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G. Ira Ford Talks On 'Peace' at Kiwanis Meet

"Peace" was the subject of an ad- was there perpetrated. I know Mr. dress delivered before the local Kiwanis club on last Thursday evening by Mr. G. Ira Ford, tax supervisor of Johnston county. The speaker was introduced by Kiwanian Bill Thad Woodard. H.H. Lowry was in charge of the program.

The following are a few excerpts from the splendid address by Mr.

"Down the long corridors of time as a usual procedure man's interest has been as different as mankind itself. Some are interested in one thing and some in another varying with the aptitudes and inclinations of the individuals. The same is true to some extent of nations and generations of men. For example, Americans would not necessarily have the same interest in all things with the Russians, Greeks, or Turks. Neither would the men of the 20th century have all things in common with the men of the first century.

"The same great principle of life will hold good with individuals; one man has all of his interest and concern turned in the direction of accummulating wealth, while another man strives just as consistantly to master the healing art of science. Some of the great minds of the country have been devoted to discovery and invention: others have lived only to master the difficult art of music. Even some of our citizens have devoted all their

talents and time to statesmanship.

"The same great principle of life rings true in the world of news. Some are intensely interested in one type of news, while for another, the same news holds no attraction at all. So there is not a line in the paper that nobody reads. For example, the news of Waterloo set the bells of all England ringing and made Wellington immortal, but the same news broke Napoleon's heart and chained him to a rock in the sea.

"I know we live in a day when in a state of volcanic eruption. God's good green acres have become a with our resources, have been turned into the channels of destruction. and our emotions in the building of a finer, more peaceful, happy, and con-Nearly all of our families have been torn assunder by war. A Bataan; a Corregidor, a picture of decaying Americans on foreign soil is but another reminder of the seriousness of the situation in which we find our-

"Surrounded by such circumstances, I have elected to speak to you upon a subject that captures the imagination and interest of men everywhere. It is rich in its appeal to humanity throughout the world. Its appeal is just as strong to the men and women of the Axis nations as of the United nations. In fact, it belongs to the ages. It holds a fascination and charm for the peoples of all races, climes, and times. This subject is PEACE. What a word! It is a word as high in hopes as the aspirations of mankind, as wide in its scope of desire as the world itself, and as deep as the hungers of the human

"If we could travel over the wide spaces of the earth tonight and inquire as to the one great desire of the human family, I am sure it would be expressed in the one little word. PEACE. A word of only five letters and yet as big in its application as the needs of a bruised and broken

"This subject of PEACE was significant and wonderful enough for a heavenly choir to sing its wonders to shepherds on the Judian hillsides nineteen centuries ago. It was so pregnant in its meaning as to call for the Benediction of God's son in the sermon on the Mount in those immortal words, "Blessed are the Peacemakers." Then pray tell me, gentlemen, why will our leaders, in their littleness, their selfishness, and greed for power, continue to quibble about safeguarding world peace, while millions of the human family are slaughtered every generation?

"What a pity and shame that our great Senate could not catch the vision of the world dreamer, Woodrow Wilson, at the close of the last war. Then statesmanship was crowded out, while cheap, selfish politics was enthroned. This generation will stand forever indicted by the history of man for such tragic and foolish blundering, but Providence has been most kind to the leaders of this generation in granting them another chance to rectify that wrong, to straighten out that mess. to remove that stain, cloud, and stigma from our country.

"Can you even now think of the Conference without a shudChamberlain said, "We have saved PEACE for this generation." Yet, he died amid the bursting bombs those with whom he pretended make and save the PEACE.

"The news of the Moscow Conference in which our Mr. Hull, together with Mr. Eden and Molotov planned for security and peace of the world at the close of the war gives mankind another ray of light in an otherwise dark and despairing world. Let's bend our efforts and talents in the direction of making its measures and provisions work. Let's hope that our statesmen will not become drunk with their own importance and power, while civilization is broken and lost at their feet. All of our spending, all of our inconveniences, all of our suffering and the dying of our sons on foreign soil, will have been in vain if we lose this opportunity to make a just and lasting PEACE. If we lose here, we lose everywhere, but if we succeed here we will have measured up grandly to the expectation of our armd forces and kept the faith with posterity.

