



# The Johnstonian-Sun



## Thanksgiving Harvest Day Big Success

By H. H. LOWRY

More than 750 people attended the Harvest Day services at Thanksgiving church, seven miles northwest of Selma, last Friday.

Dr. O. T. Binkley, head of the Department of Bible at Wake Forest College, delivered the Harvest Day sermon at 11 a. m. after which a free barbecue dinner was served on the grounds. No food shortage was in evidence.

This occasion attracted people from all the nearby towns and many from distant points. Among those in attendance were Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president, and Zeno Martin, bursar, of Meredith College; LeRoy Martin, vice-president, and C. Beam, trust officer, of the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.; Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the Biblical Recorder, all of Raleigh; Dr. C. B. Earp, head of the Department of Greek, Wake Forest College, a local boy; Miss Flossie Whitley, home demonstration agent of Pitt county, a local girl; the Rev. John H. Knight, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Mrs. Knight of Mebane; Thomas B. Herman, prominent architect, and Tom Bridgers, vice-president of the Farmers Cotton Oil Company, of Wilson.

### Organized 43 Years Ago

Thanksgiving Baptist church was organized 43 years ago as a mission church through the efforts of two or three individuals. In its early days its progress was slow but definite. It was fortunate in having some very able pastors who guided it well.

About ten years ago the original building proved to be inadequate and a new building was erected. The original building and this new building was erected on property which was adjacent to the school property, during the days of the one-room school building. In its early days the church and school shared jointly in being the community center. However, as the consolidated school program swept North Carolina all the rural communities entered a community center crisis since some of the communities had no church to take over this work, but such was not the case with Thanksgiving community.

When the local school ceased to exist, the members of the local church felt the added responsibility and began planning with this in mind.

Ten years ago the Rev. C. W. Teague, a young progressive minister, introduced the Harvest Day idea and it was a success the first year, but only in a limited sense as compared with recent Harvest Day services. The idea worked so well that it was made an annual occasion.

At first not so much thought was given to the selection of a speaker for the occasion and the planning for this service was done rather hastily, but after the second it was realized that such a service had great possibilities. Today the Harvest Day service at Thanksgiving church is planned for twelve months in advance and much time and thought given to it. This service is more than a service by the church—it is a community project and more than once have local people become offended because they were not given an opportunity to make contributions for this occasion, even though they did not belong to the church. It has become a community occasion with all taking a great deal of interest in it.

The Harvest Day service idea has worked well indeed for the Thanksgiving Baptist church. Some members of the church gave tobacco, which was sold some three weeks ago; others gave money and still others gave country produce which was sold at public auction last Friday. Over \$1,100 was realized from the sale of farm produce and counting the cash turned in and the amount realized from the sale of tobacco the total amount was \$2,300.

### Investing In War Bonds

This is a one-service-a-month church and the entire church budget calls for an expenditure of around \$1,000 each year. While the church has a very comfortable frame building, it is investing a given amount each year in war bonds for the purpose of erecting a modern building when it so desires and world conditions will permit. It will have, when this next investment is made, \$5,000 invested in war bonds for a building program, plus a gift of \$2,000 made in the spring for the purpose of installing a new organ in the new church. In addition to this amount, \$350 has been donated toward a fund for memorial windows for the new church.

Thanksgiving church is leading the people in its community and apparently doing a good job, because 42 boys and girls have gone to college

### GOES TO ST. PAUL



Mr. J. Oscar Creech, after twenty-seven years overseer at the Selma Cotton Mills, has resigned to accept a similar position with the St. Paul Rayon Mill, St. Paul, N. C., one of the group of the Burlington Mills.

Mr. Creech was a guest of the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, former pastor of the Edgerton Memorial Methodist church of Selma, Tuesday night and attended a meeting of the St. Paul Rotary club as a guest of Rev. Mr. Hathaway.

Oscar Creech is a native of Johnston county, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jesse B. Creech. For the past ten years he has served on the Board of Stewards of the local Methodist church. He is a former pastmaster of Selma Lodge No. 320, A. F. & A. M., and a former member of the Selma Kiwanis Club.

The many friends of Mr. Creech regret to see him and his good wife leave Selma. He has always taken a keen interest in everything pertaining to the social welfare as well as the business interests of the town.

### Kiwanis Club Entertains Selma Boy Scout Troop

Program Chairman David S. Ball arranged to have the Selma Boy Scout Troop as special guests of the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening, and what a fine bunch of boys they are! It would be difficult to find their equal in a town of this size anywhere. There were 28 Scouts present, and each one was asked to stand for recognition.

Boy Scout stock in Selma has received quite a boost under the able leadership of Scoutmaster Perry, who is recognized as one of the best qualified scoutmasters in the state.

