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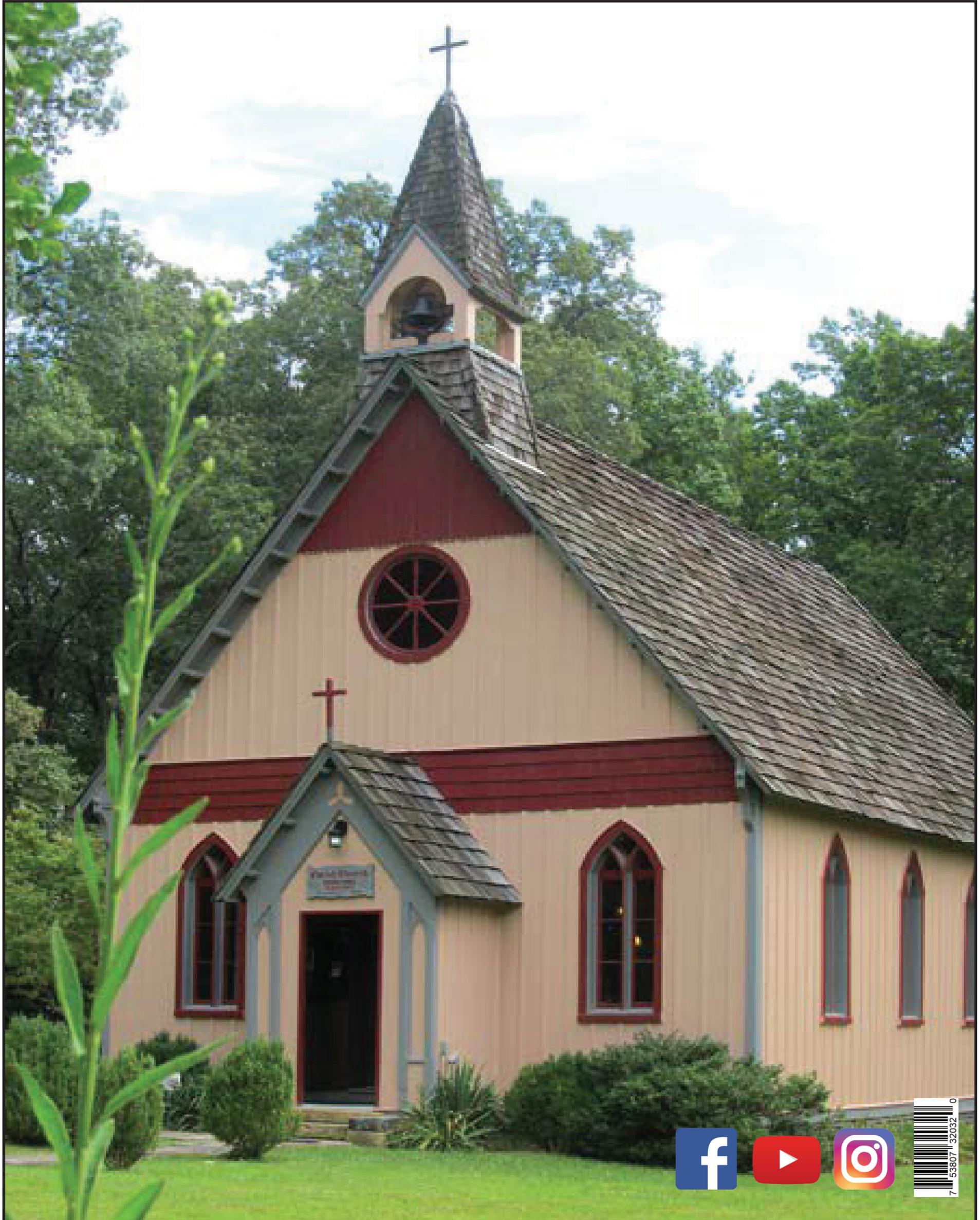
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# Pet Perspective with Ms. Avery Pearl

## Football Time, Yay!!

Guess what time it is? It's Pappys FAVORITE time of the year.