"We are going to win this war; make no mistake about that. I know make no mistake about that. I know of Pine Level and Mrs. Norman victory is not here, but its rays of Rackley of Durham. light and quiet can be discerned in the not too distant future. The news from every battle front is good. Italy is already out, and we are going to make Tojo and his little yellow devils, together with Hitler's Supermen taste the bitter dregs of defeat on every battlefield. Our fine men of Bataan and Corregidor are going to be avenged. The conquered nations will once more take their rightful places among the nations of the earth and China will no longer be menaced by the domination of the Japanese War Lords. Yes, "the lights are coming on again all over the world.' Let's strive to keep them on forever. We can hear even now in the distance chaos and decay is widespread the sweet music of victory. Let's enthroughout the earth. The world is joy its fruits always in a peaceful world.

" 'We build,' what a slogan! How slaughter house of the races. The it brings out the finest within us! genius of the mind of man, together Let's use our slogan. our ambition, finer, more peaceful, happy, and contented world than mankind has ever known before.

> At the close of Mr. Ford's address Mrs. D. M. Clemmons, club sponsor, sang "When The Lights Go On Again All Over the World," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Mildred Perkins

> The club's attendance prize, donated by Kiwanian M. L. Stancil, was awarded Kiwanian H. Bradley Pearce.

New Pulpwood Drive Starts On Armistice Day

"Cut-a-Cord of Pulpwood for Every

Local Boy in Service" That is the theme of a new, intensified campaign to be launched on Armistice Day in over 1,600 communities to put "over the top" the drive to fill the vital war and civilian needs for pulp paper. Each quota is based on the number of men in service in the section covered by the newspaper, but it is expected that the quota will be over-shot by a wide

margin in many areas. The theme for the new campaign was inspired by Satis Simmons, publisher of the weekly Jackson Herald, Ripley, West Virginia, who used this theme with great success in his own local campaign during the past two months. In Jackson county over six cords for each local boy in the armed forces has been contracted for and more than the quota set by Mr. Simmons has already been cut.

Hitler Admits Germany Cannot Reach U.S. A.

London, Nov. 8.-Adolph Hitler admitted to Nazi party leaders gathered at a Munich beer cellar celebration today that "we cannot reach America, but one State is in our reach and that we shall hold respon-

He evidently referred to Britain. In spite of the German retreat in Russia bordering on a decisive defeat, and despite Mediterranean theater defeats suffered at the hands of the Allies, the German leader promised his old party colleagues that, whatever happens, "we shall master everything." He said:

"At the end there is victory whether those gentlemen from the other side may believe it or not. The hour der? What a crime against society of retaliation will come."

Charlie J. Woodard Victim Of Suicide

temple with a shotgun at his home on Princeton, Route 1, Monday night about 7:30. Death was instantaneous. His wife and other members of the

family were in the house at the time. They said Woodard went into a bedroom and fired the fatal shot. There was no note and the family was unable to explain the act.

Dr. E. N. Booker county coroner. was notified immediately and he ruled that an inquest was unnecessary.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock at the home and burial followed in the Woodard cemetery nearby. Elder Elijah Pearce of Princeton was in charge of the rites.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Vara Woodard: five sons, William, Richard and Alkie Woodard of Princeton, Route 1, Harvey Woodard of Sélma. Route 2, and Milton Woodard of Goldsboro; six daughters. Mrs. Herman Worley Mrs. Marvin Pearce and Mrs. Ham Hill of Princeton, Route 1, Mrs. Jake Worley of Smithfield, Rt 1, Mrs. Ed Hill of Goldsboro. and Mrs. Herman Lynch of Clayton, Rt. 1; two brothers, John Woodard of Fremont and Azel Woodard of Princeton Route 1; and four sisters Mrs. Henry Massey and Mrs. Fred Lynch of Princeton, Mrs. Jim Creech

Selma Group Attends

A group of Selma citizens went to Goldsboro Sunday night to witness the special services at the Tabernacle church, given in commemoration of Dr. William Howard Carter's 21st year in the ministry. The group included Mayor B. A. Henry, David S. Ball, H. H. Lowry, S. M. Parker, and M. L. Stancil.

