the central kitchen will cost less than \$3,000. His first estimate was about \$4,000.

Pegram recommended the board not lay an additional sidewalk at Fairview School. The Fairview PTA asked for the sidewalk, but Pegram said the nearby sidewalk laid by the city is sufficient.

No action was taken on janitors' fee for opening the Rocky Mount Senior High School gymnasium for the City Basketball League games. No rent is charged for gym. Usually janitors' fee is paid from building rental fees.

The Edwards Junior High sound system will be installed soon. Duquesne equipment will be used, and cost will be within \$400 of the original equipment.

The equipment was to have been installed before the school opened in August. Contractual and financial troubles between the company furnishing the equipment and the company installing the equipment have caused the delay.

Pegram said the delay now was "a matter of bonding" the contractor.

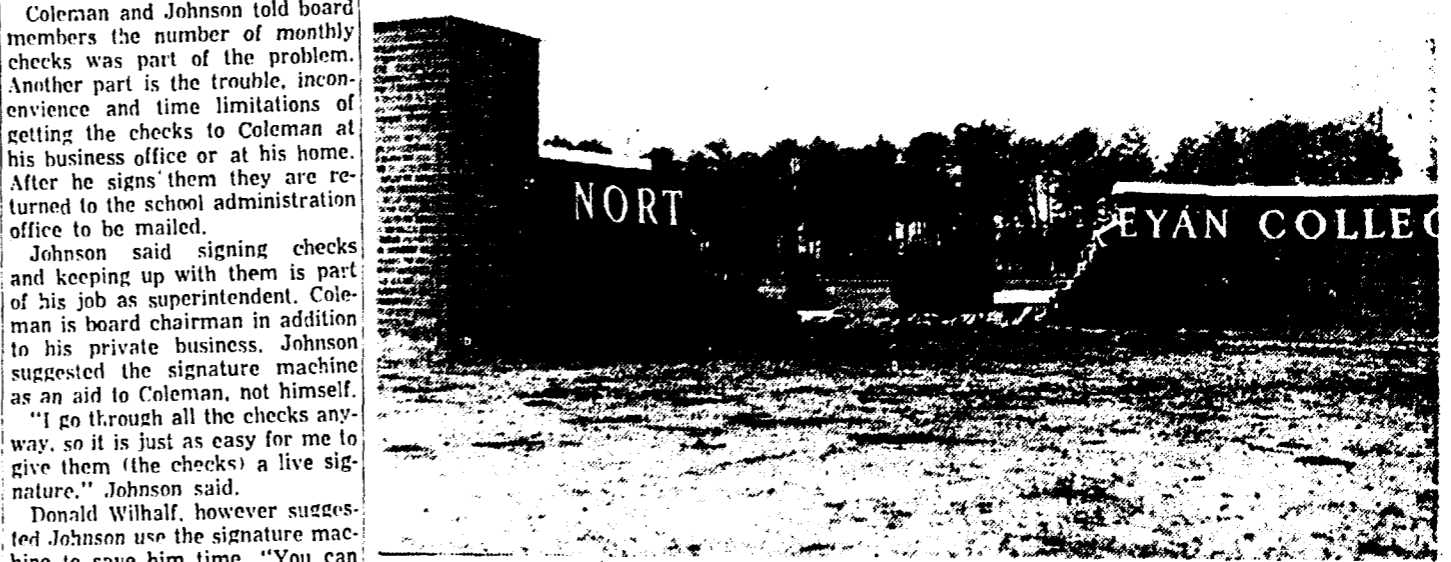
**TO LEASE LAND**

The board voted to lease a strip of land on N. Raleigh to Vance A. Powell for \$120 a year. By state law the school board may not rent or lease its property for more than a year. Powell, through Wimberley and Gregory representatives, requested a 10-year lease.

The land is an access to O. R. Pope School. Powell will lease the property if he negotiates to lease the Tharrington property next to the school land.

Other business the board handled during its regular meeting was the following:

1. Approved the attendance of Superintendent Johnson to the Winter Superintendents Conference in Durham, Dec. 4-6, at estimated expense of \$30.
2. Rented the Englewood School auditorium to the Englewood-Westwood Baptist Mission for church services in December and January at \$21.50 a service.
3. Approved teacher and school personnel payroll deductions for U. S. savings bonds purchases.
4. Mrs. Phillis M. Weldon was hired as secretary to Mrs. Speight at \$225 a month.
5. Mrs. Ruth Bunn of the R. M. Wilson Junior High School was raised \$10 to give her a monthly salary of \$125.
6. Mrs. Linda Armstrong, Johnson's secretary, was raised \$15 to give a monthly salary of \$215.
7. Miss Joanne Hill, school administration bookkeeper, was raised \$25 to give a monthly salary of \$225.