It's Football Season, Y'All!

He could not be more excited. He gets to watch 3 grandsons on Thursday and Friday. Then, the Volunteers on Saturdays! He is sooo happy.

For those of you new to Tennessee get ready to see a lot of ORANGE, a dog named Smokey, and hear a lot of Rocky Top.

Ms Ivory and me wuff seeing Pap get so excited. Especially since Granny passed last week.

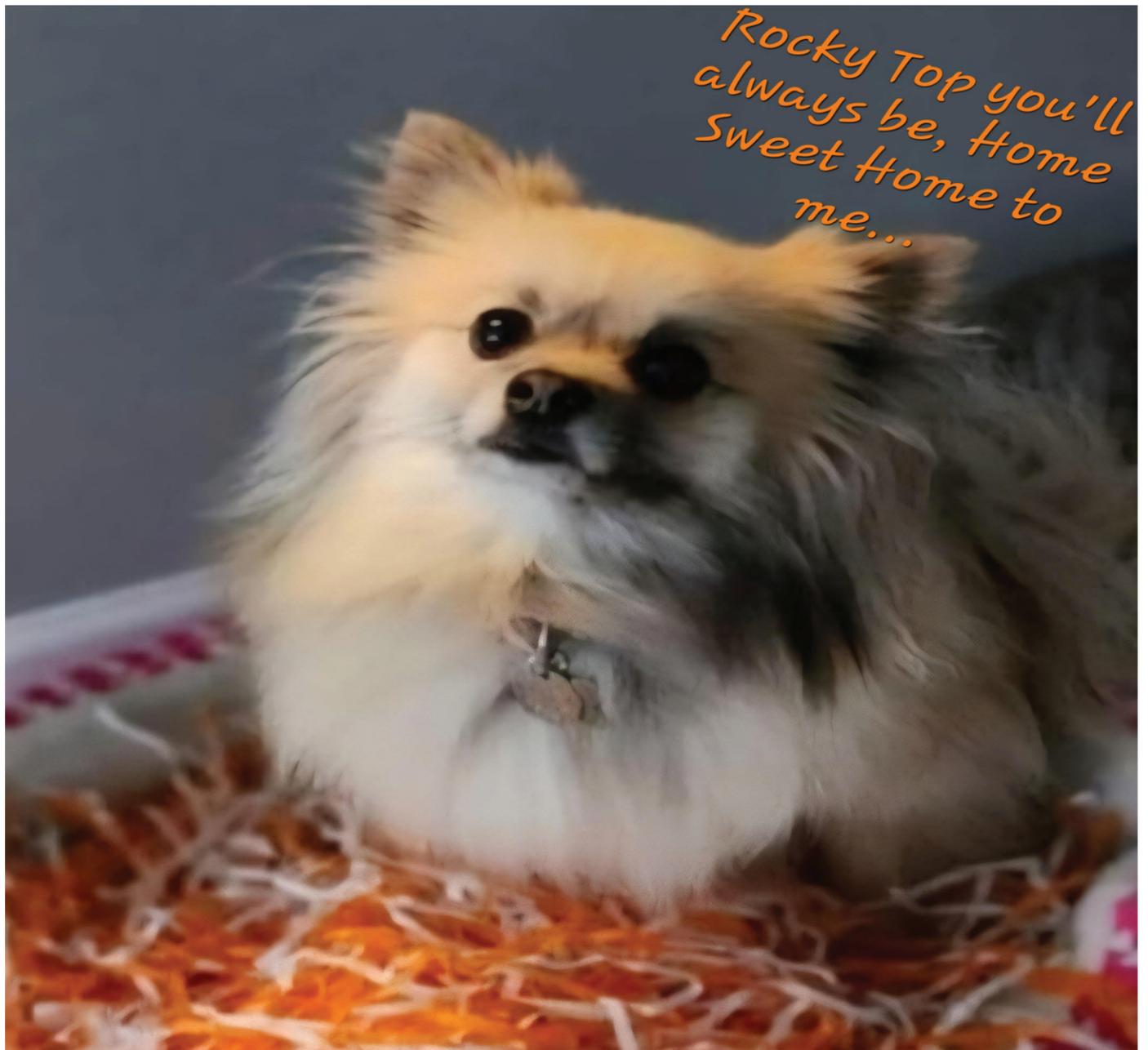
Mimi says that it is a bitter sweet time because we are sad that Granny went to Heaven. However, we are glad that she is no longer in pain.