The main program was broadcast over WGBR, which included an address by H. H. Lowry, advertising manager of The Johnstonian-Sun, who paid a fine tribute to Dr. Carter on behalf of the people of Selma and Johnston county, the birthplace of Dr. Carter.

Dr. Carter's father, Mr. H. B. Car- Robbers Fail To ter, was present and opened the meeting with praver

In introducing Mr. Lowry, Dr. Carter said he was very happy to announce that it was the third such occasion when Mr. Lowry had come to his rescue on behalf of the good people of his home town, for which he was exceedingly thankful. This popular minister also recognized the other visitors from Selma and expressed his delight at their presence that occasion. He made special mention of the many courtesies shown him by the publisher of The Johnstonian-Sun.

Dr. Carter was celebrating his 21st year in the ministry, having preached his first sermon when only 12 years of age; and while he is now only 33 years old, his able gospel sermons have attracted wide attention by radio and otherwise. He told us that Life Magazine had written him for pictures of himself, beginning with his first sermon at the age of 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Medlin Have 4 Sons In Service

S-Sgt. Luther Medlin is spending 20 days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Medlin, of Selma Route 2. Sgt. Medlin has seen service in both the Pacific and Atlantic theatres. He spent two years in Panama and six months in Trinidad. He was in the latter place when war was declared against Japan.

.F. Medlin, another son who is in the Navy, now stationed in Norfolk, was a guest of his parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Medlin have four sons in the service. The other sons. Henry E. and Dixon Lee Medlin, both firstclass privates, are somewhere in

The Selma 4-H Club **Elects New Officers**

The 4-H Club in Selma held a meeting on Tuesday, November 10th, at Selma High School. New officers were elected for the year as follows:

President — Herbert Herring Vice-president - James Yelverton Sec.-Treas. — Gertrude Hudson Reporter — Dorothy Griffis Girl's Song Leader — Mary Louise Jeffreys

Boy's Song Leader - Billy Creech The club is planning on a big success this year.

Mr. Clark and Miss Pearson, Johnston county agents met with the

Charlie J. Woodard, 65-year-old farmer, shot himself through the DISCUSSED AT MASS MEETING TUESDAY

Rev. Geo. W. Blount Is Returned To Selma

Three new Methodist preachers will come to Johnston county, as a result of the appointments made at recent meeting of the North Carolina Conference in Rocky Mount. These are Rev. C. B. Culbreth, who goes to Benson to succeed the Rev. H. A. Chester, who served that charge for five years; the Rev. C. W. Barbee, who succeeds the Rev. P. O. Lee at Clayton; and the Rev. W. J. Watson, who goes to Princeton to succeed the Rev. N. C. Yearby, retired minister of this city, who supplied there in Chester was transferred to Carthage

and Mr. Lee to Stantonsburg. The Rev. J. T. Green returns to Four Oaks; Rev. R. L. Hethcock to Ebenezer on the Newton Grove circuit; Rev. G. W. Blount to Selma; Rev. B. H. Houston to Smithfield; and Rev. G. B. Starling to Kenly which s a part of the Rocky Mount district. Other appointments of the Raleigh listrict, of which the Johnston churhes are a part, are as follows:

H. I. Glass, district superintendent. Apex-Macedonia, J. W. Bradley; Bailey, D. A. Petty; Cary, E. M. Hall; Creedmoor, D. D. Trynham; Dunn, O. W. Dowd; Erwin, J. A. Mar-Anniversary Service tin; Franklinton. S. E. Mercer; Fuquay, E. D. Dodd; Garner, E. B. Cra-

Granville, H. H. Cash; Henderson First Church, H. K. King; City Road, W. B. Gregory; Lillington, W. N. Vaughan; Louisburg, F. D. Hedden; Louisburg Circuit, J. C. Choffin; Mamers. J. R. Regan; Millbrook,

H. B. Baum; Moncure, J. E. Sonenberg; Oxford, C. F. Heath; Oxford Circuit, J. L. Smith; Raleigh, Edenton Street, A. J. Hobbs; Hayes-Barton, R. L. Jerome, Jenkins Memorial I. O. Hinson, Trinity, R. G. Dawson Stem, W. B. Royals; Tar River, R. L. G. Edwards; Vance. O. W. Matthison; Zebulon-Wendell, C. E. Vale.