A short program was put on by the Scouts under the direction of Scout John Jeffreys.

R. L. Wolff, Scout Executive of Tuscarora Council, was present and addressed the meeting on Scouting. He paid a high tribute to Selma's troop and to their scoutmaster.

The attendance prize, donated by Kiwanian Bill Woodard, was awarded to Kiwanian M. L. Stancil.

President H. V. Gaskill appointed H. H. Lowry program chairman for tonight (Thursday) when the club meets at 6:30 instead of 7:15, the hour having been changed due to the stores closing at 6 o'clock. Remember, Kiwanians, tonight at 6:30!

### Thomas H. Woodard Promoted To Corporal

Camp Campbell, Ky. — T-5 Thomas H. Woodard, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodard, 211 N. Pollock St., Selma, N. C., has been promoted to the grade of corporal in the 27th Tank Battalion of the 20th Armored Division at Camp Campbell, Ky., the office of the commanding general announced today.

Tyrrell County turck growers recently shipped snap beans from 250 acres to a Maryland canning company, according to J. Y. Lassiter, State College Extension horticulturist.

or business school from this rural community and have taken their places in the professional and business world.

The Thanksgiving church has no wealth in it. It has a resident membership of around 150 with 40 Baptist families.

### Dr. Carter To Observe 21st Anniversary

Goldsboro. — Next Sunday evening in the Tabernacle church in Goldsboro an anniversary service will be held at which time the congregation will observe the 21st anniversary in the ministry of Dr. Wm. Howard Carter, pastor of the church.

Dr. Carter entered the ministry at the age of 12, he was licensed to preach at the age of 13 by a church served at that time by the Rev. J. H. Worley of Selma. Rev. Mr. Worley recently celebrated his 90th birthday. Dr. Carter was called to his first pastorate at the age of 17.

Dr. Carter became the pastor of the Tabernacle Church in Goldsboro January 10th, 1937. The church under his leadership has grown in membership as well as services rendered in the city. Thousands of dollars have been spent on the church plant. Services are heard by hundreds twice each Sunday through the facilities of radio. An afternoon program is carried by a network of stations. The church has the unique distinction of being one of the few churches in the south having its own radio equipment and control room.

Dr. Carter is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Harley B. Carter of Selma. It was in Selma that Dr. Carter preached his first sermon at the age of 12.

The minister is also pastor of two other churches, Collier's Chapel at Linden and the Free Gospel Church in Greene County. The Rev. Stedman C. Davis is the assistant pastor in Goldsboro and the Rev. John Grant is the assistant in Greene County.

### Union Meeting Largely Attended At Mizpah

The five rural Presbyterian churches of Granville Presbytery convened with the Mizpah church at Moore's School House for their Union services Sunday. This group is composed of Center Ridge, Fairview, Mizpah, Oak Grove and Spring Hill, with the Rev. J. D. Withrow as pastor.

The services opened at 11:30 Sunday morning, with George Glover, as moderator of Spring Hill, presiding, and Miss Mamie Bailey of Fairview, Secretary. A roll call of churches was made and Oak Grove had the largest delegation, 44, but all of the churches were well represented.

The minutes of last meeting were read, which was held with the church at Oak Grove on the fifth Sunday in August.

Special music by the Davis children from Mizpah was an important feature on the program, who sang "God Save Our Men." This was followed by the message brought by the Rev. J. D. Withrow, reading from Luke 15:1-10, "Parable of the Lost Sheep and Coin." The sermon was uplifting and full of inspiration to live a better Christian life.

Lunch was served on the church grounds at noon.

The afternoon session was devoted to business, following several hymns of praise from the congregation, and closed with prayer, led by Mr. Glover, the moderator.

The next Union will be held with Spring Hill church in January, 1944.

### Mrs. Ellis Taken To Duke Hospital Sunday

Mrs. J. W. Ellis, who has been in ill health for some time, was taken to Duke Hospital Sunday night. When the patient reached the hospital, her temperature was 107, her son, John, told a Johnstonian-Sun man. Her daughter, Ruth, is with her mother. The many friends of Mrs. Ellis wish for her a speedy recovery.

### Informs Father of Safe Arrival In South Pacific

Mr. R. Britt, special police officer for the Southern Railway, received a message Monday from his son, Wilton Britt, informing him of his safe arrival in the South Pacific. It had been three months since the father had heard from his son.

### Power To Be Cut Off Here Sunday Morning

We have been requested to announce that the electric power will be cut off here Sunday morning, November 7, at 9 o'clock and remain off until 9:20, a period of only 20 minutes.

J. F. Rooks, eighty-year-old Negro farmer of the Hobbsville community in Gates County, has purchased his second \$100 War Bond.