**WALL DOWN** — The entrance wall on the south side of the drive into Carolina Wesleyan College, constructed only a few months ago, was damaged Monday morning when a pickup truck went out of control on US 301 and left the highway. A hole about 12 feet wide was knocked through the wall by the careening vehicle. One man suffered broken ribs and a broken shoulder in the accident. The four Negroes on the vehicle were hauling household furnishings to South Carolina. The driver was charged with reckless driving. (Telegram photo by Killebrew)

# Moliere's Play To Be Offered

Moliere's comedy, "Tartuffe," will be presented at Carolina Wesleyan College Dec. 7 and 8 by the Wesleyan Players, the college's dramatic group.

The play will be performed in the Student Union building and will use the arena style of production whereby the audience is seated on all sides of the stage.

The play is a spoof on religious hypocrisy as France's greatest playwright, Moliere, saw it in the days of Louis XIV. Tartuffe is a fraud who assumes the mask of piety in order to trick the hapless Orgon out of his valuable property. His attempt is ruined however, by his mistimed advance upon the wife of his would-be victim.

When first presented in France in 1664, Tartuffe drew such a howl of protest from offended stuffshirts that it had to be taken from the stage for five years. King Louis XIV eventually decided a good laugh was worth more than a few punctured prides and suppressed the objections.

Every year since 1664 audiences all over the world have reaped the benefits of that royal sense of humor. Tartuffe has been performed more times than any other of Moliere's world famous comedies. The Wesleyan Players' production will be costumed in the style of the period, 17th century French.

The cast is a combination of Wesleyan students and members of the Rocky Mount community. They are Joan Bass, Daisy Thorp, Ray Wilkinson, Larry Gupton, Royal Brown, Wanda Exum, Dorcas Moore, Randy King, Jeff Griffin, David Caison and John Eilers. Brenda Robinson is stage manager.

The production is directed by Wallace Johnson, instructor of drama at Wesleyan. The December production will be the first production offered at the college.

Tickets went on public sale at 9 a.m. today in the college bookshop and the two downtown Rocky Mount box offices at Rose's Drug Store and the Appliance and Tire Center.

All seats for the performances are \$1 general admission. Due to the unusual seating arrangement, all seats will be within a few feet of the performers.

# Rev. Thomas Haggai Belk-Tyler Speaker At Christmas Party

The Rev. Thomas Stephens Haggai, High Point minister and public relations authority, will be the speaker here tonight for the annual Christmas party of the local Belk-Tyler organization. The supper meeting will be held at 7 o'clock at Buck Overton's.

The Rev. Mr. Haggai is pastor of the Emerywood Baptist Church in High Point and devotes his ministry outside the pulpit to the Belk family of stores in a speaking and public relations capacity.

The speaker is a native of Michigan and comes from a family of preachers, being the son and brother of a minister. He doubled the membership while serving as pastor of the West End Baptist Church in Rock Hill, S. C., and the membership at the High Point church has jumped from 41 when he took the pastorate in 1956 to more than 700 members today.

Mr. Haggai was "Young Man of the Year" in Rock Hill in 1955 and has been active in civic affairs as chaplain of the Jaycees, a Rotary member of the High Point Health Board, pastor advisor of the High Point College B. S. U. board member of the YMCA, the Executive Club, Salvation Army and the Boy Scout Council.

Of Mr. Haggai, the editor of the High Point Enterprise, Holt McPherson, said, "I am pleased to see Tom Haggai extending his pulpit, for he has long been High Point's finest ambassador of good will."

# Different Plan For H. S. Show

House lights dim, foot lights on, curtain up! And there is the scene that one usually has for two hours of entertainment when you see a stage show done by non professionals.

But that is not the case in "If a Man Answers," the play to be presented Friday and Saturday nights at Senior High by the Edsonians.

In this production they are working in three playing areas for the first time in many years. Another thing that is different about this play is that the main playing is not the usual living room, but is a commercial photographer's studio. Variety is obtained by one of the scenes being on a park bench in New York in front of the public library and another is a section of the Stacey home in Boston.