So, Pap is both happy that it is Football time and sad because it is the first time in his life that he doesn't have his mom here to tell all about it.

Happy Football Season everyone! Prayers for a safe, fun, peaceful, and winning season.

Great...now I got Rocky Top stuck in my head. ...Good ol' Rocky Top, WHOO! Rocky Top, Tennessee...

For more on my Pet Perspective like and follow me on Facebook at Ms Avery Pearl.



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**Psalm 123:1**

**Unto thee lift I up mine eyes,  
O thou that dwellest in the heavens.**



**Wilda Mae Young, 86**



Wilda Mae Young was born March 5, 1939, went to be with the Lord on August 16, 2025.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband William Gilbert Young, parents Hubert and Eunice Henry, brothers Ed Henry and Tom Henry, and wife Lila.

She is survived by children Danny Young and wife Joyce, Loretta Mullins, and husband Robert,

Grandchildren Danny Young and wife Ashley, Joshua Young and Matthew Mullins, great

grandchildren Dalton Young, Isaiah Young, Emmett Young, Levi Young, and Kayce Young. Siblings Sam Henry and wife Deloris, Fred Henry, Ronnie Henry and wife Valerie, Sue Brown, Monetta Hoffman, Barbara Tompkins and husband Bobby, Linda Bates and husband Anthony, Peggy Muse and husband Junior, sister-in-law Carol Henry, brother-in-laws James Young, and Roy Young.

The family will receive friends on Sunday, August 17, 2025, from 5-7 pm Schubert Funeral Home, Wartburg. Funeral services will follow at 7pm with Bro David Dial officiating. Graveside services will be Monday 11 am at the Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Sunbright, TN.

*Schubert Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Wilda Mae Young.*

**Obituaries must come from a funeral home to be in the newspaper.**

**Eula Mae Hogsed Bruce Hopper, 87**



Eula Mae Hogsed Bruce Hopper, age 87, peacefully passed into the presence of the Lord on August 16th, 2025. Eula was born on May 4, 1938, in Murphy, NC to John Everett Hogsed and Bessie Roberts Hogsed. She was the youngest of nine children: Garland, Laudis, Frank, Marshall, J.E., Boyd, Herman, and Pauline.

She was preceded in death by her parents, all of her siblings, her husband, Leslie Bruce, their son Greg Bruce, and her husband Charles Hopper, Sr.

She is survived by her children: Faith Ann Daegele of Connecticut, Charlie Hopper, Jr. (Tina) of Lancing, and Steve Hopper (Valerie) of Lancing;

Eight Grandchildren: Matthew Hopper (Brandy), Keith Daegele (Georgiana), Katie Knox (Zandy), Anna Russell (Rick), Greg Bruce II (Jessica), Alanna Hargis (Rodney), Nichole Daegele (Joe), and Renee Tinch (Ricky).

Fifteen Great-Grandchildren: Nick (Jenises) Hopper, Courtney Hopper (Zach), Brianna and Eli Hopper; Mara, Zola, and Daniel Daegele; Elsie and Steven Knox; Greg Bruce III and Malcom Bruce; Quincy Quintiliano, Enzo and Dominic Dias; and Waylon Tinch.

Three Great-Great Grandchildren: Everleigh and Easton Holbrooks and Keelynn Hopper

Eula was a most beloved aunt and is survived by many dear nieces and nephews that she cherished throughout her life.

