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for streets, sewers and the courthouse. After his retirement the first executive secretary of the Vinton Chamber of Commerce helped to form the Vinton Athletic Association and bought an athletic field the land where William Byrd High School was president of the Roanoke-Vinton Baseball League and Vinton baseball club. Also he was called out of retirement time, five months in all, as pastor of Southview Methodist enterprise. His service here culminated in June, 1959 with it by Bishop Garber of a regular pastor. Mr. Leggett later of this Southview Church, actually writing the last part before his death. He wrote earlier the complete and in- of the Thrasher Memorial Church of Vinton.

of this memoir and his daughter enjoyed attending the 50th Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Leggett on December 22, 1959, at their home in Richmond. More than fifty years of active life as a minister of the Gospel and a capable man, still alert and busy, was suddenly stricken in a back in his home and within a few moments his immortal God. He was about six weeks from his eightieth birthday, April 8, 1966. The funeral service was held in Southview Church, so close and so dear to his heart, on Monday, April 11, 1966, at 10 o'clock in the morning. The ministers officiating were Rev. Lightner, Superintendent of the Roanoke District, Rev. R. Rev. James W. Tinney, Rev. G. C. Smith and Rev. E. N. was in another spot sacred to him, Mountain View Cemetery, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edith W. Leggett; a daughter, Mrs. J. F. Richmond; a son, Thomas William Leggett of South Hill, Virginia; two sisters, Mrs. Lyla Grainger and Mrs. Edith Culpin.

This memoir is inscribed by one who knew him well and loved him much.

By J. J. Raves

SHIRLEY ROLAND WADE

1924-1966

Shirley Roland Wade, daughter of Captain Andrew Wade, and Josie Tomlin at Batesville, Albemarle County, Virginia, on February 1, 1924, and youth he attended the Batesville Methodist Church. The Batesville Charge has sent several of her parents. These are Shirley R. Mann, Anderson D. Goodson, William A. Layman, and

for the work of the ministry Shirley attended the public school at Ferrum Junior College.

On April 27, 1947, he married Vera Lee Critzer of Batesville. From this marriage five children were born: William A., Virginia Gay, and three to his wife and children he is survived by one brother, Eugene Wade, Mrs. Ira Sullivan, Mrs. Norman Robinson, Mrs. Percy Kirby, and Mrs. Edward Peters.

His local Preacher's license on September 2, 1953, and his first appointment by his District Superintendent, Dr. J. He became an approved supply pastor in 1953 and was called to the position of elder in 1960. He was to be received on trial at the Annual Conference in June 1966. During his ministry as a supply pastor he served the following appointments on the District: Orange Circuit, Mountain Chapel, North Mountain, and Pleasant. Wherever Shirley Wade served as pastor he

was loved by all his people. The good laymen of the Mount Pleasant Charge have told me again and again that they have never heard a word of criticism of their pastor's work and ministry in six years. This is a real tribute to a faithful pastor whose dedication to his Christ and the Church he loved was complete. Twelve years is a brief ministry when it is measured by its duration, but the late Peter Marshall reminded us that "a man's life is not measured by its duration, but by its donation". We do not measure Shirley Wade's ministry by the number of years he preached, but by the donation he made to the Kingdom of God, the unreserved dedication he brought to the task, his well remembered deeds of kindness and of love, and the memory he left in the hearts of all who knew and loved him. We shall long remember how he served and walked among us with dignity and honor like a true child of the King. As his District Superintendent, I can honestly say that he was one of the finest Christian gentlemen and one of the best pastors I have ever known. Shirley and Vera Wade were known to all as dedicated leaders in the Church, and I am confident, Vera will continue this same loyalty and dedication through the years.

Shirley left a sermon that was incomplete and partially written. It was to be delivered on May 1st. His life like his last sermon was partial and unfinished. Death is not a period, but only a comma, in the long sentence of life and we never see the end of any life in this world.

On Thursday night, April 28th, Shirley Wade lay down and went to sleep and was not, for God took him. He died as he had lived, in quietness and serenity. His funeral service was held at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church on Monday, May 2, at 11:00 A. M. and was conducted by Dr. J. Aubrey Hughes, Dr. Owen T. Kelly, and the author of this memoir. Burial was in the Wild Rose Cemetery at Batesville.