The actors and actresses who "speak the lines" in a play are the ones who get the applause from the audience, but few people realize the importance of the production crew. Building the set, collecting the props, coordinating the costumes, handling the lights and sound in a production as large as this takes many hours of hard work, devoted people who are at every rehearsal putting in just as many hours as the "stars." For the past several years, the drama department has made a trip to New York to see the Broadway shows and to go back stage to study the sets. Now they are incorporating some of the ideas they have seen into their own productions.

Senior High has gained recognition in the past years for having exceptional sets, ranging from the deck of a ship to the lobby of a hotel. This year promises to be no exception. When you applaud the "stars," remember that if it weren't for the production crew, there could be no play.

# New Look Assured In Central Kitchen

Cleaner, brighter dishes will be coming out of the Rocky Mount City Schools' central kitchen after Christmas holidays.

The city school board voted Monday night to buy a new dishwasher which will pre-dash, double wash and double rinse 4,000 to 7,000 dishes an hour.

It will replace the kitchen's present dishwasher which cleans 350 dishes an hour. The kitchen uses about 3,500 dishes daily for the lunch program.

Reporting for Mrs. W. P. Greathouse's cafeteria committee, Elnus W. Pegram, schools administrative assistant, said the 20-foot-long machine will cost between \$7,000 and \$9,000. The board's vote was for a low bid.

Pegram will consult dishwasher firms, accept the low price and ask for installation during the December holidays.

Pegram said the high-speed washer is recommended by state and local health authorities.

The present washer requires manual pre-washing. In addition to freeing personnel for food preparation, the proposed washer's pre-wash cycle and four other cleaning cycles will meet suggested sanitation requirements.

The present washer cleans one dish or tray in less than a minute. The five-cycle washer allows two minutes on each dish or tray. The kitchen uses partitioned trays as dishes.

The cost will be deducted from the cafeteria fund. The present washer will be moved to Edwards Junior High School cafeteria. It will be used to clean some of the dishes before they are returned to the central kitchen.

Mrs. Greathouse summarized cafeteria finances as having an October income of \$4,508.89. Net worth in October was \$13,724.98. The year's deficit of \$1,488.19 comes from payroll and other expenses in July and August when cafeterias had no income.

# Crime In State Lower In List

Crime in the United States is increasing faster than the normal population increase, but North Carolina is below the national average, according to a State Bureau of Investigation agent.

Jim Durham, SBI crime laboratory senior agent, spoke to the Current Topics Club in the YMCA Monday night.

Durham and his laboratory assist law enforcement agencies in North Carolina. He said any case may involve documentary evidence of involvement and printing machines, such as typewriters and check-writing machines.

Durham said some clues of detection are degree of penmanship, writing size, line quality, proportion of capital letters to small letters and punctuation. Idiosyncrasies of writer aid in documentation also.

In typewriter detection the typewriter make is determined with a catalog. Other aids are type style, malmanagement of characters, defective letters, carbon bond (blackening of parts of letters), total letter impression and pattern caused by jammed keys.

Vice President Mack Livesay introduced Durham. Ray Watson, president, presided.

# Thieves Visit Two Schools On Holidays

Two city schools were broken into during the Thanksgiving holiday recess, but nothing was reported stolen.

Police investigation Monday showed that drawers and cabinets were pried open and offices ransacked in both the O. R. Pope School and the J. W. Parker Junior High School.

After gaining entrance to Pope School, the culprit broke door panes to the office and entered. He also entered 5th grade rooms.

At the junior high school, the culprit entered an unlocked window.

It was not known if both break-ins were by the same parties.

Police detectives are continuing their investigation.

# Only Five Cases In Court Today

Five cases were presented before Judge Tom H. Matthews in today's session of City Court.

Cases presented by Solicitor Jim Bunn and their dispositions were: Jennie H. Vawn, 1305 Gay Street, failing to stop for a stop sign — submitted \$9.25.

Willie Lewis Davis, colored, Route 1, Battleboro, public drunk — submitted \$14.25.

Walter J. Umstead, colored, Route 2, Rocky Mount, failing to stop for a stop sign — submitted \$9.25.

Byde D. Dowdy, Nashville — peddling — submitted \$20.25.

Amos L. Keel, 1230 S. Main Street, drunk — submitted \$14.25.