Eula moved to Lancing, TN in 1973 with her husband Charles Hopper, Sr. She and Mr. Hopper were some of the first members of Fairview Baptist Church, in Lancing. They spent many years bringing children in the community to church and helping neighbors and families in many capacities. Eula was ever faithful to her church and deeply valued the friendships and family bonds that formed over the five decades of serving God by serving His people.

In 1978, Charles and Eula established Hopper's Wholesale Florist which allowed them to build professional friendships with many people across east and middle Tennessee. They retired from this service in 1994. Eula worked tirelessly

and gave generously and was a role model of sacrifice for her children and grandchildren.

Soon after her retirement, Eula began volunteering at Central Elementary School in Wartburg. For 25 years she spent the majority of her days reading with children, grading their papers, and serving the school in numerous other ways. She also found time to help with daily care-giving of her own great-grandchildren and continued to serve as the matriarch of the Hopper family.

In addition to her love of helping children, Eula cared for many elderly people even until her last days. She was a faithful companion to many dear friends who came to consider her as family. She called and visited the sick and shut-in in their homes and in the LifeCare Center, where she made her home and community most recently.

Throughout her life Eula was known for boldly inviting people to join her at church, and inquiring of their standing with the Lord. She wanted everyone to know the saving grace of Jesus Christ and encouraged them to put their faith in Him.

The family will celebrate her faith, her life, and her heavenly reward that she is now experiencing on Friday, August 22, 2025, at Fairview Missionary

Baptist Church in Lancing. The receiving of friends will be held from 3:00- 5:00 PM, with the funeral at 5:00 PM and interment to follow. Rev. David Tapp will officiate, joined by other pastors that Eula dearly loved. Matthew, Nick, and Eli Hopper, Zandy and Steven Knox, Rodney Hargis, and Ricky and Waylon Tinch will serve as pallbearers.

The family wishes to thank the many individuals at Life-Care Center who helped care for her, the Covenant Hospice team, and Schubert Funeral Home for their compassionate, accommodating service.

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## Historically Speaking

### Oak Ridge:

#### The birth of the nuclear navy, part 2

By Ray Smith - Oak Ridge City Historian



Admiral Rickover in the Nautilus, the world's first nuclear-powered submarine (Courtesy of Naval Research Laboratory /public domain)

In the first part of this Historically Speaking series, the role of Oak Ridge National Laboratory's support for the U.S. Navy was featured. Now, we will look at the roles of the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant and the Y-12 Plant (later known as the Y-12 National Security Complex).

The K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant provided the first highly enriched uranium that was provided to the U.S. Navy. During the Cold War, the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant was a significant producer of highly enriched uranium for both nuclear weapons and naval reactor fuel. The highly enriched uranium produced at K-25, along with that from the Portsmouth plant, was essential for the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarines and aircraft carriers for the early years through the 1990s.

The Y-12 National Security Complex has provided the highly enriched uranium for the Navy since 2002. From 1991 to 2002, existing highly enriched uranium that was in the production stream was sufficient, but the transition to the conversion of dismantled nuclear weapons material also began during the later years of this period. For the foreseeable future, Y-12 will continue to provide for the U.S. Navy's highly enriched uranium needs.

The Y-12 National Security Complex played a significant and unique role in the USS Seawolf project, particularly concerning its propulsor (the system that propels the submarine, including the propeller itself). This was a significant opportunity for the nation to see the uniqueness of Y-12's manufacturing capabilities beyond just nuclear weapons components.

In the late 1980s, the U.S. Navy designed the Seawolf-class (SSN-21) submarines intended to be exceptionally fast and quiet. One of the main elements was an innovative propulsor design. The Navy faced a significant manufacturing challenge with the complex, precision-machined components needed for this new propulsor.

