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## Selma Man Has Seen Much Progress Here Since 1906

When R. E. Suber first came to Selma to live in 1906, all of the homes were lighted by kerosene lamps. On each corner was located a single oil lamp mounted on a pole. About dusk it became the duty of Policeman Batten to take the part of lamp lighter. Since that time citizens have seen improvements that have put an electric light on every corner and four blocks of whiteway in the main business section. None of Selma's streets or sidewalks were paved 43 years ago. Mud holes were numerous and there were no Sir Walter Raleighs to lay their coats in water when the belle's of the town came down the street in wet weather.

Clarence "Star" Harper was a druggist in Selma at the time and was ready to compliment any beautiful woman that might pass his place of business. It can now be told how Mr. Harper acquired the nickname "Star." Every time he saw a lovely woman he would say, "Gee, she is a star." Harper got to passing out his compliment so frequently that the town people started to calling him "Star" Harper.

Robert Ernest Suber was born at Ben Hill, Georgia in Fulton County, 10 miles from Atlanta January 11, 1887. His father, James Suber, tended a 160-acre farm and ran a grocery store in the community. The main farm crops were cotton, corn, wheat, potatoes and truck farming. The elder Suber also ran a small six-cow dairy. He died two years ago after living to be 90 years old. There are nine children in the family and all of them are living. Upon finishing his studies at Owl Rock school in Georgia, R. E. Suber left his father's farm when 17 years old. His first work was with the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co. in Dolhan, Ala. Clarence, an older brother was being promoted from bookkeeper to foreman of the plant and Mr. Suber took his office job. Mr. Suber's knowledge of clerical work was acquired by experience and teaching from his older brother.

After one year the two brothers were transferred to Selma by the V-C Chemical Co. to work in the firm's Selma plant. Mr. Suber was assisted in the office work by Eugene Parker, who remained with the company until his retirement 30 years later.

In 1912 Mr. Suber was transferred to the V-C plant in Wilmington, which was located on the Cape Fear River and the largest of the whole chain at that time. He resigned in 1920 and returned to Johnston County to take a bookkeeping job with the Southern Cotton Oil Co. in Selma. At that time the plant was located in the building now used by the Gurley Milling Co., and formerly occupied by the Century Prefabricating Co.

W. H. Call retired as manager of the local branch of the Southern Cotton Oil Co. in 1936. Mr. Suber was then made manager and served in that capacity until the plant was closed and sold in 1944. The firm then opened a cotton gin and trading post on Anderson street. Mr. Suber was given his preference to go to South Carolina or remain in Selma at the new plant. He took the latter job. Mr. Suber married Miss Ida

Vick Whitley of Selma in December of 1908. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Whitley of Selma. At one time Mr. Whitley ran a livery stable and grocery store in Selma and had a farm in the country. Mr. and Mrs. Suber have four sons. Robert Ernest, Jr., living in Cary and connected with a Raleigh auto parts firm. Fuller Suber, now with the Selma post office. James Suber, a teacher in Central High School at Charlotte and George Suber, a student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Mr. Suber has been a member of the Methodist Church since 12 years old. He served as secretary and treasurer of the Edgerton Memorial Methodist Church in Selma for 5 years. For 15 years he was a member of the board of stewards. During 1947 he was vice-president of the Selma Kiwanis Club. He served as Town Commissioner for eight years, holding office for four consecutive terms.

When he came to Selma in 1906 the Selma Manufacturing Co. occupied the site now used by the Selma Drug Co. On the second floor of the building was located the opera house. A large wooden building used to stand on the Branch Banking corner. This was used by the Selma Supply Co. The business was under the management of Robert Richardson, M. C. Winston and Co., operated a large store at the corner of Anderson and Raeford streets in 1906. The store was located about where the Person professional building now stands.

Selma used to have only one barbership. It was operated by a Negro named Tom Edwards and was located at the corner of Raeford and Railroad streets. The old structure has long since been removed. The same corner is now occupied by a brick building, being used at the present time by Sullivan's fruit store.

## Weed Prices Average \$50 On the Border Belt Market

Thousands of tobacco growers served by the Border Belt of North Carolina and South Carolina hauled heavy loads of their chief money crop to market for opening auctions Tuesday and received an average of approximately \$50 per hundred pounds.

Opening day average last year was \$56.09 for 8,629,768 pounds.

