

DEACON MATTHEW T. LEWIS
TESTIMONIAL/APPRECIATION BANQUET

Saturday, April 30, 1994
5:30 o'clock (P.M.)



RAMADA INN
203 W. Greenville Boulevard
Greenville, North Carolina

"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. 1929-1968

PROGRAMME

PRESIDING

Beatrice Maye, Chairperson

MARSHALS

The Reverend and Mrs. Charles M. Dickens

ENTROIT

WELCOME/OCCASION

Beatrice Maye

SOLO

"The Lord's Prayer" - Danny Dupree

THE GRACE

The Reverend Charlie Caldwell, Pastor
York Memorial AME Zion Church
Greenville, North Carolina

THE FESTIVAL OF FOODS

TRIBUTES FROM:

- A Son..... Edward Earl Lewis
 - City Councilman..... Rufus Huggins, Mayor Pro-tem
 - A Fellow Deacon..... Leroy James, Vice Chairman
 - A Former Student/
Stokes Community..... Raymond Carney
Fire Chief, City of Greenville, North Carolina

 - A Teacher..... Rosa Barrett King, Retired
 - A Former Colleague..... The Reverend Ernest McNair
Assistant Principal, North Pitt High School
 - A Successor..... Roscoe Locke, Principal
Belvoir Elementary School
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- The Pitt County Board of Education..... Daniel (Dan) Thomas
Comptroller
- Higher Education..... Dr. Brian Haynes
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Life,
East Carolina University
Greenville, North Carolina
- As Pastor..... The Reverend Dr. Howard W. Parker Jr.

SOLO

"If I Can Help Somebody".... Lester Gardner

RECOGNITIONS

Mavis G. Williams

PRESENTATIONS

Sarah Pritchard

HONOREE'S RESPONSE

Deacon Matthew T. Lewis

REMARKS

The Reverend Dr. Howard Parker Jr.

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Jesse Chadwick

MENU

*Potato Salad - Tossed Salad with House Dressing
Macaroni and Cheese - Lima Beans - Broccoli Casserole
Beef Bourgigonne - Baked Herb Chicken
Baked Bread with Whipped Butter
Assorted Desserts
Coffee and Tea*

A special thanks to our guests, our Contributors, friends and members of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church for your support in making this banquet a huge success.

THE COMMITTEE

Beatrice Maye, Chairperson
Warren Bowman
Raymond Carney
Patricia Clark, Secretary
Zenora Gardner
Dixie Hairston
Dr. Brian Haynes
Ann Huggines
Bettye Jones
Leroy James
Lonnie Norcott
Salley Streeter
Mavis Williams
Mildred Williams

Registrars..... Mr. and Mrs. David Barnhill

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**Biographical Profile
of
Deacon Matthew T. Lewis**

Deacon Matthew T. Lewis, Chairman of the Deacon Board of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, has given his faithful, dedicated and committed service for 62 years. He's the cornerstone, the solid rock, serving the Sunday School Teacher for Class #9 over 35 years, the Church Clerk and his signature appears on all checks along with the financial secretary. Additionally, he's the facilitator/ teacher for the Wednesday night Bible class and Prayer Service.

Having served under four Pastors - the late Reverend J. A. Nimmo, Reverend Charles R. Moseley, the late Reverend B. B. Felder and our present Pastor, Reverend Howard Parker - each spoke (speaks) of his loyalty, cooperative and peaceful, humble spirit, for he's the only officer who's the first to enter and last to leave the grounds regularly, religiously and consecutively.

He was born in Ahoskie, North Carolina, the son of the late James and Annie Lewis, who instilled in him the importance of an education and Christian living.

He matriculated at several schools, including Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina, A & T State University, East Carolina University and the University of Utah.

Deacon Lewis served as teacher and principal at Nichols School, Clemons and Post Oaks (now defunct). In 1952, he was named principal of the newly established Stokes Elementary School where he remained until his retirement in 1977, serving 44 1/2 years in Pitt County Schools, having missed only one day because of family illness. Incredible!

He has held memberships in numerous organizations, professional, civic and political boards and has received many honors and special recognitions within the community. In 1982, the Sycamore Hill Baptist Church cited him as "Father of the Year".

Mr. Raymond Carney, Fire Chief of Greenville, NC, who was reared and attended school in the Stokes Community, under the principalship of Mr. Lewis, states, "He's the only man that I've never heard a negative statement about". What a compliment! Truly, he's the most respected, dependable, Christain gentleman in Sycamore Hill Baptist Church. Everyone loves Mr. Lewis.

Mr. Lewis is married to Mrs. Christine Keys Lewis of Martin County who also taught in the Pitt County Schools until her retirement. They are the parents of four children: Matthew Jr., who is a chemist, now working with the legal department of the Food and Drug Administration; James, a Mechanical engineer with Picating Arsenal in Dover, New Jersey; Edward Earl, an electrical engineer with IBM in the North Carolina Research Triangle and Elizabeth Ann, a social worker with the Department of Social Services in Greensboro, North Carolina. There are eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The children honored their parents on their 60th Wedding Anniversary November 1993, at the Three Steers Restaurant with testimonies, a video recording and a delicious meal with relatives and friends attending. What an exemplary couple/family! To God Be the Glory!

*Compiled by Beatrice Maye
30 April 1994*

The Depression Years: 1932-1934

THIS WAS THEN.

Automobiles

Chevrolet (New) - \$600.00
Chevrolet (Used) - \$200.00

\$ 19,980 (New)
\$ 16,900 (Used)

Clothing - Women

Mink Coat - \$585.00
Silk Stockings - .69
Clothcoat - \$6.98

\$ 5,000.00
3.99
209.00

Furniture

Bedroom set, 8 pieces - \$49.95
Lounge chair - \$19.95
Grand Piano - \$395.00

\$2,500.00
399.00
7,000.00

Miscellaneous

Toothpaste - .25
Razor blades - (10) .49
Cigarettes Pkg. - .15
Gasoline (per gal.) .18
Automobile tire - 6.20

1.39
3.00
1.39
1.04
92.64

Food

Bacon (per lb.) .22
Chicken (per lb.) .22
Milk (1 qt.) - .10
Eggs (per doz.) Medium - .25

1.89
.59
1.59
.75

Bread - .05
Coffee (per lb.) - .26

1.19
2.29

Real Estate

Modern brickhouse, 6 room
Two Car garage (Detroit) - \$2,800.00

\$100,000.00 (rural)
\$150,000.00 (urban)

Travel

New York to Chicago
(Round Trip) - 86.31

\$219.00

Sycamore Hill Baptist Church

Average Church Income (Weekly) - 114.00
Pastor's Salary (Weekly) - 40.00
Pastor's Salary (Monthly) - 120.00
Active Membership - 412
Sunday School (Class #9)
Membership - 12
No. of Auxiliaries - 5
No. of Choirs - 2

2,200.00
555.00
2,200.00
340
28
10
6