Through Oak Ridge National Laboratory connections that existed, the Y-12 Plant's precise and advanced manufacturing capabilities needed for nuclear weapons components were recommended to the Navy. Also, no other potential contractors would undertake the schedule or technical difficulties the Navy desired. Y-12 accepted the task of manufacturing a full-scale prototype pro-

pulsor. Y-12 acquired a large five-axis, computer-controlled milling machine as well as a massive lathe, and even added a 6,500 square-foot wing to the Alpha 1 machine shop.

The project began in 1989 and was delivered in three sub-assemblies in 1993, ahead of schedule and within budget. In recognition of this tremendous manufacturing accomplishment, the U.S. Congress designated Y-12 as a National Prototype Center. Y-12 also made the third subassembly for the second Seawolf submarine, spare parts for the propulsors, and transferred the manufacturing process to the U.S. Navy. Y-12 also contributed to the later Virginia-class submarine program.

The designation, in 1997, as one of the nation's National Prototype Centers has enabled Y-12 to assist other government agencies and become recognized as one of the nation's most capable precision machining centers. Oak Ridge, with the expertise of Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Y-12 National Security Complex, and the recent emphasis on a vital role in the nation's nuclear renaissance, which is resulting in new industry related to processing nuclear fuel for small modular reactors, as well as the small modular reactors being built here, is again leading the nation toward advancements in nuclear energy.

The collective efforts of Oak Ridge's scientific and industrial workforce profoundly shaped the trajectory of the nuclear navy. The seamless transfer of technology and expertise between Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Y-12 National Security Complex, the K-25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant, and the Navy fueled not only the physical development of submarines and their reactors but also established a culture of rigorous precision and innovation. As submarines and aircraft carriers evolved, the partnerships that had proved so fruitful for the Seawolf's propulsor continued to bear fruit in new reactor designs, advanced manufacturing, and materials science.

This synergy also fostered a spirit of collaboration beyond military applications, as Oak Ridge's role in nuclear energy broadened to support civilian advancements. The city's legacy is seen not only in deployed vessels but in the ongoing education and training of engineers, machinists, and scientists who continue to push the boundaries of nuclear technology.

Today, the U.S. nuclear navy consists of over 70 nuclear-powered submarines, including Ballistic Missile Submarines, such as the Ohio-class, equipped with Trident II missiles for nuclear deterrence; Attack Submarines, like the Virginia-class, which are designed for intelligence, surveillance, and anti-submarine warfare; and, 11 nuclear-powered aircraft carriers, including the Nimitz- and Ford-class carriers, provide unmatched global reach and sustained air power.

These vessels can operate for over 20 years without refueling thanks to their compact and efficient pressurized water reactors. Modern naval reactors are designed for high power output,



Photo of a model of the USS Houston, including statues of Admiral Hyman Rickover and Alvin Weinberg (Courtesy of Gordon Fee)

long core life, and strict containment, embodying lessons from Oak Ridge and the legacy of Rickover's discipline.

In recognition of the importance of the birth of the nuclear navy in Oak Ridge in 1946, a prominent display that tells that story is being planned. The USS Houston submarine has been decommissioned and is scheduled for demolition. The conning tower (known as the "sail") of the USS Houston is being requested by the American Museum of Science and Energy Foundation for display in the city of Oak Ridge. The scheduled demolition of the submarine will be completed by October 2026.

We plan to have a statue of Admiral Rickover and Alvin Weinberg located with the sail. The statues are being created by Oak Ridge High School's Wildcat Manufacturing. The intention is to 3-D print them and to have them be interactive using artificial intelligence. This is part of the "Giants of Oak Ridge" statue project that the Wildcat Manufacturing team of high school students is undertaking.

The location chosen for the display is just south of the Secret City Commemorative Walk and is being included in a master plan for the redevelopment of AK Bissell Park. The plans for the USS Houston Sail and Giants of Oak Ridge statues are also being included in the current Oak Ridge Master Plan update effort.