There was general satisfaction among farmers for the prices they got for the quality of tobacco sold. Heavy offerings prevailed throughout the belt and warehousemen were satisfied with the poundage, although pile for pile tobacco for this year's opening wasn't as heavy as that last year.

Long before the sun came up over the tobacco-producing area in the Border Belt, new cars and old ones pulling trailers piled high with tied golden tobacco rolled into tobacco markets of the two Carolinas to get in the pay-off for their efforts.

For farmers who brought good

## Baptist Dedication Service Held Here Sunday Morning

The main auditorium of the Selma Baptist Church was comfortably filled Sunday morning when Rev. J. L. Jones, pastor of the Pine Level Baptist Church brought the dedication message for the recently renovated Selma Church. The visiting pastor used for his text a passage from I Chronicles and the 29th chapter: "Who then offers himself willingly today to the Lord?"

Following responsive reading, which was led by Rev. H. B. Land, Jr., church pastor, Leon Woodruff, chairman of the building committee turned the keys of the church over to Mr. Land. The pastor stated that members of the committee had spent as much as two hours a day assisting in repairing the church. Joe A. Creech, chairman of the finance committee was recognized. The pastor stated that the finance chairman's plan of each member contributing 50c a week to the building fund would liquidate the debt in less than four years.

The dedicatory prayer was offered by J. M. O'Neal. Since the church has been undergoing repairs, the congregation has been holding its Sunday morning services in the Rudy Theatre. The pastor said the church was indebted to R. A. Howell for use of the theatre. The new carpet for the auditorium was given by the Philaeta Sunday School class of the church.

Rev. Jones' scripture reading was about building of the temple. He emphasized in the outset that there were four characteristics in God's plan for service.

"First, the service must be a willing service," he stated. "Who is not willing to do the will of God will not accomplish much."

"The second requirement is consecration of service. Consecration to live and let the Lord use us, as he sees fit. God is calling every person, who is a Christian, into some kind of active service."

"Thirdly, this is a personal call to service. Who then is willing to consecrate himself to the Lord. It is a personal service that only you can fill. We need to give ourselves personally to the Lord. We are to dedicate our all to the Lord. Not only our time, but our talents. Are you willing to dedicate your money to the Lord? You can not make an offering unto the Lord until you have paid the tithe."

"Fourth and lastly, this is an immediate service. The scripture asks who is willing to consecrate himself today? One night a man woke up in the night and heard his clock strike 23 times. Turning to his wife, who was sleeping he said: 'Wife, wake up, it is later than it ever has been.' Yes, it is later than it ever has been. Consecrate yourself today, to the Lord's service," Mr. Jones concluded.

Long before the 11 o'clock service started, hundreds of people passed through the main auditorium to admire its new color scheme. The communion table in front of the pulpit was centered by a large basket of flowers, furnished by the D. and B. Florist of Selma. Members of the choir were dressed in white. "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling," was sung as an anthem by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Leon Woodruff. As a concluding number just before the dedication the congregation and choir sang, "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go."

## Women Owners of Most Industry

The number of collectivists propagating to the effect that American manufacturing companies are owned by men who sit around clubs and banks clipping coupons, was made obvious by recently released statistics on the distribution of shares in many of these firms.

The fact is that American women own approximately half the shares in the larger companies. The feminine group includes widows, girls for whom trust funds have been established, schoolteachers, librarians, and housewives.

One company revealed that half of its shareholders owned 20 shares or less, and that approximately 56 per cent of these shareholders include housewives, merchants, farmers, clerks, mechanics, bankers, teachers—in short, men and women in all the economic areas of American life," the company said, adding:

"No such individual owns as much as 1.5 per cent of the outstanding common stock."

The railroad industry, it was announced, is 77 per cent owned by women. Women also own more than half of one of the nation's largest public utilities, 40 per cent of one of the big electrical goods manufacturers, and 40 per cent or more of several big chemicals companies.

"Women own 70 per cent of all privately held wealth in the United States," said one spokeswoman. "As stockholders, they have plurality of voting power. That's one reason why women are getting more recognition in business life."

## Outstanding Women Will Appear On Farm Program

Miss Ruth Current, State home demonstration agent for the State College Extension Service, says North Carolina homemakers who attend Farm and Home Week at the State College campus in Raleigh August 8-11 will have an opportunity to meet and hear some of the nation's outstanding women leaders.