# Dr. King Speaks In City Tonight

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Rocky Mount Voters and Improvement League tonight at the Booker T. Washington Senior High School gymnasium. The program is scheduled for 8 p.m.

The appearance of Dr. King will be the first in this section of the state since he came into the spotlight several years ago in the field of human rights. Dr. W. T. Armstrong, vice president of the local organization, will preside at tonight's session, and the Rev. George W. Dudley, league president, will introduce Dr. King. Also on the program will be Mayor W. B. Harrison, who will officially welcome the visitor to Rocky Mount.

A choir of more than 100 voices, directed by William T. Grimes, will furnish the music.

Preparations are being made to accommodate approximately 1,500 persons.

Gymnasium doors will open at 7 p.m. No admission will be charged, and the seats will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

# Accountant Tells Rotary About Taxes

William P. (Bill) Greathouse, local public accountant, talked to the Rotary Club at its regular Monday luncheon meeting about a subject not necessarily close to the members' hearts, but close to their pocketbooks.

He spoke on the new tax laws.

According to the speaker, there are more major changes in the new tax laws than in any year since 1954. The major emphasis in his discussion was the subject of depreciation as applied to business property. He also gave new guidelines established to help settle any controversy relative to the depreciation life on business equipment. Some of the new laws may simplify the figuring of depreciation but not necessarily reduce the taxes paid.

Greathouse said that there has been much talk about reduced taxes next year, but that nothing concrete has been done about it to date. With this expected reduction, it is a good idea for business men to consult with their tax advisers about a possible change to take advantage of any tax savings that might be forthcoming, he said.

It was announced that there would be no meetings of the Rotary Club on Monday, December 24, and Monday, December 31. The annual Christmas auction sale will be held on Monday, December 17.

# Santa Trains To Hear Rev. Page

The Merchants Association reported this morning that some 400 tickets on the first Santa Claus train to be run this Saturday had been sold yesterday when ticket sales opened. They expected the first train would be sold out and that they would get well into the second train this afternoon. Each train holds 700 persons.

The trains are scheduled to run to "Santa Claus Land" at 9 and 10:30 a.m., at noon and at 2 and 3:30 Saturday, provided five trains are needed. Tickets are sold as each train becomes available. All tickets are hand-sold through the Public Office Service on Southeast Main St.

# Overruled

**NASHVILLE** — Humor leaped the bar of justice today in Nash County Superior Court.

Defendant Newsome Robbins, colored, was not represented by a lawyer, and Judge Chester R. Harris told him he had the right to question any of the jurors and dismiss any six of them.

"Can I take 'em out and talk to 'em?" Robbins asked.

When the laughter died down, Robbins changed his question to a plea of guilty, and the judge, still smiling, sentenced him to 12 months on the roads for assault with a deadly weapon.

# Valentine Speaks To Baptist Class

Atty. I. T. Valentine of Nashville will be guest Sunday School teacher this Sunday morning for the Men's Chapel Bible Class of the Rocky Mount First Baptist Church. Valentine will speak of "Trials and the Crucifixion of Christ From a Lawyer's Standpoint."

The public has been invited to attend and hear the guest speaker. The lesson begins at 10 a.m.

# Rev. H. C. Lowder Will Teach Class

The Business and Professional Men's Bible Class meets each Friday at 1 p.m. at the Howard House Cafeteria for the study of the International Sunday School lesson.

The teacher this week will be the Rev. H. C. Lowder of Arlington Street Baptist Church.

All members and friends have been cordially invited to attend.

# Burley Auction

ASHVILLE, N.C. (AP) — Burley tobacco auctions begin today in Asheville, Boone and West Jefferson.

Indications pointed to a record sales year, with the 1962 crop expected to top last year's production by several million pounds.

The 1962 crop looks "very usable," Asheville sales supervisor Alton Boswell said Monday.

# 102nd Birthday

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Lillie Polteiger celebrated her 102nd birthday Monday with reminiscences of how she rode a camel on one phase of a round-the-world trip when she was a chigger 70. She said it was the most unusual experience of her lifetime.

It was a quiet anniversary, spent with her son, Earl, 72, and a daughter, Esther Lafferty, 58. Mrs. Polteiger baked a cake.

"I'm very happy and I'm 70 years old and I'm still in health," she said. "I don't feel too so much as I did when I was 70."