In conclusion, the birth of the U.S. Navy's nuclear navy, one of the most significant elements of nuclear deterrence for the nation, had its origin in Oak Ridge. Because of the efforts of Admiral Rickover and Alvin Weinberg, substantial advancement of the understanding of how to effectively use nuclear power resulted in advances in the utilization of the amazing new potential of the Nuclear Age.

Both of them easily qualify as being among the "Giants of Oak Ridge." Other individuals who will be recognized in the future as "Giants of Oak Ridge" will be identified, and 3D-printed statues of them will be placed in locations yet to be determined. One example of a probable location might be the history walk being considered as part of the AK Bissell Park redevelopment planning.

# Acts of the Apostle's Chapter 5



Melvin Howard

(Acts 5:1-11) the sin of Ananias and Sapphira: it surely is an evidence of Bible inspiration that the following narrative was included in Luke's glowing record of the growth, courage, unity, and generosity of the early church. A strictly human author, guided solely by biased, human impulses, might well have chosen to omit this unsavory episode.

A Christian couple sold a piece of property (as Barnabas had) and donated a portion of the income to the church. The problem was that they represented the gift as the entire amount, thus perpetrating a fraud. The giving was under their discretion, but they wanted the honor of their fellows. Hence, they collaborated to deceive. As each arrived at the assembly, three hours apart, they were rebuked and suffered the judgment of God--death. This was the first case of church discipline, and it produced its intended effect--fear came upon the whole church (v. 11). (They had lied to God v. 4). If the Holy Spirit was working today as he did in the first century there would only be one church, for there is but one faith. Ephesians 4:4-6 "There is one body [Jn. 10:16; Col. 1:18], and one Spirit [1 Cor. 12:13], even as ye are called in one hope [Titus 1:2] of your calling; One Lord [Acts 4:12], one faith [Col. 1:23; Jude 1:3], one baptism [Acts 22:16; 2:38], One God [Ex. 3:14; Isa. 45:6] and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all." Have you ever wondered why this list does not mention the alter call, the sinners prayer, nor confession as abused in the last 5 centuries?

Acts 12-16) the effect of apostolic miracles: the purpose of miracles was to establish the credibility of those performing the signs and so to authenticate inspired teaching (Mk. 16:20; Heb. 2:3-4). In the early days of the church, when none of the New Testament was written, the apostles were doing many signs and wonders (see 2:22). The company of disciples continued in "one accord," apparently using certain areas of the temple for their meetings (2:46). Solomon's portico, about sixty feet wide and one thousand feet in length, could accommodate huge crowds.

Verse thirteen is difficult. It may suggest that as a result of the dramatic judgment upon Ananias and Sapphira some disciples kept their distance from the apostles; others however, acknowledging the power of God, magnified these servants of Jesus and obeyed the gospel. And "believers were the more added" to the Lord. A steady stream was flowing into the church (Isa. 2:2-4).

The term "believers" does not suggest faith alone was the totality of their response; rather, it summarizes the entirety of the divine plan. Confidence in the powers of the apostles was so dramatic that people brought the sick out into the streets in the hope that Peter might pass by and his shadow cast some efficacious blessing. The text does not explicitly state that people were healed in this fashion, but this seems to be the impression left.

As the news of these signs spread, crowds flocked to Jerusalem from the surrounding areas. They brought their sick and those who were troubled with "unclean spirits," demons. They sought healing and were not disappointed. "Every one" was healed--in contrast to modern-day "healers," who must turn away difficult cases. It is important to note the distinction drawn between the "sick" and those "vexed with unclean spirits," as reflected by the conjunction. This clearly shows that New Testament references to demons were not mere superstitious allusions to ordinary sicknesses (Mk. 1:34). Evil spirits could cause sickness (Mk. 12:22), but not all illness was the result of demon possession. Demons were evil spirits who, in the providence of God, were allowed to inhabit certain people in the first century. This phenomenon enabled Christ and his apostles to demonstrate the superiority of sacred power over the satanic realm (Mk. 16:9).

