

Rev. Edward Long, Former Minister Here, Writes About Caudill and Eller

The Journal-Patriot, North Wilkesboro, N. C. Dear Sirs:

I have been away from North Wilkesboro so long that I have lost touch with almost every one and everything there. I am enclosing an article with reference to two North Wilkes-

boro men that may interest many of your readers. I will appreciate it if you will drop me a copy of the paper containing the article in the mail.

After leaving North Wilkesboro, where I had a most delightful pastorate of nearly four years I became pastor of the First Baptist church of Clinton, S. C., where Mrs. Long and I served for 10 years.

Clinton is a prosperous town of about eight or nine thousand people. The State Training school, which brings about a thousand to twelve hundred people near the city limits, is located there. The Presbyterian College, supported by the synods of South Carolina and Georgia, is located there and also the Thornwell Orphanage, one of the oldest and best orphanages in the south, is located just across the street from the First Baptist church.

While serving as pastor of the First Baptist church of Clinton I received an unsolicited invitation to come and serve as treasurer of Furman University, which invitation I accepted. After serving as treasurer for four years I retired and am doing only supply work in churches in the area adjacent to Greenville. However, I do get as far away from Greenville as Charlotte for supply work.

While I am a native of North Carolina and a graduate of Wake Forest College, yet most of my active life has been spent in South Carolina. Our home and many of our interests are here and we doubtless shall remain in South Carolina.

Very sincerely yours,
EDWARD LONG.

(Enclosure)

Rev. Eugene R. Eller and Dr. R. Paul Caudill Make Envyable Records in Augusta, Ga.

Every community has a just pride in those who go out from their midst and make worth while places for themselves elsewhere. North Wilkesboro and Wilkes county are no exception to that rule.

It was my privilege to go to Augusta, Ga., last fall and assist Rev. Eugene R. Eller in a series of revival services in his great church. I was greatly pleased to find that Mr. and Mrs. Eller had made for themselves a really worthwhile place in a progressive city. Mr. Eller has for several years been pastor of the Crawford Avenue Baptist church of Augusta. It is an old church with an enviable record of service. At the present time it has a membership of approximately nine hundred. I found the church well organized and its services well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Eller are not only popular with their own congregation but are held in the highest esteem by the city at large.

Under Mr. Eller's leadership the church is raising funds with which to erect an adequate educational plant. The church has very good educational facilities but the Sunday school has not only outgrown the educational equipment in the church building, but has

also outgrown the greatly expanded temporary quarters. The proposed educational building will cost approximately fifty thousand dollars. The church now has about ten thousand dollars of the cash in hand and hopes to raise an additional twelve thousand within the next year before the building program is begun.

The pastor not only has a fine corps of well trained voluntary workers but has a full time church secretary.

The congregation is sponsoring a mission a few blocks from the church plant and also a mission six or eight miles out in the country. The church provides an assistant who conducts services regularly at the mission in the city, but Mr. Eller conducts services at the mission in the country in the afternoons.

I found in the city of Augusta also another son of Wilkes county. I refer to Dr. R. Paul Caudill, who was for six or more years the popular pastor of the great First Baptist church of Augusta. The First Church is one of the outstanding churches of Georgia. It was in this church that the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in 1845. During Dr. Caudill's ministry the First Church erected one of the most modern and commodious educational buildings in the State of Georgia. Dr. Caudill has done an exceptional fine work with the First Baptist church of Augusta, however, he has recently received and accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Memphis, Tenn. He goes again to one of the largest and most influential churches, not only in Tennessee but in the South.

I am sure that Wilkes county is proud of the unusual record made by these two men who grew up in the foot hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Mr. Eller has asked for a leave of absence from his church in Augusta that he may do some special work at the South Western Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, during the months of May, June, and July, of this year. The church has graciously granted him this request. It is very infrequent that any pastor who has the responsibility for a large congregation can and will leave a busy pastorate to better equip himself for his ministry. Mr. Eller has asked me to serve as interim pastor during his absence. Mrs. Long and I are happy to accept this invitation. We shall be privileged to reside in the parsonage while Mr. and Mrs. Eller and his family are away.

Some years ago, when Mr. Eller was pastor of the First Baptist church of Fort Gaines, Ga., it was my happy privilege to assist him in a series of meetings there. Perhaps these invitations have been prompted because when I was pastor of the First Baptist church at North Wilkesboro I had the privilege of receiving Mr. Eller into the fellowship of that good church.

EDWARD LONG
Greenville, S. C.

More than 1,000,000 labor union members in Australia have supported demands for "pay as you go" taxation.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE
North Carolina, Wilkes County. Having qualified as executrix of the estate of L. D. Barnette, late of Wilkes county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, whose address is Route 2, Wilkesboro, N. C., duly verified, on or before the 18th day of March, 1944, or this notice will be plead in bar of their right to recover. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 18th day of March, A. D., 1944.
MRS. D. E. BARNETTE,
Executrix of the Estate of E. D. Barnette, dec'd. 4-24-6tM
J. Allie Hayes, Attorney.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
North Carolina, Wilkes County. In the Superior Court

Grover C. Ellis vs. Ennis Ellis
The defendant above-named will take notice that an action, entitled as above, has been commenced in the Superior court of Wilkes county, North Carolina, to get a divorce proceeding; and that said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear at the term of the Superior court of said county to be held on the first Monday in May, 1944, at the courthouse in Wilkesboro, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or this plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

This 10th day of March, 1944.
C. C. HAYES,
Clerk of Superior Court
J. F. Jordan, Atty. 4-10-4tM

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3.1 Per Cent Is Taken By Army

Inductions into the armed forces caused a 3.1 per cent decrease in the nation's total civilian population between April 1, 1940, and Nov. 1, 1943, Director J. C. Gape of the Bureau of the Census revealed last night.

Since the 1940 census, 3,420 counties—more than 84 per cent of the total—have suffered a population decrease, and in all but 156 the drop was more than the 3.1 per cent national average. A drop of 15 per cent or more was recorded for 1,178 counties.

As a result of migration to War Production Centers, however, 469 counties increased in civilian population. In 162 of these the increase amounted to 10 or more per cent.

Estimates of the Nov. 1, 1943, population are based on registrations for ration book four.

POTATO BUG—

Mrs. Miselle was picking cotton, and her small son was playing along near her. Suddenly he called to his mother, "Here's a potato bug!"


"Well, kill him, or it will get over yonder into our potato patch."

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