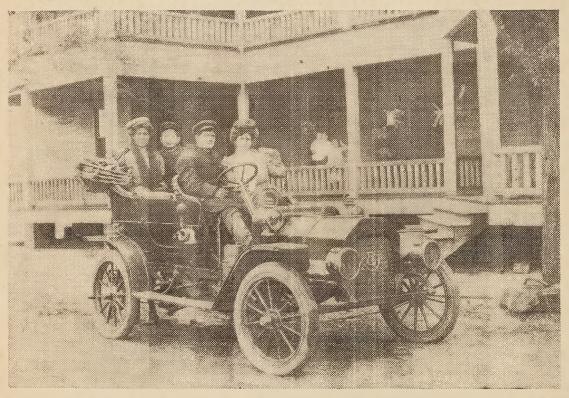
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SELMA'S FIRST AUTOMOBILE



Clarence P. Harper and Hugh L. V. Mitchener, who was standing seat are Hugh Lacy Mitchener, of Miami, Fla., and Miss Annie Adams, now Mrs. Will X. Coley; rear seat, Mrs. W. C. P. Bethell, of Wilmington. if the car was allowed to be driven Miss Carrie Freeman, of Daytona It will be noted from the picture that on the business streets of the town.

The above is a picture of the first Beach, Fla., and John A. Mitchener I the steering wheel was on the right automobile ever brought to Selma. It Jr., of Edenton. At the rear of the was purchased jointly by the late car can be seen the feet of Charles Mitchener of Miami. Fla., in the year hind the car. On the porch of the 1905 or early in 1906. The picture hotel are Miss Rosalia Mitchener was made in front of the Wyoming now Mrs. T. T. Covington, of Laurin-Hotel, owned and operated by John A. Mitchener, father of Miss Blanche daughter of Robert Terry, who was Mitchener, Mrs. E. V. Deans and A. manager of the Western Union at horses and mules. In fact, many W. Mitchener of Selma. On the front Selma. The little girl standing nearby farmers, we are told, said they would is Mary Guerrant Mitchener, now quit bringing their produce to Selma

side of the car and the brakes were operated by a long hand lever on the

right side of the body of the car. Soon after the car was brought to Selma the town commissioners passed an ordnance prohibiting the driving of the car in the business district of the town, claiming that it frightened

Interesting Facts About Sanders-Mims, Ford Company Changes Name Advent of Automobile

above to mind some interesting things true, as no one up to that time knew which happened right here in Selma anything about these road and street with the advent of the automobile.

As many of us can well remember, the coming of the automobile brought many problems that seemed hard to overcome, and among them was the hazard facing people driving horses

purchase of the first automobile around town and up and down the horses and mules that most farmers they would meet that horseless buggy, and if they did their horse or mule was certain to take to the field, the woods or the ditch endangering their Robert Parker's Funeral lives and frequently wrecking their

So acute became this hazard that the doctors and merchants of Selma became so greatly alarmed that they circulated a petition asking that an ordinance be passed by the Town of be driven along the main business streets of Selma; and we understand ordinance was passed to this effect, and that it is still on the books of the town records and has never been

Prior to this ordinance many farmers had stopped bringing country sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and produce to town and country butter and eggs were almost a thing of the past as well as many other items of produce from the country. And, too, merchants visioned dark days ahead that a horseless buggy had come to Selma and they were afraid to drive Woodard and John N. Wiggs. into town for fear they would meet it and have a run-away with their sha Whitley Parker; two sons, Wal-

After the passage of the ordnance forbidding the operation of the auto- stationed at Burlington, Vermont; mobile on the streets of Selma. Messrs Harper and Mitchener employstate to see if there was any grounds W. B. and M. H. Parker, of Rich- Mrs. J. M. Pittman of Selma, Route before I go back to work again beon which such an ordinance could be made operative, and their lawyer told them to drive anywhere they pleased in Selma, or elsewhere, that survives. there was no code of law on the Statute books that said anything about

calls automobiles, which was no doubt hazards.

During one of their joy rides with their new car, Mr. Harper in company with a group of young people made a trip out in the country with the top of their car thrown back. and mules on the street and along the They were having the time of their lives when a sudden rain squall came Soon after Mr. C. P. Harper and up and the group were getting a good Mr. Hugh L. Mitchiner made a joint soaking when Mrs. Doc Oliver of Pine Level raised her parasol to brought to Selma and began driving it shield them from the storm, but the wind turned the parasol wrong side highways it frightened so many out. They all got a good soaking, but they were having such a "grand" were afraid to start to town for fear time that they took it all good-naturedly and laughed it off.