Heading the list of guest speakers will be Mrs. Camille McShee Kelly, judge of the Juvenile Court at Memphis, Tenn. Mrs. Kelly, the first woman judge south of the Mason-Dixon line, is known widely for her efforts to do something about the cases which come before her court. After a few years on the bench, she organized a society that would go beyond the court decision in solving the personal problems of those brought to trial. Her court has become known popularly as "The Heart Center of Memphis." Judge Kelly will speak at 8 p. m., Wednesday, August 10.

Mrs. Raymond Savre of Ackworth, Iowa, president of the Associated Country Women of the World, will be the main speaker when the North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration

## Revival at Wilson's Mills Starts Aug. 21

Rev. G. Mac Bryan, of New Haven, Conn., will conduct a revival at the Wilson's Mills Baptist Church, beginning Sunday night, August 21 at 8 o'clock. He is a former pastor of the church.

Rev. Hugh C. Upchurch, the pastor urges all visitors, friends and members of the church to attend the series of revival services.

## Licensed

James Oliver Willie, Smithfield Negro, was among the 82 physicians licensed last week by the State Board of Medical Examiners following the annual written examination in Raleigh June 23-25. Dr. Willie is the son of Mrs. Beulah Willie of Smithfield.

with most decreases ranging from \$2 to \$7.

Some common nondescript, with no support price, sold as low as \$2 and choice lemon cutters sold for \$67.

## Monroe Boy Is Forestry Winner

Jerry Price, a 16-year-old Future Farmer of the Wesley Chapel School near Monroe, N. C., was named the state forestry winner in the Cooperative FFA forestry program it was announced today by Roy Thomas, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture.

Young Price's forestry project included the thinning of four acres of farm woodlands, planting 2,000 pine and 200 red cedar seedlings, and the construction of 1,000 feet of fire breaks. In addition to his forestry enterprise, he has three acres of corn, two acres of cotton, and two acres in his supervised farming program.

As state forestry winner Price will receive a \$75 bond and one week's scholarship to the North Carolina Forestry Training Camp which is supervised by personnel of the State Forest Service. He will also be a guest of the Raleigh Lions Club on Monday, August 15, along with forestry winners from Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida—at which time certificates of merit will be given these boys by The Honorable W. Kerr Scott, Governor of North Carolina.

Other forestry winners, who will receive bonds and a week's scholarship, are: John Glover Gardner, School near Wilson; Lindsey Robertson of Reidsville; Donald Setzer, Balls Creek School at Newton; and Merwin Marshburn from Richlands.

The sponsors of the cooperative FFA forestry program are: The Halifax Paper Company, Roanoke Rapids; Riesel Paper Company, Bolton; American Turpentine Farmers Association, Valdosta, Ga.; and Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, who direct the forestry training camp are the North Carolina pulpmill members of the Southern Pulpmill Conservation

## Public Paving 10 Per Cent of All Workers

The Census Bureau reported recently that Federal, state and local governments were employing 6,083,000 workers as of January, 1949. That meant that about one worker in 10 was employed by some government.

According to Senator Byrd of Virginia, the Federal government increased the number of its civilian employees from 1,983,000 in January, 1948, to 2,122,710 last April. That increase was allowed during the period when the Federal deficit of \$1.8 billion was piling up.

## Selma Student Has Work In Art Show

Raleigh.—The Ferree School of Art in Raleigh has announced that examples of the work of Edgar R. Lorenz will be included in their annual student show. Included are works in pencil, pen and ink, watercolor and other media. Mr. Lorenz has completed his second year at the Ferree School of Art.

## Popular Minister Is Given Surprise Birthday Dinner

Goldsboro—A surprise birthday party honoring Dr. Wm. Howard Carter was held Friday evening in Herman Park on the occasion of his 39th birthday which he observed July 31st. The party was held in connection with a Sunday School picnic during the afternoon and a host of Dr. Carter's friends were present for the occasion. Following the picnic and birthday supper Dr. Carter was presented several birthday gifts, including a suit of clothes and a 14 x 14 portrait of himself painted in oils, which was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Biggs. The portrait has long been one of Dr. Carter's hearts desires, and he expressed sincere thanks to the Biggs and all who remembered him on this occasion.



DR. WILLIAM H. CARTER

Friends throughout North Carolina of Dr. Carter will be happy to learn that he is making a physical comeback after an illness of more than three years. Dr. Carter has been in the ministry since he was 12 years old and this year marks his 27th year as a minister and his 21st year as a pastor.