Get Bail Keduced

Three Scotland Neck men charged with robbing Miss Ardella Evans of near Selma of approximately \$5 000 Tuesday were unsuccessful in seeking release from the county jail under reduced bonds.

The trio-William D. Ham, Raymond D. Hardy and Thurman Hardy -have been held in default of \$5 000 bonds and Judge Clawson Williams refused to lower the bail after hearing evidence at a habeas corpus proceeding which consumed the Tuesday morning session of superior court. The three men were represented by Attorney E. G. Hobbs of Selma.

Ham and the Hardys flatly deny they robbed Miss Evans of the huge sum on the night of October 1. The state charges that they entered the home of the woman, who is 77, and one took the money from her clothing while another held her around the

Mr. Gordy Retires From Hotel Business

After having operated the Brick Hotel in Selma for more than twenty years, Mr. E. M. Gordy has sold his interest in same to Mr. D. L. Blake, of Raleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Benfield, of Raleigh will manage the hotel for Mr. Blake, having taken charge of same Monday morning. Mr. Blake a genuinely religious state of mind operates a rooming house in Raleigh and will continue to reside in Raleigh. We extend a welcome to Mr. and Mrs. Benfield to our town and trust their stay in our midst will be pleasant as well as profitable.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Gordy regret that Mrs. Gordy's continued illness at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Hunter Price, made it necessary for Mr. Gordy to retire from the hotel business which he carried on so faithfully throughout the years.

Sow Gives Birth To Seventeen Pigs

Raiford Creech, Selma, Route 1. who lives about three miles from Selma, has a Black Essick sow which gave birth to 17 pigs about two weeks ago, thirteen of which are reported to be still living. Mr. Creech raised 29 pigs from this sow last year. This is an unusual record and might be classed as a Victory Sow.

School Enrollment And Attendance Takes Drop

A comparison of the enrollment and attendance in the schools of Johnston County during the first month of the current session with that of the first month of the 1942-43 school years reveals a drop in enrollment of 952 and in attendance of 1151. Stated otherwise, the enrollment for the first month of this year is only 94 per cent of the enrollment for the first month of last year. Likewise the attendance for this year is only 91 per cent of that of last year.

This condition invites analysis of the emergency last year. Rev. Mr. the situation. The following table is

	a breakdown of the facts.	10 1
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į	Total Enrollment	955
I	Total Attendance	115
I	Enrollment, white	
l	High School	. 23
l	Elementary	419
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l	Total	650
l	Enrollment, Negro	
1	High School	20
l	Elementary	
l	Total	0.00
ı	Attendance white	302
ı	Attendance, white	0.00
	High School	207
	Dienichtary	900
	Total	825
	Attendance, Negro	000
	High School	40
	Elementary	
	J	210

Attendance, in both the white and Negro High Schools, is only 87 per cent of what it was one year ago. This drop of 13 per cent is the greatest drop shown at any point in the comparisons. Attendance in the elementary schools has dropped only 7 per cent in the white and 11 per cent in the Negro schools. Under normal conditions the attendance in the high schools, is much better than in the elementary schools.

There are three individual schools which show an increase in enrollment over last year. The Clayton Negro school shows a gain of 9 in the high school and 18 in the elementary, or a total gain of 27. Archer Lodge shows a loss of 5 in the high school and a gain of 8 in the elementary, or a total net gain of 3. Wilson's Mills has a loss of 8 in the high school and a gain of 9 in the elementary, or a net gain of 1.

Archer Lodge was the only individual school which had a gain in attendance, which was 2 in the high school and 6 in the elementary, or a ment should be made during the total of 8.

grade for both school years was computed as a part of the elementary school.