"Servant of God, well done!
Thy glorious warfare's past;
The battle's fought, the race is won
And thou art crowned at last."

By HUGH M. BURLEIGH

JOSEPH SAMUEL PEEBLES

1907-1966

The Reverend Joseph Samuel Peebles was born at Brodnax, Brunswick County, Virginia, on December 21, 1907, and died in Southampton Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Virginia on May 9, 1966. His father was John William Peebles and his mother was Laura Maude Lucy Peebles.

At the time of his death Brother Peebles was pastor of the Whaleyville-Somerton Charge, serving there in the second year of his appointment. On Sunday, May 8, he had preached at both churches and was spending a quiet afternoon with his family when he was stricken. He was taken to the hospital where he died in the early hours of May 9.

"One morn I missed him on the custom'd hill,
Along the heath, and near his favorite tree;
Another came,—nor yet beside the rill,
Nor up the lawn, nor at the wood was he:

"The next with dirges due, in sad array,
Slowly through the church-way path saw him borne . . ."

May 11 was one of those perfect Spring days when God speaks so beautifully of renewal and rebirth in nature. It was on the afternoon of this day that we assembled in Pleasant Vale churchyard in Brunswick County, Virginia, and here, hard by the homestead hewn out of the forest

by his forebears, we committed his body back to the soil that had nurtured it. The funeral had been conducted in the church at Whaleyville by Dr. John R. Hendricks, District Superintendent. Eight men who shared with him the common tasks of the Methodist ministry and who esteemed him in life and revere his memory were given the honor of bearing his body to its resting place among the people he knew in childhood and youth, and who no doubt had helped to guide his life toward useful service in the Kingdom of God.

Brother Peebles received his early scholastic training in the public schools of Brunswick County. He then attended Ferrum College at Ferrum, Virginia. From here he went to Lincoln Memorial University in Harrogate, Tennessee, where he was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

He began his pastoral ministry in the Holston Conference and served in that conference twelve years. The ties of home drew him back to his native state, and he served in the Virginia Conference seventeen years. The infrequency of his moves as a Methodist Minister speaks of the effectiveness of his ministry. He served four charges in the Virginia Conference including the "almost two years" he served at Whaleyville-Somerton. His other appointments were Middletown, Brucetown and Capron.

On October 30, 1942, while he was serving in the Holston Conference, he married Miss Mildred Reed of Gate City, Tennessee, who survives him along with their three children Charles, Karen and David. He is also survived by two brothers and three sisters.

Brother Peeble's work was based on his belief that an effective ministry must be a personal ministry. The effectiveness of his work was attested by the love that people had for him. He identified himself with his people and took unto himself their problems, their sorrows and their failures, and shared thankfully and gladly their joys and accomplishments. They responded with love, interest and concern for him and his family. He will be gratefully remembered by many Virginia Methodists who "rise up and call him blessed." This personal interest in his people extended his labors into the field of community service, and his work in this area endeared him to many people of other faiths. He made a large place for himself wherever he lived and worked.

He was lavish in his love for his home and family. This was a part of the nature of the man. He was at his best by his own hearthstone. His home to him was "a haven of blessing and a place of peace." Love's benediction was always there, and the visitor always got the feeling that the family felt strong and secure because of his love; that he in turn received encouragement and strength from such close family ties.

Love for the earth was evident in the life of this good man. He was born and raised on a farm, and he always liked to work in the soil and to see things grow. He left a large plot prepared for planting a vegetable garden, and had spent a large part of the Saturday preceding his death working there in the soil. To him such work was recreation, creativity, and the fulfillment of his desire to be close to the soil.

Now he is with us no more, but we shall not soon forget his genial spirit, his warm friendliness, his jovial laugh. Nor shall we forget his dedication to God, and his labors for the cause of righteousness. When we think of him now our thoughts are turned toward our Father's house for we know that when this earthly tent we live in is folded we have a building—a house built by God in the eternal heaven.

By ROBERT D. FRIDLEY

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