Is Largely Attended

Funeral services for Mr. Robert L. Parker, 61, who died at his home in the Corbett-Hatcher community Wednesday morning of last week at 5:45 Selma prohibiting any automobile to were conducted from the home Friday afternoon at 2:30 by Elder W. E. Turner, of Wilson. The large crowd that as a result of this petition an in attendance and the many beautiful floral offerings attested the high esteem in which the deceased was held. A quartette, composed of Mrs. W. B. Johnson, Mrs. G. Aaron Earp, Raleigh Griffin and E. V. Woodard, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," accompanied at the piano by H. H.

Interment took place in the Hatcher cemetery, near the home. Pallbearbecause many farmers became aware ers were Harvey Brown, Carl Brown, A. J. Price, Herman Sullivan, E. V.

> Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jeruton D. Parker, of Smithfield, and R. G. Parker, of the Army Air Forces, two daughters, Mrs. Percy Barber, of Clayton, Route 1, and Miss Eunice Parker, of Raleigh; three brothers, mond, Va., and R. E. Parker, of Knoxville, Tenn. One sister, Mrs. R. A. Avery, of Selma, Route 1, also ember 9, 1943, as follows:

BUY WAR BONDS & STAMPS

Sanders - Mims Company, Inc., Smithfield's Ford agency, has changed its name to B. and R. Wilson, Inc., it is announced by M. Braxton Wilson, president and general manager of the firm.

Mr. Wilson emphasized that the change was only in the firm name and not in personnel or policy. The owners of B. and R. Wilson, Inc., have owned the entire stock of Sanders-Mims Company, Inc., since last

Officers of B. and R. Wilson, Inc., are M. B. Wilson, president; Mrs. M. B. Wilson, vice-president; and Miss Ruth Wilson, secretary-treasurer.

Miss Wilson, who is a sister of the company's president, will continue to reside in Raleigh where she is connected with the Sanders Motor Company. President and General Manager Wilson came to Smithfield in 1936 when Sanders-Mims Company was first organized. He served as parts manager of the firm, later becoming assistant manager.

After engaging in the gas business growth. in Dunn for 13 months, he returned to Smithfield in 1940 and bought the stock of Allan Mims in the Ford agency. Miss Ruth Wilson already was a stockholder in Sanders-Mims Company and in 1942 she and her brother purchased the stock of the William Sanders estate to gain full control of the business.

Since Sanders-Mims Company was formed in 1936, the firm has sold 2.800 cars and trucks, an average of over one a day, and repair orders show that 27,000 vehicles have been serviced in the repair shop. The company's annual payroll averages \$30,-

Personnel of B. and R. Wilson, Inc., other than the officers, includes Miss Naomi Ennis, office manager; James Brady. parts department manager; G. Welch, assistant department manager; F. A. Lee, service manager; and E. A. Johnson, Sr., sales.

Selma Boy Hurt In Pacific Area

2, writes his father from somewhere cause I can't eat anything but liquids. in the Pacific area under date of Nov-

sooner or later anyway, I had just as ten and let you know how I am getwell tell you I have been hurt and am | ting along."

Thanksgiving Proclamation BY THE

MAYOR

WHEREAS. The people of Selma and Johnston County have witnessed another fruitful harvest from Old Mother Earth, and are now enjoying the benefits of same through a stream of dollars from this year's sale of tobacco and other

WHEREAS, No devastating storms, earthquakes or other internal hazards have disturbed the restful hours of our dreams during the year, while a smiling sun has lent its life-giving rays to enhance our material fortunes, and no violent storms have laid waste to our fields or to our forests during this good

WHEREAS, We have been permitted to live within a land of schools and churches, where the Bible is our spiritual guide, and where schools impart to our youth those great principles of true

WHEREAS, Although we are now embroiled in the world's greatest war, we are still a free people, and it is for this freedom that our favorite sons are scattered to the four corners of the Globe, either fighting for or standing guard over those sacred principles we inherited from our forefathers, who suffered, bled and died that we might enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom to worship God according to the dictates of

NOW, THEREFORE, Let us join Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of these United States, in declaring THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1943, as a day of Thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for the manifold blessings that have come to us as a county, a state and a nation during this Good Year, 1943.