This falling off in enrollment and attendance is due largely to two main causes, the greater of which is the impact of the war, the other being the nine months term which caused schools to open two weeks earlier during the busy harvesting season. Usually the enrollment and attendance in the high schools is far better than in the elementary grades. This year the reverse is true and is clearly attributable mainly to the war.

The war has brought about a condi tion which causes a physiological factor to enter the picture. There has always been a similarity in the attitude of the public toward religion and in its attitude toward education. Just as an individual is more apt to be in when he is afflicted with some great sorrow which has come upon him by events completely beyond his control. likewise the public is never very deeply intrested or concerned about education when it is possible for everybody to get employment at most any price he may ask. Then when the depression and financial reverses come with attendant unemployment everyone becomes immediately conscious that he should have been trained more and differently so as to enable him to adapt himself more successfully toward the earning of a liveli-

DON'T FORGET

That the stores in Selma close each evening, Monday through Friday at 6 P. M., and on Saturdays at 9:30 P. M., for the duration, except the week before Christmas. This is done in order to conserve Representative Group of Local Citizens Recommend Provision Be Made To Secure All-Time Truant Officer For Johnston County To Enforce School Attendance Law.

At a representative meeting of the rivic, political and religious organizations of the Town of Selma, held in the town clerk's office, in conjunction with the Board of Town Commissioners on Tuesday night, November 9, 1943, the matter of school attendance and child delinquency was given a free and open discussion.

Among the local organizations represented were, the Methodist, Episcopal, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Free Will Baptist churches and The Church Of God; the Selma Kiwanis Club, the Senior Woman's club, the American Legion, the Town Board, the County Board of Education, the County Board of Public Welfare, the Supt. and faculty of the local school, the Police Department, and the local news-

The meeting was called to order by Mayor B. A. Henry, who called on O. A. Tuttle, Superintendent of the local schools, to preside over the

meeting. Mr. Tuttle related many of the problems confronting the schools with respect to school attendance, and asked for suggestions any one might have to offer that might help solve this most important problem.

The question was raised by the president of the Senior Woman's club as to the possibility of employing a full-time Truant Officer for the county, who would be charged with the responsibility of enforcing the compulsory attendance school law by prosecuting those who fail to conform therewith.

This brought up the matter of finance, which enters into all such problems. A very informative talk was made by W. T. Woodard, Jr., Superintendent of the Johnston County Welfare Department, in which he stated that his office was unable to perform its full mission of looking after school delinquents due to the fact that his department had lost three case workers within the past

eight months. It was then proposed by W. H. Call, chairman of the County Board of Education, that an effort be made to use some of the funds allocated to the Welfare Department in employing a full time Truant Officer for Johnston County for the remainder of this fiscal year.

James Earp, chairman of the County Board of Public Welfare, expressed the belief that such an arrangepresent emergency, provided nothing In order that the comparisons therein shall prove a hindrance in would be exactly accurate, the eighth | any way to obtaining the usual appropriation for the Welfare Department, but whatever amount is expended out of the present allotment of Public Welfare funds for a Truant Officer shall be the unused part of such funds for the present fiscal year which ends June 30, 1944.

Those present seemed to concur in the opinion that when the County Commissioners make up their budget for the next fiscal school year the County Board of Education should place before them a request for a sufficient sum of money to provide a full-time Truant Officer for Johnston County.

The group went on record as favoring the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, The problem of nonattendance in the local schools has reached that stage where it is not only grave, but most alarming to local school authorities, and

WHEREAS, There is no suitable provision for enforcing the compulsory attendance school law in Selma and Johnston County,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Johnston County Board of Commissioners be requested to provide suitable means for carrying out the present State compulsory school law, as they may deem wise and

Done this the 9th day of November,

H. V. GASKILL, Chairman Resolutions Committee.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If there are other localities in Johnston County where schools are having trouble in enforcing the attendance school law, we would suggest that the citizens get together and formulate some plan to stimulate better school attendance. If there is sufficient sentiment in the county to justify the employment of an all-time Truant Officer to enforce the school attendance law it should be made known to county authorities.