## Town Board Leaves Bus Squabble to Bus Co. and Utilities Commission

### Troop Movement Job Proves Giant Task

Taking all of Johnston County's 63,798 people around the world in sleeping cars more than 10 times would be a tremendous undertaking, yet that is actually about the size of the troop movement job reported today by The Pullman Company.

Since Pearl Harbor, Pullman has carried about 14,000,000 troops a distance of more than 15 billion passenger miles in its sleeping cars, the company reports. These figures are said to cover mass military movements alone, and do not include the heavy travel of furloughed men and others.

Many of the boys from Johnston County, like servicemen from all parts of the country, are getting their first Pullman rides, according to George A. Kelly, vice president of the company. Now most of them are making six or seven trips by Pullman, as the intense training program of the armed services necessitates that many moves or more prior to embarkation for points abroad, he said. In addition, the Army and Navy believe in all the comfort possible for the members of the armed forces, he declared, and about two thirds of all military movements by rail are by Pullman sleeper.

Pullman is now carrying more than 800,000 troops every month in mass movements, it is revealed by Mr. Kelly, who pointed out that in addition to this heavy and steadily increasing military passenger burden, civilian travel itself is also at a record-breaking level. He believes that Pullman's passenger-mile volume for 1943 may exceed the 1942 all-time high of 19 billion by 30 or more per cent.

### Vernon Ricks Witnesses Crash Of Two Planes

Vernon Ricks, local electrician, witnessed the crash of two airplanes near Garner last Thursday while on his way to Raleigh. The planes were flying north he said, and he saw the wings of the planes come together and this was followed by the explosion of one of the planes in mid air. The other plane swooped to the ground and exploded as it landed, he said.

Mr. Ricks said he parked his car and started toward the burning wreckage of the two planes, which was only a few hundred yards from the highway. He met a Negro man "selling out" toward the highway. The plane, which exploded in the air, was right over the Negro as he was driving a tractor in the field. Mr. Ricks said the pilot in the plane which exploded in the air was found about a block from where his plane crashed. He was dead and his clothing still burning when Mr. Ricks reached him, but he aided in extinguishing the flames. The plane which exploded when it crashed to earth was a mass of flames and the pilot was burned to death with his plane.

Mr. Ricks said the explosion of the plane in the air caused the firing of a number of small shells which scattered bullets in all directions. He brought with him a number of the bullets that had been fired and also one or two that did not explode.

### Those Pennies

Washington, Nov. — Relax now and put away your bifocals. The Treasury heard you.

It announced today that coinage of those blankety, dime-like pennies you have been dropping in the collection plate by mistake would be discontinued and minting of good old copper resumed January 1.

Up on Capitol Hill, there was rejoicing, especially by Representative Charles S. Dewey, R., Ill., leader of a Congressional "faction" which had called for putting an identifying hole through the tricky cent.

"At least then you could feel 'em if you couldn't see 'em," he pointed out.

Heaven a sigh of relief. Sen. Geo. D. Aiken, R., Vt., told a colleague: "I take more zinc-covered pennies for dimes than I can give away."

But 584,000,000 of the "nuisances"—the entire output—still will be with us. Senator, the Treasury said, because of an extended demand for one cent pieces.

"The zinc-steel coins already produced will remain in circulation," said Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, director of the mint. "Their natural darkening soon will remove the public's chief source of complaint against them."

### IN SOUTH PACIFIC



FIRST CLASS JOHN E. PAGE, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Page of Selma, who writes his mother from "Somewhere in Australia" as follows: "Mom, the girls out here wear long dresses. I like it fine out here. I get mixed up with the money out here; it is not like it is in North Carolina."

### Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

#### AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

That when we oldsters were youngsters there was a family bible in a conspicuous place in every home, so humble or sinful, and when the minister came and asked to read a chapter therefrom we did not turn red to the gills and rack our brain to recall where we had last seen it and when we found it, brush the dust off and present it kinda sheepish like—"Ain't a saying" this is the case now\*\*\*And there was an Amen corner in most of the churches where we heard Amens that meant Amens\*\*\*That men, women and children would walk for miles to work, to shop or to school and enjoy it, but now they won't walk a hundred yards if there is an automobile license or the price of a gallon of gas in the family\*\*\*I still believe shoe leather is cheaper than gasoline and fresh air more healthy than monoxide\*\*\*That when we were children we always had both hands full of warts and heads full of bugs (I wonder what have become of them, not that I care)\*\*\*That we, who have work to do, are busy and if our foreparents were living they would likely want to know "Busy doing what", as about all we eat comes out of cans and most of our work is done by machinery—we even have canned music, canned beer and canned heat. All we need is a can opener and a little gasoline and we are all set\*\*\*That not so many moons ago we could count all the taxes, insurance and license we had to pay on the fingers of one hand and have a thumb left for hitch-hiking, but now it would crowd us "Purty smartly" to count them on the legs of a centipede\*\*\*And money used to be called "money" and not "dough," "kale," "buck," "jitney," "grand," and other pet names. I do believe there was a breed known to our forefathers as shin plasters\*\*\*That parlors were only used on such special occasions as funerals, weddings, parties, high-brow company and when the preacher came\*\*\*That women will welcome the time when they can gather up the four corners of a table cloth, dishes and all, and give it a couple of lasso whirls and let it and the whole works land in the alley\*\*\*There is nothing around the home as useless as a spare room, guest-towels, a man with a mashed toe and a mangy kitten\*\*\*That after we sneeze about three times in succession all the extras are work\*\*\*That a full rigged ship with all sails set on the briny deep is more beautiful than the most luxurious liner that ever crossed the Atlantic\*\*\*That many of us will go to circus shows, prize fights, night clubs and floor shows during the week and sit on a narrow, rough plank with no back support and let our feet dangle into space, suffocate with smoke and foul air, eat stale peanuts and drink warm pop, and spend money like the proverbial sailor and on Sunday drift into church and sleep half through the sermon and put anywhere from nothing up to ten cents on the collection plate as a conscience pacifier\*\*\*Of which we should be ashamed to acknowledge, but "Ain't it the Truth."

Rev. D. M. Clemmons, who had a small part in circulating a petition for an exclusive bus station, said there was a misunderstanding about the wording of this petition, since it had been rumored that the petition provided for the removal of the bus station to some undesirable location on the outskirts of the town. This, he said, was not true. He then produced said petition and had it read, thereby showing that no attempt had been made in this petition to name a location for the bus station. Mr. Clemmons declared that his primary interest in the matter was to help observe the Sabbath Day and give those desiring to do so an opportunity to attend church.

J. W. Thorne, Route 1, Selma, told the board he frequently had occasion to meet incoming and outgoing buses and that he would like to see more accommodation provided for those who have to wait for buses late at night after the drug store is closed. He offered no objection to keeping the bus station at its present site.

Mention was made of the undesirable location of the present location due to traffic congestion. Dr. Booker admitted that such congestion did exist at times, but if his proposal was accepted he would demand of the board that ample space be marked off for buses adjacent to the drug store and that the police force see to it that no parking be allowed there except by passenger buses.

At the close of the discussions, the town board went into executive session, and after due deliberations, drafted the following recommendation, a copy of which was forwarded to the State Utilities Commission in Raleigh:

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### Matter Brought Before Board of Town Commissioners Monday Night—Petition For Exclusive Bus Station Presented To Board—Board Makes Recommendation To State Utilities Commission.

The bus squabble in Selma has been very much in the spot-light during the past week, due to the circulation of petitions among citizens, one of which provided for the opening of the bus station at a new location, separate and apart from any other business. Another petition was circulated to allow the Selma Drug company to remain open on Sunday for the accommodation of bus passengers. Both petitions were signed by a considerable number of people of the town and community.

When the hearing opened Monday night, Dr. E. N. Booker appeared before the board in behalf of the Selma Drug Company, and made a plea for the retention of the bus station at its present site, pledging to the board that should this be done the Selma Drug company would provide every convenience possible for accommodation of passengers riding the buses in and out of Selma. He proposed to make a partition across the rear of the store, thereby separating the drug store from the bus station, and provide ample facilities for the comfort and convenience of passengers.

E. G. Hobbs appeared before the board on behalf of those who had petitioned for an "exclusive" bus station. He said he had contacted Stanley Winborn, chairman of the Utilities Commission in Raleigh, who assured him that his commission was anxious to settle the bus controversy in Selma, and was ready to approve a bus station for Selma. Mr. Hobbs stated that the revenue from bus fares in Selma was equal to 6 per cent on an investment of \$50,000, but D. D. McAfee, division traffic manager for the Geryhound Lines operating out of Raleigh, took issue with Mr. Hobbs on this point, declaring that Mr. Hobbs had over stated the facts in this matter, as the revenue received at the Selma station would not exceed 6 per cent on an investment of \$30,000.

Mr. McAfee stated that he had come to Selma at the request of interested parties and that he was anxious for some satisfactory solution of the controversy, as he realized it had been quite a problem in the past and was still a problem, but was willing to accept such recommendation as the bus receipts would justify. He stated that at present the revenue would not justify his company to build a bus station and operate it out of the receipts of the station, and that their stations in all towns of similar size were operated on a commission basis.

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