B. A. HENRY, Mayor of Selma.

Kiwanis Club Entertains Selma Boy Witnesses **Demonstration Club**

Program Chairman Leon Brown was responsible for one of the best programs ever put on at the Selma Kiwanis club on last Thursday night, when members of the Selma Township Home Demonstration club were guests of the Selma Kiwanis club. Kiwanian Brown had arranged for the Home Demonstration club to put on the program of the evening, and

they really put on a good one. President Howard Gaskill welcom ed the visiting club on behalf of the Kiwanians, and the response was made by Mrs. Paul Hayes, president

of the Home Demonstration club. Mrs. Rachel E. Hart, Home Demonstration Director, was present and made a fine talk.

Impressive talks were made by Mrs. Paul Herring, Mrs. Charles P. Kirby, Mrs. Zeb Thompson, and Mrs. O. V. Booker, all of whom discussed certain phases of Home Demonstration work, and particularly the activities of the club, its organization and

After hearing these reports on the work of the Home Demonstration club it was very evident that every Kiwanian present was thoroughly convinced that these Home Demonstrators have done and are still doing a fine job, and if anyone had previously entertained any doubt in regard to the work they are doing, that doubt was promptly dispelled after hearing these splendid addresses.

It was a splendid meeting throughout and Kiwanians are loud in their praise of the splendid work these women are doing.

Members of the Home Demonstration club present were Mesdames Paul Hayes, Zeb Thompson, Paul Herring. O. V. Booker, Herbert Herring, P. Kirby. M. V. Avery, B. B. Lee, G. T. Scott, W. G. Ricks, J. F. Brown, C. Avery, J. S. Kirby, Frank Kirby, Paul Simpson, B. B. Lynch, Dell Strickland, and Mrs. Rachel E. Hart, a special guest.

now in the hospital. It was an accident just like might happen on the farm or anywhere else. I just got a little cut across my chin and am just Lt. J. L. Pitt an, son of Mr. and about well. It will be several weeks Please don't worry about me because I am well on the way to recovery "Since you will have to find it out From now on I will try to write of



night of last week to spend a few days furlough here with his parents, Capt. and Mrs. D. P. Howell. Leon enlisted in the Navy about three years ago and since that time

he has seen quite a bit of the world. He has been in the Aleutian Islands and witnessed the invasion of Attu Island a few months ago. He said he was sure the guns from his ship got at least one Jap zero plane, for practically all the boys on his ship got a piece of it for a souvenir. About the second day at Attu a landing was made by Uncle Sam's men, during which five of our boys were killed who composed a small landing party from the ship Leon was on. During the landing operations there were 30 men from his ship who volunteered to go ashore and 25 of these returned to the ship following the battle. Leon said his ship was under Jap attack for about four days by planes and from gun fire from Jap ships, and that the nearest bomb to his ship was about 30 feet. He said this seemed entirely too close, and that about the first thought he had was about Mother and Dad. He said when he went ashore he saw dead Japs lying all over the ground, and quite a number of American soldiers that had been killed. It was estimated that there were some 5 000 or 6,000 Japs on the island of Attu at the beginning of the attack.

Leon left Tuesday of this week for his ship and said he wanted to get a few more Japs before he comes

home again. Capt. and Mrs. Howell have three other sons in the service, as follows: Willie D . Howell, in the Marines, stationed at the Marine Base, Portsmouth, Va.; D. P. Howell, Jr., who is in the Army somewhere in the South Pacific; Adron Gordon Howell, who is in the Navy and is somewhere on the high seas.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Thanksgiving Service will be held at the Methodist Church Thursday morning at nine o'clock. The subject of the address will be, "Thank God for America". You are cordially

Special Thanksgiving services will be held at the Baptist church Wednesday evening at 7:45. The pastor will bring a brief message and an offering will be taken for the Orphanage.