In commenting on his physical comeback, he expressed gratitude to people of all faiths in North Carolina and other states who have been so kind to offer prayers in behalf of his recovery.

Dr. Carter is minister of the Evangelical Baptist Church in Goldsboro and Colliers Chapel Community Church near Linden, a church where he has served for nearly 18 years. He became wide-

## Construction Engineer's Office Started; Be Completed In Sept.

Dr. Earp stated in conversation Tuesday morning that construction of a district engineer's office at the prison camp near Wilson's Mills got underway Tuesday and be completed within 30 or 40 days.

The highway commissioner said he would use that building for his office more than the Wilson headquarters. The building would contain five rooms and would cost approximately \$10,000. The building will have adequate space for hearing delegations and holding conferences.

Delegations appearing before the Fourth Division Highway Commissioner and engineer Monday requested 30 paving projects in Johnston County. Total mileage included in the projects is 180.

Dr. R. E. Earp of Route 1, Selma, division commissioner, and T. J. McKim of Wilson, new division engineer, Monday afternoon inspected the roads in the northern end of the county which were included in the projects. The other roads will be covered next Monday.

Dr. Earp announced that he and McKim would be in the courtroom, August 16, at 9 a. m., to hear other delegations or individuals who might wish to present road problems.

Johnston County will get 216.4 miles of its present 968 miles of unpaved roads black-topped during the next four or five years, Dr. Earp said.

The remaining 751.6 miles of unpaved roads in the county will be stabilized—that is, placed in all-weather condition with crushed stone, declared Dr. Earp.

There are three types of roads, stated Dr. Earp, (1) the primary roads which receive federal aid, (2) the farm to market roads under the \$200,000,000 bond issue and (3) roads which never have been on the state system.

Money for the primary roads will pretty much be handled as in the past.

Johnston County each year will be allowed 13 miles of new roads, roads which never had existed before, pointed out the highway commissioner. The county commissioner will be delegated the task of selecting this mileage.

The final decision on other roads to be paved will be made by the highway commissioner and the division engineer, pointed out Dr. Earp.

To reach this decision the pair will seek the opinion of the county commissioners, hold public hearings and ride over all of the roads.

The roads carrying the greatest number of school buses come first. Next are the mail routes, milk routes, mills, cotton gins, number of people living on the road, number of stores and so forth, stated Dr. Earp.

Johnston has less percentage of its roads paved than any other

county in the division, declared the highway commissioner. Only 25 per cent of the roads in the county are paved. Vance is at the top of the district with 31.6 per cent. The average is 27.8 per cent.

Dr. Earp said he expected to see Johnston reach at least the average percentage of roads paved in the division while he was in office.

Johnston County will receive \$4,540,200 from the bond issue for roads, stated Dr. Earp. The division during the next five years will have between 60 and 70 million dollars to spend on roads from all sources. Johnston will get 17.3 per cent of the division funds.

## Legion Jr. Drop One to Gastonia

Selma's Legion Juniors, Eastern titlists, got off to a bad start in the state championship by dropping a one-sided 11-0 contest to Gastonia, Western champion, in the opener of a best three-of-five series there Monday night.

The game Tuesday night was called off due to rain.

Selma Monday night committed seven errors, allowed nine stolen bases and collected only two hits, as Gastonia touched Hurlers Billy Parrish of Four Oaks and A. G. Askew of Kenly for 12 safeties.

Gastonia, a town noted for producing Legion champions, jumped into a three-run lead in the opening frame before 4,000 fans and then coasted to the victory.

Jimmy Stowe, righthander with a 9-1 won-lost record during the regular season, hurled a masterful game to be credited for the victory. Parrish, who was relieved by Askew in the fifth, was the losing pitcher.

Jack Turney of Gastonia had a double and three singles to lead the winners at bat. He was followed by Jimmy Armstrong with three for five.

Score by innings:  
Selma 000 000 000—0  
Gastonia 300 130 40x—11  
Runs batted in: Armstrong 2, Gaston 2, Stowe, Beheler, Webb. Two-base hits: Armstrong 2, Turney, Poole, Beheler, Mobley. Three-base hits: Gaston. Base on balls: Parrish 3, Stowe 2, Askew 2. Struck out: Stowe 10, Parrish 3, Askew 2. Hits: Parrish 7 in 4 innings; Askew 5 in 4. Losing pitcher: Parrish.

## RETURNED HOME

Mrs. Tom Hinnant has returned from Johnston County Hospital, and is convalescing at her home here.