Acts 5:17-32) persecution from the Jewish leaders: persecution was about to intensify. Note that verse seventeen begins with a contrasting particle. The high priest (either Annas or Caiaphas) and the band of Sadducees that supported him were filled with jealousy. They seized the apostles and put them in a "public" jail. They intended to deal with them the next day, since an arrest and trial could not be carried out in the same day (an exception, of course, was made in the case of Jesus!). During the night, one of the Lord's angels opened the prison doors and brought the apostles out. The angel issued three commands "go, stand, and speak. They were to go to the temple, stand in the presence of the people, and speak all the words they were bidden (called the words of "this Life," words of salvation (v. 20 & CF 13:26). They obeyed his words and entered into the temple about daybreak and began to teach.

When the high priest and his associates, together with the Sanhedrin, assembled, officers were dispatched to the prison to retrieve the apostles. They found nothing but empty cells. When the captain of the temple guard (4:1) and the chief priests heard this startling news, they were baffled. Presently, someone reported that the apostles were in the temple area--teaching again. Some officers went to handle the matter. An urge to beat the apostles likely was suppressed because the officials were afraid of the common folk. So, peaceably, the apostles were brought to where the Sanhedrin was assembled. They had not resisted, having learned much from the Prince of Peace.

The apostles were placed before the council and reminded that they already had been warned not to teach in "this name." They are charged: "You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching." It is estimated that Jerusalem had a resident population of some fifty-five thousand, swelling to one hundred eighty thousand during festivals. They were proclaiming that Christ had been raised from the dead. The rulers feared that the apostolic preaching would bring Jesus' blood upon them. Isn't that what they asked for (Mt. 27:25)? Bravely, the Lord's men said: "We must obey God rather than men." The word "must" suggests a spiritual necessity. "Obey" (Greek present tense) suggests a consistent way of life. The Creator must take precedence over everything else.

The apostles cared nothing for the high priest's sensitivity about bringing accountability for Christ's blood upon the Jews. They charged: "God raised up Jesus (whom you killed by hanging him on a tree), exalting him (to heaven) as both a Prince (founder, leader) and a Savior." God, through the mission of his Son, has "given repentance" to Israel. If repentance is a command (2:38), how can it be represented as a "gift" (11:18)? Sometimes God is said to do what he only permits (Rom. 11:8). The Lord graciously has granted us the opportunity to repent, but we must exercise our own wills in doing so.

Note also that it is affirmed that "remission of sins" is connected to Christ (4:11-12). Some have attempted to negate the necessity of baptism by suggesting that the apostles did not mention the rite along with "remission of sins." Neither was "faith" specifically mentioned. Baptism certainly is implied--unless Peter preached a different gospel on Pentecost (2:38). The apostles testified further that they were witnesses of the truths they proclaimed. They were not idle dreamers who had invented a new religion. Their preaching was backed by the Holy Spirit, whose guiding influence they had received in overwhelming measure on Pentecost, and who continued with them at this very hour. It is a principle of truth that God grants the Spirit to those who obey him; the presence of the Spirit in the ministry of the apostles, therefore, was Heaven's guarantee that their message was not humanly devised (Jn. 15:26-27).

Acts 33-42) Gamaliel's influence: the council members were infuriated and had in mind to kill the apostles. A wise council member, Gamaliel, stepped forward and called for moderation. He cited a couple of examples of men who arose attempting to disrupt society and solicit a following; but these movements amounted to nothing. Thus it would be expedient to let these men (the apostles) alone. If they were not of God, they would be overthrown; if they were, the Jews would be opposing the Lord (v.38-39). He was able to calm troubled waters. The council was temporarily satisfied with merely beating them and threatening them not to speak in the name of Jesus. The persecution produced the opposite effect. The brethren rejoiced that they were privileged to suffer for Christ, and every day they continued to teach and preach Jesus as the Messiah.

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