SELMA FATHERS AMONG NUMBER SENT TO CAMP

The following white selectees were sent to Fort Bragg Tuesday morning by Draft Board No. 2 for physical examination:

Robert Durwood Woodard, Rt. 1, Princeton; Chester Arthur Cook, Selma; Ray Browney Gainey (transferred to Zebulon Board for delivery) Rt. 1, Zebulon; Arthur Clarence West, Rt. 1 Smithfield; Everett Arthur Creech, Pine Level; Jimmie Eason, Selma; Dillon Vroman Holt (transferred from Pampa, Texas for delivery), Princeton; Roy Leon Coats, Rt.

2, Clayton; Emmett Franklin Padgett, Selma; Willie Hamer Thompson, Selma; Albert Wesley Brown Selma; Johnnie Cornelius Betts, Selma; George Bev-erly Strickland, Pine Level; James Alton Fulghum (transferred to Norfolk Board for delivery), Selma; James Clifton Davis, Selma; Bradley
Howell, Rt 1, Kenly; James Pounds,
Rt. 2, Clayton; Alison Bedford
Bailey, Rt. 1, Selma; Stephen Harold

Alford, Jr., Kenly; Lacy Lee Wall, Rt. 2, Clayton; Norvell Smith, Selma; Herbert Speight Ward, Selma; James Charles Woodard, Selma; Jesse Vernon Corbett, Rt. 1 Four Oaks; Leland Eugene Batten, Smithfield; Milton Elcoye Pleasant, Clayton; Thamos Corvez Hargrove, Selma; Herbert Harold

Hales, Pine Level; Robert Edward Perry, Selma; Carl Edmond Gaddy, Jr., Selma; John Logan Auton Rt. 2, Clayton; Mayo Elisha Collier (transferred to Board 1. Burlington, for delivery(, Micro; Noel Carley Fowler, Rt. 1. Zebulon; Armie Rowland Strickland, Rt. 1, Middlesex; Alkie Earl Evans. Rt. 1, Princeton; Arthur Roland Vann, Rt. 2, Selma; Raymond Eli Howell. Selma; James Etheridge Taylor, Selma; Robert Lee Garner (transferred from Board 2, Newport News. Va. for delivery), Rt. 1. Selma; Hardy Harris Radford, Jr. (transferred Princeton, from Local Bd. 2, Wilmington, for de-

William Kenneth Starling, Rt. 2, Kenly; Norvelle Coats Cole. Rt. 1, Clayton; Percy Rudolph Batten, Rt. 1. Selma; William Carl Avery (transferred from Local Bd. 8, Richmond, Va. for del) Rt. 1, Selma; Vernon Dee Ellis, Rt. 1. Wendell; Henry Hill Bunch Rt. 1, Wendell: Ernest Joseph Langley, Rt. 2. Smithfield; Marvin London Salmon, Clayton: Carl Hayes Richardson, Rt. 1, Wendell; Charlie Gaston Johnson. Rt. 1 Zebulon; James Boykin, Rt. 2, Kenly; Lawrence Oscar Smith, Clayton;

William Donald Mason Princeton; James Thomas Hocutt. Rt. 1, Middlesex; Robert Lendon Raper, Rt. 2, Kenly; Charles Stephen Reeves, Selma; Jake Delmas Radford, Princeton: Roy Battle Hill, Rt. 2 Clayton; Wilbert Molton Avcock. Rt. 2, Selma; Thomas Eldridge Lane, Micro; Chester House, Rt. 1, Kenly; L. D. Lois Futch, Selma; William Arthur Stancil, Jr., Kenly; Jessie Massey Thompson, Rt. 2, Princeton; Thurman Royals. Rt. 2, Clayton; Chester Thomas Adams, Rt. 1, Princeton; Carl Cecil Fowler, Selma; Leon Elworth Stancil. Rt. 2, Kenly; Thomas Joseph Underwood. Selma; William Donald Creech, Rt. 1, Selma; Alton Pollard,

Wilbert Thurman Snipes, Rt. 2, Princeton; James Ruffin Rose, Selma; James Hardy Watson. Jr., (transferred to Local Bd. 4, Norfolk, Va. for delivery), Kenly; Melvin Rudolph Creech, Rt. 1, Selma; Anga Lee Blinson, Clayton; Roy Woodrow Parrish, Selma; Raymond Albert Oliver, Jr., Princeton; James Charles Martin, Selma; Elmo Stallings, Selma; Linwood Cadwell Wilkinson, Jr., Kenly; Willie Clarence Raynor, Pine Level; Paul Harold Starling, Jr., Selma. London Salmon, Clayton;

